

CITY OF SAINT PETER HOT SHEET



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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.

HOMEBUYER 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 helps 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 has begun 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.



HALLOWEEN SAFETY – Next week Saint Peter children will engage in one of the most treasured traditions of childhood....Trick or 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....

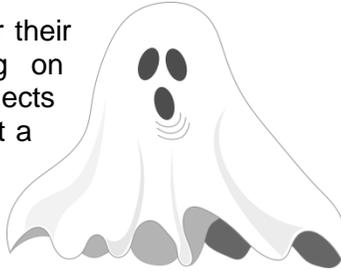


- Never, ever go into a stranger's house while trick or treating.
- Only ring the door of homes with lights on.
- Only cross streets at designated intersections.
- Never cross the street from between two parked cars. Drivers can't see little ones when they dart out from between a car. Only cross at designated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

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.

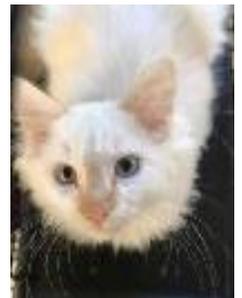
Nixle doesn't take the place of other forms of communication the City uses. It's simply an additional avenue for staff to get information out to residents. Best of all.....it's free for both you and the City!

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.

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.***