

CITY OF SAINT PETER HOT SHEET



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CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS – Action at the City Council meeting held on March 26, 2018 included authorization for refinancing of the 2008B Hospital Revenue Bonds and approval for purchase of a replacement truck for the Public Works Department to be financed by the 2018 Equipment Certificate.

The City Council also met in special session on March 29, 2018 to accept the conditions of the loan being offered by the USDA for the 2018 Hospital Expansion Project.

The next regular City Council meeting will be April 9, 2018 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Governors' Room of the Community Center.

The City Council will meet in a Joint Committee of the Whole with the Hospital Commission on April 19th beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Helen White Conference Room at the Hospital. At 6:15 p.m. the Hospital Commission will meet in special session followed at 6:30 p.m. by a special meeting of the City Council. These three meetings are all to consider bids for the 2018 Hospital Expansion Project.

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.

SAVE MONEY ON OUTDOOR WATERING – Everyone loves to save money, but if you are one of the property owners who haven't yet installed an irrigation meter on your outdoor faucets you could be missing out on big savings!

The City allows property owners to install a 5/8" irrigation water meter on their homes. This meter separately monitors water used outside of the home that doesn't run into the City's stormwater system. Because this water isn't treated, there are

no wastewater charges assigned to the water usage which saves the customer money.

To install an irrigation meter, you'll need a plumbing permit (available from the Building Department for a fee of \$25). The meter is provided at no charge and will need to be installed by a licensed Plumber.

Once the meter is in place, all water used through outside faucets is charged only for the water use – there are no wastewater charges applied.

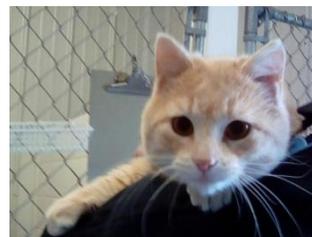
CATS AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION – Been thinking about adopting a furry family member? The Saint Peter pound is currently seeking fur-ever homes for the following cats:



- Angelina – 1 year old female
- Ludo (male) and Winky (female) – 7 month old twins
- Roulett – 8 month male
- Albus – 1 year old male



The adoption fee for each of these animals has been reduced to \$60 and each cat is spayed/neutered and up to date on all vaccinations before being adopted. If you would like to meet any of these cats, please contact Alaina at Kind Veterinary



Center (931-4700) during regular business hours.

TREE CITY USA DESIGNATION – Following the loss of thousands of trees during the 1998 tornado, both the City and private citizens have worked hard to

rebuild and maintain a healthy urban forest full of diverse and sustainable species.

That work hasn't gone unnoticed as the Arbor Day Foundation has once again designated the City of Saint Peter as a 2017 Tree City USA in honor of our commitment to effective urban forest management.

According to Dan Lambe, president of the Arbor Day Foundation, "Tree City USA communities see



the impact an urban forest has in a community first hand.

Additionally, recognition brings residents together and creates a sense of community pride, whether it's through volunteer

engagement or public education."

The Arbor Day Foundation is a million member nonprofit conservation and education organization with the mission to inspire people to plant, nurture, and celebrate trees. More information on the Tree City USA program is available at www.arborday.org/TreeCityUSA.

SUMMER RECREATION BROCHURE - This summer recreation brochure has been mailed and is packed with summer activities and events for all ages including swimming lessons, outdoor pool information, STEM/STEAM activities, camps, art classes, cooking classes, special events and much more.

Recreation Department activities are indicated by a triangle ▲ and Community Education class descriptions are followed by a square ■ and extra brochures are available at the Community Center and Library.

Residents can register for classes online, in-person or by mail. For more information, please contact the City of Saint Peter Recreation www.saintpetermn.gov/recreation or School District Community and Family Education at www.stpetercommunityedonline.com.

ST. PETER READERS - St. Peter Reads invites you to participate in the 2018 Spring Author Event featuring Pat Dennis, *Author, Humorist and Comedian*. Thursday, April 26th at 7 p.m. in the Saint Peter Community Center, Room 219.

Minnesota author Pat Dennis, is an award-winning author and comedian. She is a veteran of 1,000 plus performances in comedy clubs, Fortune 500 special events, woman's organizations, and church basements across the country. She has worked

with such notables as Phyllis Diller, David Brenner, Tommy Chong, and Lewis Black.

Dennis's latest book, *Vegas By Chance*, is the 4th novel in the Betty Chance Mystery series about the adventures of a woman whose husband leaves her for an older woman. Betty Chance is left penniless and deeply in debt. In order to earn a living she opens a tour business for gambling junkies to casinos. Mischief, intrigue, and murder follow Betty and her gaggle of quirky friends to Sin City. Sponsored by: St. Peter Reads, Gustavus Book Mark, Saint Peter Community and Family Education, and the City of Saint Peter Recreation and Leisure Services Department.

BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION - The City Council will meet as the Saint Peter Board of Appeal and Equalization on Tuesday, April 17th beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Governors' Room of the Community Center. (Please note, this is a new location for this meeting.)

Property owners who believe the value or classification which has been assigned to their property by Nicollet County is incorrect are asked to first contact the Nicollet County Assessor's office at 507-934-7060. After conferring with the Assessor, those who are still not satisfied may make an appointment through the Assessor's office to appear before the Board. The Board will then review the valuation, classification, or both if necessary, and consider making corrections as needed. State law requires property owners to appeal to the local board before an appeal can be taken to the County Board of Appeal and Equalization.

For questions about this process, please contact the Nicollet County Assessor's Office at 934-7060.

SCAM PREVENTION REMINDER - During spring and summer, many individuals are swindled and defrauded by transient/traveling criminal groups performing what are sometimes known as "bunco" or "gypsy" scams. In most cases, the perpetrator approaches a homeowner and offers to provide low-cost home improvements.

One of the most common types of scams involves asphalt paving. The perpetrator tells the homeowner they have asphalt left over from another job in their neighborhood and offers to resurface their driveway or sidewalk at a reduced cost. When the homeowner agrees, the con artists proceed to either apply a



thin layer of asphalt that breaks away in a few days, or use a substance other than asphalt. The perpetrators then collect their money and leave before the homeowner is aware of the substandard work.

This scam can also involve the perpetrator partially completing a job, requesting payment and then never returning to finish the work.

Some traveling criminals have also been known to perform exterior home improvements without the permission of the homeowner. This has occurred in cases where the perpetrator made contact with the homeowner, but the homeowner simply took the perpetrator's business card without requesting their services. The following day the perpetrator performs part of the work, and demands payment for the entire job.

These types of crimes are known to increase during the spring and summer months. In these types of cases the elderly are often an easy target. Victims often feel foolish about being taken advantage of and these crimes often go unreported.

Another scam that is often seen in Saint Peter is the door to door magazine selling scam. Young people will show up at the door saying that he/she is "collecting points" by people donating book or magazine subscriptions to achieve a college scholarship. This is typical of scamming agencies and the magazines never appear.

If someone appears at your door to sell you anything, ask the solicitor for their contact information **and** City of Saint Peter permit to conduct door to door sales. (All those doing sales in residential areas, without a permanent fixed office in Saint Peter, are required to have a permit from the City.) If the solicitor won't provide contact info, or doesn't have a City permit, or is hesitant to leave, this is a good sign they are not a legitimate company. Close the door and call the Saint Peter Police immediately at 931-1550. Be ready to provide as much information as you can about the solicitor including description, clothing, vehicle license, make and model, and direction they were going.



REFUSE REMINDER – If you can't close the lid of your refuse (garbage) curbie, it might not be collected. The City's refuse hauling contract only provides for collection of refuse from curbies that can fully close. Those who have excess refuse are required to

purchase a special pink trash bag which covers the extra cost of collection for overflow materials.

Bags are available for purchase at City Hall, where you can buy as few as one bag, or at Arrow Ace Hardware where you will have to buy bags in a package of 10. Cost per bag is:

- 15 gallon bags - \$1.09 (includes tax) per bag
- 30 gallon bags - \$1.65 (includes tax) per bag

Residents who consistently overflow their carts might want to consider switching to a larger size curbie, or signing up for an additional cart. The Finance Department can provide information on costs for both options. (Larger or additional recycling curbies are available at no additional cost!)

In addition, residents are reminded that curbies need to be placed ON the boulevard and NOT in the roadway. Placing the carts in the roadway creates a hazard for vehicles and pedestrians alike so please make sure that the cart is placed ON the boulevard and NOT in the street.

For more information, please contact the Finance Department at 934-0664.

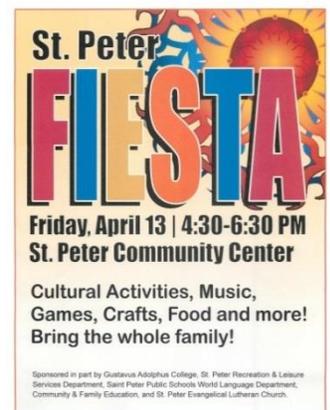
HOME BUYER EDUCATION CLASSES – Are you interested in buying a lot or a speculative home in the City's Traverse Green Subdivision? To qualify for the many financial benefits available to new buyers in this subdivision, you must first complete a "Home Stretch Workshop" training session. Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership is offering one of these training sessions this Saturday, April 14th from 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 pm at the Community Center.

The class is taught by HUD certified counselors to prepare home buyers for successful home ownership. Participants will learn budgeting and money management techniques as well as terminology used for mortgages and loan program options.

Completion of the class may qualify you for special mortgages, down payment assistance or other financing to make home ownership affordable.

For online registration go to www.stpetercommunityedonline.com or for more information, please contact the St. Peter Community and Family Education office at 934-3048.

ST. PETER FIESTA – The public is invited to join in a St. Peter Fiesta on Friday, April 13th from



4:30-6:30 p.m. at the Community Center. This fun family event will include cultural activities, music, games, crafts, food and more. The evening's festivities is sponsored in part by Gustavus Adolphus College, the City's Recreation and Leisure Services Department; Saint Peter Public Schools World Language Department and Community and Family Education; and St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church.

YOUTH ATV SAFETY CLASS - The Saint Peter Police Department and the Nicollet County Sheriff's Office will be hosting a Minnesota DNR Youth ATV Safety Training class on Saturday, April 28, 2018 at 10:00 AM. The class will be held at the Nicollet County Fairgrounds in Saint Peter (400 Union Street).



This course requires that students complete the online training curriculum available through the Minnesota DNR website prior to attending this in-person class.

In order to attend this class, you must pre-register through Officer Jon Hughes of the Saint Peter Police Department. His contact email is: jonh@saintpetermn.gov.

HYDRANT FLUSHING – *Please note date has changed due to recent snow storms.....* Spring hydrant flushing will



begin Monday, April 16th and is expected to be completed by no later than April 20th. Flushing is done between the hours of 8:00 pm and 6:00 am to minimize disruption to our customers.

Hydrant flushing could temporarily make water cloudy. Please check your water before doing laundry. If you have questions about this process, please contact the Public Works Department at 934-0670.

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.

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	April 5	5:30 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission
Monday	April 9	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Monday	April 16		HYDRANT FLUSHING STARTS – please note date change
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.