

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 22, 2014 included approval of a change order for the Broadway electric generation plant equipment upgrade project; execution of an agreement with MnDOT to reimburse the City for road life lost during the Highway 169 detour on Broadway Avenue; approval for the Hospital to seek bids on a five year equipment certificate; approval for the Hospital to purchase equipment and software that will allow automatic transfer of patient monitoring information and staff transcription and dictation information into the electronic records system; approval for execution of a purchase and development agreement for purchase of Outlot C in Washington Terrace Subdivision by Jay and Holly Tapper; authorization for a Community Center lease extension with Kids' Corner Child Care; authorization for extension of the safety contract with the Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association; approval for repair of a sewer under Highway 169; approval of new business licenses; and approval for modification of the position description for the Accounting Clerk position in the Public Works Department.

The next regular meeting of the City Council will be Monday, October 13th 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 934-0663. Copies of the Council packet are also available on the City's website at www.saintpetermn.gov/city.

HYDRANT FLUSHING - The Public Works Department will be flushing hydrants beginning October 13th through approximately October 24th. 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 residents are advised to check 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 – 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.



CURBIE PLACEMENT REMINDER - Residents are reminded that recycling and garbage curbies are to be placed behind the curb, on the boulevard, on recycling day. Unfortunately more and more homeowners are placing their curbies in the roadway versus on the boulevard and this creates dangerous driving conditions. Pedestrians walking in the roadway or those on



bikes must be further out into the street to pass the curbs and that puts them in more danger.

Keeping curbs on the boulevard will also allow the City's street sweeping activities and snow plowing to take place without having areas that the trucks have to go around.

So PLEASE.....keep your recycling and garbage curbs on the boulevard and out of the roadway to prevent dangerous driving situations.

Thank you for your cooperation.

DOG/CAT REGULATIONS: What would you do if your child was bitten by a dog or cat? How would you find out if the animal has up-to-date rabies vaccinations? If the animal was licensed, one quick call to the City will verify whether the vaccinations are current.

Pet owners in Saint Peter have responsibilities to ensure that their dog or cat is licensed and in compliance with City Code regulations as follows:

- Dogs/cats must be licensed by the City and a current rabies certificate must be provided to the City at the time of licensure. (If the rabies vaccination expires during the 2 year licensing span, an updated copy of the certificate must be provided to the City.)
- Dogs/cats must wear a collar and have a City license attached to the collar.



- Cats must also have a bell attached to the collar.
- Dogs may not run at large and must be controlled by a leash if they are off the owner's property.
- Pet owners are responsible for the sanitation of their pets whether on the owner's property, private property or public property.

- Dogs/cats are not allowed in any City park or playground unless the park is the designated City dog park.
- Dogs/cats are not permitted to disturb the peace and quiet of the neighborhood by excessive barking, howling, whining, meowing and growling.

It's also important for parents to teach their children what they can and shouldn't do when they are around animals.

- Don't approach a strange dog or cat even if it appears friendly. Never reach through a fence to pet a dog.
- Remember to ask permission from the pet owner before petting any animal.

- Don't pick up a dog or cat you don't know. Children often are a little too rough with animals and the animal may strike out in fear if they are being held too tightly or awkwardly.



- Teach your child not to pull on the ears or tail of animals, or pinch, squeeze, or make loud noises. Children should never disturb a dog or cat while it is resting, sleeping, eating, or playing with a favorite toy.

- Mistreating an animal — tugging a tail or playing too rough — usually stems from curiosity or exuberance. Teach your child what the appropriate boundaries are for playing with a dog or cat and prevent both the child and animal from getting hurt.

- If you find an injured animal, don't attempt to help it yourself. Animals which are normally docile and friendly can be aggressive when injured or in pain. Call the Police Department at 931-1550 for assistance.

- Don't taunt dogs that are chained or tied up. Even if the animal seems secure, they can get loose or the child can get too close and get bit.
- Be sure to safeguard your animal's welfare and help your child understand the animal's needs.

Being a responsible pet owner will allow everyone to enjoy companion animals without danger to pets or people. If you have questions about animal control issues please feel free to call the Police Department at 931-1550. For pet licensing information, please contact the Community Development Department at 934-0661 or visit the City's website at www.saintpetermn.gov.

SEAT BELT ENFORCEMENT – Saint Peter Police Officers will join nearly 400 law enforcement agencies in Minnesota in a seat belt enforcement "Click It or Ticket" campaign from October 10th through October 26th.

A growing percentage of motorists in Minnesota are buckling up, but those that buck the trend jeopardize their lives



and the lives of other motorists. Before Minnesota's first seat belt law in June 1986, 20% of front seat vehicle occupants wore belts. Last year, 95% of drivers and front seat passengers were

using seat belts. Enforcement, education and legislative action resulting in tougher seat belt laws are influencing an increasing number of motorists to buckle up. Observational studies showed more front seat vehicle occupants are wearing seat belts than in prior years as shown below:

53% in 1991 64% in 1996
74% in 2001 83% in 2006
93% in 2011

The Click It or Ticket seat belt enforcement and education program is a component of the State's Toward Zero Deaths (TZD) initiative. A primary vision of the TZD program is to create a safe driving culture in Minnesota in which motorists support a goal of zero road fatalities by practicing and promoting safe and smart driving behavior. TZD focuses on the application of four strategic areas to reduce crashes – education, enforcement, engineering and emergency trauma response.

Officer Jay Link of the Saint Peter Police Department works with the Towards Zero Deaths initiative for the Saint Peter community. "Most people get it in Minnesota — wear your seat belt and your chance of surviving a crash goes up significantly," said Officer Jay Link. "The sad thing is teens and young adults too often make the wrong choice about seat belts compared to other age groups, and as a result are involved in more fatal crashes. We ask every person to speak up about buckling up before they drive anywhere."

Police Officers will stop and ticket unbelted drivers or passengers. Seat belts must be worn correctly — low and snug across the hips; shoulder straps should never be tucked under an arm or behind the back.

So remember to "Click it....or Ticket!"

CITY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM - Want to be informed of emergencies? Want to know when a snow emergency has been declared? Need to know when area roadways have been closed? Then it's time to sign up for the City's community notification system....Nixle!

Nixle is a community oriented notification system that is used by the City to provide alerts, advisory notices and other community information. Residents must sign up at www.nixle.com to be part of the system. Residents will be able to receive notices from City of Saint Peter Administration, Police, Recreation and Leisure

Services, and/or the Public Works Department. Individuals decide which department(s) you wish to receive notices from.

Notification is done by text messages, e-mail messages or both. Again, it's totally up to each individual to decide how you want to be notified through the system and how you wish to receive the information.

Nixle doesn't take the place of other forms of communication the City uses. It's simply an additional avenue for staff to get information out to residents. Best of all.....it's free for both you and the City!

So, why not sign up at www.nixle.com and click on "SIGN UP NOW" and start getting messages today!

Questions about Nixle? Please contact the City Administrator's office at 934-0663 or visit the Nixle website for additional information.

(P.S. You don't have to be a Saint Peter resident to sign up for Nixle. If you work in Saint Peter and need to know when bridges are closed, or when a snow emergency has been declared, or other information, please feel free to sign up.)

TIRE, APPLIANCE, ELECTRONICS COLLECTION -

Have broken appliances or electronics sitting around the house collecting dust? How about unusual tires? October 18th is the date you can clean up all those unusable items!



Tri-County Solid Waste Office is sponsoring a collection of tires, appliances and electronics for residents of Nicollet, Sibley and Le Sueur County on Saturday, October 18th from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Nicollet County Fairgrounds (400 West Union Street) in Saint Peter.

Appliance disposal cost is only \$8; tires can go for as little as \$1 each (depending on size); and electronics range from \$4 for a computer hard drive to \$10 for and tvs 19" and larger.



For more details on this collection, please contact the Tri-County office at 507-381-9196 or on the web at www.co.sibley.mn.us and click on Tri-County under the Departments tab.

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.

Wednesday October 1 5:30 p.m. Planning and Zoning Commission

Monday	October 6	3:30 p.m.	Housing and Redevelopment Authority
Monday	October 6	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Saturday	October 11		PAWS Walk Fundraiser
Monday	October 13	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	October 14		Deadline for Voter Pre-registration
Saturday	October 18	9 am – 2:00 pm	Tire, Appliance and Electronics Collection Nicollet County Fairgrounds
Monday	October 20	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Monday	October 20	7:00 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Thursday	October 23	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
Friday	October 24	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau
Monday	October 27	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	October 28	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission
Wednesday	October 29	12:00 noon	Hospital Commission