

CITY OF SAINT PETER HOT SHEET



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CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS – Action taken by the City Council at the regular meeting of January 27, 2014 included award of the bid for a new five-year residential refuse hauling contract to LJP Enterprises; approval for execution of a contract with the City of Nicollet for the City of Saint Peter to provide building inspection services in Nicollet; approval for execution of contracts with Nicollet County for the County to provide part-time senior services to the City and the City to provide library services to County residents living outside of the City limits; and approval for purchase of a replacement street sweeper to be funded by the 2014 Equipment Certificate. The Council also held a closed session to discuss land sale negotiations.

The next regular meeting of the City Council will be Monday, February 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.

CITY OFFICE CLOSURES – All non-emergency City offices will be closed until 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 4th while City staff participates in training. Regular office hours will resume at 1:30 p.m.



REFUSE HAULING CHANGES – With the award of the bid for residential refuse hauling to LJP Enterprises, changes will be coming for City refuse customers.

Days of collection, what is collected, and how the process works will be identical. However, the green curbies that everyone has now will be switched out for new curbies from LJP Enterprises. The new curbies will be a different color, but the recycling curbie will still have the yellow/gold top. City staff and LJP staff will be meeting to discuss

the transition in the next few days and customers will be notified through public access, the City's Facebook page and website, reports at Council meetings, and in the Hot Sheet. As the transition plan progresses, check all these sites for more information. We hope to make the transition as seamless as possible for our customers.



MAKES ME WONDER (BY CITY ADMINISTRATOR TODD PRAFKE – *A little slice of heaven.....Just over a year ago Mayor Tim Strand mentioned many of the big things we have been working*

on. He wrote in a column that appeared in the Herald that we have "a little slice of heaven right here, living in Saint Peter."

As I look at our "slice" and our future, I see continued strength and growth. A kind of growth that feels about right in scope and speed. A kind of development that works within the framework that past Councilmembers set about 15 years ago. I see a future with more partnerships and cooperative efforts that at times cause us to be a bit uncomfortable, but which benefits the entire community and the people that live here. Our community continues to buck some of the trends in our State and County in that we never get too high nor drop too low from an economic perspective.

I see a "slice" that continues to evolve based on the people that choose to live here and the changes that come from more young families, ever expanding places for our Seniors to live, and growing diversity in cultures that add many new threads to the fabric of our community.

We will have lots of projects including streets, parks, and changes to policies. If you want to know more about those, check out our meetings on TV, read our newsletter, like us on Facebook or give

me a ring. I am always happy to visit about what we have going on. But none of those projects is more important than what you do to make our home town great. There are lots of great people who spend a tremendous amount of time and energy in service to others which makes our community better.

If you are looking for an opportunity, here are a few ways you can serve and help.....the Human Rights Commission, Children's Play Place Board, Saint Peter Area Food Shelf, the Third Floor, volunteer for one of the more than a dozen churches that have congregations in our community, Police Reserves, youth sports associations, Chamber of Commerce helping at a community event (and you don't have to be a member of the Chamber to volunteer!), Saint Peter Arts Center, one of the senior care facilities, VINE Faith in Action, Senior services through Nicollet County (volunteer drivers), and so many more.

Give any one of them a call and I bet they would love to have you help them in the many fabulous things they do. If you can't find the one you are looking for give me a call (934-0663) or maybe call Ed at the Chamber (934-3400). I am sure we can get you a name or a phone number of someone who needs your help and an organization that may match your interests.

Can we match you up to help the community? It makes me wonder.....



SOBER RIDES FOR SUPER BOWL SUNDAY - Football fans planning to drink on Super Bowl Sunday (February 2nd) are reminded to plan ahead for a sober ride home or call a last-second audible before

getting behind the wheel. Minnesota is attempting to make it six years running without a drunken driving death on Super Bowl Sunday.

Here are some Minnesota Super Bowl Sunday facts for the last five years (2009–2013):

- Six traffic deaths—none were alcohol-related.
- 995 motorists arrested for DWI.

“Planning for a sober ride and making it a habit goes a long way toward stopping preventable traffic deaths,” said Saint Peter Police Officer Jay Link. “In order to keep this Super Bowl streak going for a sixth consecutive year, we need everyone to plan for a sober ride home.”

Here's some keys to having a safe Super Bowl Sunday:

- Plan for a safe ride — designate a sober driver, use a cab/public transportation, or

stay at the location of the celebration. Let family/friends know you are available to offer a safe ride home.

- Buckle up — the best defense against a drunk driver.
- Report drunk driving — call 911 when witnessing impaired driving behavior. Be prepared to provide location, license plate number and observed dangerous behavior.

Each year, about 28,000 people are arrested for DWI and one in seven Minnesota drivers has a DWI on record and those DWI's have big consequences.

A DWI offense can result in loss of license for up to a year, thousands in costs and possible jail time. Repeat DWI offenders, as well as first-time offenders arrested at 0.16 and above alcohol-concentration level, must use ignition interlock in order to regain legal driving privileges, or face at least one year without a driver's license. Offenders with three or more offenses are required to use interlock for three to six years, or they will never regain driving privileges.

DWI enforcement and education is a component of the state's core traffic safety initiative, Toward Zero Deaths (TZD). 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.

So enjoy the game (or the commercials), and take a safe and sober ride home!

CONSTRUCTION VALUES - Depending on where you live or travel in Saint Peter, you might not see a lot of growth occurring. But did you know that a total of 20 single family homes were permitted for construction in 2013? The total value of the single family construction equaled \$3.7 million. That is more than double the number of single family home permits issued in 2012 (9 single family homes were permitted in 2012 for a total value of \$2.2 million) and just a taste of the growth that continues in our community.

Commercial/Industrial construction building permits totaled \$12.5 million in 2013 which is an increase from 2012 which saw a value of only \$7.8 million. So things are definitely moving in the growth direction.

What does this mean? One way to look at it is that Saint Peter's economy and that of our region continues to improve and a lot of people think Saint Peter is a fine place to build and grow.

SNOWSHOES FOR RENT -

Bundle up, get outside (when the weather cooperates!), and experience nature. Enjoy the winter by taking a snowshoe stroll through the woods. The Saint Peter Recreation Department and Treaty Site History Center provide adult and youth size snowshoes for rent. Rental fees: \$5 per pair per day, \$10 for the weekend, (Deposit of \$50 per pair due upon pick up). Adult and youth sizes are available. Please call ahead for larger groups. Call 934-0667 (Recreation) or 934-2160 (Treaty Site History Center) for more information.



Availability”. Follow the instructions to find out when the park shelter is available. (Note that if the month you are checking doesn’t show up on the page then no reservations have been made.)

Once you select a date and time contact the Recreation and Leisure Services Department to finalize your reservation of the facility; call 934-0667 or email the office at heidis@saintpetermn.gov. The fees for use of the park shelter is \$40 for a City of Saint Peter resident and \$52 for those that live outside of the City limits. A \$100 damage deposit is also required.

CHAMBER MEDALLION HUNT CAUTION – The Chamber of Commerce’s Winterfest medallion hunt is underway. The City would like to extend a few words of caution to all you hunters.....

- The medallion will never be within a restricted area. You don’t have to hop fences or go through locked gates.
- The medallion will always be above ground. No digging is required.
- Be respectful of public property and be careful not to damage any facilities or structures as you search for the medallion.

The medallion search is a fun event for everyone so please be careful as you search.

LOOKING AHEAD TO SUMMER - It’s not too early to plan for your spring or summer family reunion/event, company picnic, graduation party, or groom’s dinner at one of our local park shelters. Shelters are available at Minnesota Square Park, Gorman Park, Gault Park, and Riverside Park (Mill Pond). If you are interested in reserving a shelter, please visit the City website at www.saintpetermn.gov and go to “Facility

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	January 29	12:00 noon	Hospital Commission
Monday	February 3	3:30 p.m.	Housing and Redevelopment Authority
Monday	February 3	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop Session
Tuesday	February 4		CITY OFFICES CLOSED UNTIL 1:30 P.M.
Tuesday	February 4	5:30 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission
Monday	February 10	5:00 p.m.	Human Rights Commission
Monday	February 10	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Monday	February 17		LEGAL HOLIDAY – PRESIDENT’S DAY City Offices Closed
Tuesday	February 18	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Tuesday	February 18	7:00 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Monday	February 24	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting

Tuesday	February 25	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission
Wednesday	February 26	12:00 noon	Hospital Commission
Thursday	February 27	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
Friday	February 28	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau