

CITY OF SAINT PETER HOT SHEET



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CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS – Action taken by the City Council on October 9, 2017 included approving work to compile costs and proposed assessments for a possible project to improve North Third Street in the area north of St. Julien Street; retaining Damon Farber to provide landscape architectural services for Minnesota Square Park; approving purchase of replacement SCBA tanks for the Fire Department to be funded by the 2017 Equipment Certificate fund; authorized purchase of an ultrasound, spine surgery table and surgical table for the Hospital; approved City assistance for the Chamber's Halloween Fun Run; approved vacation of a portion of 10th Street lying under Nobel Hall at Gustavus; and approved a Tree Worker license.

The next City Council meeting is October 23, 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.

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.

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

The City has opportunities for business 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.



HALLOWEEN SAFETY – In the next couple of weeks Saint Peter children will engage in one of the most treasured traditions of childhood....Trick of Treating! And while this wholesome, family activity brings back memories of

our own childhoods, things have gotten a bit more risky for kids these days and children have to be wiser and more aware of their surroundings to be safe on Halloween. Here are some McGruff safety tips everyone in the family should be reminded of....

- Never, ever go into a stranger's house while trick or treating.
- Only ring the door of homes with lights on.
- Only cross streets at designated intersections.
- Never cross the street from between two parked cars. Drivers can't see little ones



when they dart out from between a car. Only cross at designated intersections.

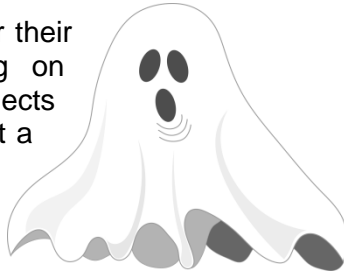
- Wear makeup instead of masks which can obstruct a child's vision. That will make it easier for the children to cross intersections and go up and down stairs.
- Keep costumes short to prevent trips, falls and other bumps in the night.
- Carry a flashlight or glow-stick with you. It will help prevent the little ones from tripping over unseen obstacles in lawns and gives drivers a chance to see everyone from further away.



- Costumes may be highly flammable. Make sure to keep dresses or capes far away from any lit jack-o-lanterns on the steps of the homes you visit.
- Teach children not to sample their treats until they are home and Mom and Dad can look

through the candy first. Unopened candies or other treats that are in original wrappers are the best bet.

- If you are an older kid or young teen, and going out with friends, make sure that your parents know where you are going and who you are going with.
- Homeowners can prepare for their trick or treaters by turning on exterior lights, removing objects from yards that might present a hazard and making sure that pumpkins are lit with glow-sticks or other non-flammable sources.



And one more request....certain areas of the community are having underground utilities installed. They might not be done by Halloween so if you live in one of these construction areas, please turn on some extra lights to make sure the little goblins don't get hurt.

OPEN GYM - Each month during the fall/winter season "open gym" is offered to area youth at the Community Center and the monthly open gym schedules can be found at the Community Center or online through the City's website at www.saintpetermn.gov/recreation.

Open gym is a great time to spend with friends shooting hoops or just socializing. Clean non-marking shoes are required.

Please note that children 7 years and younger must be accompanied by a responsible supervisor who is at least 16 years old.

Some basketballs are available for use, but participants are encouraged to bring their own. There is no charge for this activity; however donations are welcome.

TREE PRUNING NOTICE - During the upcoming months, City staff will be trimming boulevard trees throughout the community. This is done for vehicle and pedestrian safety, and to maintain a healthy urban forest. City regulations require boulevard trees to be trimmed to a minimum height of 8 feet above sidewalks and 14 feet above the street. Should you have any questions, please call the Department of Public Works Office at 934-0670.

CITY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM - It won't be long before snow



starts falling. Want to know when a snow emergency has been declared? Want to be informed of emergencies? Then it's time to sign up for the City's community notification system....Nixle!

Nixle is a community oriented notification system that is used by the City to provide alerts, advisory notices and other community information. Residents must sign up at www.nixle.com to be part of the system. Residents will be able to receive notices from the City Administrator's Office and the Police Department. Individuals decide which department(s) you wish to receive notices from.

Notification is done by text messages, e-mail messages or both. Again, it's totally up to each individual to decide how you want to be notified through the system and how you wish to receive the information.

Nixle doesn't take the place of other forms of communication the City uses. It's simply an additional avenue for staff to get information out to residents. Best of all.....it's free for both you and the City!

So, why not sign up at www.nixle.com and click on "SIGN UP NOW" and start getting messages today!

Questions about Nixle? Please contact the City Administrator's office at 934-0663 or visit the Nixle website for additional information.

(P.S. You don't have to be a Saint Peter resident to sign up for Nixle. If you work in Saint Peter and need to know when bridges are closed, or when a

snow emergency has been declared, or other information, please feel free to sign up.)

PAWS WALK RESULTS – The 17th annual PAWS (Providing Animals With Shelter) walk is in the books and even though the weather was not very cooperative loyal supporters and volunteers came to make the walk a huge success! Thanks to all who walked or volunteered their time to support this year’s walk which raised \$6,981. These funds are used to provide housing and medical care to lost or abandoned



animals like Orsen, (shown here) who was found living under a porch. He is being given lots of love and attention as he waits for his forever family. The pound also has litter of four adorable kittens that were found living in a shed. The kittens will be ready for homes in a few weeks. If you are interested in adopting these kittens or any of the pound animals, please contact CSO Ireland at the Police Department (931-1550) or Alaina at Kind Veterinary Clinic (931-4700) during regular business hours.

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	October 23	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Wednesday	October 25	12:30 p.m.	Hospital Commission
Thursday	October 26	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
Friday	October 27	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau
Monday	October 30	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Tuesday	October 31	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission
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
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.***