

# CITY OF SAINT PETER HOT SHEET



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- Action at the City Council meeting held on March 12, 2018 included approval of a request submitted by Nicollet County for vacation of the portion of Myrtle Street right-of-way lying easterly of South Front Street; directing staff to prepare a draft ordinance for future Council action raising the age for purchase of tobacco products to 21; adoption of position descriptions for two part-time Recreation and Leisure Services Department positions; and authorization to submit a grant application to the Department of Natural Resources for construction of an asphalt trail and a handicapped fishing pier at Hallett's Pond.

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.

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](http://www.saintpetermn.gov/city).



## 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.

**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.

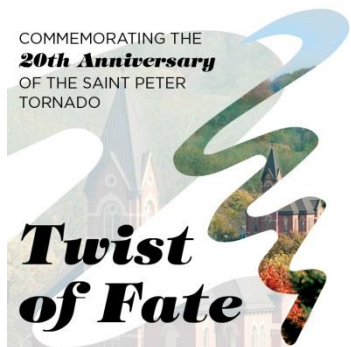
By 9 p.m., the American Red Cross was setting up shelters in Saint Peter, eventually bringing in 600 workers from 32 states and serving over 40,000 meals as the town worked to recover. Over 10,000 people volunteered to help the Saint Peter community clean up and rebuild following the tornado, which was 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. Free and open to the public, the event 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](http://www.stpeterchamber.com/tornado).



**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 license 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](mailto:cindym@saintpetermn.gov).

### PET ADOPTION –

Spring is the time of year for baby chicks and ducks and rabbits.



Sometimes

the Easter Bunny even delivers these little pets as Easter surprises. (Those of us of a certain age may remember the local Ben Franklin store selling these pets at Easter time and their fur/feathers were actually died pinks, greens, blues, and other spring colors. Imagine what PETA would do with that scenario today!)

But before you decide that a holiday is a good time to buy a cute little pet for your kids, please remember that those animals grow up and become a lifetime commitment.

If you are in the market for a new family pet, please consider adopting a homeless animal through Providing Animals With Shelter (PAWS) in Saint Peter, or Blue Earth/Nicollet County Humane Society (BENCHS) or Mending Spirits.

There are many, many pets of all shapes, sizes, ages, breeds, and species, that are in need of a "fur"ever home and while they might not be the cute little baby animal you were originally considering, oftentimes these pets will be the best companions your family could ever ask for.

And don't dismiss the older pets. Older pets make wonderful pets without the hassle of bad habits and potty accidents. You'll get a calmer pet that still has lots of playfulness and lots of love to give.

### ADULT SOFTBALL LEAGUES –

The City of Saint Peter's adult softball leagues are now forming for this year's play. Returning and new teams are all welcome.



Get your friends, family and colleagues together and play ball! League information and registration forms are available at the Recreation Department in the Community Center. Call 934-0667 or e-mail [jenh@saintpetermn.gov](mailto:jenh@saintpetermn.gov) at the Recreation Office to request softball information/registration materials.

Two different leagues are being formed:

- **Men's League–Mondays.** 12-game season. Double elimination tournament to follow end of

regular season. Sponsor fee: \$300, Team fee: \$250. Approximate start date: April 30th.

- **Co-Rec League–Thursdays.** 10-game season. Double elimination tournament to follow end of regular season. Sponsor fee: \$275, Team fee: \$250. Approximate start date: May 3rd.

**HELP WANTED**– The City of Saint Peter is currently accepting applications for the following positions:

- **2018 SEASONAL POSITIONS** – Applications are now being accepted for various summer seasonal positions in the Public Works, Recreation and Leisure Services Department and Aquatics programs. Applications for seasonal positions are available from the City Administrator’s Office at City Hall (227 South Front Street), or on the City’s website at <http://www.saintpetermn.gov/SeasonalJobApplicationForm2018.pdf>. **Deadline for receipt of seasonal applications is 5:00 p.m. on March 19th.**

Please note that aquatics program candidates must pass pre-employment drug test; be subject to post-accident, random, reasonable suspicion, return to duty, and follow-up drug and alcohol testing required by federal regulations. Also please note that for all seasonal positions a condition of employment shall be successful completion of a background investigation and certain positions are also subject to passage of a pre-employment drug test. Must be at least 16 years of age for Recreation and Leisure Services positions; 15 years of age for aquatics positions and 18 for Public Works positions. The following summer seasonal positions are now open:

- **SPORTS COORDINATOR:** Train and supervise staff, organize and implement summer sports programs. Need strong organizational, motivational, planning and leadership skills. Experience with school age children. 35–40 hours/week. Mid May–mid/end of August. Starting wage: \$11.25/hour
- **JR EXPLORER COORDINATOR:** Train, supervise staff, organize and implement summer programs for children completing K–3 grade. Leadership and supervisory experience with recreation activities required. Need strong organizational, motivational, planning and leadership skills. 35–40 hours/week. Mid May–Mid August. Starting wage: \$11.25/hour

- **LITTLE RASCALS COORDINATOR:** Train and supervise staff, organize and implement summer programs) for 3–5 year old children. Leadership and supervisory experience with recreation activities required. Need strong organizational, motivational, planning and leadership skills. 35–40 hours/week. Mid May–Mid August. Starting wage: \$11.25/hour
- **RECREATION LEADERS:** Responsibilities include implementing youth summer recreation and sports programs and special events. Previous experience working with youth desired. Strong leadership and organizational skills required. End of May–mid/end August. 35–40 hours/week. Starting wage: \$10.00/hour.
  - **PART-TIME RECREATION LEADERS:** Responsibilities include implementing youth summer recreation and sports programs and special events. Previous experience working with youth desired. Strong leadership and organizational skills required. End of May–mid/end August. 20–25 hours/week. Starting wage: \$10.00/hour
- **HEAD LIFEGUARDS:** Duties include supervision of aquatics personnel, pool patrons, and pool facility. Must have three years of lifeguard experience. Current WSI, LGT, First Aid and CPR certificates required. Strong leadership background. Minimum age: 18. Starting wage: \$11.50
- **LIFEGUARD/WSI:** Duties include teaching swim lessons and supervision of swimmers. Some maintenance. Full, part-time and substitute positions. Current WSI, LGT, First Aid & CPR Certificates required. Starting wage: \$10.65
- **LIFEGUARD (without WSI):** Duties include supervision of swimmers and some maintenance. Full, part-time and substitute positions. Current LGT, First Aid & CPR Certificates required. Minimum age: 15. Starting wage: \$10.25
  - **OUTDOOR POOL CASHIER:** Duties include collection of pool fees, light bookkeeping, some maintenance and strong public relations skills. Minimum age: 15. Part-time. Starting wage: \$ 7.65 hour.
- **PUBLIC WORKS SEASONAL LABORERS:** Duties include maintaining park and streets, assisting Water, Wastewater and Storm





water departments including mowing, cleaning, weed control, athletic field preparation and other assigned duties. Starting wage \$10.25/hour.

**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	March 14	2:30 p.m.	Minnesota River Valley Transit Board Meeting
Monday	March 19	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Monday	March 19	7:00 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
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.