

# CITY OF SAINT PETER ©

## HOT SHEET



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**CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS** – Action at the City Council meeting held on March 23, 2020 included a public hearing and subsequent action to annex two parcels of property into the City that were thought to have been annexed in previously; extended the provisions of the Cold Weather Rule to May 22, 2020; authorized submission of a grant application to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Outdoor Recreation Grant program for improvements to Minnesota Square Park; and approval of a resolution extending the emergency declaration authorized under M.S. 12.29.

The next regular City Council meeting will be Monday, April 13th beginning at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will only be held electronically as authorized under Minnesota Statutes 13.021. For log-in information, please visit the City's website. The log-in information will be at the bottom of the meeting agenda page which will be available under the "meetings and minutes" section of the homepage the Friday before the Council meeting.

**A LOOK BACK** – by Barbara A. Luker..... City Administrator Prafke has graciously allowed me to replace his weekly column with some thoughts of my own.

*March 29, 1998 is a day that for many Saint Peter residents, will never be forgotten. A day when winds blew and lives changed. A day when this community banded together in an unprecedented manner to dig our way out of the rubble and rebuild the community we all call home.*

*It's been 20+ years since that fateful day and a lot of wonderful things have happened in our community since that time. Now though, we are faced with another challenge that effects each and every one of us. A challenge we can't see and can't defend against by any means other than changing how we live our daily lives. Schools are closed,*

*businesses are closing, people are losing their jobs, and even something as simple as a hug or a handshake can put people's lives at risk. The only way to protect ourselves is to withdraw from the very thing that makes us stronger....being together as a community.*

*As we look at how the virus has spread around the world, any hopes that this will be a short lived event is most likely futile. It will be months before we find our way out of this pandemic and maybe a year or more before the scientists already at work have a safe vaccine and effective treatments to save lives.*

*But is all lost? Certainly not. For we are a resilient community and having gone through a devastating tornado, we already know that when we join together we are stronger than any one of us standing alone. Already we see people offering to care for children so parents can continue working while schools and day cares are closed. Others are offering to buy groceries for elderly neighbors who may be too afraid to venture out to a store. Those with excess amounts of needed supplies are offering to share with someone who is in danger of running out. Family will look after family, neighbors will look after neighbors, and friends will look after friends because that's what we do.*

*At the City of Saint Peter, we are dusting off our emergency plans and updating them to fit this particular situation. We know that people count on us for electricity and water and sewer. We know the services we provide will be vital to people staying healthy and having some semblance of normalcy as we go through this historical event and so we will continue to serve you. We will continue to support every member of this community in the best way we know how.*

*As I was back in 1998, I remain a proud part of the City organization and proud to be part of this community and I know, if we all are patient, careful and mindful of the needs and fears of others, we will*

*come through this together and in the end, we will be a better community for it.*

*Stay strong Saint Peter. We've got each other's backs and that's more than a lot of other communities.*

**COVID-19 UPDATED INFORMATION** – Each week the Hot Sheet will include updated information pertaining to the City's response to the COVID-19 emergency. Here is the latest information as of March 25, 2020:

- River's Edge Hospital website now contains updated information on the Hospital's response to COVID-19. Here's the link to their website <https://riversedgehealth.org/tag/covid-19/>
- If community members have medical supplies like masks and/or latex gloves they would like to donate to help ensure the safety of the medical staff at River's Edge Hospital, you're asked to go to the new main entrance and leave the materials with the receptionist.
- Minnesota River Valley Transit will be suspending operation of the Le Sueur/Saint Peter/Mankato route beginning on Friday, March 27th. This suspension of service will be effective until further notice. The last day this route will be operational until the COVID-19 emergency is over is Thursday, March 26th. Please watch our Facebook page for the return of service into Mankato.
- City buildings remain closed to the public, but that doesn't mean you can't check out Library materials. See the article later in this week's Hot Sheet for details on how you can check out materials.
- The Saint Peter Community Center and Saint Peter Public Library will continue to be closed to the public due to COVID-19. Staff will closely monitor changes or updates but because this is evolving, we will evaluate this on an ongoing basis. If you have questions please call the Recreation Office at 507-934-0667, visit our website at [www.saintpetermn.gov](http://www.saintpetermn.gov), or City of Saint Peter Facebook Page for the latest updates.
- Refuse collection will continue as normal. Our refuse hauler, LJP Waste Enterprises assures us they are taking necessary steps to protect their employees, but those steps will not impact service in Saint Peter.
- The annual Bike Rodeo scheduled for May 16<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled.
- Later this week the City's Economic Development Authority will consider establishment of a loan program that will help local businesses weather the business

disruption caused by the COVID-19 emergency. This program will be structured similar to the loan program put in place during the Highway 169 median project. Details are yet to be finalized, but once the program is approved, the City will distribute information to all local businesses on the program.

- The ongoing COVID-19 emergency is very stressful to a lot of the community for a lot of different reasons, but help is available if you are having a difficult time dealing with all this. Please keep these numbers handy and share them with friends and family:
- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-TALK (8255) free 24-hour help
- National Suicide Crisis: 1-800-784-2433 (24 hour line)
- South Central Mobile Crisis Line: 1-877-399-3040 (24 hour line)
- 24 Hour Adult Mental Health Crisis Line: 1-800-233-9929
- United Way First Call for Help: 1-800-543-7709
- Crisis Text Line: Text HOME to 741-741

And here are some location options for community counseling services (this should not be used as an exhaustive list, but as a guide of where to start)

- Counseling Services of Southern Minnesota - 507-934-8040
- Sioux Trails Mental Health Center - 507-934-2652
- St. Peter Counseling Center - 507-484-2400
- St. Peter Psychology Clinic - 507-721-1227
- Nicollet County Human Services - 507-934-6800
- Le Sueur County Human Services - 507-357-8228
- Mayo Clinic Health System - 507-931-2110
- Mankato Clinic, Daniels Health Center- 507-934-2325
- Open Door Health Center - 507-388-2120 (Mankato)

**LIBRARY CURBSIDE PICKUP NOW AVAILABLE** – Like all City buildings, the Library is currently closed to the public, but staff has been able to work out details on providing curbside pickup of library materials. Here's the scoop:

- Patron must have current library card in good standing
- No periodicals, oversize or special materials.
- Items requested must be available at Saint Peter Public Library only. Use the TDS catalog to verify materials are available at SPPL. Limited to 5 items, 3 DVDs maximum per card.

- Patron must place holds in the library catalog, or request materials by email to lib@saintpetermn.gov.
- Items will be available for curbside pickup on Monday - Friday from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. See info on how to pick up items below.
- Staff will work to complete orders as requested and will use discretion to fulfill request with alternate titles.
- Books must be returned to book drop by the due date or renewed.

Please keep in mind that this service is a new attempt to assist patrons and we ask for patience as all the kinks are worked out. Also know that this service may be cancelled or modified at any time.

**Curbside  
Pickup for  
Holds**

If you got a notification that  
a hold is ready for pick-up:

1. Drive up to the book drop curb. Hold pick-ups will be available 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday-Friday
2. Call the Library 507-934-7420
3. Library staff will then pull your hold and place it on the window-sill near the book drop in a plastic bag.
4. Most items will be automatically renewed.

**SENIOR LINKAGE LINE** – Do you have senior members in your family? If so, please make note of the Senior LinkAge Line assistance number: 1-800-333-2433.

The Senior LinkAge Line will continue to be a resource for older adults and their families to call during this emergency situation. The Senior LinkAge Line can help people find resources and make connections with alternative services if someone's provider or support network has changed or temporarily stopped providing services.

The Minnesota Board on Aging (MBA), Minnesota's Area Agencies on Aging and the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) are working closely together to share information and ensure that all parts of the state have the resources they need to support older Minnesotans and caregivers.

If you are on Elderly Waiver, Alternative Care or Essential Community Supports, contact your case manager/care coordinator to discuss your needs.

If you are not on one of these programs, call the Senior LinkAge Line at 1-800-333-2433 for help finding resources in your community including:

- Home-delivered meals
- Grocery or prescription drug delivery
- Help in your home
- Transportation
- Caregiver consultants and respite services

**WE COUNT MINNESOTA** – Think the Census is going to stop because of the COVID-19 situation? Wrong! In fact, with a lot of people at home self-quarantining, now is the perfect time to complete your census questionnaire. Each household received an initial invitation and a follow-up one. If you haven't responded yet, soon you'll receive paper copies of the form to fill out and then....if you still are procrastinating, a Census Worker will show up at your doorstep.

So why not just fill out your form now...while you're thinking about it?

We Count Minnesota!

**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

- **PART-TIME BUS DRIVERS** - for the Minnesota River Valley Transit system. This position will work varied shifts including day, nights and occasional weekends. Positions in both Saint Peter and Le Sueur available. Successful candidates for this position must have, at a minimum, a High school diploma or equivalent and a valid State of Minnesota CDL minimum of Class C Driver's License with passenger endorsement. Candidates will have thirty (30) days from the date of employment to obtain the required driver's license and the City will help the new employee train for the license test. Candidates who possess the following desired experience or education will qualify for additional

points towards an interview: previous experience working with the public; training in vehicle mechanics; experience operating a two-way radio/phone; and prior bus driving experience. Starting wage \$16.72 per hour. Applicants are required to complete a City application form which is available in the City Administrator's office at 227 South Front Street or by calling (507) 934-0663. Completed applications must be received by the City Administrator's office by 5:00 p.m. April 9, 2020. Faxed, emailed, and/or late applications will not be accepted. **\*\*NOTE:** The successful candidates for this position will be required to successfully complete and pass a pre-employment drug test. The position is also subject to post-accident, random, reasonable suspicion, return to duty, and follow-up drug and alcohol testing required by USDOT 49 CFR Part 655 (Federal Transit Administration) and USDOT 49 CFR Part 40. In addition, successful candidates for this position must have a vehicle driving record which is clear of revocations, suspensions and cancellations for the past three (3) years. Applicants may be required to submit to a criminal background check and be clear of convictions for crimes or anticipatory crimes (as defined in M.S. 609.17 and 609.175) within the previous fifteen (15) years. AA/EEO

**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 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