

CITY OF SAINT PETER HOT SHEET



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CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS – Action taken by the City Council at the regular meeting of July 14, 2014 included a presentation by the Veteran's Memorial Committee; approval of a request to purchase replacement Tasers for the Police Department; approval of modifications to the terms of a revolving loan for MS/GS Enterprises; approval for a façade renovation and a conventional revolving loan for Keith and Carrie Stelter for a new business to open at 213 South Minnesota Avenue; approval for City assistance for the MS TRAM ride; approval for City assistance for Rock Bend Folk Festival; acceptance of a wastewater main extension in Orchard Ridge Subdivision that was constructed by a private developer; approval of business license applications; and authorization for the unbudgeted purchase of a replacement underground electric switch.

The next regular meeting of the City Council will be Monday, July 28th 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.

MAKES ME WONDER (BY CITY ADMINISTRATOR TODD PRAFKE – Trees.....There is a great story about the trees on Highway 169. It wasn't that long ago that I thought, "Will the trees on Highway 169 ever grow?"



Then Bam! Wow! Bazinga!!!!!! They have really taken off. I think this spring especially they look like they have always been there. Full, tall, shady, green, looking great. What else can you say about a tree? Some of you remember that the many, many, tall beautiful trees on Highway 169 north of

Broadway Avenue were destroyed by the 1998 tornado. However, many may not know the story associated with how many of the larger sized trees were ultimately replanted after the tornado.

Now I don't remember the exact day, but several days after the tornado as the mail was delivered I received a letter from a financial institution in Boston. In the envelope was a short letter that said something like this..... "A donor who wishes to remain anonymous has asked us to transmit to you \$125,000 to buy 2"+ trees (referring to the size of the trunk) to replace those lost during the tornado on the boulevards on the north end of Saint Peter." The donor wishes to remain anonymous and the letter indicated that if the City could not stipulate to purchasing bigger trees and/or maintaining the donors anonymity, we would have to give back the money.

Anyway, WOW! WOW! WOW! At that particular time in the life of our community, and I guess anytime, that was a big deal. We did not have the money to put towards larger trees like that or even replacing that number of trees. It was a massive deal and such a wonderful gesture on someone's part. And now, over 16 years later, it was a gift that continues to give today.

Wow do those trees look great. They are full, tall and beautiful today. What a great thing. Now you know the story. Who could it be? Who gave all of us this wonderful gift that keeps on giving? It still makes me wonder.....

NO SWIMMING ALLOWED – As the dog days of August creep closer, it's really tempting to find a body of water to dive into and cool off by swimming. However, residents are reminded that City Code regulations prohibit swimming in any body of water that is not a lawfully constructed swimming or diving pool.

That means that it is illegal to swim in Hallett's Pond or the Mill Pond, or even the Minnesota River. If you are one of the groups of folks who have taken to swimming in Hallett's Pond or the Mill Pond, please note that Police Officers may come calling on you as you do so. As tempting as it may be to hop into either of the Ponds, please check out the City's outdoor pool instead.

And if you use the area around Hallett's Pond for recreational activities, please pick up after yourself. Refuse containers are in place and the neighboring property owners would appreciate it if everyone properly disposed of their litter so it doesn't blow onto neighboring properties.

Questions about activities that are allowed in Hallett's Pond or the Mill Pond area of Riverside Park? Please contact the Public Works Department at 934-0670.

ELECTION INFORMATION – August 12th is primary Election day in Saint Peter. Here's some information for those who haven't voted in a while, those who have moved, or those who just need some reminders:

- If you have recently moved, have never voted before or have changed your name, you can pre-register to vote to save yourself time waiting in line on Election Day. Pre-registration for the August 12th primary is open until July 22nd. After that you can still register in person at the polls on Election Day.
- Unable to go to the polls on Election Day? This year, for the first time ever, Minnesota is allowing "no excuses" absentee voting. (Previously you had to indicate one of four acceptable reasons for voting by absentee.) Anyone who wishes to cast an absentee ballot can now do so without having to give a reason. Absentee ballots are available from the Nicollet County Auditor/Treasurer's office until the day before the Election.
- Don't know where you vote? Check out the precinct finder available on the Secretary of State's website at <http://pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us/>. Not only will it tell you where your polling place is, but it will provide you with a sample ballot, a list of candidates on your ballot and even a map to the polling place.



ROAD CLOSURES – Construction work in the Saint Peter area continues and as more City



projects begin next week, there will be more impact for drivers. For up-to-date information on road closures, detours and construction zones, please go to the City's website at <http://www.saintpetermn.gov/street-projects> or check out the Minnesota Department of Transportation website at <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/d7/>.

Drivers are asked to use extra caution in and around the construction zones and to slow speeds to make the construction area safe for drivers and the construction workers.

WHERE DO I GO FOR INFORMATION ON.....? – Are you new to Saint Peter? Maybe you're reading the Hot Sheet online looking for information about our community? Maybe you are a City resident and just don't know who to go to for information on a specific topic.



Here's a list that might be helpful to you this summer:

- Nicollet County Fair – times, dates, location, judging, events, etc.... Check out the Fair Board's website at www.nicolletcountyfair.com.
- The City pool – contact the outdoor swimming pool by calling 934-3951.
- Recreation activities for children and adults – contact the City's Recreation and Leisure Services Department at 934-0667 or the Recreation Hotline at 934-0070 for cancellations and updates.
- Riverside Campground information – available on the City's website at www.saintpetermn.gov/recreation. It's first-come, first-served for the campground and the City does not take reservations. Campers should go directly to the Police Department (207 South Front Street) to select a site and make payment.
- Reserving a City park for a family reunion, company picnic, wedding, etc.... – contact the City's Recreation and Leisure Services Department at 934-0667.
- Seven Mile Park – this one is outside of the City of Saint Peter and you'll need to contact Nicollet County at 931-6800.

More helpful information is available on the City's website at www.saintpetermn.gov. Thanks for the interest and have a great summer!

HELP WANTED – The City of Saint Peter is currently accepting applications for the following positions:

- **Receptionist/Accounts Payable Clerk** - in the Building Department. Minimum qualifications:

High School Diploma or equivalent; Knowledge of office procedures and practices; Knowledge of use of office machines exemplified by personal computer; Experience with MS Word or Excel; One year experience in any position that provides direct contact with and service to customers. Desired qualifications: Two plus years of experience working in an office setting with similar duties; Advanced training in office skills exemplified by a certificate or AAS degree in office procedures or Administrative Assistant through an accredited post-secondary educational institution; Advanced use and knowledge of MS Word and Excel software exemplified by certification through an accredited post-secondary educational institution; Experience with a municipal accounting system; Knowledge of Use tax laws; Two or more years' experience working directly with municipal accounting, principles, practices and terminology; and Post-secondary education in Accounting or related field. \$11.00-\$12.32 per hour plus benefits including insurance and retirement. Applicants are required to complete a City application form available in the City Administrator's office at 227 South Front Street between the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. or by calling (507)934-0663. Completed applications must be returned no later than 5:00 pm, August 8, 2014. Faxed, emailed and/or late applications will not be accepted. AA/EOE

- **Election Judges** – for November general Election only. To be eligible for appointment as an Election Judge, a candidate must be:

- eligible to vote in the State of Minnesota; and
- affiliated with a major political party; and
- able to read, write and speak English; and
- appointed by the City Council; and
- trained and currently certified as an Election Judge.


An Election Judge cannot be:

- a candidate in that election (i.e. be running for an office on the ballot used in that precinct); or
- the husband, wife, parent, step relative, child, brother, or sister of a candidate or another Judge in the same precinct; or
- a challenger.

All Judges must attend a mandatory training session before the election and are paid at the rate of \$8.75 per hour for their service. Most Judges work all day on Election Day and State law does allow individuals who serve as Judges to take time off from work. If you would like to be considered for appointment as an Election Judge for the November general election, or for more information on how you can serve your community in this way, please contact the City Administrator's office at 934-0663 or send an e-mail to barbaral@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.

Monday	July 21	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Monday	July 21	7:00 p.m.	Parks/Recreation Advisory Board CANCELLED
Thursday	July 22	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
Friday	July 23	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitor's Bureau
Monday	July 28	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	July 29	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission
Wednesday	July 30	12:00 noon	Hospital Commission
Monday	August 4	3:30 p.m.	Housing and Redevelopment Authority
Monday	August 4	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop

Tuesday	August 5	5:30 p.m.		Planning and Zoning Commission
Monday	August 11	7:00 p.m.		City Council Meeting
Tuesday	August 12			PRIMARY ELECTION DAY
Monday	August 18	5:30 p.m.		City Council Workshop Session
Friday	August 22	8:00 a.m.		Tourism and Visitors Bureau
Tuesday	August 26	5:30 p.m.		Heritage Preservation Commission
Wednesday	August 27	12:00 noon		Hospital Commission
Thursday	August 28	12:00 noon		Economic Development Authority