

CITY OF SAINT PETER HOT SHEET



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CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS – Action at the City Council meeting held on March 12, 2018 included approval for vacation of the portion of Myrtle Street lying east of South Front Street; directing staff to bring the process to modify the City Code to raise the minimum age for purchase of tobacco products to 21; approval of job descriptions for two part-time positions in the Recreation and Leisure Services Department; authorization for staff to submit a grant application to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Outdoor Grant Program for construction of an asphalt trail and a handicap fishing pier at Hallett's Pond.

Mayor Ziemann also proclaimed March 29, 2018 as "Vietnam Veteran's Day" in the community.

The next regular City Council meeting will be March 26, 2018 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Governors' Room of the Community Center.

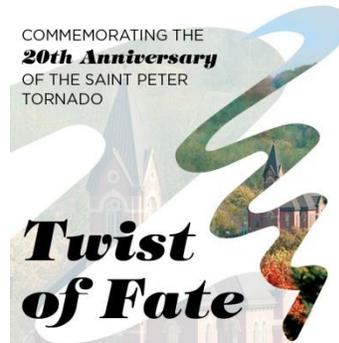
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TORNADO ANNIVERSARY COMMUNITY EVENT – At 5:29 p.m. on March 29, 1998, an F-3 tornado ripped through Saint Peter causing over \$120 million in damages, destroying approximately 400 homes, and taking the life of one boy.

By 9 p.m., the American Red Cross was setting up shelters in Saint Peter, eventually bringing in 600 workers from 32 states and serving over 40,000 meals as the town worked to recover. Over 10,000 people volunteered to help the Saint Peter community clean up and rebuild following the tornado, which was part of a record-breaking March supercell thunderstorm that spawned 14 tornadoes in Minnesota.

On Thursday, March 29, 2018, Saint Peter will come together to reflect, to honor the losses

caused by the tornado, and celebrate the resiliency of the community over the last 20 years. Hosted by retired WCCO news anchor Don Shelby, the program, "Twist of Fate: Commemorating the 20th Anniversary of the Saint Peter Tornado," will take place at 5:15 p.m. in the Saint Peter High School Theater. The event is free and open to the public, and will include reflections of the tornado and subsequent recovery efforts.



"This event is a wonderful opportunity to remember the

challenges we've faced and to celebrate all the great things that have happened in this community since the tornado," said Saint Peter City Administrator Todd Prafke, who began in his position just four months before the tornado struck.

"This is also a chance for us to publicly thank the thousands of volunteers who helped in our recovery," Prafke added. "This is Minnesota, where people come together. We're excited to thank them with one voice."

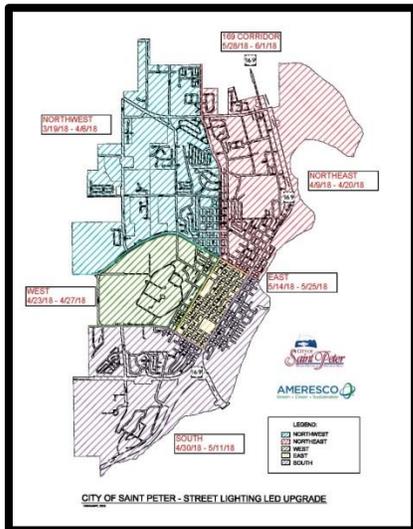
Twist of Fate: Commemorating the 20th Anniversary of the Saint Peter Tornado is sponsored by the City of Saint Peter, the Saint Peter Chamber of Commerce, the Saint Peter School District, Nicollet County, the Nicollet County Historical Society, KMSU Radio, and Gustavus Adolphus College.

1998 SAINT PETER TORNADO FACTS

Tornado on ground:	18 miles
Homes Destroyed:	400
Homes Damaged:	1,200
Trees Lost:	17,000
Total Damages:	\$120 million+
Total volunteers:	10,000

- Debris from Saint Peter was found as far away as Rice Lake, Wis. (130 miles).
- Gustavus Damage: \$60 million
- Gustavus Adolphus College reopened in 23 days and brought in a record-breaking incoming class in the fall.

More information on the event is available at www.stpeterchamber.com/tornado.



STREET LIGHT CHANGE PROGRAM – The City has contracted for changing City street lights to LED bulbs as part of an energy saving project.

The work, which is being completed by “The Retrofit Companies” began on March 19th and will continue in various areas of the

community as shown on the map shown here.

Retrofit will rework any existing street lights on aluminum poles and no digging is expected to be required for this work. Existing wooden poles will be changed out by City crews and a small amount of digging to remove the wooden pole and replace it with an aluminum pole will take place in these limited areas. The replacement of the wooden poles will be delayed until the frost is out of the ground (late Spring).

Residents are asked to move all vehicles parked on the roadway away from the streetlights to ensure the contractor has easy access to the streetlight.

More information on what the new lighting will be like will be provided in next week’s Hot Sheet.

For questions about this work, please contact the Public Works Department at 934-0670.

ST. PETER FIESTA – The public is invited to join in a St. Peter Fiesta on Friday, April 13th from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the Community Center. This fun family event will include cultural activities, music, games, crafts, food and more. The evening’s festivities is sponsored in part by



Gustavus Adolphus College, the City’s Recreation and Leisure Services Department; Saint Peter Public Schools World Language Department and Community and Family Education; and St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church.

YOUTH ATV SAFETY CLASS - The Saint Peter Police Department and the Nicollet County Sheriff’s Office will be hosting a Minnesota DNR Youth ATV Safety Training class on Saturday, April 28, 2018 at 10:00 AM. The class will be held at the Nicollet County Fairgrounds in Saint Peter (400 Union Street).



This course requires that students complete the online training curriculum available through the Minnesota DNR website prior to attending this in-person class.

In order to attend this class, you must pre-register through Officer Jon Hughes of the Saint Peter Police Department. His contact email is: jonh@saintpetermn.gov.

HYDRANT FLUSHING - Spring hydrant flushing will begin Monday, April 9th and is expected to be completed by no later than April 20th. 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.

ENERGY REBATE - \$161,500 SAVED! – The City of Saint Peter was proud to present a check for \$161,500 to representatives from the State of Minnesota Security Hospital.

The State of Minnesota saved \$161,500 by installing high-efficiency equipment and lighting in new and existing facilities on the campus of Minnesota Security Hospital campus in Saint Peter.

The improvements are projected to reduce annual electric consumption on campus by over 1.5 million kWh --- or enough to power 211 average-sized homes annually. Ongoing annual savings are expected to be \$150,000 or more.



Pictured in the photo (L-R) are SMMPA Representative Marcus Hendrickson, Public Works Director Moulton; St. Peter Treatment Center - Forensics Executive Director Carol Olson; Chief Transit Operations Manager Owen Officer-Forensics Thomas Kolstad, City Administrator Prafke, St. Peter Treatment Center – Forensics Physical Plant Director Scott Berg; and St. Peter Treatment Center Campus Electrical/Plumbing/Welding Supervisor Dave Lutterman.

To find out how your business can participate in the energy savings rebate program please contact the Public Works Department at 934-0670..

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SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING – The City Council will hold a special meeting at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 29th in the Governors' Room of the Community Center. An agenda for the special meeting will be posted on the City’s website at least 72 hours prior to the meeting and posted on the official notices bulletin board at City Hall.

PARKLAND DEVELOPMENT – City staff and the City Council continue to work on development of Community Spirit Park, the new park land that is located adjacent to the new high school. A portion of the park is expected to be available for public use this spring.

Although not all of the park land will be developed right away, work is being done to prepare the land for future development. The City Council is also taking action to designate funding sources for the development costs that will occur which has included transferring excess General Fund reserves into the Parkland Dedication fund.

The City Council’s Parks and Recreation Advisory Board will also provide advice on the park land development based on the Parks Master Plan.

BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION – The City Council will sit as the Board of Appeal and Equalization for those wishing to appeal the market valuations on their properties. The meeting takes place at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 17th in the Governors' Room of the Community Center. (Please note this is a different location for the meeting than has been used in the past.)

Property owners wishing to appeal their valuations should contact the Nicollet County Assessor’s office (934-7060) to make an appointment to appear before the Board.

MAPLE TREE TAPPING – Did you know it is illegal to “tap” boulevard maple trees for syrup?



It is if you are doing so on City owned trees located on City owned property like the boulevards, right-of-way’s, and/or parks! These trees are City property and the public is not allowed to damage, drill into, cut, trim, post notices on, nail into, or otherwise damage the trees.

If you have tapped a City owned tree, please immediately remove the equipment before City crews contact you about the violation.

CAT LICENSES – New and renewal cat licenses are now available for purchase. Cats (and dogs) that

are old enough to receive a rabies vaccination are required to be licensed by the City. Cat licenses are due on or before April 30, 2018 and costs are as follows:

Spayed/Neutered \$5
 Unaltered \$25
 After April 30th Penalty \$5 (in addition to



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 se fee)

To apply for/renew a pet's license, owners must provide a current rabies vaccination certificate signed by a licensed Veterinarian. Licenses are available from the Community Development Department at City Hall (227 South Front Street) during regular office hours.

Even though this is not the dog licensing year, if you have a new dog you are still required to license the dog as soon as it is old enough to be vaccinated for rabies. Costs are the same as the license fees for dogs.

For additional pet licensing questions, please contact us at 934-0661 or by email at cindym@saintpetermn.gov.

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	March 22	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
Friday	March 23	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau
Monday	March 26	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	March 27	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission
Wednesday	March 28	12:30 p.m.	Hospital Commission
Monday	April 2	3:30 p.m.	Housing and Redevelopment Authority
Monday	April 2	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Thursday	April 5	5:30 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission
Monday	April 9	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Monday	April 16	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Monday	April 16	7:00 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Tuesday	April 17	6:00 p.m.	City Board of Appeal and Equalization Meeting
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

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