

CITY OF SAINT PETER HOT SHEET



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CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS – Action taken by the City Council at the regular meeting of August 24, 2015 included approval for execution of a renewal contract with the Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association to provide safety training services for City staff and approval for submission of grant applications to the Department of Transportation Office of Transit for 80% funding for the operational and capital expenses of the City's transit service in 2016.

The next regular meeting of the City Council will be Monday, September 14th 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.

Ed Johnson	Council Ward I
John Kvamme	Council Ward II
David B. McGuire	Council Ward II
Jerry Pfeifer	Council Ward II

It is great that we have people that are interested enough to put down their \$5 filing fee and their names on the ballot to represent you in making decisions for our great community. While the rules are you cannot vote for all of them, I think it is important to thank them all for their interest in service. These jobs are hard and take lots of time and energy and often the decisions that have to be made do not make everyone happy. The job requires homework (and who likes homework). It requires time away from other activities and family. And it requires thought and energy and more than a few evenings each month.

So I would suggest that anyone who has filed should get a big thank you for making official their interest in serving all of us. If you bump into one of them on the street, at the store, at a game or anywhere else, be sure to thank them for their interest in serving.

One last thought. Make sure to also thank the League of Women Voters and the Chamber of Commerce for hosting the Candidate Forums in October. What a great way to learn more about candidate thoughts and views. Watch for upcoming dates that the forum will be shown on public access TV Channel 7.

Will you watch? It makes me wonder.....

MAKES ME WONDER (BY CITY ADMINISTRATOR TODD PRAFKE) – *Representative Democracy.....* That is what we practice in the United States and in Saint Peter. We have an election for City Council, Mayor and

School Board coming up in November. The time for candidates to file for election ended a couple of weeks back and the final list of candidates that will be on the ballot for the City offices looks like this...



<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>
Timothy Strand	Mayor
Chuck Zieman	Mayor
Jeff Brand	Council Ward I
Jill Niebuhr	Council Ward I
Thomas M. Geisler	Council Ward I
Brett Christensen	Council Ward I

NATIONAL LIBRARY CARD MONTH - The most important school supply of all is free and available at the Saint Peter Public Library – a library card! Youth under age 16 just need to come to the library with their parent/guardian to apply for a library card. For those ages 16 and up all that's needed to apply for a library card is an ID with current address or a

piece of mail with your current address. (Application forms are available in Spanish also)

Library cards are free, borrowing materials from the library is free, and materials from the Saint Peter Public Library are FINE FREE! We don't charge overdue fines, but appreciate items returned on time so others can enjoy them.

In addition to an awesome collection of books, the library has DVDs, magazines, audiobooks, free internet, computers, Wi-Fi, meeting/study rooms, game room for kids, author visits, story time and more! Check out the library on the City's website or the Library Facebook page for more information! We hope to see you in the library soon!
www.saintpetermn.gov/library.

PROVIDING ANIMALS WITH SHELTER WALK – The

P.A.W.S. Walk is coming soon!

If you would like to participate in a super fun time raising money to support shelter animals, this is the event for you. The walk takes place on Saturday, October 24, 2015 beginning at 10:00 a.m. It's a Trick or Treat walk where both PETS and PEOPLE are encouraged to dress up in costume. Walkers and their dogs will stop at several treat stops to collect donated items. But remember, it's a fundraiser and now is the time to start collecting pledges for your walk. Pledge forms are available at City Hall, the Police Department, Kind Veterinary Clinic or on-line at <http://www.saintpetermn.gov/paws>. Hope to see you there!



ELECTRICAL PRODUCTION - Did you know that coal still provides 34% of all electricity used in the United States? In 2003, 629 coal plants supplied 50% of all power produced. In 2015 there are just 491 coal plants remaining. While coal still remains the largest producer of electricity, it is easy to

see that coal production has been reduced due to many changes in our methods of finding energy.

So what happened? During the last ten years fracking has been the focus and with this method comes the finding of natural gas which can produce electricity cheaper than coal. Natural gas accounts for 30% of all electricity produced and experts believe it may soon surpass coal as the number one source. Nuclear still produces about 20% of our power with 61 plants scattered throughout the United States. Although most nuclear facilities are

located along the east coast, there are two located in Minnesota.

Hydropower accounts for roughly 7% of the nation's power production with a total of 1,420 plants. One hydro plant located on the Grand Coulee Dam in central Washington State produces about one-third of the hydropower nationwide.

Wind power production has increased coming in at a 1% pace in 2008 up to 4.9% in 2015. This is due in part to the federal government providing tax credits and subsidies. Couple that with the requirement placed on utility companies to purchase a percentage of their power from renewable sources and a sudden increase is realized.

Solar has been the latest to benefit from technology changes producing .6% of all power needs. City of Saint Peter staff has been preparing for solar challenges by examining "net-metering" and other benefits to customers. Solar is predicted to change the landscape of electrical production over the next few years as technology improves and option become available.

For more information on this topic, please contact the Public Works Department at 934-0670.

LABOR DAY



LABOR DAY CLOSURES – All non-emergency City offices, including the Library, Community Center and transit system, will be closed on Labor Day. In addition, the

Community Center will be closed over the Labor Day weekend, (Saturday, September 5th–Monday, September 7th) and the Library will also be closed on Saturday, September 5th.

Regular Community Center (non-summer hours) hours start Tuesday, September 8th. The revised hours will be:

Monday through Friday: 6 a.m.–10 p.m.

Saturday: 8 a.m.–8 p.m.

Sundays noon–8 p.m.

THE THIRD FLOOR YOUTH CENTER COORDINATOR

NEEDED - The City of Saint Peter is looking for a Part-time Coordinator for The Third Floor Youth Center. The position begins in September.

The Third Floor is located at North Intermediate School and serves youth in grades 3 through 6 Monday through Friday from 3-5 p.m. The Coordinator works 12.5 hours/week and the wage is \$13 per hour.

The Coordinator is responsible for the operation of the youth center including scheduling and supervising Gustavus Adolphus College work study students. If interested please contact Recreation

and Leisure Services Director Jane Timmerman by email, jane@saintpetermn.gov, or phone, 507-934-

0667.

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	August 31	3:00 p.m.	City Council Goal Session
Thursday	September 3	5:30 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission
Monday	September 7		LABOR DAY HOLIDAY – City offices closed
Tuesday	September 8	3:30 p.m.	Housing and Redevelopment Authority
Tuesday	September 8	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop Session
Monday	September 14	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	September 15	5:30 p.m.	Library Board
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