

# CITY OF SAINT PETER HOT SHEET



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**CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS** – Action taken by the City Council at the regular meeting of November 26, 2012 included presentation of an award from the American Water Works Association to Water Utilities Superintendent Moulton; final acceptance of the Greenhill Reservoir Rehabilitation Project; authorization for use of Hallett's Pond for the Special Olympics Polar Bear Plunge on February 2<sup>nd</sup>; acceptance of the proposal from Color Dynamics for painting the outdoor pool in Spring 2013; authorization for the unbudgeted purchase of a replacement water heater for the Community Center from Ryan Plumbing; and acceptance of the proposal from Insituform Technologies for the first phase of the North Interceptor Sewer Project.

The next regular meeting of the City Council will be Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup> 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 agenda and Council packet are also available on the City's website at [www.saintpetermn.gov/city](http://www.saintpetermn.gov/city).



**MAKES ME WONDER (BY CITY ADMINISTRATOR TODD PRAFKE – Read Up...** A few weeks back the City Council entered into a contract with Nicollet County, as they have done for the past number of years, which

provides for the County to provide money to the City's library.

It is based on the State Law that makes counties responsible for Library services, but in many Greater Minnesota communities, library services are provided by cities and not counties. We are lucky to have a cooperative relationship with Nicollet County and the money can move to the appropriate place. If you go to the metro area the

vast majority of libraries are provided by counties so the folks who pay for the service are sometimes very different than those who use the service.

In Mankato the Library is provided by Blue Earth County and I think Mankato gives them some money to help run it. In North Mankato library services are provided by the City and they get some money from Nicollet County as well.

There are many different ways to provide services. What is the best, most efficient model? Clearly it is not a one size fits all deal. Whether it is library or any other service, the trick is the find the one size that best fits us.

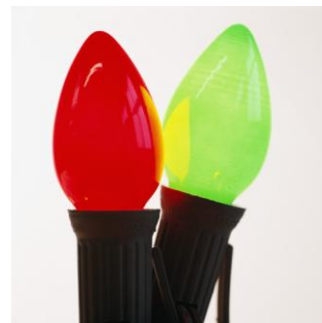
It makes me wonder.....

**PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE** – The December 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission has been cancelled.

The January meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup> due to the New Year's holiday falling on the regular meeting date.

For information on meetings of the Planning and Zoning Commission, please contact the Community Development Department at 934-0661.

**UPCOMING HOLIDAY EVENTS** - Come and enjoy treats and music at the holiday open house at the Library (601 South Washington Avenue) on Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> from 2:00–4:00 pm. Visitors will also enjoy special music by St. Peter High School students at 2:30 pm. Please join us!



**HOLIDAY LIGHTING FACTS** – Here are some fun facts about the City's holiday lighting efforts:

- Minnesota Square Park is brightly lit with approximately

19,000 LED lights on the trees and pavilion.

- The downtown area is lit with over 3,500 LED bulb lights on the fixtures attached to the street lights and in the median.

City staff hopes everyone enjoys the light display!

**CURB SIDE LEAF COLLECTION REPORT** - This fall the Public Works crew worked hard to get all of the leaves picked up throughout the community. The numbers were up a little from last year.....south of Broadway Avenue resulted in 28 loads or 504 cubic yards of materials being collected. North of Broadway had 36 loads or 648 cubic yards collected. This material is taken to the City's compost site where it is put into rows and occasionally turned with a compost turner and left to break down. When the composting process is completed, the materials are brought back to the brush drop off site on North Swift Street for residents to use at no charge.

**TREE PRUNING** - During the upcoming months, the City will be pruning boulevard trees south of Broadway Avenue. This is done for vehicle and pedestrian safety, and to maintain a healthy urban forest. The City Code requires boulevard trees to be pruned to a minimum height of 8 feet above sidewalks and 14 feet above the street.

Should you have any questions, please call the Public Works Department at 934-0670.

**DRINKING WATER FLUORIDE LEVELS** - Last year the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) proposed an adjustment to the recommended optimal fluoride level in drinking water for dental health. The proposed recommendation was a single national fluoride level of 0.7 parts per million (ppm) for community public water supplies. If approved, this would replace an optimal fluoride range of 0.7 to 1.2 ppm, which was used by the State of Minnesota when it developed its fluoridation laws.

To promote public health through the prevention of tooth decay, Minnesota currently requires municipal water supplies to maintain an average distribution system fluoride concentration of 1.2 ppm while remaining between 0.9 ppm and 1.5 ppm. That requirement remains in effect. The newly proposed HHS optimal level of 0.7 ppm was subject to a 30-day public comment period with a final recommendation expected at the beginning of 2013. Once the HHS recommendations are finalized, MDH will investigate changes in policies and/or laws that will continue to promote and protect the dental health of all Minnesotans.

The City of Saint Peter currently treats its water by adding fluoride to ground water sources where a level of 1.0 ppm is maintained which keeps the City in compliance with MDH standards. This level of treatment meets state and federal guidelines.

**CALENDAR**

|                |                           |            |   |  |
|----------------|---------------------------|------------|---|--|
| Monday         | December 10               | 5:00 p.m.  |   | Human Rights Commission                      |
| Monday         | December 10               | 7:00 p.m.  |   | City Council Meeting                         |
| Monday         | December 17               | 5:30 p.m.  |   | City Council Workshop                        |
| Monday         | December 17               | 7:00 p.m.  |   | Parks and Recreation Advisory Board          |
| Monday-Tuesday | December 24 - December 25 |            |  | CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY—CITY OFFICES CLOSED        |
| Thursday       | December 27               | 12:00 noon |   | Economic Development Authority               |
| Friday         | December 28               | 8:00 a.m.  |   | Tourism and Visitors Bureau                  |
| Tuesday        | January 1                 |            |  | NEW YEAR'S DAY HOLIDAY – City offices closed |
| Monday         | January 7                 | 3:30 p.m.  |   | Housing and Redevelopment Authority          |
| Monday         | January 7                 | 5:30 p.m.  |   | City Council Workshop                        |
| Tuesday        | January 8                 | 5:30 p.m.  |   | Planning and Zoning Commission               |
| Tuesday        | January 8                 | 6:00 p.m.  |   | Library Board                                |

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| Monday    | January 14 | 5:00 p.m.  | Human Rights Commission  |
| Monday    | January 14 | 7:00 p.m.  | City Council Meeting   |
| Monday    | January 21 |            | MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. LEGAL HOLIDAY –<br>City offices closed |
| Tuesday   | January 22 | 5:30 p.m.  | City Council Workshop  |
| Tuesday   | January 22 | 7:00 p.m.  | Parks and Recreation Advisory Board                            |
| Thursday  | January 24 | 12:00 noon | Economic Development Authority                                 |
| Friday    | January 25 | 8:00 a.m.  | Tourism and Visitors Bureau                                    |
| Monday    | January 28 | 7:00 p.m.  | City Council Meeting   |
| Tuesday   | January 29 | 5:30 p.m.  | Heritage Preservation Commission                               |
| Wednesday | January 30 | 12:00 noon | Hospital and Nursing Home Commission                           |