

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.

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING COLLECTION – NOTE PRICE CHANGES...The contractor who will provide for the electronics collection has notified the City of a price increase for some pieces. The new pricing schedule is 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		

The electronics recycling collection will be 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.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM - This summer, we will build a better world through books, activities, art and more. Every child; preschooler, school age, Tween or Teen is sure to enjoy this summer's program. The program kicks off on Friday, May 19 with author David LaRoche. This nationally acclaimed children's author will host a storytime at 10:30 a.m. and then be available for book-signing and activities.

Elementary age kids can pick up a brag tag and necklace or key chain and a reading log. Read for 10 days; receive 10 read beads for your necklace or key chain. Keep reading all summer long to build your unique keepsake. Those going into grades 6 and up will receive scratch-off tickets when they check out books. One in four tickets is a winner and there will be big winners in each category with all non-winning tickets entered into a drawing for a Fire Tablet.

See the calendar of family free events posted on the library website, or find one at the library. There is something for everyone. Join us as we build a better world this summer. Here are just some of the upcoming events...

- Lego Day • Lower Sioux Agency Pottery • Moo. Storywalk • MN Center for Book Arts: Pop-up

- Books • Climb Theatre • Folding Block Workshop • David Landau, Musician • Reading Marathon • Ten Pigs Storywalk • LumpaWorld STEM Challenge • Battle of the Books • Family Box Building Event • Draw a Better World Drawing Class

LIBRARY SUMMER HOURS - The Public Library, located at 601 South Washington Avenue, will have the following summer hours beginning June 3rd:

- Monday–Thursday 10 a.m.–8 p.m.
- Friday 10 a.m.–5 p.m.
- Saturday 9 a.m.–1 p.m. (note change)
- Sundays and Holidays - Closed

COMMUNITY CENTER SUMMER HOURS - The Community Center will have the following summer hours beginning June 1st:

- Monday–Friday 6 a.m.–8 p.m.
- Saturday 9 a.m.–4 p.m. (note change),
- Sundays and Holidays CLOSED (except for reservations).



CONSTRUCTION

CLOSURES - Just a friendly reminder that there are several areas within the City that are “CLOSED” for construction. It may include a roadway, the Highway 99 Bridge, a sidewalk or a trail; but

closed means closed – no car, truck or foot traffic is allowed in these areas even if you see a gap in the signage.

Many folks have decided to ignore the signage and wander onto construction sites to see what is going on. Or they see the signage has been moved offering just enough clearance for your car to get through. But don't. Going around “closed” sign is a violation of the law. Officers can and will enforce these regulations leading to some hefty fines. But it's more important that both the public and the workers are kept safe. So please remember that “CLOSED” means the area is off limits to the public and stay away.

Thanks for your help in keeping the work site safe.

2017 RAIN BARREL REBATE PROGRAM: Last year's rain barrel rebate program is back until July 15th. City utility customers who purchase a 45 – 50 gallon rain barrel or rain barrel diverter and parts kit from Arrow Ace Hardware (the only participating business this year) qualify for a rebate on your utility bill.

At the time of purchase, a rebate form will be filled out at the store and the form will be provided to the City for processing. Purchase of one of the qualifying barrels entitles the utility customer to either a \$25 rebate on their utility bill or a \$10 rebate on the utility bill for the purchase of a rain barrel diverter and parts kit. The barrel MUST be installed at a residence within the City of Saint



Peter. Rebates are available to the first 50 qualified purchasers and there is a limit of two rebates per household.

There are all kinds of rain barrels on the market and some are quite decorative like the one shown here.

Why is this program being

offered?

- Rainwater is great for gardens, houseplants, auto cleaning, window washing, and other household chores.
- It provides a way to store water for use on a sunny day.
- It helps keep stormwater from polluting neighboring waters by keeping it where it falls.
- Recycling rain water reduces your personal energy consumption by using less treated water.
- It reduces erosion and increases water quality.
- It reduces stress on the municipal storm drain and sewer systems.

It's that easy to have a positive impact on the environment.

LAWN MOWING REMINDERS – How many times have you mowed your lawn already this spring? Once, twice, more? As residents get into the weekly mowing routine, please remember the following.



First of all.....the need to keep up with mowing. The City has already begun to receive complaints from neighbors about unsightly lawns all over the community. Weeds and grass longer than six inches in height are prohibited by the City Code and if property owners don't take care of their yards, the property own may receive a notice to comply or, in some cases, a citation. If the property owner still

doesn't comply, the City will mow the property and provide the property owner with a very expensive bill.

Secondly.....it is illegal to mow lawn clippings into the street. If someone inadvertently (or on purpose) spreads lawn clippings into the street, it is up to the property owner to make sure the clippings are swept up and properly disposed of. This is easily avoided by simply turning the mower the other direction as you near the curb line.

Finally, residents are encouraged to leave the lawn clippings on their lawns or, if you absolutely can't bring yourself to do so, bag the clippings and dispose of the materials at the yard waste compost site at the corner of North Swift/St. Julien Street. Clippings that wind up in the street eventually find their way into the storm sewer system and travel, untreated, to the Minnesota River. This increases the phosphorus level in the river and endangers wildlife and plant life. For more information about this topic, please visit www.cleanwatermn.org.

SIGN REGULATIONS - With an exception for garage sale and real estate signs, all other signage within the City of Saint Peter is regulated and permitted by the terms of Chapter 38 of the Saint Peter City Code. ***No signage within Saint Peter may be installed, erected or displayed in absence of a permit issued by the Community Development Department.***

The ordinance regulates signage as to its size, height, and location. Additionally, signs established within the Heritage Preservation District are regulated as to materials, design, color and the location of the signage on the building or site.

As the weather improves, the Community Development Department will be undertaking an audit of the sign permits. Signs installed in the absence of a permit will be noted and steps will be initiated to bring the signage into conformance with the terms of the ordinance.

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

The City Council and Hospital Commission will meet in a joint Committee of the whole meeting on Tuesday, May 23rd beginning at 3:30 p.m. in the Hospital Conference room. The City Council will hear presentations from candidates interested in appointment as the Construction Manager for the 2018 River's Edge Hospital and



Clinic Expansion Project. Action by the City Council to officially engage the services of a Construction Manager will occur at a future meeting.



WATER QUALITY REPORT

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 and the City is happy to report that your drinking water is safe!

The United States Congress and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) require all community systems to provide annual reports on the quality of the drinking water provided. This report, prepared by the City, contains information about the water source, treatment, consumer demand, contaminants detected and other information of interest.

The City's report includes the results of monitoring done on the drinking water system for the period from January 1 to December 31, 2016. You can view the results at this link from our City website: [WATER CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT](#).

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.

For more information on the City's water quality, please contact the Public Works Department at (34-0670).

POLICE OFFICERS MEMORIAL WEEK – Mayor Zieman has proclaimed May 14-20, 2017 as “POLICE OFFICER WEEK” in Saint Peter (May 15th was “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.

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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."

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

TOWARDS ZERO DEATHS (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.

River's Edge Hospital & Clinic and the St. Peter Police Department are proud to present the

2017 Bike Safety Rodeo



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 nation-wide 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 and Clinic for a Bike Safety Rodeo, this 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.

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 22	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	May 23	3:30 p.m.	Joint City Council/Hospital Commission Committee of the Whole Meeting–Hospital Conference Room
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.***