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CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS – Action at the City Council meeting held on February 10, 2020 included a closed session and action to modify the City Code to allow “automotive sales” as a conditional use in I-2 (General Industrial) zones; acceptance of a \$32,000 donation from the River Valley Dog Park Association for development of a second dog park at 1125 North Swift Street; authorization for City assistance for the St. Patrick’s Day parade organized by the St. Peter Ambassador’s; authorization for City assistance for the Nicollet County Relay for Life event; adoption of a modified description for the Building Inspector position; approval of a soft drink license for River’s Edge Hospital for the new café that recently opened in the Hospital; and a closed session to discuss sale of the City’s former wastewater treatment pond property located in Le Sueur County.

The next regular City Council meeting will be Monday, February 24th beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Governors’ Room of the Community Center.



MAKES ME WONDER (BY CITY ADMINISTRATOR TODD PRAFKE) - *The power of AND...* I’m not sure what to think about that. A few weeks back I was at a Tourism Bureau meeting and as the

meeting adjourned one of the members who I like very much asked me a question about something and then said. “Man Todd, I sure wouldn’t want your job.”

Now this statement has been tossed my way before but I am always a little bit flummoxed about what, if anything to say in response. As I ponder that thought I always think about how blessed I am to be in such a wonderful community. For some of you that have been here all your lives and for those of us that have been other places, we sometimes forget what a special place Saint Peter is. Sure there is no

beach in the winter and the sun isn’t shining every day, but we sure live in a great place filled with special people. Saint Peter is full of schools and parks and great places to worship and eat and play and work and live and grow and run and get health care and meet friends for food or a drink and beautiful parks and plowed streets and lots of great trees and great clubs and organizations to participate in and recreation programs and a wonderful library and electricity that is always on, and clean water and folks who care about the environment and sustainability and live a great life.

I know that lots of “ands” but frankly, I missed a lot of the things that make this place unique. But what I didn’t miss is knowing my job makes me lucky enough to be a tiny part of it. I am honored to work for such a special place. Do you have an “and”? If so, I’d like to know what it is. If you are the sixth person to respond to barbaral@saintpetermn.gov to let me know what your “and” is, you’ll win a really nice but very low cost prize!

What’s your “and”? It makes me wonder....

WE COUNT MINNESOTA – The U.S. Census will officially begin on April 1st. As mandated in the constitution, a census is held every 10 years to count every living person in the United States. The results are used for representational apportionment in congress and by the State and Federal governments to distribute all kinds of funding to communities like Saint Peter. That makes it crucial to Minnesota that every resident is counted in this year’s census.



Saint Peter has had a good participation rate in past census years, but not good enough. There are still groups of residents (snowbirds, immigrants, and surprisingly even infants) that are historically undercounted in the census and those folks are important. It is estimated that for every person missed during the census, over \$15,000 in funding from the Federal government is lost during the next ten years. Multiply that by even 1,000 people missed during the annual census and you can see how quickly those lost dollars add up for Minnesota.

So it's time for all residents, including locals, Gustavus students, short term residents and others to step up to the plate and be counted on April 1st.

How will the St. Peter community do in the 2020 census? The chart below shows how some of our neighboring communities did in the past two census years:

	2010	2000
North Mankato	87%	88%
Mankato	80%	81%
Le Sueur	85%	85%
New Ulm	89%	87%

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and correctly answer this question... "What was Saint Peter's census participation rate in both the 2000 and 2010 census?"... you will win a "We Count Minnesota" census 2020 t-shirt! And here a hint... the answer is somewhere between 50% and 100%!



CITY PHONE ISSUES – Yup we know, some Hot Sheet readers won't understand what this graphic is, but nonetheless it's important to know the City's phone system will be upgraded to a Windows 10 compatible system on March 5th.



It is possible that on this day, sporadic outages of the City's phone service may make it difficult for callers to get through. If you experience issues getting through on

the phone on March 5th, please contact us through email.

Emails for each City department are listed on the City of Saint Peter website at <https://www.saintpetermn.gov/Directory.aspx>.

We apologize for the inconvenience.

PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATING PRIMARY – March 3rd is the date of the brand new Presidential Nominating Primary in Minnesota. In 2016 the Legislature took

action to create this primary that will replace, in part, the party precinct caucuses.

Voters who have participated in the August primary will recognize that this Presidential Nominating Primary, which will only occur in March of years the Office of President is on the ballot, is very different than what they are used to. During this primary election, each voter will be required to select a major political party ballot. This is done when the voter signs the roster book. They will need to check a box asking for either a Republican or Democrat ballot. For this particular election those are the only two options. **It is important to note that voters who refuse to check a box/select a party, will not be allowed to vote.**

Once the voter has signed the roster and checked the box, they will be given a ballot receipt showing what their selection is. That receipt will be handed to the Ballot Judge who will provide only the ballot indicated on the receipt. That ballot will only include the Presidential candidate(s) for that specific party.

With their ballot choice in hand, the voters will continue through the process the same as always with the ballot being marked and then put into the DS200 tabulator by the voter.

Another change to this election actually occurs once the primary is over. As provided for in the legislation authorizing this primary election, information on the ballot choice of each voter will



be provided to all four of the major political parties. Under State law the "major political parties" this year include Democrat, Republican, Legal Marijuana Now, and Grassroots-Legalize Cannabis. While all four of these political parties will be provided with each voter's ballot selection, they will not be provided any information concerning which candidate the voter selected.

One final change for this election.... Voters in Ward I (the north ward), will cast their ballots once again at the National Guard Armory. For the last two elections Ward I voters went to Johnson Hall at the Nicollet County Fairgrounds. This was necessary as the National Guard underwent a lengthy renovation project. That project is now completed and the National Guard folks are ready to welcome voters back to their building on Election Day.

For questions about voting, please feel free to contact the City Administrator's office at 507-934-0663.

HELP WANTED – SEASONAL POSITIONS – The City of Saint Peter is now accepting applications for

seasonal positions for the 2020 summer season. **Applications are available on the City's website at www.saintpetermn.gov or at the City Administrator's office, 227 S. Front Street, or by calling 507-934-0663.** Completed applications must be received by the City Administrator's office by 5:00 pm on Friday, March 20, 2020. Faxed and/or late applications will not be accepted.

A condition of employment shall be successful completion of a background investigation, and successful completion of pre-employment drug test. Employees will be subject to post-accident, random, reasonable suspicion, return to duty, and follow-up drug and alcohol testing. Must be at least 16 years of age for Recreation and Leisure Services positions; 15 years of age for aquatics positions and 18 years of age for Public Works positions. The following seasonal positions are available:

- **PUBLIC WORKS SEASONAL LABORER:** Duties include a variety of manual labor tasks associated with the care, maintenance, and cleaning of City facilities and equipment including, but not limited to, painting, washing, mowing, weeding, digging, cleaning and organizing; planting, trimming, and removal of trees and shrubs and mowing and trimming facilities. 40 hours/week. Applicants must possess a minimum valid Class C or D driver's license. Must pass pre-employment drug test; subject to post-accident, random, reasonable suspicion, return to duty, and follow-up drug and alcohol testing required by federal regulations. Starting wage \$10.25/hour. Minimum age: 18.
- **RECREATION COORDINATOR:** Train and supervise staff, organize and implement summer programs. Leadership and supervisory experience with recreation activities required. Need strong organizational, motivational, planning and leadership skills. 35-40 hours/week. Mid May-End of August. Starting wage: \$11.25/hour.

- **VOLUNTEER IN THE PARK COORDINATOR:** Recruit, train, assign and supervise youth volunteers. Strong organizational skills and previous work with youth required. Assist organization and implementation of Exploration Recreation Program. Flexible hours. 30-40 hours/week. May-August. Starting wage: \$11.25/hour
- **RECREATION LEADERS:** Responsibilities include implementing youth summer recreation and sports programs and special events. Previous experience working with youth desired. Strong leadership and organizational skills required. Mid May-mid/mid-August. 35-40 hours/week. Starting wage: \$10.00/hour.
- **HEAD LIFEGUARDS:** Duties include supervision of aquatics personnel, pool patrons, and pool facility. Must have three years of lifeguard experience. Current WSI, LGT, First Aid and CPR certificates required. Strong leadership background. Minimum age: 18. Starting wage: \$11.50/hour.
- **LIFEGUARD/WSI:** Duties include teaching swim lessons and supervision of swimmers. Some maintenance. Full, part-time and substitute positions. Current WSI, LGT, First Aid and CPR Certificates required. Starting wage: \$10.65/hour.
- **LIFEGUARD (without WSI):** Duties include supervision of swimmers and some maintenance. Full, part-time and substitute positions. Current LGT, First Aid and CPR Certificates required. Minimum age: 15. Starting wage: \$10.25/hour.
- **OUTDOOR POOL CASHIER:** Duties include collection of pool fees, light bookkeeping, some maintenance and strong public relations skills. Minimum age: 15. Part-time. Starting wage: \$8.25/hour.

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.

Monday	February 24	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	February 25	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission
Wednesday	February 26	12:30 p.m.	Hospital Commission
Thursday	February 27	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
Friday	February 28	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau
Monday	March 2	3:30 p.m.	Housing and Redevelopment Authority



Monday	March 2	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Tuesday	March 3		PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION DAY
Thursday	March 5	5:30 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission
Monday	March 9	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	March 10	2:30 p.m.	Minnesota River Valley Transit Board
Tuesday	March 10	5:30 p.m.	Library Board
Monday	March 16	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Monday	March 23	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Wednesday	March 25	12:30 p.m.	Hospital Commission
Thursday	March 26	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
Friday	March 27	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau
Monday	March 30	3:00 p.m.	City Council Goal Session
Tuesday	March 31	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission