

CITY OF SAINT PETER HOT SHEET



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LIBRARY BOARD MEETING CANCELLED – the November 14th Library Board meeting has been cancelled. The next regular meeting of the board will take place on Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. in the St. Peter Public Library Meeting Room. For more information on Library Board meetings please contact the Recreation and Leisure Services Department at 934-0667.



ELECTION RESULTS – Another election is in the books and approximately 16.55% of registered voters (in the City of Saint Peter) cast their ballots yesterday. That is a very low turnout for Saint Peter

voters, even for an odd-year election.

The City Council candidate results are as follows:

MAYOR Chuck Zieman 956

COUNCILMEMBER WARD 1 (vote for 2)

Edward Johnson	387
Susan Carlin	368
Peter Kuhlman	245
Roger Parras	243

COUNCILMEMBER WARD 2 (vote for 1)

Stephen Grams	155
Bradley Devos	120
Terry Bergemann	35
David B. McGuire	32

SCHOOL BOARD (vote for 3)

Drew Dixon	736
Vickie L. Hager	639
Jon Carlson	636
Christopher Harmes	273
Erick Lind	250
Write-in Shanon Nowell	143
Write-in Chris Braun	36

The City Council will canvass the results as part of the November 13, 2017 regular City Council meeting.

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

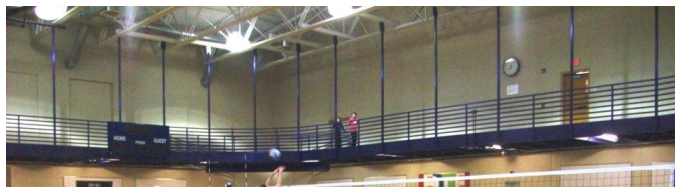


they are still playful, loving and wonderful pets. In most cases cats are considered senior when they are between 7-10 years old, but it's important to note that cats, when kept indoors,

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 followed by a special meeting of the City Council at approximately 6:30 p.m. Agendas for all of these events are available on the City's website.

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.

CURBSIDE LEAF COLLECTION – Curbside collection of leaves and grass clippings continues for properties SOUTH 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.



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.

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 9	3:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.*	Council Committee of the Whole Meeting 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.***