

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 22, 2013 included authorization for sale of \$890,000 in general obligation tax increment bonds to finance the North Third Street Improvement Project; authorization for execution of a lease with Unimin Corporation for the new compost processing site; authorization for execution of an agreement for MnDOT to serve as the City's fiscal agent for receipt of federal funds to be used for the Washington Avenue Link Project; and approval of the design for Part 1 (from Sumner Street to 300' north of St. Julien Street) of the Washington Avenue Link Project.

The next regular meeting of the City Council will be Monday, August 12th 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 each week on the City's website at <http://www.saintpetermn.gov/city-council-minutes-agendas-packets>.



MAKES ME WONDER (BY CITY ADMINISTRATOR TODD PRAFKE – Hospital CEO....
what's up with that? As many may recall, about a month ago we had interviews with five

candidates for the River's Edge Hospital Chief Executive Officer (CEO) position. This is the job that current CEO Colleen Spike will retire from in the fourth quarter of this year. We learned a lot about each of the candidates as we went through a very exhaustive process and are now in the final, very final stages of doing background work on the candidates.

I anticipate that the Hospital Commission will give us additional direction at their meeting in a week and that the Council will be providing the final approval in 2-3 weeks.

So why is it taking so long? Part of the long timeline is that we have the luxury of time. We don't have to have someone in that seat until later this year.

Part of it is like school work. Do your homework well and things will go smoother in the long run. We are doing our homework well.

Hang with us for a couple of weeks and know that for those that attended the "meet and greets", your thoughts, ideas, and input have been reviewed by the Commission and Council and they are very grateful for your input.

What future will the new CEO take us into? It make me wonder....

PETS OF THE WEEK – The Saint Peter Police

Department is seeking forever families for three adult cats and several tiny kittens.



The kittens will need a bit more



time in the pound before they are old enough to be adopted, but they will be ready soon.



If you can help any of the animals in the pound find a forever home, please contact Community Service Officer Malinda Meyer at the Police Department (931-



1550), or Alaina at Kind Veterinary Clinic at 931-4700. The adoption fee for the adult cats has been reduced to only \$25! All animals are spayed/neutered and up-to-date on vaccinations before being adopted out.

HRA MEETING CANCELLED – The August 5th regular meeting of the Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) has been cancelled. The next regular meeting is scheduled for September 9th.

CITY COUNCIL FILING PERIOD – The filing period for City Council positions is now open through Tuesday, August 13th in the City Administrator’s Office at City Hall from 8 am – 12:00 noon and 1-5 pm Monday-Friday. Cost to file is \$2.



Positions that will be up for election include Mayor (2 year term), Councilmembers Ward I (4 year term/2 seats open) and Councilmember Ward II (4 year term/1 seat open).

Candidates who have already filed include the following:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>
Stephen C. Grams	Council Ward II

To qualify for election, a candidate for City Council must be eligible to vote in Minnesota; have not filed for the same or any other office at the upcoming general election; be 21 years of age or more on assuming office; and have maintained residence in the district to be represented for at least 30 days before the general election. The general election will be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2013.

Persons with questions regarding the election or filing for office are encouraged to call the City Administrator’s office at 934-0663.

HIGHWAY 169 INFORMATION MEETING – The Minnesota Department of Transportation has scheduled a public information event on the Highway 169 project. Here is info from MnDOT about the event.....

“Businesses and residents are encouraged to review plans for changes to access on Highway 169 on the north end of Saint Peter. An open house is set for Monday, August 12 from 5 to 6 p.m. in the Senior Center at the Saint Peter Community Center.



The open house is scheduled prior to the Saint Peter City Council meeting which begins at 7

p.m. and during which an official hearing on the Highway 169 project will take place.

Staff from the Minnesota Department of Transportation plan to make safety improvements at intersections along Highway 169 in 2014. The intersections with St. Julien Street and Highway 22 are targeted for revisions because they have above average crash rates. Safety improvements are also planned that impact intersections with Union Street, Ritt Street and Dranttel Street.

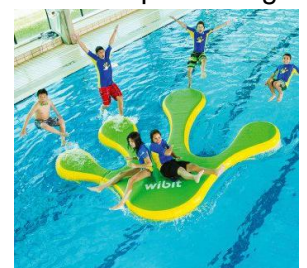
2014 is also the year when MnDOT plans to resurface the southbound lanes of Highway 169 and raise two miles of flood-prone roadway between Saint Peter and Le Sueur. MnDOT has similar plans for Highway 169 from Mankato to Saint Peter in 2016. For more information on the flood mitigation projects visit www.dot.state.mn.us/d7/projects/floodmitigation/.

To request an ASL or foreign language interpreter or other reasonable accommodation, call Janet Miller at 651-366-4720 or 1-800-657-3774 (Greater Minnesota); 711 or 1-800-627-3529 (Minnesota Relay). You may also send an e-mail to janet.rae.miller@state.mn.us.”

COMMUNITY CENTER WI-FI - Wi-Fi has been expanded at the Community Center. Three additional Wireless Access Points (WAPs) have been added expanding the available Wi-Fi coverage. With the additional WAPs, the meeting rooms downstairs, the meeting rooms on the main floor and the gym are now Wi-Fi enabled. This expands on the areas that were already covered which included the Senior Center, and the seating area outside of the Recreation Office. Wi-Fi is still available in the Library as well.

OUTDOOR POOL FUTURE PLANS - What is a Wibit? Wibit brings hurdles and frog hands to the water. How does that go? Very simply - over, under, over, under, over. Wibit can be used in the shallow end or the deep end for games and races. Staff at the outdoor pool are working to raise funds to bring Wibits to the outdoor pool in the summer of 2014 with a goal of \$10,000.

Two fundraisers are now underway. First, vote for a pool staff member to become a “Human Sundae”. The public can cast votes by contributing coins and/or dollars into containers representing several pool staff. The staff person with the most “votes” (i.e. money), will be the pool’s own Human Sundae at the Summer Celebration on Tuesday, August 6th at 6 p.m. in the outdoor pool area.



The second fundraiser lets you “adopt a pool block”. The inside of the pool house is built with concrete blocks that are available for “adoption” by an individual, family or organization. For \$25 you can pick your “block” and decorate/personalize as you like. Visit the pool to see examples and plan to

help us bring Wibits to the pool. If you would like more information, or to donate, please contact the Recreation office at 934-0667 or stop at the outdoor pool. Wibits here we come!

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.

Tuesday- Tuesday	July 30- August 13		CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE FILING PERIOD
Wednesday	July 31	12:00 noon	Hospital Commission
Monday	August 5	3:30 p.m.	Housing Authority CANCELLED!!!
Monday	August 5	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Tuesday	August 6	5:30 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission
Monday	August 12	5:00 p.m.	Human Rights Commission
Monday	August 12	5:00 – 6:00 p.m.	Highway 169 Flood Mitigation Project Info Event
Monday	August 12	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Monday	August 19	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Monday	August 19	7:00 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Thursday	August 22	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
Friday	August 23	8:00 p.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau
Monday	August 26	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	August 27	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission
Wednesday	August 28	12:00 noon	Hospital Commission