

CITY OF SAINT PETER HOT SHEET



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CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS – The January 22, 2018 City Council meeting was cancelled due to the blizzard conditions. A portion of the original agenda items will be considered at a special City Council meeting on Monday, January 30th beginning at 3:00 p.m. in the Governors' Room of the Community Center. Any remaining agenda items from the January 22nd agenda will be included on the February 12th regular meeting agenda.

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.

STORM CLEAN UP – There is always a lot of work to be done after a big winter storm. Here are a few reminders you might find helpful:

- City crews have been busy since Monday's storm cleaning up roadways and City owned sidewalks. As our crews work, we hope that private property owners are also doing their own cleanup of sidewalks and handicap ramps. As required by the City Code, property owners are required to remove all snow and ice from the entire width of sidewalks within 24 hours of a snow event including keeping the walkway clear of drifting after the storm is over. For those living at corners, this requirement includes clearing the handicap ramps. Sidewalks that are not cleared as per City Code regulations could be cleaned by City crews at the cost of \$75 per hour (minimum charge) which would be billed to the property owner.
- Private property owners who hire snow removal companies, or those owners who remove large amounts of snow from their driveways or alleys themselves, are reminded that it is illegal to plow that snow out onto the City roadway.
- Carefully remove any excess snow pack from around gas meters. Ice and snow accumulation

can interfere with the proper operation of the gas meter given it needs to be able to release gas in case of a malfunction. Snow removal activities can also pose a hazard to the gas meter assembly or piping and result in a dangerous leak. Remove large icicles hanging over meter assemblies and appliance vents. If your gas meter is near a sidewalk or driveway, make sure whoever removes snow from your property is aware of its location. Use a broom – not a shovel – to clear snow from your meter assembly and vents. If your gas meter is encased in ice, do not attempt to melt and/or chip the ice, as this could cause damage to the meter. Allow the ice to melt on its own.

- Thinking about removing snow from your roof? Think again. Unless you are having ice dam problems you shouldn't need to get up on the roof. Homes in Minnesota are constructed to withstand the weight of a snow pack and in most cases there should be no need to get up on your roof to remove snow. But if you absolutely have to, hire a professional or stand on the ground and use a roof rake.
- Have you considered "adopting" your neighborhood fire hydrant? With the minimal snow we have right now it's a perfect time to start the process. As winter snows begins to deepen, residents can help out the Fire Department by keeping the area around the hydrant shoveled out as shown in the picture. In the event of a fire, this will save valuable time for the Firefighters who respond and may even save a life.



RECREATION HOTLINE – Need to know the schedule for open gym at the Community Center? How

about the warming house schedule at Veteran's Park? Will the weather cause cancellations for volleyball, softball, or summer programs? Don't forget to call the Recreation Hotline at 934-0070 for information about cancellations and schedules for recreation and leisure services programs and activities.



UTILITY BILLS – Did you know that City of Saint Peter utility customers can pay and review their bills online? Although this feature has been around for quite a while, not everyone knows that the service is available. Check out your bill online at <https://stpetermn.enerlyte.com/>.

And if you are not into paying bills online, the City offers automatic bank pay. The amount of your bill is taken out of a checking or savings account on the due date each month. You will still receive a paper copy of your bill each month, but it will be marked "DO NOT PAY – PAID BY DRAFT".

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



METER READERS/MAIL CARRIER HELP - Having a clear path to travel when reading meters helps eliminate slipping and falling over toys and equipment left in the yard all winter and lets the City's Meter Reader staff do their jobs in a safe manner. So, if you can do

so, please help out by clearing at least a shovel wide path to your utility meter each time it snows. Doing so each time you shovel will make the job much easier. Thanks for your assistance!



WINTERFEST MEDALLION HUNT – The Chamber of Commerce's Winterfest activities will be starting soon, including the Winterfest Medallion hunt. As the medallion is usually hidden on City owned property, we would like to extend our annual words of caution to protect City property.

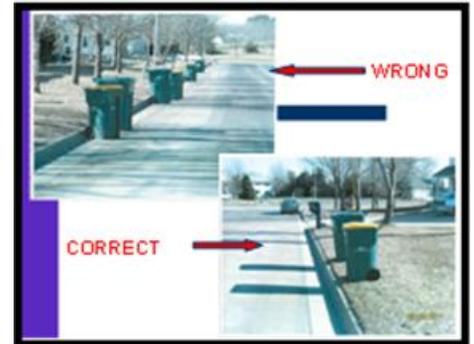
- The medallion will only be located in an area that is entirely accessible by the public. It won't be behind locked doors, gates, or fences.
- No digging is allowed. The medallion is hidden above ground and no digging anywhere on City property is allowed or necessary. Likewise, you won't have to climb a tree to get it.

- Be respectful of public property and be careful not to damage any facilities or structures as you search for the medallion.

The medallion search is a fun event for everyone so please be careful as you search.

CURBIE PLACEMENT – Please help us help the refuse drivers and others who use the roadways by correctly placing your refuse and recycling curbies on collection day.

Curbies are to be placed **ON the boulevard (not in the street)**. In the winter that means some shoveling needs to be done so that there is a clear spot on the boulevard. Please don't wheel the curbies up a hill of snow for collection. Instead, shovel out a nice spot where both the refuse and recycling curbies can be placed and still be three feet apart. This allows the drivers to have a safe spot to collect the materials without posing a hazard to others on the road.



And finally, please don't park vehicles in front of your curbies until the materials have been collected. This will allow the garbage truck to safely pull to the curb to collect the materials without creating a hazardous condition for others on the roadway.

Thank you for your cooperation.

SOBER RIDES FOR SUPER BOWL SUNDAY -

Football fans planning to drink on Super Bowl Sunday (February 4th) are reminded to plan ahead for a sober ride home or call a last-second audible before getting behind the wheel. Minnesota is attempting to have another year without a drunken driving death on Super Bowl Sunday.



Here are some Minnesota law enforcement Super Bowl Sunday facts:

- Between the years 2009-2013 there were 6 traffic deaths—none were alcohol-related.
- DWI arrests on Super Bowl Sunday in Minnesota were as follows:
 - 2016: 125
 - 2015: 156
 - 2014: 182
 - 2013: 147

o 2012: 211

Here's some keys to having a safe Super Bowl Sunday:

- Plan for a safe ride — designate a sober driver, use a cab/public transportation, or stay at the location of the celebration. Let family/friends know you are available to offer a safe ride home if you have NOT been drinking.
- Buckle up — the best defense against a drunk driver.
- Report drunk driving — call 911 when witnessing impaired driving behavior. Be prepared to provide location, license plate number and observed dangerous behavior.

Each year, about 28,000 people are arrested for DWI and one in seven Minnesota drivers has a DWI on record. Those DWI's have big consequences.

A DWI offense can result in loss of license for up to a year, thousands in costs and possible jail time. Repeat DWI offenders, as well as first-time offenders arrested at 0.16 and above alcohol-concentration level, must use ignition interlock in order to regain legal driving privileges, or face at least one year without a driver's license. Offenders with three or more offenses are required to use interlock for three to six years, or they will never regain driving privileges.

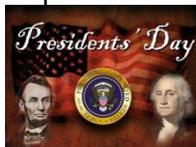
DWI enforcement and education is a component of the state's core traffic safety initiative, Toward Zero Deaths (TZD). A primary vision of the TZD program is to create a safe driving culture in Minnesota in which motorists support a goal of zero road fatalities by practicing and promoting safe and smart driving behavior. TZD focuses on the application of four strategic areas to reduce crashes — education, enforcement, engineering and emergency trauma response.

So enjoy the game (or the commercials), and take a safe and sober ride home!

PARK RESERVATIONS: Do you have a family reunion planned for this summer? How about an outdoor wedding? Maybe a company picnic? The shelters in Minnesota Square Park, Gault Park, the Mill Pond area of Riverside Park and Gorman Park can be reserved for your event by contacting the Recreation and Leisure Services Department. The fee is \$43.00 (plus tax) for residents of Saint Peter or \$55 (plus tax) for non-residents. Please note there may be additional fees if alcohol is involved in your event. For more information please contact the Recreation and Leisure Services Department at 934-0667 or www.saintpetermn.gov/recreation.

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	January 24	12:30 p.m.	Hospital Commission Meeting
Thursday	January 25	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
Friday	January 26	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau
Monday	January 29	3:00 p.m.	City Council Goal Session
Tuesday	January 30	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission
Thursday	February 1	5:30 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission
Monday	February 5	3:30 p.m.	Housing and Redevelopment Authority
Monday	February 5	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Monday	February 12	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Thursday	February 15	5:30 p.m.	Joint City Council/Hospital Commission Meeting
Monday	February 19th		CITY OFFICES CLOSED – PRESIDENT'S DAY
Tuesday	February 20th		CITY OFFICES CLOSED UNTIL 10:30 A.M. STAFF TRAINING



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Monday	February 26	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	February 27	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission
Wednesday	February 28	12:30 p.m.	Hospital Commission