



CITY OF SAINT PETER HOT SHEET



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CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS – Action taken by the City Council at the regular meeting of October 27, 2014 included a public hearing and action to approve the final layout of MnDOT's Highway 22 project and an exchange of land between the City and MnDOT; approval of the 2015 budgets for the Stormwater, Wastewater, and Environmental Services funds; award of the bid for Hospital Equipment Certificates to Nicollet County Bank; authorization to begin the assessment process for unpaid utility bills and miscellaneous charges; approval for modifications to the revolving loan provided to Inspire Bridal Boutique; approval of a temporary closure of South Seventh Street between Elm/St. Paul on October 29th; and a closed session to discuss union negotiations with the Police Officer and Communications Technician unions.

The next regular meeting of the City Council will be Monday, November 10th 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.



LAST MINUTE ELECTION

REMINDERS – The general election is less than one week away. For those who still have election questions here's some info that may help:

- Absentee Voting - Don't feel like going to the polls on Election Day but still want to vote? Voters in Minnesota now have the option of voting by absentee without having to give a reason. Previously voters had to

state one of several reasons allowed under Statute for voting by absentee. But recent legislative action has eliminated the need to give a reason for voting absentee and now anyone can do so. Absentee ballots are available from the Nicollet County Auditor Treasurer's Office (501 South Minnesota Avenue) during regular business hours and on Saturday, November 1st from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Absentee voting will continue until 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 3rd. Voters will need to fill out an absentee ballot application which can be obtained either from the Auditor-Treasurer's office or online at



<https://mnvotes.sos.state.mn.us/ABRegistration/ABRegistrationStep1.aspx>. All absentee ballots must be received by the Auditor-Treasurer by Election Day or the ballots won't be counted.

- Where do I vote? - If you are unsure where you polling place is, check out the Secretary of State's polling place finder at <http://pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us/>. Not only will it provide info on the ward and precinct a voter resides in, but it provides maps to the polling place as well as information on what is on the ballot.
- Voting Hours – Polls open on Tuesday, November 4th beginning at 7:00 a.m. and continue until 8:00 p.m. Lines tend to be the longest first thing in the morning and between 4-6 pm.
- Campaign Materials – Campaign materials like buttons, flyers, t-shirts and the like are not allowed in the polling place on Election Day. Under State law, the parking lots of the two City polling places (Community Center and Armory), are considered part of the polling place and as such voters should

note that if your vehicle contains a bumper sticker or other campaign material, you are not allowed to park in the parking lot. Feel free to park on the street however.

- How do I register to vote? In Minnesota voters are allowed to register at the polls on Election Day. You will be required to provide one or more of the acceptable proofs of residence. That information is available on the following website: <http://mnvotesinfo.sos.state.mn.us/voters/voter-registration/register-on-election-day/>. Election Judges will be standing by in each polling place to help you register.
- Other voting questions? If you still have questions about the voting process, please contact the City Administrator's Office at 934-0663.

WHERE DO COLLEGE STUDENTS VOTE? - Are you a Gustavus student and you don't know where to vote for the November 4th general election? College students in Minnesota are allowed to vote in their hometowns either through absentee voting or by driving home on Election Day to cast a ballot.....OR.....students may also choose to consider their college address as their home for voting purposes. (Keep in mind that it must be one or the other....you aren't allowed to vote in both places!)

This chart shows where a Gustavus student would vote in Saint Peter if they live in college controlled housing. If students are not already registered to vote, they must bring their student ID to the polls on Election Day and they may use that ID along with the housing list Gustavus provides election officials as their proof of residence. Students who have changed dorms or even dorm rooms since the last time they voted, MUST re-register to vote. Also please note that for voting purposes in Saint Peter, students must use their dorm name and room number as their address. Students are not allowed to use 800 West College Avenue as their voting address.

WHERE DO I VOTE?
GUSTAVUS HOUSING - WHERE DO I VOTE?
 General Election - Tuesday, November 4, 2014
 Polls open from 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

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If you have changed since it is time about 2014-2015, you need to re-register to vote. Your address for voting purposes is Gustavus, 800 West College Avenue, Saint Peter, MN 56082. Students are not allowed to use 800 West College Avenue as their address for voting purposes.

We have a lot of voting locations in Saint Peter Community Center located at 800 West College Avenue. All voters bring to Ward 2, one of the Saint Peter Community Center locations at 800 West College Avenue. All voters bring to Ward 2, one of the Housing Center Areas located at 1101 South 3rd Street.

For assistance on voting, please contact the City Administrator's Office (934-0663) or the County Auditor's Office (934-0663) or go to the Secretary of State's website at <http://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections>.

Students may bring college students and their ID to the polls, but they must bring their student ID through the Secretary of State's website at <http://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections>.

Students who live off-campus must follow the same voter registration and proof of residence regulations as non-students and can find their polling places using the Secretary of State's precinct finder at <http://pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us/>.

Questions on this information? Please don't hesitate to contact the City Administrator's Office at 934-0663.

POLICE OFFER HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS -

Halloween is a cherished tradition that children look forward to. To help keep your trick-or-treaters, you, and your house safe, the Saint Peter Police Department offers the following safety tips:

BEFORE HALLOWEEN:

- Plan costumes that are bright and reflective. Make sure that shoes fit well and that costumes are short enough to prevent tripping, entanglement or contact with flame.
- Consider adding reflective tape or stripes to costumes and trick-or-treat bags for greater visibility.
- Secure emergency identification (name, address, phone number) discreetly within Halloween attire or on a bracelet.
- Because a mask can limit or block eyesight, consider non-toxic and hypoallergenic makeup or a decorative hat as a safe alternative.
- When shopping for costumes, wigs and accessories, purchase only those with a label indicating they are flame resistant.
- Think twice before using simulated knives, guns or swords. If such props must be used, be certain they do not appear authentic and are soft and flexible to prevent injury.
- Obtain flashlights with fresh batteries for all children and their escorts.
- Plan ahead to use only battery powered lanterns or chemical light sticks in place of candles in decorations and costumes.
- This is also a great time to buy fresh batteries for your home smoke alarms.
- Teach children their home phone number and how to call 9-1-1 if they have an emergency or become lost. Remind them that 9-1-1 can be dialed free from any phone.
- Review with your children the principle of "Stop-Drop-Roll", should their clothes catch on fire.
- Openly discuss appropriate and inappropriate behavior at Halloween time.



- Consider purchasing individually packaged healthy food alternatives (or safe non-food treats) for those who visit your home.
- Take extra effort to eliminate tripping hazards on your porch and walkway. Check around your property for flower pots, low tree limbs, support wires or garden hoses that may prove hazardous to young children rushing from house to house.

FUN ALTERNATIVES:

- Find a special event or start one in your own neighborhood.
- Community centers, shopping malls and houses of worship may have organized festivities.
- Share the fun by arranging a visit to a retirement home or senior center.
- Create an alliance with college fraternities, sororities or service clubs for children's face painting or a carnival.

BEFORE NIGHTFALL ON HALLOWEEN:

- A good meal prior to parties and trick-or-treating will discourage youngsters from filling up on Halloween treats.
- Consider fire safety when decorating. Do not overload electrical outlets with holiday lighting or special effects, and do not block exit doors.
- While children can help with the fun of designing a Jack O' Lantern, leave the carving to adults.
- Always keep Jack O' Lanterns and hot electric lamps far away from drapes, decorations, flammable materials or areas where children and pets will be standing or walking.
- Plan and review with your children the route and behavior which is acceptable to you.
- Do not permit children to bicycle, roller-blade or skateboard while trick or treating.
- Agree on a specific time when revelers must return home.
- Along with flashlights for all, older children and escorts should wear a wristwatch and carry coins for non-emergency phone calls or carry a cell phone.
- Confine, segregate or otherwise prepare household pets for an evening of frightful sights and sounds. Be sure that all dogs and cats are wearing collars and proper identification tags. Consult your veterinarian for further advice.
- Remind all household drivers to remain cautious and drive slowly throughout the community.



- Adult partygoers should establish and reward a designated driver.

WHEN TRICK-OR-TREATING:

- A parent or responsible adult should always accompany young children on their neighborhood rounds.
- Remind Trick-or-Treaters:
 - By using a flashlight, they can see and be seen by others.
 - Stay in a group, walk slowly and communicate where you are going.
 - Only trick-or-treat in well-known neighborhoods at homes that have a porch light on.
 - Remain on well-lit streets and always use the sidewalk.
 - If no sidewalk is available, walk at the farthest edge of the roadway facing traffic.
 - Never cut across yards or use alleys.
 - Never enter a stranger's home or car for a treat.
 - Obey all traffic and pedestrian regulations.
 - Always walk. Never run across a street.
 - Only cross the street as a group in established crosswalks.
 - Remove any mask or item that will limit eyesight before crossing a street, driveway or alley.
 - Don't assume the right of way. Motorists may have trouble seeing Trick-or-Treaters. Just because one car stops, doesn't mean others will.
 - Never consume unwrapped food items or open beverages that may be offered.
 - No treats are to be eaten until they are thoroughly checked by an adult at home.
 - Law enforcement authorities should be notified immediately of any suspicious or unlawful activity.



AFTER TRICK-OR-TREATING:

- Wait until children are home to sort and check treats. Though tampering is rare, a responsible adult should closely examine all treats and throw away any spoiled, unwrapped or suspicious items.
- Try to apportion treats for the days following Halloween.
- Although sharing is encouraged, make sure items that can cause choking (such as hard candies), are given only to those of an appropriate age.

And finally....here's a question to see if you know your Saint Peter Halloween history. Do you know what and when "Corn Night" is? ☺

CITY OFFICES CLOSED - All non-emergency City offices will be closed on Tuesday, November 11th for the Veteran's Day legal holiday. Regular office hours will resume on November 12th.



POUND ANIMALS – The pound is full of kittens and a couple of young cats all looking for their forever home. If you can find room in your family for one of these fun and loving creatures, please contact CSO Thompson at the Police Department (931-1550) or Alaina at Kind Veterinary Clinic (931-4700) during regular business hours. These are the little



balls of fur available for adoption.... Licorice-black/white female, 10 weeks old, adoption \$100; Velcro- black female, 6 weeks old, \$100; Spaghetti-Calico female, 9 weeks old, \$100; Olive Oly- buff female, 9 weeks old,

\$100; Pesto- tortie female, 10 weeks old, \$100; Alice - dilute tortie female, 1-2 years, \$25; Popeye- buff male, 9 weeks old, \$100; Rex- black/white male, 2 different colored eyes!, 1 year old, \$25



LEAF/GRASS

– The City's Public Works Department began curbside collection of leaves and grass clippings this week for properties south of Broadway Avenue. Properties north of Broadway Avenue will be collected beginning Monday, November 10th. Pickup begins at 7:00 a.m. and property owners are asked to have the leaves on the boulevard by no later than 7:00 a.m. on collection day. City crews will only go through

CURBSIDE COLLECTION

an area once. City staff realizes that some trees may not have shed leaves by the time collection takes place. Property owners who miss the curbside collection may take leaves and grass clippings to the yard waste drop-off site located at the northwest corner of North Swift Street and West St. Julien Street. This area is open 24-7 year round for use by Saint Peter utility customers.



Leaves should be on the boulevard and not raked into the roadway. This helps keeps compostable materials out of the City's storm sewer system. Property owners are also reminded to not park in front of the piles of leaves until collection is completed. Leaves and grass clippings should not be placed in bags and the material must not include animal waste or it won't be picked up. There will be no alley collection so property owners must rake or haul the materials out to the boulevard.

The drop-off site and the curbside collection are funded by the environmental services fee on City utility bills.



LIBRARY MEETING CHANGE - The regular Library Board meeting in November has been rescheduled to Wednesday, November 12th at 6:00 p.m. For more information on Library Board meetings, please contact the Recreation and Leisure Services Department at 934-0667.

PARKS CLOSING SOON - All of the City's parks facilities will close for the season on Thursday, October 30th. This includes closing and winterizing the bathrooms and drinking fountains. As part of this work the fountain (aerator) in the Mill Pond has already been removed.

This work is done to prevent damage to pipes and fixtures that occur when the weather is colder. The facilities are also closed before Halloween to prevent vandalism. Please note that closing of these facilities could occur sooner should the weather become much colder.

Should you have any questions about closing the parks facilities, please contact the Public Works Department at 934-0670.

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 29

12:00 noon

Hospital Commission

Monday	November 3	3:30 p.m.		Housing and Redevelopment Authority
Monday	November 3	5:30 p.m.		City Council Workshop
Tuesday	November 4			ELECTION DAY!
Wednesday	November 5	5:30 p.m.		Planning and Zoning Commission
Monday	November 10	7:00 p.m.		City Council Meeting
Tuesday	November 11			VETERAN'S DAY HOLIDAY – City Offices Closed
Wednesday	November 12	6:00 p.m.		Library Board
Monday	November 17	5:30 p.m.		City Council Workshop
Friday	November 21	8:00 a.m.		Tourism and Visitors Bureau
Monday	November 24	7:00 p.m.		City Council Meeting
Tuesday	November 25	5:30 p.m.		Heritage Preservation Commission
Wednesday	November 26	12:00 noon		Hospital Commission
Thursday- Friday	November 27- November 28			THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY – City offices closed