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MAKES ME WONDER (BY CITY ADMINISTRATOR TODD PRAFKE) - *If he only knew...*

I was at a game the other day, one of my sons was playing, and I looked across the field where one of the fans had come

unglued about a call or something and looked like a crazy person.

One of the parents near me said, "If they only knew how they looked."

What a great thing to have available to each of us... the ability to see how we look in a given situation. I can also imagine some instances where we don't really want to know how we look or have anyone else see it either.

Well... there has recently been lots of discussion about body cameras for Police Officers. The Saint Peter Police Department has for a number of years had video equipment in their squad cars so if you are pulled over you might get the chance to see it in court. The challenge with body cameras is that Officers go places that are not necessarily in public.

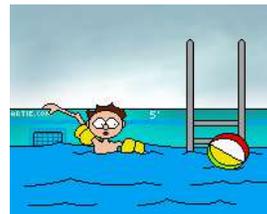
For instance if they get a call to my home and come inside with a body camera on, that camera would see where I left the laundry on the hallway floor and that the dishes were not done. It will see and record me in my pajamas, (no one should see that) but right now there aren't really any rules about who gets to see that video, so it is public data.

That means anyone, including the newspaper or TMZ, can look at it and broadcast it if they want. That somehow seems different than the video of me standing by the side of my car or at a ball game in a public place where anyone can see me. There

is something different about the ability to see into someone's private life in a private location that makes me a bit uneasy about this whole thing.

I think more thoughtful consideration is needed before we put cameras on everyone all of the time. I think in general it can be good, just like when we went to cameras in squad cars, but we need to be sure we protect your privacy as well. If I get pulled over I will want to make sure that if the Judge ends up seeing the video, that I am on my best behavior so the Judge isn't saying, "If he only knew how he looked." Somehow it works differently if the video is from inside my house.

It makes me wonder.....



OUTDOOR POOL OPENING –

The Roy T. Lindenberg Memorial outdoor swimming pool opens this Saturday, June 6th at 1 p.m. with free admission all day.

The opening day schedule includes Open Swim from 1–6 p.m. and Family Swim from 6:15–8:15 p.m. The wading pool is free of charge all summer long and is open from 1–6 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays and 10:30 a.m.–8 p.m. Monday–Friday. Family, Individual, and Daycare Passes can be purchased now at the Recreation Department in the Community Center and will also be available at the pool when it opens.

Individuals can register for Red Cross swim lessons at the Recreation Department or online at www.saintpetermn.gov/recreation.

For pool information, swim lesson cancellations and pool closings please call the pool at 934-3951, or the Recreation Hotline at 934-0070.

You can also sign up for Remind101 which sends text messages regarding swim lessons, lap swim, aerobics, open or family swim. Send a text to

81010 or 651-691-4264 for each of the groups you would like to join: evening lessons at @evelessons, morning lessons at @amlessons, open or family swim at @afteveswim, and/or aerobics/lap swim at @aerobiclap.

Pool rates, hours, and policy information are available from the Recreation and Leisure Services Department, on the City of Saint Peter website at www.saintpetermn.gov/recreation; by calling the pool at 934-0667 or by email (jenh@saintpetermn.gov) at the Recreation and Leisure Services Department.

COMMUNITY CENTER CLOSURE - The Saint Peter Community Center will be closed Saturday, June 6th. We apologize for any inconvenience.

TRAFFIC STATISTICS - As many know, the Saint Peter Police Department has joined with other area and State-wide law enforcement agencies to promote the Towards Zero Death program. This program works hard to reduce traffic fatalities by educating the public and providing for increased enforcement action.

The following traffic statistics are from 2010-2014 in Nicollet County:

	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
DWI's	110	115	167	170	171

In 2014 alone there were a total of 405 vehicle crashes in Nicollet County resulting in six deaths. Here's more information on those involved in fatal or severe injury crashes during the years 2010-2014:

# of vehicle occupant fatalities	16
# of vehicle occupant severe injuries	23
Estimated economic impact of death/injuries	\$24,413,700
Unbelted vehicle occupant fatalities	6
Unbelted vehicle occupant with severe injuries	6
Estimated economic impact of unbelted death/injuries	\$9,054,200

Based on this information, it appears alcohol, speed and unbelted related crashes are

decreasing. However, the ultimate goal of the TZD program is to change driver behavior and reduce fatalities and serious injuries in crashes on our roadways. So there is still work to be done.

CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS – Action taken by the City Council at the regular meeting of May 27, 2015 included acceptance of a proposal from Nicollet County Bank for the 2015 equipment certificates in the amount of \$245,000; approval for purchase of 2013 Microsoft Office software to be funded by the 2013 Equipment Certificate and utility funds; approval for execution of an updated animal impound contract with Kind Veterinary Clinic; retained Bolton and Menk, Inc. to provide preliminary engineering work for roadway improvements on the western edge of the City; approval of a Tree Worker License; authorization for City assistance for the BluesFest event; and approval for replacement of a HVAC unit at City Hall.

The next regular meeting of the City Council will be Monday, June 8th 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.



LOOKING TO DONATE ITEMS TO THE LIBRARY? – The City loves receiving generous donations, but the Library staff has limited time to review donated goods and limited room to store them. With that in mind, the following donation policy is in place for donations to the Library:

- Please call ahead if bringing more than one dozen items.
- Please pre-sort donated items before bringing them to the library.
- Donations will only be accepted the first week of each month due to the overwhelming amounts of donations currently being provided.
- We appreciate items that are:
 - In "Good" or "Like New" condition
 - Not older than 2 years old.
 - Fiction, Non-Fiction, and children's hardcover and paperbacks.
 - CDs, DVDs and audiobooks
- We do not accept:
 - Text books
 - VHS or cassette tapes

- Items that are very weathered, dusty, or moldy
- National Geographic Magazine collections or similar large collections. We DO accept current magazines for our magazine exchange.
- The Lead Librarian will have the right to make the decision on how to manage the items that come in. If the material can't be used on the Library shelves, it may be offered as part of the book sale.
- If donated items don't meet these conditions, please consider making a donation area to thrift stores, assisted living facilities, correctional facilities or the Regional Treatment Center.

HELP WANTED – The City of Saint Peter is currently accepting applications for the following position(s):

- **PUBLIC ACCESS PRODUCTION ASSISTANT** - in the Recreation and Leisure Services Department. Position will assist with two-camera taping operation of City Council and School Board meetings on Monday evenings. 5-10 hours per month. **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** Must be 16 years of age and have experience using video recording equipment and/or computer editing equipment. **DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS;** knowledge of and experience using the following equipment: TV monitors, portable VCR with power supply, audio/video digital mixer, audio mixer, camcorder and tripod, remote control camera, personal computer, auto programmer, VHS VCR's and a VHS editing system. Starting wage \$9.25/hour. Applicants are required to complete City application form available in the

City Administrator's office at 227 South Front Street or by calling (507)934-0663. Completed applications must be received by the City Administrator's office by 5:00 p.m. on June 4, 2015. Faxed, emailed, and/or late applications will not be accepted. AA/EOE

- **BILLING CLERK** - in the Finance Department. **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** High school diploma or equivalent; Clerical experience; Demonstrated computer use experience; and experience working with the public. **DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS:** Demonstrated knowledge and experience using Microsoft Word software; Demonstrated knowledge and experience using Excel software; Minimum of one year demonstrated accounting or bookkeeping experience; Associate's degree in accounting; Bachelor's degree with a major in accounting; Demonstrated knowledge and experience using utility billing software; Demonstrated experience using accounts receivable billing software; Two or more years' experience working with utility billing; Two or more years' experience working with accounts receivable. \$18.97 per hour. Applicants are required to complete a City application form available in the City Administrator's office at 227 South Front Street between the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon and 1-5 p.m. or by calling (507)934-0663. Completed applications must be received by the City Administrator's office by 5:00 p.m. June 11, 2015. Faxed, emailed, and/or late applications will not be accepted. AA/EEO

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 or visit the City's website at www.saintpetermn.gov.

Thursday	June 4	5:30 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission—CANCELLED!
Monday	June 8	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Monday	June 15	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Monday	June 15	7:00 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Monday	June 22	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Wednesday	June 24	12:00 noon	Hospital Commission
Wednesday	June 24	5:30 p.m.	Library Board
Thursday	June 25	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
Friday	June 26	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau

Monday	June 29	3:00 p.m.	City Council Goal Session
Tuesday	June 30	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission
Friday	July 3		CITY OFFICES CLOSED – FOURTH OF JULY HOLIDAY
Monday	July 6	3:30 p.m.	Housing and Redevelopment Authority
Monday	July 6	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop Session
Monday	July 13	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	July 14	5:30 p.m.	Library Board Meeting
Thursday	July 16	5:30 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission
Monday	July 20	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Thursday	July 23	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
Friday	July 24	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau
Monday	July 27	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	July 28	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission
Wednesday	July 29	12:00 noon	Hospital Commission