

CITY OF SAINT PETER HOT SHEET



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

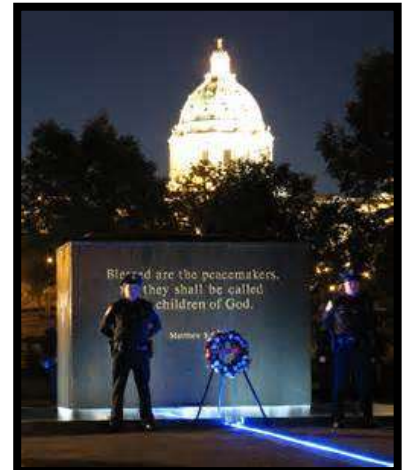
Police Week. This special time is an observance in the United States that pays tribute to the local, state, and Federal peace officers who have died in the line of duty. The “Day” takes place on May 15th each year, and “Week” is the calendar week in which the Memorial Day occurs.

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.



CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS – Action taken by the City Council at the regular meeting of May 11, 2015 included a public hearing and subsequent action to approve a \$500,000 revolving loan subsidy to Kottke Real Estate Holdings, LLC (dba Spring Touch Lawn Care Specialists); award of the 2015 Seal Coat Project bid to Caldwell Asphalt; authorization for execution of an agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation for utility work in conjunction with the Highway 22 Flood Mitigation Project; approval for equipment purchases for River's Edge Hospital and Clinic; authorization for execution of a lease with Brett Annexstad for City owned agricultural land; acceptance of a \$10,000 donation from the St.

Peter Baseball Association for improvements at Ramsey Park; approval of tree worker and raffle license applications; and a closed session to discuss land purchase negotiations for a new housing subdivision and a stormwater detention basin.

The next regular meeting of the City Council will be TUESDAY, May 26th at 7:00 p.m. in the Governors' Room of the Community Center. (The meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday evening due to the Memorial Day holiday.) 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.

STORMWATER WATCH - An illicit discharge is defined as "any discharge into a municipal storm sewer system that is not composed entirely of stormwater". Some of these pollutants are car wash wastewater, gas or motor oil, grass clippings, household cleaners, paints, pesticides, pet waste, solvents, and weed killer. Sometimes these pollutants are carried through the storm drainage system by rain, wind, or improper disposal into the Minnesota River. This can result in serious health and water quality problems. In addition, wildlife and the overall appearance of the river are adversely affected by illicit discharges.



Reporting will, in great part, rely on participation from the public. Residents who observe illegal dumping or observe pollutants within waterways or storm sewers should contact the Public Works Department at 934-0670 or use the "Report an Illicit Discharge" email address located on the City's website in the Stormwater section. This program cannot succeed without strong public participation.

YOUTH CENTER SUMMER CLOSURE - The Third Floor Youth Center will close for the summer beginning May 23rd. The center will re-open in the fall after school starts. The opening date will be posted on the Recreation and Leisure Services website at www.saintpetermn.gov/recreation and flyers will be sent home with students. For more information about the Youth Center, please contact the Recreation and Leisure Services Department at 934-0667.

COMMUNITY CENTER GYM CLOSURE - With thousands of people using the Community Center

gym throughout the year, annual maintenance of the floor surface is needed to keep it in pristine shape. This year's annual floor maintenance will take place from Monday, May 18th through Friday, May 31st and the gym will be closed to the public during this time. The walking/running track will also be closed so no dust, paper, etc. will drift onto the gym floor once the sealer is applied. For questions about this work, please contact the Recreation and Leisure Services Department at 934-0667.

MEMORIAL DAY CLOSURES - All non-emergency City offices, the Community Center, Library and Transit will be closed on Monday, May 25th for the Memorial Day holiday. In addition, the City Council meeting that is regularly scheduled for May 25th will take place on Tuesday, May 26th beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Governors' Room of the Community Center.



SUMMER READING PROGRAM- The Library's summer reading program is now accepting applications through July 31st. The Library is located at 601 South Washington Avenue and can be reached by calling 507-934-7420. This year's theme is "Every Hero Has A Story" and the events will include guest readers.



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.

Leisure Services Director Jane Timmerman at 934-0667 for more information.

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

HELP WANTED – The City of Saint Peter is currently accepting applications for the following position(s):

- **TEMPORARY WASTEWATER LABORER** - in the Department of Public Works, Wastewater Utility. **The projected duration for this position is approximately 90 days and will be completed by August 28, 2015.** Minimum qualifications include a high school diploma or equivalent; possession of a valid State of Minnesota Class A driver's license with Air Brake Endorsement and Tanker Endorsement or to obtain within one month; possession of an American Heart Association Certification as a Basic Rescuer or ability to obtain. Desirable qualifications: Six months experience in a wastewater utility or public works setting; ability to perform heavy manual labor; knowledge of general operations of a wastewater utility; knowledge of methods, materials, and equipment utilized by the department; knowledge of functions of mechanical equipment and machinery; knowledge of OSHA regulations and safety precautions; aptitude for Wastewater Laborer work. **NOTICE:** The successful candidate must complete and pass a pre-employment physical and drug test and is subject to post-accident, random, reasonable suspicion, return to duty, and follow-up drug and alcohol testing required by federal regulations. \$17.68 per hour. Applicants are required to complete a City of Saint Peter application form available in the City Administrator's Office, 227 South Front Street, Saint Peter, Minnesota 56082-2538 or by calling (507)934-0663. Completed applications must be received by the City Administrator's Office no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 27, 2015. Faxed, emailed, and/or late applications will not be accepted. Interviews will be conducted June 3, 2015. AA/EEO

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.

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
Monday	June 1	3:30 p.m.	Housing and Redevelopment Authority
Monday	June 1	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Thursday	June 4	5:30 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission
Monday	June 8	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	June 9	5:30 p.m.	Library Board
Monday	June 15	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Monday	June 15	7:00 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Monday	June 22	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Wednesday	June 24	12:00 noon	Hospital Commission
Thursday	June 25	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
Friday	June 26	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau
Monday	June 29th	3:00 p.m.	City Council Goal Session
Tuesday	June 30	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission