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TODAY'S THE DAY! STORMWATER POLLUTION PREVENTION PLAN MEETING - The City of Saint Peter Stormwater Utility will conduct a public meeting regarding the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) on Wednesday, March 4, 2020, from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. in the Senior Center at the Community Center at 600 South Fifth Street. At the meeting Stormwater Utility staff will provide an opportunity for the public to review the SWPPP, ask questions, and receive some additional literature on stormwater prevention. For more information on this annual meeting, please contact the Public Works Department at 934-0670.

**** REMINDER****

The City will experience sporadic phone outages on March 5th as we upgrade to a new phone system. If you can't get through, please email us using the emails on the City's website at <https://www.saintpetermn.gov/Directory.aspx>



PNP ELECTION - Another, albeit kind of unusual election, is now in the books. Here's the voter turnout in the Saint Peter precincts:

Ward 1, Precinct 1	24.47%
Ward 1, Precinct 2	22.73%
Ward 2, Precinct 1	64.07%
Ward 2, Precinct 2	26.36%

With the really high turnout in Ward 2 Precinct 1 the overall turnout in Saint Peter was 29.8%. We're not

sure how that compares to the statewide turnout, but for a primary election, that's higher than usual in St. Peter.

The next election will be a regular primary on August 11th.

Thanks to all those who came out to vote on what turned out to be a very nice March day, and to the Election Judges who put in a really long day.

MAKES ME WONDER (BY CITY ADMINISTRATOR TODD PRAFKE)

A good "Dust Up".....That is what one of my older, well-seasoned Councilmembers used to say about a disagreement at a meeting. He would say, "now that was a good dust up." I can still hear him say it in that deep baritone voice from the end of the table as he leaned forward ... "now that was a good dust up".



That friend and Councilmember I mention was never one to back away from a good "dust up". He would talk to me after the meeting about the value, or sometimes the lack of value, in the "dust up" depending on how it happened. I think it is important to point out the how it happened part.

A good dust up was a disagreement about something, not the flashy kind where someone calls someone stupid or some other less than kind name, but an impassioned, civil discussion about facts, focused on goals and coming to a solution that most can agree to. That's a "good dust up".

That good dust up is not to be confused with a meeting where feelings are stepped on, where nasty words are exchanged, where people leave knowing nothing was accomplished but an argument, where decisions are made by the loudest voice, and where understanding and consensus building were not part of the discussion. Those are "bad dust ups".

As communities govern themselves through their elected officials, it is sometimes fun to see a bad dust up, watch the crash, see the mayhem that ensues, or even view the argument like it is a drama or a TV comedy. But my Councilmember knew that a bad dust up was not good for the organization or his community. He knew that heated arguments rarely solved things for the long term and even more rarely provided the best solutions.

A “good dust up” helped issues come to a conclusion, helps people passionate about their position get their ideas out on the table which ultimately leads to greater understanding and better governance. Better governance is what he was after, not entertainment value. He knew that he wanted a better community and so did the people who elected him. They didn’t want a sideshow.

As we all try to do what we can to make our little corner of the world better, a good dust up might be just what is needed from time to time.

It makes me wonder.....

CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS – Action at the City Council meeting held on February 24, 2020 included approval for purchase of materials (fencing) for construction of the first phase of the second dog park at 1125 North Swift Street; adoption of an ADA transition plan identifying accessibility issues in City owned right-of-ways; approval to increase the deductible for the City’s property/casualty insurance policy; and approval of a Tree Worker license. Council consideration of a name for the new dog park was removed from the agenda and will be discussed at a later date.

The next regular City Council meeting will be Monday, March 9th beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Governors' Room of the Community Center.



DADDY-DAUGHTER DANCE - The Recreation Department’s Annual Daddy Daughter Dance is Saturday, March 7th at the Community Center from 6-8p.m. This year’s theme is “Over the Moon”. Interested

families are encouraged to pre-register for the event at a cost of \$25 per couple (\$5 for each additional guest), or you can buy tickets at the door for \$30 per couple and \$5 for each additional guest.

WE COUNT MINNESOTA – *Congratulations to Karen Eastman who correctly answered the Hot Sheet question... “What was Saint Peter’s census participation rate in both the 2000 and 2010 census?”*

The correct answer was 84% in both 2000 and 2010 and that’s just not good enough this time around. That’s why the City Council created a Complete Count Committee tasked with the responsibility of finding ways to get the word out about the importance of Census participation especially among the historically undercounted segments of our population (snowbirds, infants and young children and immigrant populations).

In just a few short weeks every household in Saint Peter will receive a census questionnaire that can be filled out on the paper version, online through a secure website, or by calling the number provided. Folks will have one month to complete the questionnaire before Census workers come knocking on your door offering assistance.

Residents might get tired of hearing it, but every single person living in Minnesota needs to be counted to ensure we keep our congressional seats in Washington and to ensure badly needed Federal funding for all kinds of programs comes to Minnesota.

That’s why we are encouraging families to talk to other family members; neighbors talk to neighbors, and friends talk to friends to encourage everyone to be counted. From seniors to infants, every single person residing in Minnesota counts!



This chance only comes around once every ten years so you don’t want to miss it. Thank you for participating and look for that Census form in your mailbox on April 1st!

HELP WANTED – The City is now accepting applications for the following positions:

- **BUILDING INSPECTOR** - in the Building Department.



MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Any combination of education and experience equivalent to a high school degree; Possession of State of Minnesota Building Inspector Limited Certification or ability to obtain within one year of date of employment; Demonstrated ability to perform plan review for residential, commercial, and industrial building construction and alterations; Possession of a valid drivers’ license.

DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS: Two years of post-high school course work in building inspection or construction oriented, architectural, or engineering courses and experience in any of the skilled construction trades, architectural

design, or engineering, and experience as a municipal building inspector; Demonstrated knowledge of Minnesota State Building Code, current International Building Code, current Minnesota Plumbing Code, current Uniform Housing Code, and the Minnesota Uniform Fire Code, and other laws regulating building construction; demonstrated knowledge of building construction methods and materials; knowledge of the principles and practices of plumbing and heating code enforcement; Demonstrated knowledge of the principles and procedures of rental code enforcement; Demonstrated ability to read and interpret building and plumbing plans and specifications; Demonstrated knowledge of OSHA regulations. \$21.50-\$24.00 per hour depending on qualifications. 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 1-5 p.m. or by calling (507)934-0663. Completed applications must be received by the City Administrator's office by 5:00 p.m. March 26, 2020. Interviews will be scheduled April 2, 2020. Faxed, emailed, and/or late applications will not be accepted. AA/EEO

- **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.

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 16	7:00 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
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
Thursday	April 2	5:30 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission
Monday	April 6	3:30 p.m.	Housing and Redevelopment Authority
Monday	April 6	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Monday	April 13	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Monday	April 20	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Monday	April 20	7:00 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Tuesday	April 21	6:00 p.m.	City Board of Appeal and Equalization
Wednesday	April 22	12:30 p.m.	Hospital Commission
Thursday	April 23	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
Friday	April 24	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau
Monday	April 27	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	April 28	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission