

CITY OF SAINT PETER HOT SHEET

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CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS – Action at the City Council meeting held on May 14, 2018 included approval of Change Order #1 for the 2017 Jefferson Avenue/Gardner Road Project; approval of an updated drug and alcohol policy for Transit employees; establishment of a wage scale for the Transit Support Specialist position; approval of business licenses for SuperAmerica; authorization for purchase of an anesthesia machine for River's Edge Hospital; approval of the preliminary plat, final plat, and development agreement for Windsor Pond Third Addition; award of the 2018 Crack Sealing Project Bid to Lot Pros LLC; approval for modifications to the Parks Board membership structure and appointment of Councilmember Carlin to the board through 2018; closed session to discuss union contract negotiations with Law Enforcement Labor Services Local #241 and subsequent action to approve the 2018 contract.

The next regular City Council meeting will be Tuesday, May 29, 2018 beginning 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.

MEMORIAL DAY CLOSURES – All non-emergency City offices will be closed on Monday, May 28th for the Memorial Day holiday.



Other City services will be impacted by the holiday as follows:

- Library – closed Saturday, May 26th as well as on Monday, May 28th.

- Transit services – Buses will not operate on Memorial Day.
- Community Center – The Community Center will be closed over the Memorial Day weekend, Saturday, May 26 through Monday, May 28.
- The regular Council meeting of Monday, May 28th will take place on Tuesday, May 29th in the Governors' Room of the Community Center starting at 7:00 p.m.

REAL ESTATE TAXES – City Hall often hears from citizens about their perception that real estate taxes in Saint Peter are not competitive when compared to our neighboring or similarly sized communities. We wanted to know ourselves, so we undertook an analysis using data from the League of Minnesota Cities.

The analysis presented assumes that the property is a homesteaded, residential property with an estimated market value of \$172,000, which is the median estimated market value for residential property in Blue Earth and Nicollet Counties. The data reported is for taxes payable in 2016 which is the most recent available.

The table included shows the City share of the real estate tax billing. The Nicollet County and SD #508 portions of the tax billing have been removed.

CITY	CITY TAX ONLY
Mankato	\$ 655
Saint Peter	\$ 710
Fairmont	\$ 712
North Mankato	\$ 805
Worthington	\$ 833
Owatonna	\$ 895
Jordan	\$ 1,028
Hutchinson	\$ 1,111
Le Sueur	\$ 1,212
Waseca	\$ 1,298
Belle Plaine	\$ 1,342

Property owners can do the analysis themselves through the League of Minnesota Cities website. Pick a residential property value, choose the

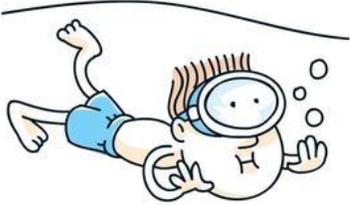
communities to compare and pick a tax year. Here is the link <https://www.lmc.org/page/1/property-tax-calc-iframe.jsp>, It's that simple.

POOL OPENING - The outdoor pool opens on Saturday, June 2nd at 1 p.m.! There is free admission on opening day with open swim from 1–6 p.m. and family swim from 6:15–8:15 p.m.

Pool passes and ticket books are available for purchase now in the Recreation and Leisure Services Department located at the Community Center and can be purchased at the pool during open hours.

Children ages 6 and under can use the wading pool free of charge but they must be accompanied by an adult or responsible supervisor-18 years or older.

Concessions are available for purchase.



SWIMMING LESSON CANCELLATIONS – One of the drawbacks of having an outdoor pool is that the weather doesn't always cooperate. So how do parents know if swimming lessons are canceled or the pool is closing?

To receive messages via text regarding cancellations or changes to swim lessons, open or family swim, lap swim or aerobics, send a text to 81010 or 651-691-4264 for each of the groups you wish to join:

For open or family swim text:	@afteveswim
For morning lessons ext:	@amlessons
For evening swim lessons text:	@evelessons
For aerobics or lap swim text:	@aerobiclap

Not a texter? Then feel free to use the Recreation Hotline to call and check at 507-934-0070.

And if the weather is looking sketchy we encourage parents to find out about possible cancellations before dropping kids off at the pool.

CAMPGROUND OPEN – The City's municipal campground, located on the Minnesota River behind the Mill Pond portion of Riverside Park, is now open! Campsites are first-come/first served (no reservations are taken), and registration is done at the Police Department (207 South Front Street).

Per day cost for camp sites (including sales tax):

- With electrical hookup \$26.84

- Primitive site (per day) \$16.11
More information on the City's campground is available at <http://www.saintpetermn.gov/camping>.

HIGH-QUALITY DRINKING WATER - The City of Saint Peter has a goal to provide residents with high-quality, safe, reliable drinking water that meets every federal and state water quality requirement. The City of Saint Peter is happy to report that its drinking water is safe! The United States Congress and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) require all community systems to annually report on the quality of the drinking water provided. This report, prepared by the City of Saint Peter Utility, contains information about the water source, treatment, consumer demand, contaminants detected and other information of interest.

The City of Saint Peter is issuing the results of monitoring done on its drinking water for the period from January 1 to December 31, 2017. You can view the results at this link from our website: <http://www.saintpetermn.gov/WaterConsumerConfidenceReport.pdf>.

This report is meant to advance the public's understanding of drinking water and heighten awareness of the need to protect precious water resources. It answers common questions people have about Saint Peter's water.

IS YOUR CAT A CRIMINAL? – It's official. If you haven't applied for your cat license by now, your cat is officially a criminal. Or should you, the owner, be the criminal? Either way, the deadline has passed and now the license will include a penalty fee.

And if you wait even longer and don't get the license you might even receive a formal citation from the Police Department.

Please apply now for your 2018-2019 cat licenses in the Community Development Department at City Hall. Cost with the penalty is now \$10 for spayed/neutered cats or \$30 for unaltered pets. The license is good for two years and you'll need a current rabies certificate to get the license. Call the Community Development Department at 934-0661 for more information.

And in the unfortunate situation where you no longer have your pet, please contact the Department and let them know so we can update the database.



CENSUS 2020 – Every 10 years the Federal Government is required by law to conduct a national census. Although the year 2020 seems far away, work on the census has already begun with the Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA) portion of the work currently underway.



Along with other cities, counties, and townships in Minnesota, the City of Saint Peter is participating in the LUCA program to ensure that every residential address in Saint Peter is identified before the 2020 Census documents are mailed out.

As we get closer to Census 2020 kick-off, more information about the importance of participating in the census count will be provided in the Hot Sheet as well as all the other forms of communication the City uses.

WORK AT HWY 169/BROADWAY – Beginning early next week, work will begin at the intersection of Highway 169 and Broadway Avenue to replace the stop arms on the traffic lights. To ensure the safety of the workers and the public, we ask that everyone use extra caution in and around this area. The work, which was originally scheduled to take place this week, was delayed due to the rain.



LICENSE, LEASH AND LOOK AFTER – What does it take for humans and dogs and cats to live in harmony? It takes people to be responsible pet owners who **license** their companion animals, have them on a **leash** when off the owner's property; and who **look after** that pet and pick up waste when the need arises.

The City, and most communities in Minnesota, requires companion animals that are old enough to be vaccinated for rabies to be licensed. To license your dog or cat with the City of Saint Peter, pet owners have to provide proof of that rabies vaccination and then keep that information up to date. Should your dog or cat bite someone, the City can quickly check the vaccination records and possibly save the bite victim from having to undergo rabies vaccination shots.



Likewise if your pet escapes from the confines of your yard and goes missing, having the license tag will help the Community Service Officer quickly find the owner and help get that pooch back home with its' family without having to be impounded and the owner having to pay expensive charges. Of course the only way that all works is if the animal is licensed, and wearing that license on its' collar at all times.

Having a dog or cat on a leash and under control of the owner when it is off the owner's property is the law in our community. Dogs running at large generate a lot of calls to the Police Department. Is that dog a stray? Is it dangerous? Will it harm my kids or my own dog? And what if the animal darts into traffic and becomes not only a danger to the dog, but also to drivers? Unless you are at the official dog park on Highway 99, pet owners must make sure their animal is on a leash when it is off the owner's property.

And we all know that dogs and cats will relieve themselves whenever and wherever the mood strikes. If that place is on someone else's yard or on public property the pet owner is required to pick up the waste material and properly dispose of it.

The City also allows leashed dogs and cats in additional recreation areas. Dogs and cats which are on leashes and under control of the owner are allowed in:

- Riverside Park
- Riverside Park Extension
- Traverse des Sioux Park
- McGill Park
- Hallett's Pond (on the trail only)
- Public Conservancy Area in Nicollet Meadows 2 Subdivision (directly west of Jefferson Park)

The animals are allowed if the owner is in compliance with all additional animal regulations contained in the City Code including licensing, rabies vaccinations, and waste cleanup.

We all love our pets, but not everyone else does. Being a responsible pet owner helps bridge that gap and ensures we can live in harmony.

For more information on animal licensing or animal control regulations, please feel free to contact the City Administrator's office at 934-0663 or by email at barbaral@saintpetermn.gov.

SPRING CLEANUP ASSISTANCE!

CURBSIDE FURNITURE PICKUP - Friday, June 1st – Fees are as indicated below. Pre-registration is required at the Finance Department at 227 South

Front Street by Tuesday, May 29th for this collection. Payment must be made at the time of registration. Items must be curbside by 8 AM on the collection date or you forfeit your fee.

Sofa	\$24.15	Misc. (door, bookshelf, table, etc.)	\$13.17
Mattress or Box spring	\$32.93	Cabinet	\$24.15
Chairs	\$18.66	Chest & Mirror	\$27.44
Recliners	\$24.15	Headboard	\$16.46
Hide-a-Bed	\$49.39	Footboard	\$16.46
Love Seat	\$24.15	Futon Mattress	\$32.93
Bed Frame	\$16.46	Dresser	\$24.15
Desk	\$24.15	Carpet roll	\$21.95 a roll

ELECTRONICS AND BICYCLE RECYCLING - Saturday, June 9th, 10 AM - 1 PM – taking place at the City’s Wastewater Treatment Plant – 400 West St. Julien Street. There is no pre-registration required for this collection and payment is collected by the contractor at the time the items are dropped off. Costs are as follows:

Monitors up to 20"	\$10	Large Printer/Copier	\$25
LCD monitor	\$10	DVD/VCR/cable box	\$5
LCD/Plasma TV	\$20	Stereo system/home electronics	\$5
TV - 19 or 20 inch	\$15	Appliances	\$15
TV - 25 or 26 inch	\$20	Microwave	\$5
TV - 27 or 36 inch	\$25	Computer tower, components, keyboard, mouse, laptop, cell phones, small electronics, batteries (excluding alkaline), heaters	Free
Console/big screen TV	\$40		
Small Printer	\$5		

All bicycles and bike parts will be accepted. Bikes will be refurbished or recycled by an area non-profit organization.

CURBSIDE APPLIANCE PICKUP - Thursday, May 31st, \$15.00 each. Pre-registration is required at the Finance Department at 227 South Front Street by

Tuesday, May 29th for this collection. Payment must be made at the time of registration. Appliances must be curbside by 8 AM on the collection date or you forfeit your fee.

RECREATIONAL FIRE STANDARDS - Are you getting ready for a backyard recreational fire? Before you put match to firewood, please review the standards and guidelines for having a recreational fire.

- Recreational fires must be at least 25 feet from all buildings or combustible materials. Combustible materials are things such as wood, paper, and plastics.
- Conditions which could cause a fire to spread within 25 feet of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition.
- Recreational fires must be constantly attended until the fire burns out completely or is extinguished.
- A minimum of one portable fire extinguisher complying with MSFC (07) Section 906 with a minimum 4-A rating or other approved on-site fire extinguishing equipment, such as dirt, sand, or garden hose shall be readily available at all times until the fire is extinguished. Examples of other approved fire extinguishing equipment would be a charged garden hose, dirt, or sand (and a means of applying it).
- The only materials permitted in a recreational fire are wood from trees, small branches, brush, or charcoal. Treated lumber materials, construction debris, garbage, plastic materials, or waste materials are not allowed to be burned in recreational fires.
- Recreational fires must be immediately extinguished if they pose a fire safety risk, if they are not in compliance with the above, or when directed to do so by a Police Officer, Firefighter, Fire Warden, or DNR Officer.
- The MSFC (07) does not contain any regulations for immediate extinguishment if the smoke from a recreational fire is a nuisance to an adjoining property.



Also please note that Minnesota Statutes defines a campfire as: "Campfire" means a fire set for cooking, warming, or ceremonial purposes, which is not more than three feet in diameter by three feet high, and has had the ground five feet from the base of the fire cleared of all combustible material."

And finally, please help stop the spread of Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) by only using firewood that is from the local area. As required by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, residents are not allowed to import materials to Minnesota that could harbor EAB such as ash firewood. Residents are not supposed to move firewood unless it's MDA Certified firewood (look for the MDA Certified Seal shown here) and are asked to remember that it is illegal to move all hardwood firewood outside of EAB quarantine areas. Let's work together to protect our urban forests from Emerald Ash Borer.

- HELP WANTED** - The City of Saint Peter is currently accepting applications for the position of **DIRECTOR OF RECREATION AND LEISURE SERVICES**- Minimum qualifications include: Bachelor's degree in Recreational Services, Education, Sports Management, Library Services or related field from an accredited college or university; Three years' experience in progressively responsible positions with each of the following: recreational program development, developing recreation program budgets, and employee supervision; Demonstrated knowledge of the principles and procedures of municipal recreational program administration; and previous experience working with the public. Desirable qualifications: More than three (3) years' experience supervising, training and hiring staff; Master's degree in Recreational Services, Education, Sports Management, Library Services or related field from an accredited college or university; Certification as a Parks and Recreation Professional; Demonstrated experience researching and applying for grants; Demonstrated experience working with recreation and facility scheduling software; and more than three years demonstrated experience developing recreation programming budgets. Starting salary range: \$68,000-\$71,000. Applicants are encouraged to review the position profile available at <http://www.saintpetermn.gov/RecreationDirectorProfile2018.pdf>. Applicants must submit a cover letter; resume; minimum of three (3) professional references; Veteran's

Preference form (whether claiming Veteran's Preference or not); and Affirmative Action form (both forms available in the position profile available on the City's website at <http://www.saintpetermn.gov/RecreationDirectorProfile2018.pdf>. Application materials must be received by the City Administrator's Office by no later than 5:00 p.m. on June 14, 2018. Send applications to City Administrator's Office – Attn: Barbara; 227 South Front Street, Saint Peter, Minnesota 56082; or by email at barbaral@saintpetermn.gov. Late applications will not be accepted. Interviews will be conducted June 26, 2018 (with June 28th as the second date if needed). AA/EOE

- PART-TIME BUILDING SUPERVISOR** - The City of Saint Peter is currently accepting applications for the position of part-time Building Supervisor at the Saint Peter Community Center. Minimum qualifications include: High school diploma or equivalent. CPR and First Aid training or ability to be certified within six months of employment. Experience working with the public. Desirable qualifications include: Experience in building maintenance functions. Current CPR and First Aid Certification. \$10.56 per hour. Applicants must complete a City of Saint Peter available from the City Administrator's Office at 227 South Front Street, Saint Peter, Minnesota 56082-2538 or by calling (507) 934-0663. Completed applications must be received by the City Administrator's Office no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, June 1, 2018. Faxed, emailed or late applications will not be accepted. AA/EOE

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	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
Monday	June 4	3:30 p.m.	Housing and Redevelopment Authority
Monday	June 4	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Thursday	June 7	5:30 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission
Monday	June 11	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Monday	June 18	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Monday	June 18	7:00 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Friday	June 22	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau
Monday	June 25	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	June 26	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission
Wednesday	June 27	12:30 p.m.	Hospital Commission
Thursday	June 28	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority



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