

CITY OF SAINT PETER HOT SHEET



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CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS – Action at the City Council meeting held on December 10, 2018 included adoption of the 2018 tax levy and general fund, special revenue, debt service funds; authorization for sale of the nursing home to Benedictine Health Systems; authorization to reimburse costs related to the Minnesota Square Park Pavilion project from future bond proceeds; appointment of former Councilmember Roger Parras to fill the vacancy City Council seat in Ward I; authorization for staff to submit a Safe Routes to School grant application; and adoption of non-union/non-contract wages for 2019.

The City Council also recognized outgoing Councilmember Jeff Brand.

The next regular City Council meeting, will be Monday, January 14th beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Governors' Room of the Community Center.



HOLIDAY CLOSURES – Monday, January 21st is the Martin Luther King, Jr. legal holiday. All non-emergency City offices will be closed for this holiday.

- The City Council workshop that would normally take place that evening has been rescheduled for Tuesday, January 22nd. The workshop will take place at the St. Peter Room beginning at 5:30 p.m.
- City transit services will continue to operate as usual.
- The Library is closed.
- The Community Center will be open as usual; however the Recreation and Leisure Services Department will be closed.

Regular office hours will resume on Tuesday, January 22nd.

SIDEWALK CLEARANCE REMINDERS – It's January and winter is official here. What do winter and

sidewalks have in common? The need to clear those sidewalks of winter snow of course!

City regulations require sidewalks to be cleared the entire width within 24 hours of snow ending. This also includes keeping the sidewalk clear of blowing snow and ice.



It's a hefty charge (minimum of \$75) if City crews come out and do the work for you so, and certainly the Public Works crews have other things to take care of than shoveling sidewalks, so please make arrangements to get those walkways and handicap sidewalk corners shoveled!

TREE TRIMMING – (Not the Christmas tree kind of trimming!) Why is it important to keep trimming our boulevard trees? The City's Parks crews trim trees to raise the tree canopy over sidewalks to a height of 8 feet and over roadways to a height of 14 feet. Not only is it required by City Code regulations, but this allows larger trucks, (garbage, snow plows, etc.), to travel next to the curb without hitting and breaking off lower limbs. This also helps with intersection visibility and street light obstructions. In January City crews will begin tree trimming of boulevard trees on Elm, Pine, Jefferson, Wabasha, and Jackson streets.



Of course this work is weather dependent and may be put on hold if the crew spends lots of time in snowplow trucks!

Property owners are reminded to remove Christmas lights from all boulevard trees when the holidays are over so the lights aren't damaged by this work.

Anyone with questions on the tree trimming work should contact the Public Works Department at 934-0670.



SNOWSHOES

FOR RENT - Bundle up, get outside (when the weather cooperates!), and experience nature. Enjoy the winter by

taking a snowshoe stroll through the woods. The Saint Peter Recreation Department and Treaty Site History Center provide adult and youth size snowshoes for rent. Rental fees: \$5 per pair per day, \$10 for the weekend, (Deposit of \$50 per pair due upon pick up). Adult and youth sizes are available. Please call ahead for larger groups. Call 934-0667 (Recreation) or 934-2160 (Treaty Site History Center) for more information.

WARMING HOUSE HOURS AT VET'S PARK RINKS –

Once the rinks are officially open, the City will staff the warming house with an Attendant who will be on duty during the following scheduled hours:

Mon.–Fri. from 4–9 p.m.,
Saturdays 10 a.m.–9 p.m.,
Sundays 1–9 p.m.

School Vacation Days from 1–9 p.m.

Leisure Skating Only will be available at one of the Veteran's rinks during the following days/times:

Monday–Friday, 6–7 p.m.

Saturday/Sunday from 1–3 p.m.

Warming House/Rink Closure Guidelines: The rink/warming house will be closed if any of the following conditions exist:

Air temperature at -15 or colder,
wind chill temperature at -20 or colder,
temperatures that soften the ice,
more than 1" of snow accumulates on the ice and maintenance crews are not available (e.g. holidays, weekends).

The Warming House/Rinks may also close early due to lack of skaters.

For more information on warming house/rink closures please call the Rec Hotline at 934-0070. We also encourage parents to call the Rec Hotline prior to dropping kids off or sending them to the rink to make sure the warming house is open.

And finally, for more questions please talk with the Warming House Attendant or contact the Recreation Department at 507-934-0667 or by email at jenh@saintpetermn.gov.



NO ICE IS SAFE ICE – If you've lived in Minnesota you probably know that even with our cold temps no ice is safe ice.

Children, adults including ice fishing folks, and even pets should stay off of the developing ice on ponds of water and that includes the Mill Pond, stormwater retention ponds, Hallett's Pond and the Minnesota River. Please be safe.

NO ICE FISHING – The City's Mill Pond is a popular place for fishing during the warmer months;

however, it is not safe for ice fishing. The pond is spring fed and as such, the ice never gets thick enough to be considered safe. The recent warm weather has just exacerbated the thin ice problems and made the situation even more dangerous. The Pond is posted with thin



ice danger signs and anyone who ventures on to the ice will be asked to vacate by Police.

CHRISTMAS TREE CURBSIDE COLLECTION - City crews will collect real Christmas trees curbside on January 7th and 8th. The trees are chipped and used for composting. Residents need to have all decorations removed from the trees and then place them curbside (not in the street). Trees should NOT be in bags. Please remember, no artificial trees, garlands or wreaths will be accepted.

And for those who need or want to dispose of their tree before this time, real trees may be taken to the City's compost site located at the southwest corner of the West St. Julien/North Swift Street intersection.

*****CITY OFFICE PHONE DIRECTORY*****

New To The City? Do you need to contact a City department and you aren't quite sure which one to call?
The list below might help answer your questions:

Police/Fire/EMERGENCY 931-1550 or 911
 Parking tickets
 Safety programs/classes
 Animal impound
 Municipal Campground

City Administrator 934-0663
 General City information
 City Council meetings and Board schedules
 City Code Information
 Public Information Requests

Community Development 934-0661
 Economic Development
 Zoning Issues
 Planning
 Business licensing
 Animal Licensing

Building 934-0662
 Building permits
 Building inspections
 Rental inspections

Finance 934-0664
 Utility payments (billing)
 Refuse collection concerns/questions
 Accounts Payable
 New Utility Account Customer information
 Trash bag sales
 Billing questions

MRVT (Rides and office) 888--880-4696

Recreation and Leisure Services 934-0667
 Program registration
 Youth and adult activities
 Park shelter reservations
 Community Center Room Reservations

Public Access

Recreation Hotline 934-0070
 Cancellations
 Youth Center information
 Senior Center information (934-7434)
 Warming house hours
 Swimming pool hours

Public Works 934-0670
 Electric service construction/repair/outages
 Water service construction/repair
 Wastewater service construction/repair
 Stormwater
 Environmental services
 Streets
 Parks
 Forestry

Public Library 934-7420
 Mondays-Thursdays 10 am – 8 pm
 Friday 10 am – 5 pm
 Saturdays 9 am – 4 pm

Community Center 934-0667

City Information Line 934-0675
 Snow emergency notices
 Electric outages
 City Council agendas
 Meeting Schedules
 Sidewalk complaints
 Snow shoveling complaints
 Weed mowing complaints
 Campground information

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	January 3	5:30 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission - CANCELLED
Monday	January 7	3:30 p.m.	Housing and Redevelopment Authority
Monday	January 7	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Monday	January 14	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting



Monday	January 21		MARTIN LUTHER KING JR HOLIDAY – CITY OFFICES CLOSED
Tuesday	January 22	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Wednesday	January 23	12:30 p.m.	Hospital Commission
Thursday	January 24	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
Friday	January 25	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau
Monday	January 28	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	January 29	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission

****Please note.....due to the upcoming holidays, the schedule of meetings for City Council boards and commissions may be modified. To verify a meeting date/time, please contact the City Administrator's office at 507-934-0663.****