

CITY OF SAINT PETER HOT SHEET



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CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS – Action taken by the City Council at the regular meeting of August 26, 2013 included concurrence with the Hospital Commission recommendation to hire George Rohrich as the new Hospital CEO; approval for modification to the revolving loan terms for Greg and Neysa Schettler (dba Hunter Hardwood); authorization for submission of a transit grant application to the State of Minnesota for funding for 2014; approval for the unbudgeted purchase of two replacement meter reading vehicles; establishment of a micro-loan program for handicap accessibility improvements to properties in the central business district; and approval of new business license applications.

The next regular meeting of the City Council will be Monday, September 9th 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. A copy of the City Council packet is also available before each meeting on the City's website at <http://www.saintpetermn.gov/city-council-minutes-agendas-packets>.

CAT SALE! – The City's animal impound is bursting with beautiful cats and playful and fun kittens. Normally this would be enough incentive for any cat lover to come in and adopt one or two for their family, but unfortunately we have many, many kittens and several



adult cats that have languished in the pound for several weeks. So.....we're having a cat sale!

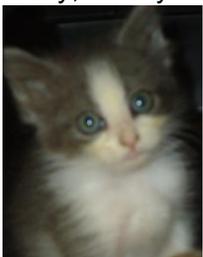
Beginning August 29th, any cat or kitten in the pound can be adopted for only \$50. This fee

includes the spay/neuter surgery as well as all the first round vaccinations. (P.A.W.S will be covering the difference between the adoption fee and the actual cost of the services!)

If you have room in your heart and your home to adopt one of these wonderful cats, please contact CSO Meyer at the Police Department (931-1550) or Alaina at Kind Veterinary Clinic (931-4700) during regular business hours.

LABOR DAY SAFETY – Lots of families will be traveling over Labor Day weekend.....going to the State Fair, making a final trip to the cabin up north, or having a last long weekend trip to a State Park. As you travel this holiday weekend think about what you need to do to keep your family safe...

- Wear your seat belts. It's the law that everyone in the vehicle needs to be buckled up.
- Drive the posted speed limits....especially in construction zones. Remember to reduce your speed if conditions warrant it and to practice defensive driving.
- Don't be in such a hurry. The lake will still be there and the State Fair won't be over until Monday. Be patient with other driver's.
- Make sure your vehicle is in good operating conditions and if you are towing a boat make sure the trailer hitches are well secured and in good order.
- Don't drink and drive. We hope everyone would have gotten this message by now, but the Police Department arrested three drivers for DWI just last weekend!
- And, if you are in or on the water during your holiday weekend, follow the regulations regarding personal flotation devices and make sure there is an adult pair of eyes on every child to prevent drowning.



SAINT PETER PUBLIC ACCESS (SPPA) TELEVISION –

The City's public access television channels provide a means for individuals or community groups to communicate their information, activities or point of view to a wide audience. Public Access is free, non-commercial television playing a variety of programs: governmental, informational, entertaining, or educational.

SPPA has two channels on the Saint Peter cable system:

- Channel 7 is the cable channel for local programs including City Council and School Board meetings. Over 80 hours of programming a week are scheduled. Individuals or organizations can submit DVDs or videotapes to be played on this channel. Material must be appropriate for all ages and submitted with a cablecast release. The release form gives the City permission to play a private group or individual's program. Cablecast release forms are available on the City's website at <http://www.saintpetermn.gov.sppa> or forms can be requested by e-mail at sppa@saintpetermn.gov or by calling 934-0667.
- Channel 8 is the Community Bulletin Board, where community residents and organizations may post announcements about local events. Bulletin board items may be submitted by e-mailing sppa@saintpetermn.gov, faxing the Recreation and Leisure Services Department at 934-1204, or mailing or dropping off a flyer at the Recreation Department in the Community Center, 600 South Fifth Street. This is a free service but no commercial or political advertising is allowed.

For more information on public access, please contact the Recreation and Leisure Services Department at 934-0667.

SURPLUS PROPERTY AUCTION – The City Council has declared more vehicles and some old used storm sirens as surplus property. Residents interested in bidding on these items should go to the State of Minnesota Department of Administration online auction site at www.minnbid.org.

PEDDLERS - A word or two of caution to people who open their door to peddlers.....Peddlers who go door-to-door in a residential area must be licensed by the City. When the City license's them, they are provided with a permit card that they are required to show when they stop at a house. (Licensing is required so that the City can run a background

check on these individuals and ensure they are bonded.)

If a peddler approaches your door, ask to see the City license. If they don't have one, or won't produce one, please don't buy from them or invite them into your home. Call the Police Department (931-1550) and report this unlicensed activity.

And secondly, Saint Peter residents do not have to answer a peddler's questions such as "how many children live in your household?" or "what ages are they?" While there may be a legitimate reason for a peddler to ask these questions, residents are under no requirement to provide them with personal information on their family or on the neighboring families.

Bottom line is, if someone approaches your door to sell something and you don't feel comfortable with it, you are under no requirement to open the door to them or to answer their questions.

For more information on peddlers, please contact the City Administrator's office at 934-0663.

LABOR DAY CLOSURES – All non-emergency City offices, including the Library and Community Center will be closed on Monday, September 2nd for the Labor Day holiday. Regular office/building hours will resume on Tuesday.

The City Council workshop normally scheduled for Monday, September 2nd, will take place on Tuesday, September 3rd beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Library meeting room.

DROUGHT AND TREE HEALTH – Although drought conditions eased somewhat in southern Minnesota during the spring and early part of the summer, the lack of rain in recent weeks has once again started to impact the City's urban forest.

Saint Peter residents may have begun to notice several trees that seem to be dropping leaves, or which have never leafed out at the crown of the tree. This is a sign of drought in trees and it happens in even the oldest trees.

To keep your trees healthy during this hot summer, follow these watering tips:

- Water trees when rainfall amounts are under an inch a week.
- Water slowly without runoff. Use low-flow or soaker hoses instead of sprinklers.
- Water to the ends of the branch tips, since most tree roots are within the first foot of soil. During watering, move the hose around within the drip line of the tree.
- Don't depend on irrigation systems to give trees the water they need.
- After watering the soil should be moist 6-8" deep throughout the drip line.

- Place 2-4” of wood mulch under the drip line of the tree to help retain moisture in the soil. Avoid volcano mulching, where piles are formed against the base of the trunk.

eligible.) Although Fine Free Friday is a program that encourages library patrons to bring back overdue items without penalty, patrons are still responsible for fines on materials previously returned.

AUGUST 30TH IS FINE FREE FRIDAY! - On Friday, August 30th, Library patrons can return overdue materials to the circulation desk in the library and fines on those materials will be waived. (Materials that were checked out from any other library are not

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.

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| Wednesday | August 28 | 12:00 noon | Hospital Commission |
| Monday | September 2 | | LABOR DAY HOLIDAY – City Offices Closed |
| Tuesday | September 3 | 5:30 p.m. | City Council Workshop Session |
| Tuesday | September 3 | | Planning and Zoning Commission – this meeting may be rescheduled |
| Monday | September 9 | 5:00 p.m. | Human Rights Commission |
| Monday | September 9 | 7:00 p.m. | City Council Meeting |
| Tuesday | September 10 | 6:00 p.m. | Library Board |
| Monday | September 16 | 5:30 p.m. | City Council Workshop |
| Monday | September 16 | 7:00 p.m. | Parks and Recreation Advisory Board |
| Tuesday | September 17 | | CITY OFFICES CLOSED UNTIL 1:30 P.M. for Staff training |
| Monday | September 23 | 7:00 p.m. | City Council Meeting |
| Tuesday | September 24 | 5:30 p.m. | Heritage Preservation Commission |
| Wednesday | September 25 | 12:00 noon | Hospital Commission |
| Thursday | September 26 | 12:00 noon | Economic Development Authority |
| Friday | September 27 | 8:00 a.m. | Tourism and Visitors Bureau |
| Monday | September 30 | 5:30 p.m. | City Council Workshop |