

CITY OF SAINT PETER HOT SHEET



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CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS – Action taken by the City Council on January 8, 2018 included approval for execution of an Agency Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation to act on the City's behalf for federal transportation project funding; approval for Councilmember Carlin and Mayor Zieman to travel out of state to participate in the American Public Power Association legislative rally in Washington, D.C. in February; authorization for staff to submit an application for Safe Routes to School project grant funds; approval for purchase of a replacement tandem dump truck to be funded by the 2018 equipment certificate; authorization for City assistance for the Special Olympics Polar Bear Plunge event on February 3rd at Hallett's Pond; approval of a Tree Worker license for Pfeffer Tree Service, Inc., and a closed session to discuss a request to purchase City owned land at the southeast corner of the South Third Street/South Washington Avenue intersection.

The next City Council meeting is January 22, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Governors' Room of the Community Center. 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.

COUNCILMEMBER OATH OF OFFICE - Councilmember Edward Johnson was sworn in at the regular City Council meeting on January 8, 2018.

Johnson replaces Councilmember Roger Parras whose term expired at the end of 2017.



SNOW EMERGENCY RULES - Local meteorologists are predicting the Saint Peter area could get as little as 2" of snow on Thursday, or substantially more. Whether you are hoping for a big storm or just a dusting, snow is coming.

In the event of any snowfall, it is helpful to the plow drivers if all vehicles can be moved off the roadways. This allows for the plowing to be done quickly and more efficiently which saves all of us money and makes it easier to get around.

It's been several years since Saint Peter has declared a snow emergency, but in the event one is called, it's good to know the following regulations:

1. Snow emergencies will be declared before 5 p.m. and information on the declaration will be provided to local media. When it snows, check local media outlets for more information, call the City information line at 934-0675, or sign up for community notices at www.nixle.com.
2. When a Snow Emergency is declared, there is **NO PARKING** on any of the posted **SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTES** for the entire 48-hour period. (Even if the street has been plowed curb-to-curb, there is **NO PARKING**.)

"Snow Emergency Routes" means the following: Jefferson Avenue from Minnesota Avenue to the west corporate limits; College Avenue from Minnesota Avenue to Seventh; Grace Street from Fourth Street to Sunrise Drive; Broadway Avenue from Third Street to Gardner Road; Traverse Road from North Washington Avenue to Nicollet Avenue; Saint Julien Street from North Minnesota Avenue to North Washington Avenue; the entire length of Washington Avenue from the intersection of Highway 169 to Bunker Lane; Sunrise Drive from Grace Street to Dodd Avenue; North Sunrise Drive from Dodd Avenue to Mason

Street; and Nicollet Avenue from Highway 22 to Highway 99.

3. Beginning at 11:59 p.m. on the day a snow emergency is declared, for two days (48 hours), there is **NO PARKING** on **Residential Streets** from midnight until 7 a.m. (Even if the street has been plowed curb-to-curb, there is **NO PARKING**.)
4. Beginning at 2 a.m., for two days (48 hours), there is **NO PARKING** on **Downtown Streets** from 2 a.m. until 6 a.m. (Even if the street has been plowed curb-to-curb, there is **NO PARKING**.)

VEHICLES PARKED IN VIOLATION OF THE SNOW EMERGENCY REGULATIONS WILL BE TICKETED (FINED \$25.00 - \$150.00) AND TOWED AT THE OWNER'S EXPENSE.



If off-street parking is a problem, please make arrangements **now**. Below is a list of free municipal parking lots, which can be used during snow emergencies. These lots will be plowed only after 24 hours posted notice (**watch** for signs posted in the lots). Many

churches and businesses also have private lots, which may be used *with permission*. The City will not be issuing any parking permits except for medical emergencies.

- Next to the Municipal Building located at 227 South Front Street
- West of the Qwest Building on South Front and Nassau Streets
- Directly behind Ace Hardware and Godfather's Pizza in the 200 block of South Minnesota Avenue
- East of the building at 201 South Third Street (in the alley).
- Jefferson Park at 1401 Nicollet Avenue.
- Department of Public Works located at 405 West Saint Julien Street
- Municipal Parking Lot #5 located in the 400 block of South Minnesota Avenue (intersection of Grace Street and South Minnesota Avenue – southwest corner)

- Municipal swimming pool parking lot on the 300 block of North Fourth Street.
- Old nursing home parking lot on west side of the 200 block of South Washington Avenue.

VET'S PARK WARMING HOUSE – When it gets back to freezing temps, a warming house/rink attendant will be on duty at the Veteran's Memorial Park warming house during the following scheduled hours:



- Mon.–Fri. from 4–9 p.m.,
- Saturdays 10 a.m.–9 p.m.,
- Sundays 1–9 p.m.
- School Vacation Days from 1–9 p.m.

Leisure skating only will be available at one of the Veteran's rinks during the following days/times:

- Monday–Friday, 6–7 p.m.
- Saturday/Sunday from 1–3 p.m.

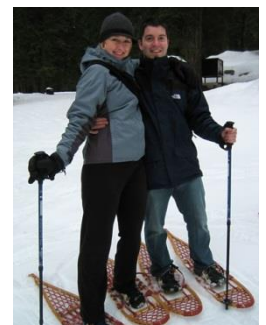


The warming house/rink will close under the following conditions:

- Air temperature at -15° or colder; or
- Wind chill temperature at -20° or colder; or
- Temperatures that soften the ice; or
- If more than 1" of snow accumulates on the ice and maintenance crews are not available (e.g. holidays, weekends).

Please note: Warming House/Rinks may close early due to lack of skaters. For information on warming house/rink closures please call the Rec Hotline at 934-0070, or, if you have questions, please visit with the warming house/rink attendant or contact the Recreation Department at 507-934-0667 or by email at jenh@saintpetermn.gov.

SNOWSHOES FOR RENT - Bundle up, get outside (when the weather cooperates!), and experience nature. Enjoy the winter by taking a snowshoe stroll through the woods. The City's Recreation Department and Treaty Site History Center provide adult and youth size snowshoes for rent. Rental fees are \$5 per pair per day or \$10 for the weekend with a deposit of \$50



per pair due upon pick up. Adult and youth sizes are available. For larger groups and/or for more information, please call the Recreation and Leisure Services Department at 934-0667 or use 934-2160 to contact the Nicollet County Treaty Site History Center.



FROZEN WATER SERVICES - Winter is finally here and the cold temps outside might lead to some problems for people with certain water

services. As provided by the City's Public Works Department, here are some steps you can take as a property owner to minimize the impact of the cold weather on your pipes and prevent your water service line from freezing.

First, if your service has a history of freezing please monitor the water temperature. Water coming into your dwelling should be between 43 - 47 degrees Fahrenheit in the winter. Any temperature below that may indicate frost in the area of your service line.

Second, if your water temperature continues to approach 40 degrees you may want to let your water run in order to prevent it from freezing.

Why do service lines freeze? Frost depth is the depth to which the ground is frozen. Water services in Saint Peter are typically installed at a depth of over 7'. In most winter month's frost doesn't get that deep; however, during very cold and long winters, frost depth can reach the depth of water lines. This usually occurs in February or early March. In early spring, it may seem warmer, but frost remains deep in the ground until regular overnight temperatures above freezing are reached.

If the ground surrounding the service lines becomes frozen, it will cool the already cold water in the pipes and they can freeze. When the water stops moving, the temperature can lower quite quickly and freeze the water. This is why it is important to keep the water running; it keeps warmer water moving through the frost zone. If the water temperature coming into your home goes below 40 degrees Fahrenheit, you may want to consider running your water.

If your service line or plumbing are susceptible to frost, let cold water run from one faucet throughout the day and night. The amount of running water

should be a little more than a trickle (the thickness of a pencil). The City cannot credit you for the water that you run, but the associated utility charges could be less than the cost to repair or thaw your water service line. Even as the weather warms up, the frost table is pushed lower, so the risk of frozen service lines could continue for several weeks.

So, what should you do if your pipes are frozen? Call the Saint Peter Public Works Department at (507) 934-0670 (7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Monday - Friday) or if it's after the hours shown above, please contact the City through the Police Department at 507-934-1550.

CITY ENGINEER RETIRES - Longtime Saint Peter City Engineer Timothy Loose has retired from Bolton and Menk, Inc. Loose served as City Engineer from July, 1989 through 2017. Through his service to the City, Tim was instrumental in the City's various transportation projects as well as in our tornado recovery efforts.

Jeffrey Domras of Bolton and Menk, Inc. has been appointed as the new City Engineer.

The City Council and City staff wish Tim the very best in his retirement.

SNOW EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS – It's been a while since the City has declared a snow

emergency, but if it were to happen do you know how to find out about it?

The easiest and quickest way to do so is to sign up for the Nixle community notification system. Once enrolled in this **free** system, residents can receive text messages, emails, or both about snow emergencies. You customize the notifications the way it works best for you.

Sign up today at <http://www.nixle.com/>.

And, in the event of a snow emergency declaration, the rules can be found on the City's website at <http://www.saintpetermn.gov/city-snow-emergency-rules>.



HOME BUYER EDUCATION CLASSES – Are you interested in buying a lot or a speculative home in the City's Traverse Green Subdivision? To qualify for the many financial benefits available to new buyers in this subdivision, you must first complete a "Home Stretch Workshop" training session. Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership is offering one of these training sessions this Saturday, January 13th from 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 pm at the Community Center.

The class is taught by HUD certified counselors to prepare home buyers for successful home ownership. Participants will learn budgeting and money management techniques as well as terminology used for mortgages and loan program options.

Completion of the class may qualify you for special mortgages, down payment assistance or

other financing to make home ownership affordable.

For online registration go to www.stpetercommunityedonline.com or for more information, please contact the St. Peter Community and Family Education office at 934-3048.

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.

Monday	January 15		 MARTIN LUTHER KING HOLIDAY – City offices closed
Tuesday	January 16	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Tuesday	January 16	7:00 p.m.	Parks Board Meeting
Monday	January 22	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Wednesday	January 24	12:30 p.m.	Hospital Commission Meeting
Thursday	January 25	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
Friday	January 26	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau
Monday	January 29	3:00 p.m.	City Council Goal Session
Tuesday	January 30	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission
Thursday	February 1	5:30 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission
Monday	February 5	3:30 p.m.	Housing and Redevelopment Authority
Monday	February 5	3:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Monday	February 12	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Wednesday	February 14	2:30 p.m.	Minnesota River Valley Transit Board
Thursday	February 15	5:30 p.m.	Joint City Council/Hospital Commission Meeting
Monday	February 19th		 CITY OFFICES CLOSED – PRESIDENT'S DAY
Tuesday	February 20th		CITY OFFICES CLOSED UNTIL 10:30 A.M. STAFF TRAINING
Tuesday	February 20th	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Thursday	February 22	12:00 p.m.	Economic Development Authority
Friday	February 23	8:00 .m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau
Monday	February 26	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting

Tuesday	February 27	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission
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Wednesday	February 28	12:30 p.m.	Hospital Commission
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*** Due to the holidays the dates/times for some of these meetings may be changed. Please contact the City Administrator's office (507-934-0663) for up-to-date meeting information.***