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CITY COUNCIL MEETING – The City Council meeting of February 22, 2021 included a public hearing and subsequent action to approve an administrative lot split in Norman's Subdivision; a public hearing and subsequent action to approve vacation of Hatch Street and the north-south alleys in Blocks 101 and 102 Town of Traverse des Sioux (now City of Saint Peter) for the new Kwik Trip establishment; issuance of general obligation improvement bonds for the North Third Street, Center and McLeod Streets From West St. Julien To 1,000 feet North Project; refunding of 2016 bonds used to finance the Traverse Green Subdivision improvements with new bonds at a lower interest rate; approval for a one year lease of City owned agricultural land to Brett A. Annestad; adoption of a resolution of sponsorship for Local Road Improvement Program grant funds for three separate road improvement projects; approval for a \$500 per year increase in the retirement benefit provided to Volunteer Firefighters; and approval of 3.2 On-Sale Beer, Tobacco and Soft Drink licenses for the new owners of the Freedom Valu station.

The next regular City Council meeting will be Monday, March 8, 2021 beginning at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will 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.

However, the Ambassadors have indicated they will use the tourism grant funds they received to promote St. Peter bars and restaurants on St Patrick's Day and will continue to sell tickets for and conduct their annual raffle.

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING CANCELLED - This Thursday's (March 4th) regular meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission has been cancelled due to a lack of agenda items. The next regular meeting will be April 1st (no foolin!) beginning at 5:30 p.m. For more information on the Planning Commission meetings, please contact the Community Development Department at 507-934-0661.

DOG LICENSES – New and renewal dog licenses are now available for purchase. Dogs (and cats) old enough to receive a rabies vaccination are required to be licensed by the City. Dog licenses are due on or before April 30, 2021 and costs are as follows:



Spayed/Neutered	\$5
Unaltered	\$25
After April 30th Penalty	\$5 (in addition to license fee)

To apply for or renew a pet's license, owners must provide a current rabies vaccination certificate signed by a licensed Veterinarian. Licenses are available from the Community Development Department at City Hall (227 South Front Street) during regular office hours.

Even though this is not the cat licensing year, cat owners are also required to license the animal as soon as it is old enough to be vaccinated for rabies. Costs are the same as the license fees for dogs.



ST. PATRICK'S PARADE CANCELLED - The St. Peter Ambassadors have announced the difficult decision to cancel this year's St. Patrick's Day parade due to the inability to meet COVID-19 precautions.

For additional pet licensing questions, please call the Community Development Department at 934-0661 or by email at cindym@saintpetermn.gov

PET ADOPTION – Spring is the time of year for baby chicks and ducks and rabbits. Sometimes the Easter Bunny even delivers these little pets as Easter surprises. But before you decide that a holiday is a good time to buy a cute little pet for your kids, please remember that those animals grow up and become a lifetime commitment.

If you are in the market for a new family pet, please consider adopting a homeless animal through Providing Animals With Shelter (PAWS) in Saint



Peter, or Blue Earth/Nicollet County Humane Society (BENCHS) or Mending Spirits.

There are many, many pets of all shapes, sizes, ages, breeds, and species, that are in need of a “fur”ever home and while they might not be the cute little baby animal you were originally considering, oftentimes these pets will be the best companions your family could ever ask for.

And don’t dismiss the older pets. Older animals make wonderful pets without the hassle of bad habits and potty accidents. You’ll get a calmer pet that still has lots of playfulness and lots of love to give. For information on available animals at Saint Peter’s own P.A.W.S, follow their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/pawsstpeter> or BENCHS at <https://www.facebook.com/benchsmankato>. Mending Spirits is a home based foster program that can be reached at www.mendingspirits.org.

PEDDLERS NEED PERMITS – Tis’ the time of year when peddlers begin to show up at front doors. It’s also the time when St. Peter residents start calling to make complaints or check on whether they should open the door to a peddler.

Regulations for peddlers, which were formerly called “Green River” laws, have been in place for decades. The term refers to the U.S. licensing law protecting residents from door-to-door solicitation. This ordinance grants protection to residents from unwanted peddlers and salespersons by prohibiting door-to-door solicitations without prior consent and the City Code places restrictions on how these activities can be undertaken.

People who are going door to door in a residential area without a permanent and fixed business location within the corporate limits of Saint Peter are subject to permitting requirements.

When a peddler applies for a permit each individual who is going door to door is listed on the application. The Police Department does a background check on each of the individuals and then, if recommended for approval, the permit application goes to the City Council. Once issued, each peddler receives a paper license which is signed by the City Administrator. They are required to carry their permit on them and present it to anyone who asks to see it.

As part of the permitting process, peddler’s must issue a bond with the City. This helps ensure that anyone who might be swindled by the transaction can get a bit of relief.

But here’s the thing about peddlers...if you don’t want to let them in your house, don’t! There is no rule that says just because they have a permit from the City you must do business with them. While we do a background check on the applicants, it’s still up to each of us to use our own best judgement when dealing with a salesperson that appears at the door.

If you do open your door to a peddler, certainly ask to see their permit before inviting them into your home or ordering anything. If they can’t or won’t show you the permit, simply don’t do business with them. And don’t believe them when they say they don’t need a permit or the company holds the permit. They DO need the permit no matter what other statute they might reference and it’s the individual that receives the permit, not the company.

If someone comes to your door selling without the required permit, please feel free to call the Police Department at 931-1550 and provide a report. Give the Police the best description you can of the individual including what direction they were going; whether on foot or by vehicle and, if in a car, what make/model/color; what they were wearing; and what they were trying to sell you. An Officer will try and find them and if necessary, direct them in how to obtain the proper permit or send them on their way.

BATTLE OF THE BADGES BLOOD DRIVE – The St. Peter Police Department and the American Red Cross are hosting an upcoming blood drive. Lovingly referred to as the Battle of the Badges”, this blood drive pits area law enforcement personnel,

(along with their friends, neighbors and co-workers), against each other to see which badge can generate the most pints donated.



The need for blood is constant and only volunteer donors can fulfill that need for patients in our community. Nationwide, someone needs a unit of blood every 2 to 3 seconds and most of us will need blood in our lifetime.

All blood donated will be tested for COVID-19 antibodies. If you've previously had COVID-19 or received the vaccination it does not exclude you from donating.

Site: St. Peter Community Center

Address: 600 S. 5th St., Saint Peter, MN, 56082

Room Name: Senior Center 219

Date: Tuesday May 18, 2021

Time: 1:00-7:00 PM

Blood Program Leader Name: Janet Ireland

Blood Program Leader Phone Number:
507-931-1550

To make an online appointment please click here: https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=St.%20Peter%20BotB&cid=siebel&med=email&source=bdc_email&utm_source=siebel&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=bdc_email or use the Red Cross donor app.

Thank you in advance for supporting the Saint Peter Police Department, people in need and the American Red Cross!

GOT JUNK SITTING AROUND? – Spring means clean up and that's when the Community Service Officer will begin canvassing St. Peter (including driving up and down alleys) for junk that has been allowed to accumulate in people's yards. Inoperable cars, old mattresses and furniture, old and inoperable appliances, construction materials, etc. If it is sitting out in your yard and shouldn't be it may be grounds for a warning notice for removal.



So, with the weather getting nicer each day, now is the perfect time to start making plans to remove all those things that shouldn't be there.

And while you are making plans, we at the City are also trying to arrange for a contractor to do another curbside collection of furniture and appliances, but that won't happen until the end of

May if we can get it arranged and some property owners may not have that much time before being cited.

But some help is available. Contact the Finance Department at City Hall (934-0664) for a \$5 off coupon for disposing of items at GreenTech in Mankato where you can recycle old TVs, computers, appliances, cell phones, batteries, light bulbs and more and visit the Tri-County Solid Waste office website at <https://www.co.nicollet.mn.us/180/Tri-County-Solid-Waste> for more information on upcoming junk collections in the tri-county (Nicollet, Le Sueur and Sibley) area.

Finally if you wish to use a refuse company, there are several areas companies licensed to collect refuse in St. Peter (meaning we have done background investigations and verified they have insurance coverage). They include LJP, Waste Management, and Hanson Sanitation.

DOG WASTE PICKUP - With the spring thaw right around the corner pet owners may be polluting our waterways. Pollution from pet waste provides a very serious threat to the environment.

Contrary to belief, pet waste is not a natural fertilizer. In 1991, the Environmental Protection Agency labeled dog waste as a "non-point source pollutant" and placed it in the same category as herbicides and insecticides, among other toxic waste products.

Although it is not the most noticeable form of pollution, animal waste left on the ground can be washed into storm drains from rain and melting snow and ice where it becomes a serious threat to the environment and water supplies.

Once it has been washed into storm drains, the waste flows to rivers, lakes, oceans, and even drinking water. With its high concentration of bacteria and disease-causing microorganisms, animal waste poses a serious pollution threat to everyone within the community. In order to keep animal waste from contaminating local waterways and the City's drinking water, pet owners should properly dispose of waste by picking it up, wrapping it, and either placing it into the trash or flushing it UNWRAPPED down the toilet. Pet owners those who walk and care for animals of others are required to properly and immediately dispose of any pet



waste deposited on any public or private property not owned or possessed by that person.

Please be a responsible pet owner and a good neighbor.

Help Wanted – The City of Saint Peter is currently accepting applications for the following seasonal positions in the Public Works and Recreation and Leisure Services (including aquatics) Departments. A condition of employment shall be successful completion of a background investigation and pre-employment drug test. Employees will be subject to post-accident, random, reasonable suspicion, return to duty, and follow-up drug and alcohol testing. Applications are available on the City's website at www.saintpetermn.gov/365/employment or from the City Administrator's office at 227 South Front Street, (507)934-0663. **Deadline for receipt of applications by the City Administrator's office for all seasonal positions is 5:00 p.m. on March 18, 2021.** Faxed and/or late applications will not be accepted. AA/EOE

- **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. Minimum age: 18. \$10.25/hour
- **TREE WORKER:** Duties include work involving maintenance of City's urban forest assisting Forester in tree planting and felling, tree trimming and pruning, stump grinding and site restoration, maintenance of plants, tree nursery and new trees, conducts tree inventories and completes reports. **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** High school diploma or GED; Valid Class C or D driver's license; Possession of an American Heart Certification as a Basic Rescuer for cardiopulmonary resuscitation and emergency cardiac care or the ability to obtain within six months of employment with the City; Demonstrated related experience in tree maintenance. **DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS:** Demonstrated knowledge in the operation a wood chipper, aerial lift truck,

skid steer, chainsaw and stump grinder; Demonstrated experience and education in landscaping, arboriculture, forestry; International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) certification; Tree Inspector certification; Demonstrated knowledge of basic plant maintenance; Ability to speak conversational Somali or Spanish 26 weeks per week April – October limited to 900 hours. 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. Minimum age: 18. \$12.50/hour

- **LANDSCAPE GARDENER:** Duties include work involving gardening, landscape maintenance, general maintenance of planters, flowerbeds, and maintenance of parks, right-of-way, and other recreational facilities. **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** High school diploma or GED equivalent; Valid Class C or D driver's license; Possession of an American Heart Certification as a Basic Rescuer for cardiopulmonary resuscitation and emergency cardiac care or the ability to obtain within six months of employment with the City; Demonstrated experience in landscape gardening. **DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS:** Demonstrated experience in any of the following: grounds keeping and/or tree maintenance; Master Gardener certification; Demonstrated knowledge of public horticulture or landscape design; Minnesota Non-Commercial Pesticide Applicator License; Minnesota Tree Inspector Certification; Demonstrated knowledge of OSHA rules, regulations and safety requirements of the trade; Ability to speak conversational Somali or Spanish 26 weeks April – October limited to 900 hours. 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. Minimum age: 18. \$12.50/hour.
- **PARK RANGER:** Duties include providing assistance at community events, recreational facilities, and maintenance activities assuring park grounds and structures are neat and clean, assist citizens using City facilities, oversee entrance to Swift Street tree and grass clippings drop off site, assist with ball field maintenance during tournaments and weekend play. **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** High School diploma or GED equivalent; Valid Class C or D driver's license; Possession of an American Heart Certification as a Basic Rescuer for

cardiopulmonary resuscitation and emergency cardiac care or the ability to obtain within six months of employment with the City. **DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS:** Demonstrated ability to deal with the public; Demonstrated problem solving abilities; Demonstrated communication skills related to City operations; Demonstrated knowledge and experience in park maintenance; Ability to speak conversational Somali or Spanish. May 1 to October 31 including weekdays, weeknights, holidays, and weekends. 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. Minimum age: 18. \$12.50/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. \$11.75/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. \$10.90/hour
- **LIFEGUARD (without WSI):** Duties include supervision of swimmers and some maintenance. Full, part-time and substitute positions. Current LGT, First Aid & CPR Certificates required. Minimum age: 15. \$10.50/hour
- **OUTDOOR POOL CASHIER:** Duties include collection of pool fees, light bookkeeping, some maintenance, and strong public relations skills. Minimum age: 15. Part-time. \$8.25/hour
- **RECREATION COORDINATOR:** Train and supervise staff, organize and implement summer sports programs (youth and adult) as well as mobile recreation program (Exploration Recreation). Need strong organizational, motivational, planning and leadership skills. Valid Class C or D driver's license is required. Experience with school age children. 35–40 hours/week. Mid May–mid/end of August. \$11.25/hour

- **VOLUNTEER IN THE PARK COORDINATOR:** Recruit, train, assign and supervise youth volunteers. Strong organizational skills and previous work with youth required. Valid Class C or D driver's license is required. Flexible hours. 30–40 hours/week. Mid May–Mid August. \$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. Valid Class C or D driver's license is required. End of May–mid/end August. Flexible hours. 20–40 hours/week. \$10.25/hour

The City is also accepting applications for the position of **LINEMAN ASSISTANT (SEASONAL)**. **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** High school diploma; Demonstrated knowledge of electric distribution systems; has begun or has completed training for Electric Lineman Certification; Possession of a valid State of Minnesota driver's license. **DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS:** Demonstrated knowledge of the principles of electrical theory applicable to electrical circuits and wiring systems; Demonstrated knowledge of OSHA regulations and safety precautions of the trade; Demonstrated experience in operation of bucket trucks, line trucks, trencher, backhoe, and locating equipment; Demonstrated knowledge of materials and tools used in the construction, operation, and maintenance of electrical distribution systems; Demonstrated knowledge of the work hazards involved in the operation of an electrical system; Demonstrated knowledge of computers operation. \$14/hour. Applicants are required to complete a City application form available in the City Administrator's office at 227 South Front Street by calling (507)934-0663 or online at <https://www.saintpetermn.gov/365/Employment>. Completed applications must be received by the City Administrator's office by 5:00 p.m. March 18, 2021. Please note the application for this position is NOT the same as the application for the other seasonal positions listed. Faxed and/or late applications will not be accepted. AA/EEO

CITY MEETING CALENDAR –***PLEASE NOTE...Until further notice, City meetings may be conducted electronically as authorized under Minnesota Statutes 13D.021. Log-in information for meetings being held either virtually or as a hybrid virtual/in-person will be included at the bottom of the agenda page. Agendas are all posted on the City's website at www.saintpetermn.gov.

Monday	March 1	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Thursday	March 4	5:30 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission CANCELLED!
Monday	March 8	3:30 p.m.	Housing and Redevelopment Authority
Monday	March 8	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	March 9	5:30 p.m.	Library Board
Monday	March 15	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Monday	March 15	7:00 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Monday	March 22	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Wednesday	March 24	12:30 p.m.	Hospital Commission
Thursday	March 25	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
Friday	March 26	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau
Monday	March 29	3:00 p.m.	CITY COUNCIL GOAL SESSION
Tuesday	March 30	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission