

CITY OF SAINT PETER HOT SHEET

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CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS – Action at the City Council meeting held on September 10, 2018 included renewal of the safety program contract with Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association; approval for changes to the Electric Foreman position description; approval of an On-Sale 3.2 Beer License application; authorization to conduct a closed session for discussion of the 2018 Parks Union contract negotiations; approval of the 2018 Parks union contract; and award of the bid for sale of the 2018 Equipment Certificates in the amount of \$305,000 to Hometown Bank of Saint Peter.

The next regular City Council meeting will be September 24, 2018 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Governors' Room of the Community Center.



Emergencies
DIAL
911

FIREFIGHTER APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED – The Saint Peter Volunteer Fire Department is seeking three new Firefighters. These all volunteer positions are a great way to give back to your community.

The position of Firefighter has evolved over the years to become a true "emergency professional". No longer is the job simply a matter of putting out fires. Today's firefighters are team players who are highly skilled in dealing with fire suppression, hazardous materials, and search and rescues.

While the fire service is easily stereotyped as a "glamorous and exciting" job, it is treated with the utmost seriousness and dedication by those who know and understand the profession and the inherent risks involved.

Fire service can prove to be an interesting, challenging, and rewarding career, but it is also one that takes a serious time commitment, even

for volunteers. Applying to be a Firefighter is a choice that should not be taken lightly and should be the result of careful thought and deliberation. It's such a commitment that before submitting your application, interested candidates are invited to bring their family and/or significant other to a special open house for candidates that will be held at the Fire Station (227 West Mulberry Street) on Thursday, September 27th from 6-8 p.m.

More information on applying to be on the City's Fire Department is included at the end of this edition of the Hot Sheet.

TIRE, APPLIANCE AND ELECTRONICS

COLLECTION – the Tri-County Solid Waste office is offering a tire, appliance and electronics collection event on Saturday, October 6th from 9 am – 1 pm at the Nicollet County Fairgrounds (400 West Union Street). This is a collection for Nicollet, Sibley and Le Sueur County

residents only and those wishing to drop off materials may be asked to show proof of residence in one of the three counties.

Here's some samples of costs for these collections:

- Mattress or box springs - \$10 per item
- Appliances - \$10.00 (includes washers, dryers, dishwashers, hot water heaters, furnaces, garbage disposals, trash compactors, microwaves, ranges, stoves, dehumidifiers, freezers, refrigerators and air conditioners.
- Tires (car/light trucks) - \$2.00 each
- Tires for semis/small implements - \$5.00 each
- Tires for large implements - \$10 each

Tire, Appliance, & Electronics Collection
For Nicollet, Sibley & LeSueur County Residents
In St Peter - at the Nicollet County Fairgrounds
400 W. Union Street, St Peter, MN
Saturday, October 6th, 2018 9 am - 1 pm

This is a collection for Nicollet, Sibley & LeSueur County Residents only. Proof of county residency may be requested.

Kids Car seats will be FREE Disposal
Mattress & Box springs will be \$10 per item
Mattresses & Box Springs WILL NOT be accepted if wet from being outside OR is deemed infested

Disposal cost for each appliance is \$10.00
The following appliances will be accepted: clothes washers & dryers, dishwashers, hot water heaters, furnaces, garbage disposals, trash compactors, microwaves, ovens, ranges & stoves, dehumidifiers, freezers, refrigerators & air conditioners.

The contractor has the right to reject any and all appliances that do not conform to their state permit requirements.
Extra fees will be charged for appliances that are not empty.

Car/ light truck tires	\$2.00 each		*Tires on rims will be charged double*
Semi/ small implement tires	\$5.00 each		
Large implement tires	\$10.00 each		

Electronics accepted: TV, computer equipment, stereo, VCR/ CD/ DVD player, copier, cell phone, boombox, fax machine, etc.

TV's any size	\$10.00
Small electronics, cell phones, toasters, etc.	\$5.00
Computer hard drives	\$5.00

For more information, call the Tri-County Solid Waste Office at 507-381-9196
www.co.nicollet.mn.us/180/Tri-County-Solid-Waste

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COLD WEATHER RULE – The State law known as the “cold weather rule” will go into effect October 15th. Under certain condition, this law prevents utility providers from disconnecting a customer's heat source for non-payment of bills. That protects customers from Minnesota's severe winter weather.

Saint Peter customers who fall under the rule are not disconnected during the cold weather rule period. Instead special meters are placed on the account to limit the amount of power used by the customer.

If you have fallen behind on your utility bill, now is the time to stop into the City's Finance Department and make arrangements for payment of your past due account. Payment plans are available and staff is happy to work with you to find a solution that will avoid having a limiting meter placed on your account.

Please contact the Finance Department as soon as possible at City Hall (227 South Front Street), or by phone at 507-934-0664.

TRAFFIC SAFETY – School is officially open and that means a major uptick in traffic both before and after school. You may have already noticed that certain intersections on both ends of the community have become challenges to navigate, especially in the morning.

As we get used to the heavier traffic once again, please remember to:

- Be courteous to other drivers
- Leave early enough to get to your destination without speeding
- Stop for pedestrians trying to cross the street
- Use your turn signal to let other drivers know your intention
- Always stop for a school bus with flashing lights and stop sign extended
- And as always, buckle up and put your phones and other distractions down

And one more thing to be aware of....the City has vacated the road that previously was called Lincoln Drive (the roadway on the east side of the former High School/current middle school). Since turning it over to the School District, the District has, among other things, made changes in traffic patterns on the road and it's no longer a thru road

so please be careful turning into the now private drive.

Here's to a safe school year!

RECREATION DEPARTMENT EVENTS – Lots of offerings from the Recreation and Leisure Services Department in the next few weeks. Here's a sampling:

- Annual Senior Expo—It's a Tasty Life! Stop by the Community Center for the annual Senior Expo on Thursday, September 20th between 2-5 p.m. The day will include flu shots, hearing tests, chair massages, entertainment, swag bags and guest speaker, Hy-Vee Dietician April Graff. This is a free event!
- Adult Pickleball Tournament - Did someone say friendly competition?! Saint Peter's first Pickleball tournament is coming to town on Saturday, September 29th. Categories include mixed doubles, men's doubles and women's doubles. Registration check-in begins at 7:30 a.m. and the games start at 8 a.m. Games will be played at both the High School and Community Center. Registration forms are available at the Recreation Department or on the City's website at www.saintpetermn.gov/recreation. Cost is \$25 per person for the first event and \$5 per person for a second event.

For more information on all of these events, please contact the Recreation and Leisure Services Department at (507)934-0667.

JOB OPENINGS: The following applications are currently being accepted:

- **FULL-TIME BUS DRIVER and PART-TIME BUS DRIVERS** for the Minnesota River Valley Transit System. **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** High school diploma or equivalent; possession of, or ability to obtain within 30 days of employment, a valid State of Minnesota CDL minimum of Class C Driver's License with passenger endorsement. **DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS:** Previous experience working with the public; training in vehicle mechanics; experience operating a two-way radio/phone; and prior bus driving experience. Starting wage \$15.76 per hour. The full-time position includes benefits. The part-time positions do not. Applicants are required to complete City application form available in the City Administrator's office at 227 South Front Street or by calling (507) 934-0663. Completed applications must be received by the City

Administrator's office by 5:00 p.m. September 27, 2018. Faxed, emailed, and/or late applications will not be accepted. If you wish to be considered for both full-time and part-time positions, you must fill out two application forms. **NOTE: The successful candidates for this position will be required to successfully complete and pass a pre-employment drug test. The position is also subject to post-accident, random, reasonable suspicion, return to duty, and follow-up drug and alcohol testing as required by USDOT 49 CFR Part 655 (Federal Transit Administration) and USDOT 49 CFR Part 40. In addition, successful candidates for this position must have a vehicle driving record which is clear of revocations, suspensions and cancellations for the past three (3) years. Applicants may be required to submit to a criminal background check and be clear of convictions for crimes or anticipatory crimes (as defined in M.S. 609.17 and 609.175) within the previous fifteen (15) years

- **POLICE PATROL OFFICER** - The City of Saint Peter Police Civil Service Commission is currently accepting applications to establish an eligibility ranking for the position of Police Patrol Officer. Applicants must have a minimum of two year degree in Law Enforcement from P.O.S.T. accredited college or vocational school or five years experience as a police officer; Possession of a *valid* current Minnesota P.O.S.T. board license or eligibility to *immediately* receive a P.O.S.T. board license; possession of, or eligible for a Minnesota Class D Drivers license; and satisfactory results on recruitment instruments designated by the Police Civil Service Commission, such as oral, written, physical, and psychological examinations. Desired qualifications include: four year Bachelor's Degree in law enforcement or related field; experience in working with a law enforcement agency; and specialized training or certificate in a law enforcement related field; customer service oriented employment history. Probationary pay rate has been established at \$26.77/hour. Applications may be obtained at, and must be submitted, along with a cover letter and résumé, to the Saint Peter Police Civil Service Commission, c/o Saint Peter Police Department, 207 South Front Street, Saint Peter, MN 56082, (507)931-1550, by 5:00 p.m. September 15, 2018. Faxed, emailed and/or late applications will not be accepted.
- **ELECTION JUDGES** - for November 6, 2018 general election. To be eligible for appointment

as an election judge, a candidate must be: eligible to vote in the State of Minnesota; and affiliated with a major political party; and able to read, write and speak English; and appointed by the City Council; and trained and currently certified as an election judge (training is scheduled for Wednesday, October 10th beginning at 6:00 p.m.) An election judge cannot be a candidate in that election (i.e. be running for an office on the ballot used in that precinct); or the husband, wife, parent, step relative, child, brother, or sister of a candidate or another judge in the same precinct; or a challenger. High school students ages 16 and 17 can be trainee judges and we love to work with them. (Students 18 and over can serve as full-fledged judges.) Students must be in good academic standing, and have permission from their school and parents. Trainee judges perform most of the same duties as the adult judges (except those requiring judges of different political affiliations) and are paid for their service. Trainee judges cannot work past 10:00 p.m. All Judges must attend a mandatory training session on October 10th before the election and are paid at the rate of \$10.25 per hour for their service. While most judges work all day (6:00 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.) on election day, some positions will work from 5:30 p.m. until final counting is completed (this can go quite late for this year's election). If you would like to be considered for appointment as an election judge, or for more information on how you can serve your community in this way, please contact the City Administrator's office at 934-0663 or send us an e-mail at barbaral@saintpetermn.gov to request an application. All applicants are required to state a major party affiliation.

- **VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER** - The City of Saint Peter is currently accepting applications for the position of VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER in the Fire Department. Up to three (3) Firefighters will be hired. Minimum qualifications: High school diploma/GED; at least 18 years of age; reside within a six (6) minute response time from the Fire Station; possess a valid driver's license; and ability to read and write the English language. Successful candidates must also pass pre-employment physical, drug and alcohol tests. An open house for interested candidates and their significant others will be held on Thursday, September 27th from 6:00 – 8:00 pm at the Fire Station (227 West Mulberry Street). This event provides an opportunity for prospective

candidates and their family members to ask questions and learn more about what is involved in service as a Volunteer Firefighter. Successful candidates will begin service January 1, 2019 and will be required to successfully complete required Firefighter schooling within one year. Applicants are required to complete a City application form which is available in the City Administrator's

office at 227 South Front Street or by calling (507)934-0663. Complete position descriptions for Firefighters are also available in the City Administrator's office. Completed applications must be received by the City Administrator's office by 5:00 p.m. on October 4, 2018. Faxed, emailed and/or late applications will not be accepted. AA/EEO

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	September 17	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Monday	September 17	7:00 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Monday	September 24	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	September 25	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission
Wednesday	September 26	12:30 p.m.	Hospital Commission
Thursday	September 27	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
Friday	September 28	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau
Monday	October 1	3:30 p.m.	Housing and Redevelopment Authority
Monday	October 1	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Thursday	October 4	5:30 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission
Monday	October 8	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Monday	October 15	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Monday	October 15	7:00 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Tuesday	October 16	until 1:30 p.m.	CITY OFFICES CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING
Monday	October 22	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Wednesday	October 24	12:30 p.m.	Hospital Commission
Thursday	October 25	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
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