

CITY OF SAINT PETER HOT SHEET



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CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS – Action taken by the City Council at the regular meeting of September 14, 2015 included final acceptance of a project for repairs to the exterior of the wastewater treatment plant; adoption of the preliminary 2015 levy payable 2016; approval of a \$25,000 façade renovation loan for Community Core Partners LLC; approval for City assistance for the St. Peter Ambassador's Oktoberfest event; approved purchase of radiology equipment for River's Edge Hospital and Clinic; accepted donation of a parcel of land (Outlot A in Welco West Subdivision) from Mike and Julie Drummer; authorized Councilmember Carlin to travel to Columbia, Missouri as part of the InterCity Leadership Visit program through Greater Mankato Growth; and approved modification to the definition of the probationary period for part-time employees.

The next regular meeting of the City Council will be Monday, September 28th 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.



MAKES ME WONDER (BY CITY ADMINISTRATOR TODD PRAFKE) – *Underground work...*

A company called Jaguar Communications has been putting in fiber optic cable in a few locations in Saint Peter,

specifically near the Schools and the Community Center,

Someone wondered what the scoop was and whether the City gets paid when companies use the

boulevards? Is this a new cable TV or phone company providing service in town?

The answers are....

The City does not get paid when companies use the boulevards. The company has to take out a permit and post a bond (money to make sure they fix things back up), but no... they do not have to pay to use the boulevard.

The second question is one that I am not able to give a definitive answer about right now. The scoop is that Jaguar Communications has a contract through the State of Minnesota to connect certain educational and library facilities to provide internet service under a 25+ year old program called "Project Socrates".

The program's goal is to provide technology to educational institutions and libraries. In this instance, Jaguar will be paying us, not for use of the boulevard, but for use of conduit the City owns in various areas of the community. It is cheaper for Jaguar to install using the conduit. For the use of the conduit the City gets fiber strands called "dark fiber" that we can use for our computer networks and telecommunication needs. It's a good deal for all.

Will Jaguar provide service to homes and businesses? I think so but have not received confirmation on that. They don't need any special licenses to do that here so they could start without notifying us.

Will they offer cable television (CATV) service? I am not sure about that one. But with CATV, they need to have a franchise agreement with the City before they can offer that service. We have not received a request for a franchise yet. The communications business, whether it is cable TV, telephone or internet, is changing so rapidly and it is all getting blurred together so the traditional boundaries are moving quickly.

Are more choices for service providers better or will there be so many that none can make money so all the service will be not so great? It makes me wonder.....

JOINT CITY PARK/HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT – Did you miss the opportunity to attend last week's "show and tell" event co-hosted by the City and School District on the new park and high school? Check out this link to see some of the displays provided to the public during the show and tell event. ...

<http://www.stpeterschools.org/district/new-high-school/resources.htm#plans>



ABSENTEE **BALLOTS**
AVAILABLE SOON – Absentee ballots for the November 3, 2015 general election will be available from the Nicollet County Auditor's Office beginning September 18th. All voters eligible to vote at the general election, even those in School District #508 living in Le Sueur County, will do absentee voting through Nicollet County.

The ballots contains Mayor, City Councilmember, and School District #508 Board member races.

Absentee voting is available through 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 2nd, but all mailed absentee ballots must be received by the County Auditor's Office by Election Day.

Unsure where to cast your ballot in person on Election Day? Here's a link that will help... <http://pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us/>. Once you have provided your address, you'll be provided information on your polling place and what races are included on your particular ballot. And if you are new to the community and don't know where to find your polling place building, you can access a map to your polling place.

VOTER PRE-REGISTRATION – Not registered to vote? Want to save time on Election Day? Voters have until 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 13th to pre-register to vote. The simplest way to pre-register is online at the Secretary of State's site: <https://mnvotes.sos.state.mn.us/VoterRegistration/VoterRegistrationStep1.aspx>. You'll need some specific personal identification information, but if you don't have it, you can still print out the form and mail in a paper application.

Voters need to register (or re-register) if they have never voted before or have changed residences since that last time they voted.

And if you don't pre-register before the deadline, you can still register at the polls on Election Day. It will just take a little bit longer to vote that day, but

we'll have lots of Election Judges waiting to help you through the process. Unregistered voters will need to provide proof of residence and a list of the acceptable documents is available on the City's website

at http://www.saintpetermn.gov/sites/default/files/documents/admin/ACCEPTED_PROOF_OF_RESIDENCE.pdf.

For questions related to voter registration, please contact the City Administrator's Office at 934-0720 or by email at barbaral@saintpetermn.gov.

FALL YARD WASTE COLLECTION

The City of Saint Peter will be collecting brush and garden waste such as tomato plants, flowers, etc. at curbside the week of September 28th. Brush and garden waste must be placed parallel and adjacent to the curb by 7:00 A.M. Monday, September 28th. No more brush or garden waste will be collected after the week of September 28th.

Leaves and grass clippings will be collected from properties north of Broadway Avenue starting at 7:00 A.M. Monday, October 26th and for properties located south of Broadway Avenue beginning at 7:00 A.M. Monday, November 9th.

The collection process is accomplished by one person driving the vacuum truck with another person walking behind using a hose to collect the leaves and grass clippings. For this reason, please do not include animal wastes with the leaves, as the person using the hose gets covered with a fine dust of whatever is in the leaves.

Leaves must be placed parallel and adjacent to the curb (do not put on the street or in bags).

The collection process is quite lengthy, (it took five weeks for the whole town in 2014), which may necessitate starting the collection before all the leaves have fallen. The street sweeper then goes behind the leaf collectors so streets are cleaned before the snow comes. Collection dates for the areas north and south of Broadway Avenue are rotated each year.

Those living on a corner lot may have one side picked up before the other as the trucks run north to south and then east to west to be more efficient in the collection process. If you want all of your materials collected at the same time, please make sure to pile the materials on the same side of the property.



Crews will only go through an area once; so if yard waste is not out by the dates and times mentioned above it will not be picked up but can be taken to the drop-off site.

To help the City better serve property owners, please do not park in front of the yard waste until pick-up is complete. Note: Snow may end the process prematurely but leaves, brush, and garden waste can be taken to the drop-off site.

The brush and soft yard waste drop-off sites located across the street from the Department of Public Works facility, 405 West St. Julien Street, at the southwest intersection of St. Julien and Swift Streets, are open year around for your convenience in dropping off brush and soft yard waste.

This service is provided and funded by the Environmental Service Fee on utility customer's bills.

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.

ST. PETER AREA BOOMERS AND BEYOND EXPO - Everyone is welcome to attend the Boomers and Beyond Expo on Thursday, September 17th at the Saint Peter Community Center. Over 30 organizations and businesses will be sharing information at tables in the gym. Flu shots will be available (bring your insurance card) as well as health screenings, relaxing chair massages, refreshments and door prizes. Enjoy entertainment by Pengra and Arsenault from 2:30-3:30 p.m. in the Senior Center, Room 219.

At 4 p.m. take time to listen to the adventures of Minnesota journalist, author and travel guide Jim Klobuchar, in the Senior Center, Room 219. In 45 years of daily journalism, Jim Klobuchar's commentary and reportage ranged from presidential campaigns to a trash collector's ball. He has written from the floor of a tent in the middle of Alaska, from helicopters, from the summit ridge of the Eiger in the Alps and from the edge of a sand trap. The event is free and open to the public.

This program is made possible with funds provided by the St. Peter Tourism and Visitors Bureau.

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.

Monday	September 21	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Monday	September 21	7:00 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Thursday	September 24	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
Friday	September 25	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau
Monday	September 28	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	September 29	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission
Thursday	October 1	5:30 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission
Monday	October 5	3:30 p.m.	Housing and Redevelopment Authority
Monday	October 5	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Tuesday	October 6		CITY OFFICES CLOSED UNTIL 10:30 – STAFF TRAINING
Monday	October 12	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	October 13	5:30 p.m.	Library Board
Monday	October 19	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop

Thursday	October 22	12:20 p.m.	Hospital Commission
Friday	October 23	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau
Saturday	October 24	10:00 a.m.	P.A.W.S. Walk
Monday	October 26	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	October 27	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission
Wednesday	October 28	12:00 noon	Hospital Commission
Saturday	October 31		HALLOWEEN FUN RUN

