

CITY OF SAINT PETER HOT SHEET



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DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME CHANGE –This Saturday night (November 5th) it's time to “fall back” and change clocks back one hour for daylight savings time.

It's also a great time to remember to change the batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors if you didn't already do so during October's Fire Safety month. And while you are changing out those batteries, check the date on the devices. The detectors are only designed to work for 10 years (or less in some cases) and you may need to replace the entire detector to keep your family safe.

COUNCIL ACTIONS – Action taken by the City Council on October 23, 2017 included approval for creation of Tax Increment Financing District No. 1-22; authorization to execute a development agreement with Growth Holdings LLC for redevelopment of the properties at 1115 and 1123 South Minnesota Avenue; modifications to City Code language regarding adoption of the most current edition of the State building, fire and housing codes; and acceptance of a donation from the St. Peter Baseball Association for a countertop for the new press box at Veteran's Memorial Park.

The next City Council meeting is November 13, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Governors' Room of the Community Center. 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

ELECTION DAY – Tuesday, November 7th is Election



Day in Saint Peter. Here's some helpful information:

- Can't make it to the polls on Election Day? It's not too late to vote by absentee ballot. All voters in School District #508 (which includes all of Saint Peter), cast absentee ballots at the Nicollet County Government Center in the Property Services Department (2nd floor). The office is open regular hours for absentee voting and from 10 am – 3 pm on Saturday, November 4th. Absentee voting is available through Monday, November 6th.
- Polls are open on Tuesday, November 7th from 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- Don't know where you vote? Use the handy poll finder tool from the Secretary of State's website <http://pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us/>. Using this tool will not only provide you with the location of your polling place, but also a map to direct you there and a list of candidates on your particular ballot.
- Voters in Saint Peter cast their ballots as follows:
 - Ward 1 – Precincts 1 and 2 – National Guard Armory, 1120 North Swift Street.
 - Ward 2 – Precinct 1 – Community Center 600 block of South Washington Avenue – Enter door “A” (doors are identified above the door).
 - Ward 2 – Precinct 2 – Community Center 600 block of South Washington Avenue – Enter door “B”.
- Campaigning in or on the polling place property is not allowed. Therefore, voters are asked to remove all campaign materials, flyers, buttons, bumper stickers, and other materials before getting to the polling place. This restriction also includes the parking lots for the Community Center and the National Guard Armory, so if you have visible campaign material in or on

your vehicle, please park on the street on Election Day.

- Interested in who wins? Election results will be posted on the City's website (<http://www.saintpetermn.gov/elections>) and on the Secretary of State's website <http://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/election-results>.

TOWARD ZERO DEATHS HONORS ST. PETER POLICE OFFICER - Congratulations to Saint Peter Detective Matt Grochow who was among the 10 individuals and organizations honored by Minnesota Toward Zero Deaths (TZD) for their work to improve traffic safety. The awards were announced at the statewide TZD conference October 26-27 in St. Paul.



TZD Star Awards are given annually to recognize those who display excellence in enforcement, emergency medical and trauma services, education, engineering, child passenger safety and judicial/court systems. They have shown leadership and creativity in efforts to improve traffic safety throughout the state and build partnerships with others working towards the same goal.

Grochow received the Judicial and Court System Star Award for his work in the Brown, Nicollet and Watonwan counties alcohol and drug courts for the past seven years as the community compliance agent. He also serves as the outreach technician for the 5th Judicial District Ignition Interlock Grant Program. His efforts in these roles resulted in keeping roads safe from impaired drivers.

The Minnesota TZD program is an interdisciplinary partnership with the state departments of Health, Transportation and Public Safety.

Learn more about TZD, including a full list of award recipients, at www.minnesotatzd.org.

ADOPT A SENIOR CAT MONTH - Did you know that November has been designated "Adopt A Senior Cat" month? Shelters around the country have a hard time finding forever homes for older dogs and cats. And while there are currently no senior cats in the Saint Peter pound, we are no different than the rest and sometimes these wonderful pets can

linger in the shelter for months and months. Senior cats are obviously much calmer than kittens but they are still playful, loving and wonderful pets. In most cases cats are considered senior when they are between 7-10



years old, but it's important to note that cats, when kept indoors, can live 15 years or more and lead happy, healthy lives.

So, if you have room in your family for a wonderful senior cat, why not adopt during this special month? Many shelters are also offering discounted adoption fees during November.

For information on adoptable senior animals near Saint Peter, please check out the Saint Peter Pound located at Kind Veterinary Clinic (931-4700), Blue Earth Nicollet County Humane Society shelter in Mankato <http://www.benchs.org>, Mending Spirits rescue at www.mendingspirits.org, or use Pet Finder at www.petfinder.com to expand your search.



WALKING TRACK - Now that it is getting colder again please remember that the Community Center has a walking/running track that is available for use by the public at no charge. The track is available Monday-Friday from 6 am-10 pm (excluding Tuesday from 7 am-10 am when the track is cleaned). Saturday the track is available from 8 am-8 pm and Sunday from 12 pm-8 pm.

So don't let the cold weather take you away from your exercise routine. Come enjoy the indoor walking/running track at the Community Center!

JOINT CITY COUNCIL/HOSPITAL COMMISSION COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - The City Council will meet with the Hospital Commission in a Committee of the Whole meeting on Thursday, November 9th at the Helen White conference room at the Hospital (1900 North Sunrise Drive) at 3:30 p.m. to discuss the Hospital Expansion Project

The Hospital Commission will then meet in a special meeting at approximately 5:30 p.m. followed by a special meeting of the City Council at approximately 6:00 p.m. Agendas for all of these

events will be posted and available on the City's website by November 3rd.

TRANSIT CHRISTMAS GIFTS - Transit tickets make a great gift!! Do you have a relative or a friend who uses the bus and would appreciate the gift of mobility? Minnesota River Valley Transit has books of tickets available that make an excellent gift. Ticket books can be purchased from the



bus drivers, and in Saint Peter at the Recreation Office in the Community Center and the Finance Office in City Hall. For information on the cost of the books, please call (888)880-4696 or visit the website at www.mrvtransit.com.

HOME BUYER EDUCATION WORKSHOP – Interested in buying one of the speculative homes or bare lots in the City's Traverse Green Subdivision? Financial assistance for this purchase may be available for qualified homebuyers in this subdivision. One of the conditions is that the purchaser complete a "HomeStretch" workshop offered through Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership. The next one day workshop is being held on Saturday, November 4, 2017 from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm at the Saint Peter Community Center. This course, taught by HUD certified counselors, prepares homebuyers for successful homeownership and helps participants learn budgeting and money management techniques. The workshop also provides help define mortgage terminology and discusses loan program options as participants go through the entire process of home buying. By completing this class, participants may qualify for special mortgages, down payment assistance or other financing to make home ownership affordable. For more information, or to register for a class, please contact 507-836-1604 or maryb@swmhp.org.



CURBSIDE LEAF COLLECTION – Curbside collection of leaves and grass clippings continues for properties north of Broadway Avenue. Residents are asked to place all leaves and clippings on the boulevard parallel and adjacent to the curb. The crews use a vacuum truck (shown here) to collect the materials so please do not put the leaves in bags as those will not be collected. It is also helpful if nothing is parked in front of the piles which makes it not only easier for the crews to

see the materials, but easier to collect them as the hose won't go around a parked vehicle.

This year's late fall has resulted in many trees not yet shedding their leaves and the collection process is a balancing act between starting early enough to collect from the entire community and being able to end before the snow flies.



Please note that the City plans to do rechecks as the season progresses with additional pickups that are not yet scheduled. Collection for properties south of Broadway Avenue is scheduled to begin on at 7:00 a.m. on Monday, November 6, 2017.

Those who miss the collection are encouraged to take materials to the City's yard waste disposal site at the corner of St. Julien Street/North Gault Street. The site is open year round for use by City utility customers.

For more information on the curbside leaf and grass collection process, please contact the Public Works Department at 507-934-0670. This service is funded by the environmental services fee on City utility customer bills.

PARKS CLOSING SOON - All of the City's parks facilities will close for the season on Tuesday, October 31st. This includes closing and winterizing the bathrooms and drinking fountains.

This work is done to prevent damage to pipes and fixtures that occur when the weather is colder. The facilities are also closed before Halloween to prevent vandalism. Please note that closing of these facilities could occur sooner should the weather become much colder.

Should you have any questions about closing the parks facilities, please contact the Public Works Department at 934-0670.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED - The City Council will soon be considering appointments of City residents to advisory boards and commissions. The various boards are tasked with topics ranging from planning for streets, parks, recreation activities, hospital and library services to considering business loan requests and other financial matters.



Many openings will be available starting January 1st and more information on the various boards,

including the dates/times of the meetings, is available on the City's website. Most terms are three years although some are up to five year terms.

If you live within the corporate limits of the City and are able to volunteer 1-2 hours a month to help the City Council, please consider applying. Application cards are available from the City Administrator's office at 227 South Front Street.

For more information, or to apply to serve on an advisory board, please contact the City Administrator's Office at 934-0663 or by email at barbaral@saintpetermn.gov.

COMMUNITY CENTER ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES –
Looking for new ways to advertise your business? Why not check out the Community Center?

The City has opportunities for businesses to advertise on panels in the Community Center gym where hundreds of people gather each week to

spend time in the gym or on the walking/running track. Activities in the gym include school volleyball and basketball practices and games for middle school and 9th grade teams; noon hour basketball; adult volleyball; open gym; fencing; senior exercise classes; Pickleball; Creative Play Place Fitness Days; special events; and much more including the upcoming General Election. In addition, the walking/running track attracts all ages throughout the day.

The gym has thirty (30) advertising panels and several spaces are now available for rent. Businesses will need to purchase and have a panel installed and then the yearly rent is only \$400.

For information on securing an advertising space, please contact Recreation Director Jane Timmerman at 507-934-0667 or by email at jane@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	November 2	5:30 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission
Monday	November 6	3:30 p.m.	Housing and Redevelopment Authority
Monday	November 6	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Tuesday	November 7		ELECTION DAY – Polls open 7 am – 8 pm 
Thursday	November 9	3:30 p.m. *Time approximate 6:00 p.m.* 6:30 p.m.*	Council Committee of the Whole Meeting City Council Special Workshop Special City Council Meeting
Friday	November 10		VETERAN'S DAY HOLIDAY – City offices closed
Monday	November 13	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	November 14	6:00 p.m.	Library Board
Monday	November 20	5:00 p.m.	City Council Finance Committee Meeting
Monday	November 20	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Monday	November 20	7:00 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Wednesday	November 22	12:30 p.m.	Hospital Commission
Thursday- Friday	November 23- 24		THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY – City offices closed

~~Friday~~ ~~November 24~~ ~~8:00 a.m.~~ ~~Tourism and Visitors Bureau~~ CANCELLED

*The last Tourism meeting of the year will take place on December 8th

Monday November 27 7:00 p.m. City Council Meeting

Tuesday November 28 5:30 p.m. Heritage Preservation Commission

*** Please contact the City Administrator's office (507-934-0663) for up-to-date meeting information.***