

CITY OF SAINT PETER HOT SHEET



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TORNADO EVENT ONLINE – The “Twist of Fate: Commemorating the 20th Anniversary of the St. Peter Tornado” video is now available on the City of Saint Peter YouTube channel for anyone who missed it or wants to watch it again. The program was held at the Saint Peter High School on March 29, 2018. Use this link to get directly to the video: <https://youtu.be/2NhXEFWPZfQ>.

HYDRANT FLUSHING –
Please note dates have changed due to recent snow storms.....



Spring hydrant flushing will begin Monday, April 30th and is expected to be completed by no later than May 11th....that is of course if the weather finally cooperates!

Flushing is done between the hours of 8:00 pm and 6:00 am to minimize disruption to our customers.

Hydrant flushing could temporarily make water cloudy. Please check your water before doing laundry. If you have questions about this process, please contact the Public Works Department at 934-0670.

CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS – Action at the City Council meeting held on April 9, 2018 included a public hearing and subsequent action to rezone property owned by Nicollet County located east of South Front Street as “Central Business District”; approval of a series of resolutions related to USDA financing for the 2018 Hospital Expansion Project; approval of a request by Rachel More (dba The Pulse Fitness Studio) to extend the revolving loan balloon payment date by 24 months; approval for modifications to the City’s construction standards for public improvements; and approval for purchase of two replacement Police squad cars.

Mayor Zieman also proclaimed April 27th as “Arbor Day” and March, 2018 as “Arbor Month” in Saint Peter and encouraged the public to participate in tree planting activities.

The next regular City Council meeting will be April 23, 2018 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Governors' Room of the Community Center.

The City Council will meet in a Joint Committee of the Whole with the Hospital Commission on April 19th beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Helen White Conference Room at the Hospital. At 6:00 p.m. the Hospital Commission will meet in special session followed at 6:15 p.m. by a special meeting of the City Council. These three meetings are all to consider bids for the 2018 Hospital Expansion Project.

For more information on City Council meetings, please contact the City Administrator's office at 507-934-0663. Copies of the Council packet are also available on the City's website at www.saintpetermn.gov/city.



FLUORESCENT BULB RECYCLING – Are you a City residential utility customer (or a small, for-profit business customer with less than 20 full-time employees)? Do you have fluorescent bulbs that need recycling? (Remember these are the ones that can't be placed in the garbage!)

If so, you are eligible for a free/reduced cost bulb recycling program offered by the City of Saint Peter. If you meet the qualifications above, the City will accept fluorescent bulbs for recycling on

Wednesday, May 2nd from 7 am – 4 pm. The first 10 bulbs are free and those in excess of that amount will be accepted for a nominal fee. More details about the costs, the types of bulbs accepted and recycling program forms are available from the Public Works Department at 934-0670.

COMMUNITY CENTER GYM CLOSED - Community Center staff will be working on annual gym maintenance for two weeks from Monday, April 30 – Saturday, May 12. Both the gym and track will be closed during this time and will re-open to the public on Saturday, May 12.

Thank you for your patience.

COMMUNITY CENTER ADJUSTS HOURS - Each year hours of operation at the community center adjust for the season and level of activity. May hours will be Monday–Thursday 6 a.m. to 10 p.m., Fridays 6 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturdays 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sundays closed (except by special arrangement). Please note that the Community Center will be closed over the Memorial Day weekend, May 26-28th.

In June, summer hours begin and run through Labor Day weekend. Monday–Friday hours will be 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturdays 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The facility will be closed on Sundays except for approved reservations.

If you have any questions, or would like to inquire about room rentals, please contact the Recreation and Leisure Services Department, Suite 200 of the Community Center by calling 934-0667 or emailing jenh@saintpetermn.gov. Hours are also listed on the [City website](http://www.saintpetermn.gov), www.saintpetermn.gov/communitycenter.

LIBRARY HOURS CHANGING - There will be a slight change in Saturday library hours through the summer months with the Library closing at 1 p.m. instead of 4 p.m. on Saturdays. Weekly hours remain the same; Monday–Thursday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Saturday schedule will be 9 a.m.–1 p.m. The Library will be closed on the following holidays: May 26, May 28, July 4, and September 1.

TRAFFIC SAFETY EVENTS – The Saint Peter Police Department, in conjunction with the Minnesota State Patrol and other partners, will conduct a special traffic safety event for 9-12 grade students on Friday, April 27, 2018 beginning at 7:55 AM in conjunction with St. Peter High School's Prom, which is the following day.

The event will take place in the west side parking lot of the High School at 2121 W. Broadway

Avenue and will include seat belt relays; displays of ambulances and squad cars; a rollover simulator; pedal cart course; and fun activities using fatal vision goggles. Information on the schedule for each grade level will be provided by the School.

A few other traffic related events planned for the week include:

- A Mother's Against Drunk Drivers crash car on site for students to see.
- Posting the AAA PROMise kit in the school which will be available for students including a banner which the students can sign to pledge to not drink and drive
- Giveaways of bracelets and highlighters.
- Handing out incentives to students who are observed wearing their seatbelt.

These events provide an excellent opportunity for a collaboration of several different agencies and organizations to visually represent the consequences of negative decisions just in time for prom and graduation. For more information please contact the Saint Peter Police Department at 507-931-1550.



STORMWATER WATCH - An illicit discharge is defined as "any discharge into a municipal storm sewer system that is not composed entirely of stormwater". Some of these pollutants are car wash, wastewater, gas or motor oil, grass clippings, household cleaners, paints, pesticides, pet waste, solvents, and weed killer. Sometimes these pollutants are carried through the storm



drainage system by rain, wind, or improper disposal into the Minnesota River. This can result in serious health and water quality problems. In addition, wildlife and the overall appearance of the river are adversely affected by illicit discharges.

Reporting will, in great part, rely on participation from the public. Residents who observe illegal dumping or observe pollutants within waterways or storm sewers should contact the Public Works Department at 934-0670 or use the "Report an Illicit Discharge" email address located on the City's website in the Stormwater section. This program cannot succeed without strong public participation.

BEFORE YOU HIRE A CONTRACTOR... do your homework! Contractors need a license from the State of Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry (DLI) and before you hire someone, the DLI suggests you ask for the contractor's license number and contact the Residential Building Contractors division at the DLI to verify the builder is currently licensed.

Other information on the contractor is also available from the State including any history of State disciplinary action against the contractor. And before you sign a contract, make sure the document includes a detailed summary of the work to be done; a description of materials to be used; the total contract price or how the price will be calculated; and specific timelines and provisions

that address what will happen if the contractor fails to meet the contractual deadlines. If you have a problem or complaint with a residential building contractor, contact the DLI Residential Building Contractors unit at (651)284-5065, by fax at (651)284-5749; or by e-mail at DLI.Contractor@state.mn.us to discuss your situation with an investigator who may offer suggestions about how to resolve the dispute.



CITY MEETING CALENDAR - This calendar is subject to change. Should you have a question on a meeting date/time, please contact the City Administrator's Office at 934-0663.

Thursday	April 19	5:30 p.m.	Joint City Council/Hospital Commission Committee Of the Whole Meeting*
Thursday	April 19	6:00 p.m.	Special Hospital Commission Meeting*
Thursday	April 19	6:15 p.m.	Special City Council Meeting
Monday	April 23	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	April 24	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission
Wednesday	April 25	12:30 p.m.	Hospital Commission
Thursday	April 26	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
Friday	April 27	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau
Monday	April 30	3:00 p.m.	City Council Goal Session
Thursday	May 3	5:30 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission
Monday	May 7	3:30 p.m.	Housing and Redevelopment Authority
Monday	May 7	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Tuesday	May 8	6:00 p.m.	Library Board
Monday	May 14	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	May 15		POLICE OFFICER MEMORIAL DAY
Monday	May 21	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Monday	May 21	7:00 p.m.	Parks Advisory Board
Wednesday	May 23	12:30 p.m.	Hospital Commission

Thursday	May 24	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
Friday	May 25	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau
Monday	May 28		LEGAL HOLIDAY – MEMORIAL DAY City Offices Closed
Tuesday	May 29	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting

*Times for these meetings are approximate and will be confirmed closer to the meeting dates.