

# 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 28, 2015 included a public hearing and subsequent action on a request to modify the City Code to allow “food sales” as an allowable use in the C-3 zoning district; award the bid for roof work on the main electrical substation on South Front Street to WEB Construction; approval for execution of two agreements with School District #508 for development of the Magner Farm Subdivision; approval to modify the Hospital purchasing authority; and authorization for execution of a license for Don’s Appliance and TV to use City owned right-of-way.

The next regular meeting of the City Council will be Monday, October 12th 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](http://www.saintpetermn.gov/city).

**MAKES ME WONDER (BY CITY ADMINISTRATOR TODD PRAFKE)** – *The American Dream*....When I was younger, much younger than I am today, I shared a dream with many folks. The dream is something that



advertisers have used in some form or fashion over the years but I have not heard some of those catchy slogans lately and I am not sure why. The “dream” that I am talking about is homeownership.

And one of those slogans was from a mortgage company and went something like this.... “We will help you get your share of the American dream.” or something like that.

Anyway I am not sure that my oldest or his peers see the American dream in the same way. I don’t know that they see that home as the cornerstone of their dream. They may not see it in the same way that I did as our “base of operations”, as a way to invest, as a way to solidify a life with family and with friends. I just am not sure what they see, but data seems pretty clear.

A lot of those twenty somethings are more concerned about mobility and being more fluid in their work situation. They want to be more fluid and they have seen some of us with our homes “upside down” and they are not sure that a prospect like that is for them. They certainly have a dream but their priority list doesn’t always include buying a home. Times have changed....marriage later, college debt.... who stays in any job more than 5 years now?

These are all things that impact how we think about community and how they think about roots and home ownership. While, on the surface this is not a compelling argument to build a home for families to start in, it may be a great argument for us to think differently yet again about housing in our community. It may be strong rational for helping people get started in a place of their own. It may be the theory that goes “if you start here you will find that while owning the house wasn’t part of the your dream, living in this place is great. It is safe with great things to do.”

All of that comes from having that base of operations, that place where you can launch your quest for a full life. I would say there is no better place than Saint Peter for your launching pad.

It makes me wonder.....

**CITY OFFICES CLOSED** – All non-emergency City offices will be closed until approximately 10:45 a.m. on Tuesday, October 6th for staff training. We apologize for the inconvenience.



**HYDRANT FLUSHING** - The Public Works Department will be flushing hydrants beginning October 12th through approximately October 23rd. Flushing will take place between

8:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. to minimize inconvenience to residents. Flushing could make water cloudy or discolored for a short time, so please check your water clarity before doing laundry.

There are numerous benefits from hydrant flushing including:

- Improved water quality. Hydrants are flushed at least twice yearly to remove residue from the main pipe system which helps keep City water clear.
- Fire safety and fire rating – The Water crew tests the flow at hydrants to ensure it is adequate to pump to the City's fire tanker truck. Hydrant flow is also important in helping control fire insurance costs.
- Economic development – Accurate flow information is made available to prospective businesses and industries that may consider locating in Saint Peter.

If you have any questions about this process, please contact the Public Works Department at 934-0670.

**FLUORESCENT BULB RECYCLING** - The City is offering free recycling of up to ten (10) fluorescent bulbs on Wednesday, September 30th, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Wastewater Treatment Facility (east entrance), located at 400 West Saint Julien Street. Additional bulbs may be recycled for a small fee.

This event is open to City residential and small business utility customers (organized for profit and less than 20 full-time employees). For more information and a form to fill out, please go to the City's website at [www.saintpetermn.gov/utilityflyer.pdf](http://www.saintpetermn.gov/utilityflyer.pdf).

**PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING CANCELLED** – The Planning and Zoning Commission meeting regularly scheduled for Thursday, October 1st has been cancelled due to a lack of agenda items. The next regularly scheduled meeting will take place on Thursday, November 5th.

For more information on Planning Commission meetings, please contact the City's Community Development Department at 934-0661.

**THE THIRD FLOOR YOUTH CENTER - ATTENTION FAMILIES of 3-6<sup>th</sup> grade students:** The October 5th opening of The Third Floor Youth Center is delayed due to staffing issues. We are so sorry for this inconvenience. Please continue to return TTF registration forms to the North Intermediate office. If you or someone you know may be interested in the 12.5 hour per week position of Youth Center Coordinator, please email [jane@saintpetermn.gov](mailto:jane@saintpetermn.gov) or call the Recreation Department at 934-0667.



**MAYOR FOR A DAY CONTEST** – What if kids were in charge? Now's your chance to find out! The League of Minnesota Cities, which the City of Saint Peter is a member of, is sponsoring a "Mayor for a Day" contest for children in grades 4th, 5th, and 6th. The contest gives these children a chance to say what they would do as a "Mayor for a Day" in an essay contest sponsored by the League.

For this year's contest, the League is asking students what they would do to get city residents more involved in city government. Three winners will be chosen and awarded \$100. Plus, winning essays will be published in the League's "Minnesota Cities" magazine.

Interested participants may access the entry form at [www.lmc.org/mayorforaday](http://www.lmc.org/mayorforaday). Entries must be handwritten and postmarked no later than October 23, 2015 to: League of Minnesota Cities, ATTN: Mayor for a Day, 145 University Ave W, St. Paul, MN 55103.

**STORY TIME** – A special Story Time has been scheduled at the Library on Saturday, October 10th at 10:30 a.m. "The Truth about Cancer" by Kelly Strenge speaks to children about what cancer is, how it is treated, and the effect it can have on someone's life. Listen to Kelly read her book and then talk about it with the children. Following story time, children will make cards to give to cancer patients at the Andreas Cancer Center. (Half of all book sale profits go back to cancer charities such as Leukemia Lymphoma Society, St. Jude Children's Hospital and Mayo Clinic for cancer research.)



**CO-ED ADULT VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE** - Attention volleyball players! Friday, October 2nd is the

deadline for teams to register for this Monday night recreational, non-sanctioned volleyball league. The season begins on Monday, November 16th and consists of 12 regular season games plus and end-of-the-season tournament. Register at the Saint Peter Recreation and Leisure Services office, Suite

200, in the Community Center. For more information and/or to receive a registration form, visit [www.saintpetermn.gov/recreation](http://www.saintpetermn.gov/recreation), call 934-0667 or email [jenh@saintpetermn.gov](mailto:jenh@saintpetermn.gov).

**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](http://www.saintpetermn.gov).

Thursday	October 1	5:30 p.m.	<del>Planning and Zoning Commission</del> CANCELLED!
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
Monday	October 19	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
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	12:20 p.m.	Hospital Commission
Saturday	October 31		HALLOWEEN FUN RUN
Monday	November 2	3:30 p.m.	Housing and Redevelopment Authority
Monday	November 2	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Tuesday	November 3		ELECTION DAY
Thursday	November 5	5:30 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission
Monday	November 9	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	November 10	5:30 p.m.	Library Board
Wednesday	November 11		LEGAL HOLIDAY – VETERAN'S DAY City Offices Closed
Monday	November 16	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Thursday	November 19	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
Friday	November 20	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau



Monday	November 23	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	November 24	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission
Wednesday	November 25	12:20 p.m.	Hospital Commission
Thursday- Friday	November 26- November 27		LEGAL HOLIDAY - THANKSGIVING City Offices Closed