

CITY OF SAINT PETER HOT SHEET



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CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS – Action taken by the City Council at the regular meeting of April 27, 2015 included approval to refinance two existing electric revenue bonds for a possible savings of \$500,000; adoption of the 2015 Water Fund budget; an increase in water rates (more information will be provided on the rate increase in a future Hot Sheet); authorization to receive bids for issuance of a \$245,000 equipment certificate; approval of a \$7,000 loan to Chelsie Salonek dba Generations Boutique at 326 South Minnesota Avenue; approval for a feasibility analysis of the City's facilities by Ameresco with a focus on finding energy and other cost reduction opportunities; and authorization for Geldner Underground and Jordan Drilling to provide for boring installation of electric distributions system conduit.

The next regular meeting of the City Council will be Monday, May 11th 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.



POLICE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY – May 15th is "POLICE OFFICER MEMORIAL DAY" in Minnesota and the entire week is celebrated as

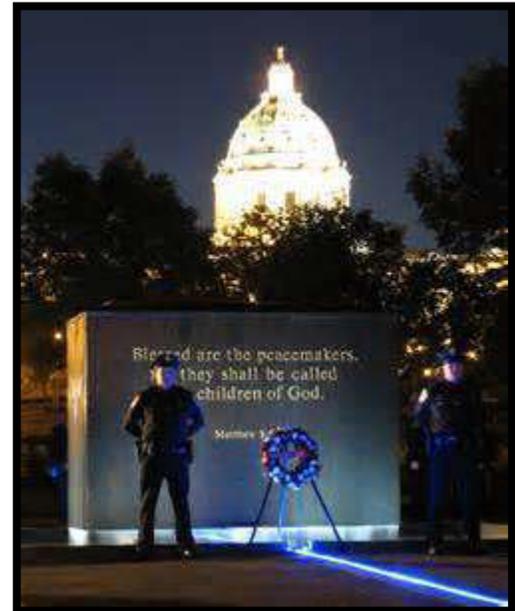
Police Week. This special time is an observance in the United States that pays tribute to the local, state, and Federal peace officers who have died in the line of duty. The Memorial takes place on May

15th each year, and Police Week is the calendar week in which the Memorial Day occurs.

The holiday was created on October 1, 1961, when Congress asked the President to designate May 15 to honor peace officers. John F. Kennedy

signed the bill into law on October 1, 1962. The Proclamation signed by President John F. Kennedy stated in part...*"To pay tribute to the law enforcement officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country and to voice our appreciation for all those who currently serve on the front lines of the battle against crime, the Congress, by a joint resolution approved October 1, 1962 (75 Stat.676), has authorized and requested the President to designate May 15 of each year as "Peace Officers Memorial Day," and the week in which it falls as "National Police Week" and by Public Law 103-322 (36 U.S.C. 175) has requested that the flag be flown at half-staff on Peace Officers' Memorial Day."*

President Obama honored Police Officers in 2013 by stating, in part... *"The 143 fallen officers we honor today put themselves on the front lines of that fight, to preserve that quality of community, and to protect the roots of our greatness. They exemplified the very idea of citizenship -- that with*



our God-given rights come responsibilities and obligations to ourselves and to others. They embodied that idea. That's the way they died. That's how we must remember them. And that's how we must live. We can never repay our debt to these officers and their families, but we must do what we can, with all that we have, to live our lives in a way that pays tribute to their memory. That begins, but does not end, by gathering here -- with heavy hearts, to carve their names in stone, so that all will know them, and that their legacy will endure. We are grateful to them and we are grateful to you."

Saint Peter residents are encouraged to recognize and thank our local Police Officers for their commitment to keeping us all safe as we honor their sacrifices on Police Officer Memorial Day

LAWN MOWING REMINDERS – How many times have you mowed your lawn already this spring? Once, twice, more? As residents get into the weekly mowing routine, it's important to remember a couple of things.

First of all.....the need to keep up with mowing. When properties aren't properly maintained, the City starts to receive complaints from neighbors about unsightly lawns. Weeds and grass longer than six inches in height are prohibited by the City Code and if property owners don't take care of their yards, the property own may receive a notice to comply or, in some cases, a citation. If the property owner still doesn't comply, the City will mow the property and provide the property owner with a very expensive bill.

Secondly.....it is illegal to mow lawn clippings into the street. If someone inadvertently (or on purpose) spreads lawn clippings into the street, it is up to the property owner to make sure the clippings are swept up and properly disposed of.

Finally, residents are encouraged to leave the lawn clippings on their lawns or, if you absolutely can't bring yourself to do so, bag the clippings and dispose of the materials at the yard waste compost site at the corner of North Swift/St. Julien Street. Clippings that wind up in the street eventually find their way into the storm sewer system and travel, untreated, to the Minnesota River. This increases the phosphorus level in the river and endangers wildlife and plant life. For more information about this topic, please visit www.cleanwatermn.org.



BUILDING BETTER NEIGHBORHOODS - In a previous Hot Sheet article we identified the market value per acre of various residential subdivisions in Saint Peter. The analysis is necessary as the City Council makes future decisions regarding the development of a third residential subdivision similar to Nicollet Meadows and Washington Terrace.

At this time we want to analyze the actual tax dollars paid per acre in the public and privately developed neighborhoods. Again, given the density of the two Building Better Neighborhoods (Nicollet Meadows and Washington Terrace), the tax return on the investment is substantial as you can see from the chart below.

Neighborhood	Tax \$ Paid/Acre*
Windsor Pond	\$11,713
Nicollet Meadows	\$ 9,561
Washington Terrace	\$ 8,712
Standard Lumber	\$ 7,754
Lampert Addition	\$ 6,565
Union Street	\$ 6,191
Pine Pointe	\$ 5,578

*Includes solid waste assessment.



BEFORE YOU HIRE A CONTRACTOR...

do your homework! Contractors need a license from the State of Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry (DLI) and before you hire someone, the DLI suggests you ask for the

contractor's license number and contact the Residential Building Contractors division at the DLI to verify the builder is currently licensed.

Other information on the contractor is also available from the State including any history of State disciplinary action against the contractor. And before you sign a contract, make sure the document includes a detailed summary of the work to be done; a description of materials to be used; the total contract price or how the price will be calculated; and specific timelines and provisions that address what will happen if the contractor fails to meet the contractual deadlines. If you have a problem or complaint with a residential building contractor, contact the DLI Residential Building Contractors unit at (651)284-5065, by fax at (651)284-5749; or by e-mail at DLI.Contractor@state.mn.us to discuss your situation with an investigator who may offer suggestions about how to resolve the dispute.

COMMUNITY CENTER ADVERTISING – The Community Center gym hosts hundreds of events each year including volleyball games, basketball

games and tournaments, soccer programs for young children, fitness classes, and even walkers on the track. It's a great place to advertise local businesses and a relatively inexpensive way to get your business information out to thousands and thousands of people. A limited number of advertising panels are available for lease in the

Community Center gymnasium. If your business is interested in advertising in the gym of the Community Center, please contact Recreation and Leisure Services Director Jane Timmerman at 934-0667 for more information.

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 or visit the City's website at www.saintpetermn.gov.

Thursday	May 7	5:30 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission
Monday	May 11	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	May 12	6:00 p.m.	Library Board
Friday	May 15		POLICE OFFICER MEMORIAL DAY
Monday	May 18	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Monday	May 18	7:00 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Friday	May 22	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitor's Bureau
Monday	May 25		MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY – CITY OFFICES CLOSED
Tuesday	May 26	7:00 p.m.	 City Council Meeting
Tuesday	May 26	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission
Wednesday	May 27	12:00 noon	Hospital Commission
Thursday	May 28	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority

