

# CITY OF SAINT PETER HOT SHEET

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**CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS** – Action at the City Council meeting held on October 22, 2018 action 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.)

**EDA MEETING CANCELLED** – The October 25th Economic Development Authority meeting has been cancelled. The next meeting will be November 29th which is changed due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

**PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING CANCELLED** – The November 1st Planning and Zoning Commission meeting has been cancelled as the applicant for the single action has withdrawn his application.

**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).

**WHERE DO COLLEGE STUDENTS VOTE?** - Are you a Gustavus student and you don't know where to vote for the November 8th general election? College students in Minnesota are allowed to vote in their hometowns either through absentee voting or by driving home on Election Day to cast a ballot...OR... students may also choose to consider their college address as their home for voting purposes. (Keep in mind that it must be one or the other...you aren't allowed to vote in both places!)

This chart shows where a Gustavus student would vote in Saint Peter if they live in Gustavus controlled housing. If students are not already registered to vote, they must bring their student ID to the polls on Election Day and they may use that ID along with the housing list Gustavus provides election officials as their proof of residence. Students who have changed dorms or even dorm rooms since the last time they voted, MUST re-register to vote. Also please note that for voting purposes in Saint Peter, students must use their dorm name and room number as their address. Students are not allowed to use 800 West College Avenue as their voting address because it doesn't provide enough information regarding which precinct they actually live in. For a readable version of the chart, please go to..... <http://www.saintpetermn.gov/news/gustavus-students-where-do-i-vote>.

Students who live off-campus must follow the same voter registration and proof of residence regulations as non-students and can find their

polling places using the Secretary of State's precinct finder at [PRECINCT FINDER](#).

Questions on this information? Please don't hesitate to contact the City Administrator's Office at 934-0663.



**PROVIDING ANIMALS WITH SHELTER WALK** – Thanks for everyone who participated in and volunteered to work at the 18th Annual P.A.W.S. Walk. With so many activities going on in Saint Peter that same day, the number of participants was down slightly

from year's past, but a good time was still had by all.

All proceeds generated from this fundraiser are used to provide medical care and shelter for abandoned or surrendered animals while they wait for adoption by their forever families. The funds are sometimes also used to buy down the cost of adoption for animals that have been in the pound a long time and need a forever home.

For more information on PAWS check out the PAWS page at [PAWS PAGE](#).

**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 crews will begin collecting from properties 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 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)
- And please 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

## WHERE DO I VOTE?

### GUSTAVUS HOUSING - WHERE DO I VOTE?

Polls open from 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

<p><b>WARD 2, PRECINCT 1</b> (Enter Community Center - Door "A")</p> <p>COLLEGE VIEW APARTMENTS CARLSON INTERNATIONAL CENTER GIBBS HALL LUNDGREN HOUSE NORRELLS HALL NORTH HALL PITTMAN HALL PRAIRIE VIEW HALL PRESIDENT'S RESIDENCE RUNDSTROM HALL SOSTROM HOUSE SOHRE HALL SORENSEN HALL SOUTHWEST HALL SWEDISH HOUSE UHLER HALL</p>	<p><b>WARD 2, PRECINCT 2</b> (Enter Community Center - Door "B")</p> <p>ADOLPHSON HOUSE ARBOR VIEW APARTMENTS JOHNSON HOUSE PETERSON HOUSE TEN-O-NINE HOUSE WALKER HOUSE</p> <p><b>W1 P2 (JOHNSON HALL)</b> CHAPEL VIEW</p>
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If you have changed dorms or even dorm rooms since you last voted (even if it was last year), you need to re-register to vote. Your address for voting purposes is Gustavus, Dorm Name and Room Number. **(Students are not allowed to use 800 West College Avenue as their address for voting purposes!)**

All voters living in Ward 2 vote at the Saint Peter Community Center located at 600 South Fifth Street. All voters living in Ward 1 vote at Johnson Hall, Nicollet County Fairgrounds, 400 West Union Street.

For questions on voting, please contact the City Administrator's office (934-0663) or the County Auditor's office (934-7808) or go to the Secretary of State's website at <http://www.sos.state.mn.us/home/index.asp>.

Gustavus Adolphus College students who live off-campus may locate their polling place through the Secretary of State's precinct finder at <http://postfinder.sos.state.mn.us>

- 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 are rotated each year.

Should you miss the collection dates, yard waste can be taken to the City's yard waste drop-off site.

Note: Snow may end the process prematurely but leaves, brush, and garden waste can be taken to the drop-off site.

**COMPOST DROP OFF SITE** – The City's drop-off site for brush and soft yard waste is open year round 24 hours a day. The brush and soft yard waste drop-off site is located at 1128 West Swift Street, (southwest intersection of St. Julien and Swift Streets) with access off West Swift Street.

Brush and tree trimmings need to be cut shorter than 6 feet and 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 customer bills.

**HALLOWEEN SAFETY** – In the next couple of weeks Saint Peter children will engage in one of the most treasured traditions of childhood Trick or Treating! And while this wholesome, family activity brings back memories of our own childhoods, things have gotten a bit more risky for kids these days and children have be wiser and more aware of their surroundings to be safe on Halloween. Here are some McGruff safety tips everyone in the family should be reminded of....

- Never, ever go into a stranger's house while trick or treating.
- Only ring the door of homes with lights on.
- Only cross streets at designated intersections.
- Never cross the



street from between two parked cars. Drivers can't see little ones when they dart out from between a car. Only cross at designated intersections.

- Wear makeup instead of masks which can obstruct a child's vision. That will make it easier for the children to cross intersections and go up and down stairs.
- Keep costumes short to prevent trips, falls and other bumps in the night.
- Carry a flashlight or glow-stick with you. It will help prevent the little ones from tripping over unseen obstacles in lawns and gives drivers a chance to see everyone from further away.
- Costumes may be highly flammable. Make sure to keep dresses or capes far away from any lit jack-o-lanterns on the steps of the homes you visit.
- Teach children not to sample their treats until they are home and Mom and Dad can look through the candy first. Unopened candies or other treats that are in original wrappers are the best bet.
- If you are an older kid or young teen, and going out with friends, make sure that your parents know where you are going and who you are going with.
- Homeowners can prepare for their trick or treaters by turning on exterior lights, removing objects from yards that might present a hazard and making sure that pumpkins are lit with glow- sticks or other non-flammable sources.



Using a little common sense on Halloween night will help make the evening fun for all.



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**JOB OPENINGS:** The following applications are currently being accepted:

- **ELECTRIC FOREMAN** – The City of Saint Peter, Minnesota is currently accepting applications for the position of **Electric Foreman** in the Department of Public Works. Responsibilities include but are not limited to implementation and organization of work, providing general supervision of crews and participating in construction, operation, control, maintenance, testing, and cleaning of electrical

distribution system. Minimum qualifications: high school diploma and satisfactory completion of a technical school program for lineman electricians and completion of a recognized apprenticeship in electrical line work, including five years of responsible experience in electrical distribution systems. An additional five years of experience may be substituted for technical training. Possession of, or ability to obtain, a State of Minnesota Lineman License issued by the State Board of Electricity within six months of employment with the City. Possession of a valid State of Minnesota Class A Driver's License with air brake endorsement or ability to obtain within six months of the date of employment with the City. Possession of American Heart Association Certification as a Basic Rescuer for cardiopulmonary resuscitation and emergency cardiac care or obtain within six months of the date of employment with the City. **NOTICE:** The successful candidate must complete and pass a pre-employment drug test and is subject to post-accident, random, reasonable suspicion, return to duty, and follow-up drug and alcohol testing. Starting salary \$34.24 per hour. Applicants must complete a City application form available in the City Administrator's Office, 227 South Front Street, Saint Peter, Minnesota 56082-2538 or by calling (507) 931-0663. Completed applications will be accepted until 5:00 pm, Thursday, November 1, 2018. Faxed, e-mailed, or late application will not be accepted.

**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	October 24	12:30 p.m.	Hospital Commission
<del>Thursday</del>	<del>October 25</del>	<del>12:00 noon</del>	<del>Economic Development Authority</del> CANCELLED
Friday	October 26	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau
Monday	October 29	3:00 p.m.	City Council Goal Session
Tuesday	October 30	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission
<del>Thursday</del>	<del>November 1</del>	<del>5:30 p.m.</del>	<del>Planning and Zoning Commission</del> CANCELLED
Monday	November 5	3:30 p.m.	Housing and Redevelopment Authority
Monday	November 5	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop

Tuesday	NOVEMBER 6		ELECTION DAY	
Monday	November 12		VETERANS DAY HOLIDAY – City Offices Closed	
Tuesday	November 13	5:30 p.m.	Library Board	
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	
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