

# CITY OF SAINT PETER HOT SHEET

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**RIVER'S EDGE HOSPITAL PATIENT AND COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL** - River's Edge Hospital continues to work to fulfill its mission to provide quality health services and vision of improving the health of all the individuals served by announcing the formation of the Patient and Community Advisory Council.

The Patient & Community Advisory Council is a diverse group of community members, current or recent patients, and family members who represent the collective voice of our patients and families. Council members offer advice, information and recommendations to support patient care, planning, and procedures. Information presented by this group provides leaders and staff with a better understanding of how to improve quality, program development, service excellence, communication, patient and family education, staff orientation, education, and patient/family satisfaction and loyalty.

"The formation of this committee is a way to connect the community to the hospital and to use patient feedback to learn what is most important to our patients and their families," said Margie Nelsen, River's Edge Hospital Commission Chair.

Additionally, the administration at River's Edge Hospital views this committee as an important piece of enhancing the quality, safety, and patient experience at River's Edge. "Our leaders and staff work very hard to maintain the exceptional levels of quality, safety, and experience at River's Edge. Having input from former patients, family members, and community members is invaluable as we continue make improvements in these areas," said Stephanie Holden, Chief Marketing and Development Officer at River's Edge Hospital.

In a 2017 publication by the American Institutes for Research, it was found that hospitals using patient advisory councils saw reduced infection

rates, readmissions, length of stays, increases in patient satisfaction scores, and improved efficiencies.

People who are interested in becoming a member of the Patient and Community Advisory Council can download an application at [www.REHC.org](http://www.REHC.org) or request one via mail or email by contacting Stephanie Holden, Chief Marketing and Development Officer at 507-934-7645 or [sholden@rehc.org](mailto:sholden@rehc.org).



**VETERAN'S DAY CLOSURES** - All non-emergency City offices, including the Public Library, will be closed on Monday, November 12th for the Veteran's Day holiday. Regular office hours will

resume on Tuesday.

The Minnesota River Valley Transit system will operate under its' normal Monday schedule.

**HOLIDAY LIGHTING REBATES** - Is it time for you to replace your holiday lights with more energy efficient models? If so, the City is once again offering an LED holiday lighting rebate.

LED holiday lights can save the average family \$50 during the holidays. LED's use up to 90% less electricity and can more than pay for themselves in a single season. LED lights can also last up to 10 times longer than traditional incandescent lighting and are cool to the touch which reduces the risk of fire and personal injury.

Depending on the number of LED lights per string or decoration, City utility customers can earn up to



\$12 per item in rebates. To claim your rebate you'll need to complete a coupon available in the Finance Department, bring your original receipt and the part of the box showing number of LED lights per string or decoration. We'll do the rest. Deadline for submission of the rebate request is December 31, 2018.



**VOTER TURNOUT** – CONGRATULATIONS to all of the victors in yesterday's general election!

As has become the norm in Saint Peter, voting was brisk at our four precincts and Saint Peter voters are to be commended for

an over 80% turnout rate!

Also to be commended are the City's Election Judges. It didn't come to our attention until well after the polls closed, but Governor Dayton had proclaimed yesterday as "Election Judge Appreciation Day" in Minnesota in recognition of the hard work each Election Judge provides to ensure the election process works as smoothly as possible. Hats off to the dozens of City of Saint Peter Election Judges for their work this year!

**CAMPAIGN SIGN REMOVAL** – Anyone who hosted a campaign sign in their yard during the election process is reminded that the deadline for removal of such signs is Friday, November 16th.

**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP** – The City Council will conduct a special workshop session on Tuesday, November 13th at 5:30 p.m. The agenda will include discussion about filling the vacancy that will be created when Councilmember Brand resigns to accept his new position as State Representative.

**CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS** – Action at the City Council meeting held on October 22, 2018 included modifications to the City Code to add an additional permitted use in C-5 zoning districts, establish a residential preservation overlay district in two areas of Saint Peter, and annexation of a 0.67 acre parcel of City owned land directly abutting Warren Park; accept a formal proposal for a five year contract from Advanced Power Systems to maintain the City's emergency generators and the Broadway Generation Plant; approval for modifications to the Community Center lease for St. Peter Community Childcare Center; approval for execution of library services contracts with Traverse des Sioux Library

Cooperative; approval for a request for City Assistance for the Halloween Fun Run; and initiation of the process for assessment of unpaid utility charges and miscellaneous charges.

The next regular City Council meeting will be **Tuesday**, November 13, 2018 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Governors' Room of the Community Center. (It's on Tuesday because of the Veteran's Day holiday.)

**GAS LINE REPLACEMENT** – In the next couple of months Michels Pipeline of Rogers, Minnesota will be installing new gas main in multiple areas within the City. This work is contracted for by the local natural gas company and not the City.

The first area impacted will be within the perimeter of South Minnesota Avenue to South Seventh Street and from Stones Way to Broadway Avenue. The second area encompasses South Fourth Street to Lincoln Drive and from Grace Street to Madison Street.

In the noted areas, crews will be installing a new high pressure gas main with private service lines to follow. This work will continue to the end of the year with crews returning in the spring to finish installing private services. Temporary restoration of the area excavated will be completed by crews before winter with permanent restoration taking place in the spring.

Property owners with questions about this privately contracted work may contact the gas company or the Public Works Department (507-934-0670).



**FALL YARD WASTE COLLECTION** – City crews have been busy picking up fall leaves and garden waste south of Broadway Avenue. Monday, November 5th at 7:00 AM they will begin collecting in areas north of Broadway Avenue. Here are a few tips to facilitate and speed up the leaf collection process:

- Place leaves parallel and adjacent to the curb (within six-feet (6') of the curb line)

- Please do not put leaves in the street, on a tarp, cover with a tarp, or put in bags
- Please do not include animal wastes with the leaves, as the person using the vacuum hose gets covered with a fine dust of whatever is in the leaves
- Please help us serve you better by not placing brush and leaves by curbs, light poles, mailboxes, signs, trees, posts, etc.
- If possible, please do not put leaves on a curve in the street (the machine has a hard time picking up leaves that aren't in a straight line)
- Do not park in front of the yard waste until pick-up is complete (if possible, allow fifty feet [50'] either side of the pile so the machine has enough room to collect the material).
- If you live on a dead-end street, place material on the curb in front of the house, not on the dead-end.
- If you live on a corner lot it is possible that one side will be picked up before the other as the trucks run north to south and then east to west to be more efficient in the collection process. (Suggestion: Place all leaves on the same side of the street if you want all your leaves picked up at the same time.)
- Please share this information with your yard service company as different towns have different regulations.

The collection process is quite lengthy, (it took four 4 weeks in 2017), and in order to complete the process before it snows, crews sometimes have to start the collection before all the leaves have fallen. Collection dates for the areas north and south of Broadway Avenue are rotated each year.

Should you miss the collection dates, don't worry; the City will make a second pass to collect the late falling leaves. If you prefer not to wait, yard waste can be taken to the City's yard waste drop-off site.

*Please note.....Snow may end the process prematurely but leaves, brush, and garden waste can still be taken to the drop-off site.*

**DROP-OFF SITE OPEN 24 HOURS A DAY, 7 DAYS A WEEK** - The brush and soft yard waste drop-off site located at 1128 West Swift Street, (southwest intersection of St. Julien and Swift Streets) with access off West Swift Street, is open year around for the convenience of City utility customers. Materials accepted including brush and soft yard waste. Brush and tree trimmings need to be cut shorter than 6 feet. A separate bunker is now provided for dropping off fill (rocks, dirt, etc.).

This service is provided and funded by the Environmental Service Fee on City utility bills. If you have any questions feel free to call Public Works at 507-934-0670.

**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	November 12		VETERANS DAY HOLIDAY – City Offices Closed
Tuesday	November 13	5:30 p.m.	Library Board
Tuesday	November 13	5:30 p.m.	Special City Council Workshop
Tuesday	November 13	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Friday	November 16		DEADLINE FOR REMOVAL OF CAMPAIGN SIGNS
Monday	November 19	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Thursday-Friday	November 22-23		THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY – City Offices Closed
Monday	November 26	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	November 27	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission
Wednesday	November 28	12:30 p.m.	Hospital Commission Meeting

Thursday	November 29th	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
Friday	November 30	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau
Monday	December 3	3:30 p.m.	Housing and Redevelopment Authority
Monday	December 3	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Thursday	December 6	5:30 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission
Monday	December 10	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Monday	December 17	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Monday	December 17	7:00 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Wednesday	December 19	12:30 p.m.	Hospital Commission Meeting
Monday- Tuesday	December 24- December 25th		CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY – CITY OFFICES CLOSED starting at noon on December 24th
Thursday	December 27	12:00 p.m.	Economic Development Authority
Friday	December 28	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau
Tuesday	January 1		NEW YEAR'S DAY – City Offices Closed

\*\*\*\*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.\*\*\*\*