

CITY OF SAINT PETER HOT SHEET



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CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS – Action taken by the City Council on April 24, 2017 included a public hearing and subsequent action on a request to rezone the property at 1115 South Minnesota Avenue from RP-1 (Residential Professional Office) to C-4 (Highway Service Commercial); award of the sale of \$495,000 in general obligation water revenue bonds to Nicollet County Bank to finance the refurbishment of the Broadway Water Tower; approval of a request for City assistance for a Gustavus event to be held in Municipal Parking Lot #5 on June 3rd; and approval for purchase of a used roller for street maintenance work to be financed by the 2017 Equipment Certificate.

The next City Council meeting is May 8, 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.



MAKES ME WONDER (BY CITY ADMINISTRATOR TODD PRAFKE) – *Toying with another idea....*As I have been writing the last few "Makes me Wonders" I was thinking about other ways to intentionally connect with people on questions or maybe policy issues or other issues facing our community. Oftentimes it's hard to find time to go to a stale,

dry meeting.

A few communities have been experimenting with alternative locations and format. I have been putting out video blogs for over three years and at least a few folks watch them. I have even experimented with doing a live stream over Facebook. So what do you think about an evening of "Pub and Policy"?

Have a beer and talk about policy issues facing the City or community. Now, under the rules I

cannot buy the beer, but maybe we can set a few meetings up where you can get buy your own beer, and visit about the City, and see how it goes at a meeting on a narrow band of issues which would make the meeting less "dry" through Pub and Policy discussion. (Get it? The meeting will be less "dry"! Here is another one...some of the issues discussed are easier to take with a stiff drink.) 😊

Anyway, let me know what you think or if you have thoughts about a topic or two. Email us at barbaral@saintpetermn.gov or give us a ring at 507-934-0663.

Are you interested in the less dry meeting option? Makes me wonder.....

POLICE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY – Mayor Zieman has proclaimed May 14-20, 2017 as "POLICE OFFICER WEEK" in Saint Peter and May 15th as "POLICE OFFICER MEMORIAL DAY". This special time is an observance in the United States that pays tribute to the local, state, and Federal peace officers who have died in the line of duty. The Memorial Day takes place on May 15th each year, and Police Week is the calendar week in which the Memorial Day occurs.



The holiday was created on October 1, 1961, when Congress asked the President to designate May 15th to honor peace officers. John F. Kennedy signed the bill into law on October 1, 1962. The Proclamation signed by President John F. Kennedy stated in part....*"To pay tribute to the law enforcement officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country and to voice our appreciation for all those who currently serve on the front lines of the battle against crime, the Congress, by a joint resolution approved October 1, 1962 (75*

Stat.676), has authorized and requested the President to designate May 15 of each year as "Peace Officers Memorial Day," and the week in which it falls as "National Police Week" and by Public Law 103-322 (36 U.S.C. 175) has requested that the flag be flown at half-staff on Peace Officers' Memorial Day."

President Obama honored Police Officers in 2013 by stating, in part... "The 143 fallen officers we honor today put themselves on the front lines of that fight, to preserve that quality of community, and to protect the roots of our greatness. They exemplified the very idea of citizenship -- that with our God-given rights come responsibilities and obligations to ourselves and to others. They embodied that idea. That's the way they died. That's how we must remember them. And that's how we must live. We can never repay our debt to these officers and their families, but we must do what we can, with all that we have, to live our lives in a way that pays tribute to their memory. That begins, but does not end, by gathering here -- with heavy hearts, to carve their names in stone, so that all will know them, and that their legacy will endure.

We are grateful to them and we are grateful to you."

**THANK
YOU**

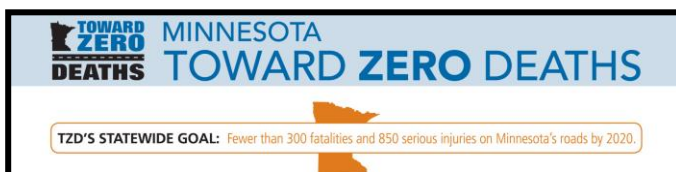
Saint Peter residents are encouraged to recognize and thank our local Police Officers for

their commitment to keeping us all safe as we honor their sacrifices on Police Officer Memorial Day

TZD EXTRA ENFORCEMENT WAVES: This summer the Saint Peter Police Department will continue to perform grant-funded traffic enforcement through the Towards Zero Death (TZD) program. The major focus of the Towards Zero Death program is to reduce traffic injuries and fatalities through the four E's: Education, Emergency and Medical Trauma, Enforcement and Engineering.

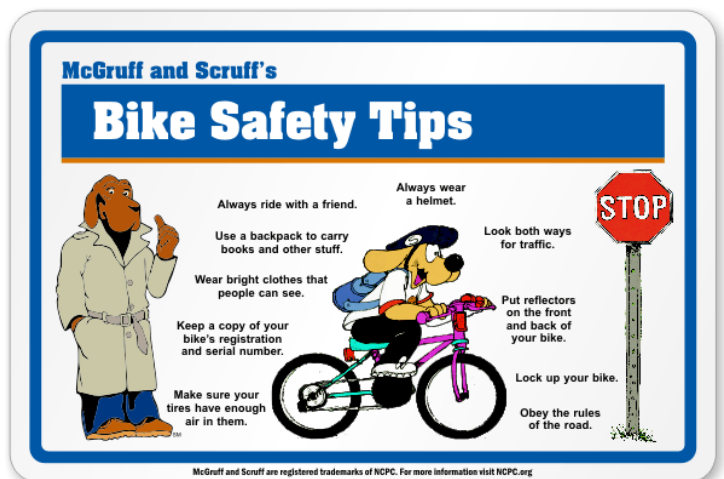
The enforcement tier of the Towards Zero Death enforcement includes participation of overtime shifts with the intent to change poor behavior related to violations of seat belt, child seats, impaired driving, distracted driving, and speed.

Here are three of the upcoming enforcement waves:



- **Seat Belt Wave May 22- June 4:** This wave enforcement is emphasized towards seat belt and child seat belt violations. Look for additional enforcement and possibly a saturation with partnering agencies! No seat belt at 60 miles per hour is equal to a 12 story fall. Click it or Ticket!
- **Speed Enforcement Wave July 7 – July 23:** The focus for this wave will be on speeders and aggressive drivers. In 2013-2015 in Minnesota, illegal or unsafe speed was a contributing factor in 188 fatal crashes resulting in 201 deaths.
- **Impaired Driving Wave August 18 – September 3:** This wave will be concentrating on impaired drivers. Did you know that in 2015 there were 25,027 arrests for DWI? Plan ahead and have a sober driver.

The Officers of the Saint Peter Police Department thank you for doing your part and helping us strive towards our ultimate goal of zero deaths on our roadways.



BICYCLE SAFETY - Summer's almost here and that means an increased number of bicycles on the roads and sidewalks. For many of us who haven't been on a bike in a while, a few safety tips might be helpful.

Riding a bike can be fun, if you know how to stay safe. But if you don't follow the rules, it can be dangerous. To be safe on your bike, follow these tips:

- Always wear a helmet and fasten it. Helmets protect your head, and in many states it's illegal not to wear one!
- Wear bright clothing so drivers and other bikers can see you.
- If you want to ride after dark, ask an adult and remember to put reflectors on your clothes, helmet, and bike. Adults should wear the reflectors also!

- Obey the rules of the road. Bikers must stop at all stop signs and traffic lights and use turning signals, just like cars.
- Ride on the right hand side of the road, in the same direction as traffic.
- Look both ways. Most crashes happen at intersections or driveways so be on the lookout for people who may not see you.
- Ride on bike trails, roads with little traffic or in parks. If you do come to a busy road, walk your bike across intersections at a crosswalk.
- Keep your bike tuned up. You don't want to get a flat tire far away from your house!
- Protect your bike. Lock it up or keep it in a safe place when you're not using it. Don't leave your bike out in your yard because someone just might come along and ride away with it. Also, don't leave your bike in an open or unlocked garage.
- Ride with friends. It's more fun and you have someone to help you if you need it.

And don't forget to register your bike at the Police Department. The cost is only \$1.00 and it may help get your bike back if lost or stolen. The information from the bike is entered into a nationwide database and if your bike is stolen and recovered somewhere else, the Saint Peter Police

Department will be contacted for information on the owner. What a deal for only \$1!

And for some hands on experience with bike safety, join the Saint Peter Police Department and River's Edge Hospital

River's Edge Hospital & Clinic and the St Peter Police Department are proud to present the
2017 Bike Safety Rodeo



and Clinic for a Bike Safety Rodeo, on Saturday, May 20th from 11:00 a.m. – 2 p.m. in the parking lot of the Hospital at 1900 North Sunrise Drive. There will be FREE bike licensing; FREE bike helmets for kids up to 17 years of age (limited supply available); FREE hot dogs and refreshments; and a chance to ride on a bike safety course, learn bike maintenance, and ride around on the bike trails. You can also register to win fun prizes. Hope to see you there!

CURBSIDE APPLIANCE COLLECTION - The City is offering curbside appliance collection on Friday, May 26, 2017. Those interested in participating must pre-register and pay for the collection in the Finance Department at City Hall by no later than Wednesday, May 24th. The collection will be

Friday, May 26th and appliances must be at the curbside by no later than 8:00 a.m. that day or the fee will be forfeited. Please note....if you are recycling an old fridge or freezer, please secure (rope, tape, etc...) the door/top of the appliance to keep children out and prevent a tragedy.

CURBSIDE FURNITURE COLLECTION – The City is also once again offering a curbside furniture collection on Friday, May 26th. As with the appliance collection, residents will need to pre-register and pay the fee by no later than Wednesday, May 24th to participate in this service. Items must be curbside by 8:00 a.m. on the collection day or the fee will be forfeited. The fees, excluding sales tax, for this collection are as follows:

Sofa	\$22	Misc. (desk, bookshelf, table, etc.)	\$12
Mattress/Box spring	\$20	Cabinet	\$22
Chairs	\$17	chest & Mirror	\$25
Recliners	\$22	headboard	\$15
Hide-a-Bed	\$35	footboard	\$15
Desk	\$22	carpet roll	\$20 a roll

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING COLLECTION – The City has once again arranged for an electronics recycling collection on Saturday, June 3rd from 9 am – 2 pm. at the Saint Peter Wastewater Treatment Plant – 400 West St. Julien Street. There is no pre-registration necessary for this program and those wishing to recycle certain electronics can just show up, pay the fee, and get the equipment unloaded. The recycler's fees are as follows:

Monitors up to 20"	\$10	Large Printer/Copier	\$25
LCD monitor	\$5	DVD/VCR/cable box	\$5
LCD/Plasma TV	\$15	Stereo system/home electronics	\$5
TV - 19 or 20 inch	\$10	Appliances	\$15
TV - 25 or 26 inch	\$15	Microwave	\$5
TV - 27 or 36 inch	\$20	Computer tower, components, keyboard, mouse, laptop, cell phones, small electronics, batteries (excluding alkaline), heaters	Free
Console/big screen TV	\$30		
Small Printer	\$5		

FREE BICYCLE RECYCLING - Do you have an old bike that you no longer use or maybe it needs extensive repairs? How about donating the bike for recycling?

The City will be accepting bikes for recycling on Saturday, June 3rd from 9 am – 2 pm at the Saint

Peter Wastewater Treatment Plant – 400 West St. Julien Street. Any bikes brought in for recycling will

be refurbished or recycled by an area non-profit organization and donated to kids in need.

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.

Wednesday	May 10	2:30 p.m.		Minnesota River Valley Transit Board (Le Sueur)
Wednesday	May 10	5:30 p.m.		Library Board
Monday	May 15			POLICE OFFICER'S MEMORIAL DAY
Monday	May 15	5:30 p.m.		City Council Workshop
Monday	May 22	7:00 p.m.		City Council Meeting
Wednesday	May 24	12:30 p.m.		Hospital Commission Meeting
Thursday	May 25	12:00 noon		Economic Development Authority Meeting
Friday	May 26	8:00 a.m.		Tourism and Visitors Bureau Meeting
Monday	May 29			MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY – City Offices Closed
Tuesday	May 30	3:00 p.m.		City Council Goal Session
Tuesday	May 30	5:30 p.m.		Heritage Preservation Commission
Thursday	June 1	5:30 p.m.		Planning and Zoning Commission
Monday	June 5	3:30 p.m.		Housing and Redevelopment Authority
Monday	June 5	5:30 p.m.		City Council Workshop Session
Monday	June 12	7:00 p.m.		City Council Meeting
Monday	June 19	5:30 p.m.		City Council Workshop
Monday	June 19	7:00 p.m.		Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Thursday	June 22	12:00 noon		Economic Development Authority
Friday	June 23	8:00 a.m.		Tourism and Visitors Bureau
Monday	June 26	7:00 p.m.		City Council Meeting
Tuesday	June 27	5:30 p.m.		Heritage Preservation Commission
Wednesday	June 28	12:30 p.m.		Hospital Commission

*** Please contact the City Administrator's office (507-934-0663) for up-to-date meeting information.***