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HOT SHEET



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MAKES ME WONDER (BY CITY ADMINISTRATOR TODD PRAFKE)

– We live in a community and indeed a nation with a diverse population made up of people from many cultures, religions, races,

sexual orientation and expressions, socio-economic backgrounds, all with varied experiences and interests. As we move into a new future after the terrible events that have occurred just a short drive away from us and after the far reaching impact of COVID, we cling tightly to the values that are:

Saint Peter sees Vital Importance as striving to be...

- a community that treats all people like neighbors
- proactive in housing solutions
- committed to providing quality health care
- supportive of a thriving and sustainable business community
- acting on the changes in our demographics
- promoting an aesthetically distinctive community
- always improving on environmental sustainability
- a community that prioritizes available early childhood care, educational opportunities, and exceptional schools

Everyone in our community is valuable and the City Council things these values represent the best interests of our community and the people the City serves. They represent part of what we can all do to make Saint Peter great for everyone that calls this place home.

Many recent events in our State and our nation point us to a need to more fully understand how we serve each other for the betterment of all. Working together to understand and celebrate our differences makes our community stronger and is part of our journey together.

We are excited to continue our partnership with those we serve in many different ways including our upcoming "Saint Peter Community Conversations" program. We hope you will share your experiences as part of these community conversations, but right now we hope that you will join us in in striving to treat all people like neighbors.

More information on the "Community Conversations" project will be coming out in the next few weeks.

ACCESS PASS (ORANGE STICKER) REQUIRED FOR COMPOST/DROP-OFF SITE USE – To combat ongoing illegal dumping at the City's yard waste drop-off site, only City utility customers who are billed for the monthly environmental services fee will be allowed use of the site at 1128 North Swift Street*. These customers were already provided with an "access pass" (orange sticker) in their April utility bills. These customers already pay the environmental services fee that funds the drop-off site.

Placing the access pass (sticker) in the upper left corner of the vehicle windshield allows full use of the site which is under video surveillance and will occasionally be staffed to ensure compliance.

Additional stickers for City residential utility customers may be purchased for \$5 at the Finance office at City Hall (227 South Front Street) or at the Public Works Department at 405 West St. Julien Street.

Residents and businesses using the recycling dumpsters do NOT require the orange sticker to entire this area.

2021 SPRING CURBSIDE BRUSH COLLECTION - The City of Saint Peter will be collecting branches, brush, and tree trimmings curbside the week of May 3rd beginning at 7:00 A.M.

To make the process go smoother, which ends up saving all of us money, please remember the following tips:

- Do not put materials in the street. They should be on the boulevard (right-of-way), parallel and adjacent to the curb within six-feet (6') of the curb line as shown in the photo here.



- Brush and tree trimmings should be cut to lengths no longer than six feet.
- Make sure the materials are placed away from curbs, light poles, trees, posts, mailboxes, utility boxes/pedestals, etc.
- Please refrain from parking near (i.e. 50') or in front of the yard waste until pick-up is complete.

It will take crews more than one day to collect everything, but they will only go down each street once. If the materials is not out by 7:00 A.M. Monday, May 3rd it will not be picked up, but using the provided orange access pass to the yard waste drop-off site, residents may dispose of materials at the City site for no cost.

Please note this is not a “leaves and grass clippings” collection. These materials can be taken to the yard waste drop-off site at 1128 North Swift Street. Do not put in with the brush.

This collection and the services provided at the yard waste drop-off site are for use by residents living within the corporate limits of Saint Peter as it is funded by the City’s Environmental Services fee. For questions about these services, please contact the Department of Public Works at 507-934-0670.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING – The City Council meeting of April 14, 2021 included award of the bid for the North Third Street, Center and McLeod Streets From West St. Julien To 1,000 Feet North Project; discussion on the 2021-2022 Stormwater Fund budgets and a possible rate increase (action tabled until April 26th); acceptance of a land donation from Danby Building LLC; discussion of City Code changes to allow for keeping of bees on private property and the associated permit fee (action tabled until April 26th); closed sessions to discuss eminent domain proceedings and threatened litigation covered under attorney-client privilege and contract negotiations with the Communications Technician union; authorization to the City Attorney to make a last written offer on the eminent domain proceedings

and to initiate the process; and approval of the union contract.

The next regular City Council meeting will be Monday, April 26, 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.

2021 RAIN BARREL REBATES – If you want to do something good for the environment and save a little money at the same time you may wish to consider installing a rain barrel or two at your home. City utility customers are eligible for a \$25 rebate on their utility bill for purchase of a 45-50 gallon rain barrel from Arrow Hardware in St. Peter during the period May 15-July 15, 2021. There is a limit of fifty total rebates available and only two per household.



So how does a rain barrel help the environment? Rainwater is perfect for use in gardens, inside house plants, washing cars and windows, and other household chores. The barrels allow rain water collected on a rainy day to be saved for use when the rain is less frequent. Rain water is then used where it falls instead of running off and possible polluting area waterways. Rain barrels help to reduce erosion and lower the amount of stress on the City’s storm drain and sewer systems.

(Please note...the rain barrel shown here is for illustrative purposes only.)

SIDEWALK PROBLEMS – One of the lesser recognized phenomenon’s of spring is sidewalk heaving. It’s that movement of sidewalks (usually in an upward trajectory) that occurs when the frost is leaving the ground and the concrete slab of the sidewalk moves as the ground shifts.

While it can happen every year, most of the time the sidewalk settles back into place without intervention. But sidewalks occasionally will deteriorate to the point where they no longer meet the City’s standards for construction. In these



instances, the sidewalks may pose a tripping hazard or be out of compliance with ADA regulations. When that's the case, property owners will be required to make repairs, or in some cases, replace the damaged portion of the sidewalk.

With limited staff it's difficult for the City to inspect every sidewalk in town and that's where you might come in. If you notice a sidewalk that is in disrepair and/or presents a tripping hazard, and it hasn't leveled out again after the frost leaves, please notify the Public Works Department at 934-0670. Please provide the address of the property and whatever additional information you can about the problem area. We'll send someone out to inspect the sidewalk and if necessary, issue a repair notice.

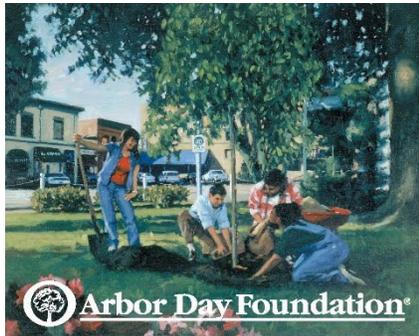
Thank you for your cooperation.

JUNK DISPOSAL – Those of you who want an easy way to dispose of inoperable appliances or furniture that has seen better days will want to look carefully at the May 1st utility bill which contains all the information you need to know about the upcoming collections. More information on these curbside appliance and furniture collections, including deadline for signing up, will also be provided in May editions of the Hot Sheet, but for planning purposes, the furniture collection is May 26th and the appliance collection is May 28th.

“ARBOR DAY” PROCLAMATION - Mayor Zieman has proclaimed April 30th as “Arbor Day” in the community. Arbor Day was founded on April 10, 1872 by J. Sterling Morton at Nebraska City, Nebraska and in 1876 Minnesota became the fourth state to adopt Arbor Day.

Minnesota's forest treasures were a significant attraction to early settlers because of their usefulness and the beautiful environment they protected and today, trees continue to be a vital resource. A healthy urban forest enriches lives by purifying air and water, helping conserve soil and energy, serving as recreational settings, providing habitat for wildlife of all kinds, and making our cities more livable.

As part of his proclamation Mayor Zieman encouraged citizens to participate in tree planting activities at their homes and businesses as he will be doing in a tree planting ceremony on Arbor Day – April 30th.



Did you know Saint Peter is a 26-year member of Tree City USA? That is a part of the Arbor Day Foundation and as a member, the City always recognizes Arbor Day as we work to celebrate the importance of an urban tree canopy and improve care of these vital city trees.

SUMMER PROGRAM REGISTRATION - The Recreation and Leisure/Community and Family Education summer program brochure has landed in mailboxes and registration is now open for all this summer's greatest hits!

This year's summer programming includes a variety of programs and activities for all ages including t-ball, swim lessons, a variety of youth camps, fitness classes, and adult athletic leagues.

Registration is available online at www.saintpetermn.gov or by visiting the Recreation Office at the Community Center (600 South Fifth Street) or by calling (507)-934-0667.

TREEMENDOUS PLAYGROUND MAINTENANCE –City crews will install new wood chip fiber at the TREEmendous Playground in Gorman Park on April 19th – 21st. During this maintenance work, the playground will be closed during the hours of 7 a.m. – 4 p.m. each day.

If you have any further questions about this work, please contact the Public Works Department at (507)934-0670.



BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION – The City Council will sit as the Board of Appeal and Equalization for those wishing to appeal Nicollet County's valuations on their properties. The meeting takes place at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 27th. The meeting will be held virtually using GoToMeeting software. Log-in information for the meeting is provided to all property owners who make an appointment and will be part of the meeting agenda which will be posted on the City's website (www.saintpetermn.gov) as the meeting date draws closer.

Property owners wishing to appeal their valuations should contact the Nicollet County Assessor's office (934-7060) to make an appointment to appear before the Board.

HELP WANTED – The City of Saint Peter is currently accepting applications for the following positions

- **WASTEWATER OPERATOR** - in the Department of Public Works. Minimum qualifications include a high school diploma or equivalent; possession of a State of Minnesota Wastewater Treatment Facility Operator Certificate or ability to obtain within one year of the date of employment with the City; possession of a State of Minnesota Type IV Biosolids Operator or ability to obtain within one year of the date of employment with the City; possession of a valid State of Minnesota Class A driver's license with Air Brake Endorsement and Tanker Endorsement or ability to obtain within six months of the date of employment with the City; possession of an American Heart Association Certification as a Basic Rescuer for cardiopulmonary resuscitation and emergency cardiac care or ability to obtain within six months. Desirable qualifications: Satisfactory completion of a technical school program related to wastewater systems operations; up to six years of responsible experience as a wastewater system operator with at least two years' experience in the operation of a Class A, B, or C system or facility, or similar industrial facility; knowledge of the principles, practices, chemicals, and equipment used in wastewater treatment, biosolids treatment and disposal, and pumping operations; ability to perform a wide variety of tests on raw and treated wastewater, raw and treated bio-solids; knowledge of the principles of plumbing and hydraulics; knowledge of and ability to operate Supervisory Control And Data Acquisition (SCADA) system; knowledge of the functions and service requirements of mechanical equipment and machinery; knowledge of OSHA regulations and safety precautions of the trade; demonstrated ability to operate a variety of wastewater plant pumping, treatment, and control equipment, biosolids treatment and disposal equipment; demonstrated ability to diagnose problems under emergency conditions and take corrective action; knowledge and experience in the operation of equipment including but not limited to backhoes, dump trucks, jet rodder machine, tanker trucks, main line TV cameras, and line locators. NOTICE: The successful candidate must complete and pass a pre-employment physical and drug test and is subject to post-accident, random, reasonable suspicion, return to duty, and follow-up drug and alcohol testing required by federal regulations. Pay range

\$21.34 - \$23.60 per hour. Applicants are required to complete a City of Saint Peter application form available on line at <https://www.saintpetermn.gov/365/Employment> or from the City Administrator's Office, 227 South Front Street, Saint Peter, Minnesota 56082-2538 or by calling (507) 934-0663. Completed applications must be received by the City Administrator's Office no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 27, 2021. Faxed and/or late applications will not be accepted. Interviews will be conducted Thursday, June 10, 2021. AA/EEO

- **CHIEF OF POLICE** - for the City of Saint Peter. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Bachelor's degree (BA or BS) in law enforcement or related field from an accredited college or university; Possession of a Peace Officers License issued by the Minnesota Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training or ability to transfer from another State; Five or more years' experience as a Police Officer, at least three of which were in a supervisory capacity; Demonstrated knowledge of all applicable State Statutes, investigative procedures and techniques, court decisions and other legal guidelines and current law enforcement practices and techniques; Possession of, or eligible for a valid State of Minnesota Class D Drivers' license. DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS: Master's degree in Law Enforcement, Public Administration or a related field from an accredited college or university; Ten (10) years' experience as an administrator or supervisor in a Police Department with ten or more personnel; Demonstrated experience in working with a State Hospital or Correctional Facility and/or a postsecondary education institution; Emergency Management Certification from an accredited training program; Demonstrated experience in the field of Police Administration and community outreach programming; Ability to speak conversational Spanish or Somali. The successful candidate must list within a six (6) minute response time. Salary \$101,500 to \$109,500. Applicants are required to complete a City application form available on line at <https://www.saintpetermn.gov/365/Employment> or from 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 30, 2021. A two-day interview process will take place May 26-27, 2021. Faxed and/or late applications will not be accepted. AA/EEO
- **BUILDING OFFICIAL** - for the City of Saint Peter.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: High school diploma or GED; Possession of a State of Minnesota Class II Building Official Certification; Two (2) years' experience in any of the skilled construction trades; Ability to perform plan review for residential, commercial, and industrial building construction and alterations; Possession of a valid State of Minnesota Class C Drivers' License; Two (2) years' experience as a Building Inspector; Demonstrated knowledge of building codes inspection and enforcement principles; plumbing/mechanical inspection and enforcement principles; demonstrated knowledge of principles and procedures of rental code enforcement; demonstrated knowledge of OSHA regulations.

DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS: Associates degree in construction trades from an accredited post-secondary educational institution; Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university in Construction Management or related field; More than two (2) years of experience as a Building Inspector; More than two (2) years' experience in performing plan review for commercial and industrial building construction and alterations; Currently possess State of Minnesota full-delegation agreement approval; Demonstrated knowledge of Minnesota State

Building Code, current Uniform 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; Demonstrated 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. Salary \$75,500 to \$80,500 per year. Applicants are required to complete a City application form available on line at <https://www.saintpetermn.gov/365/Employment> or from 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 30, 2021. Interviews will be scheduled the week of May 17, 2021. 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.

Thursday	April 22	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
Friday	April 23	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitor's Bureau
Monday	April 26	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	April 27	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission
Tuesday	April 27	6:00 p.m.	City Board of Appeal and Equalization
Wednesday	April 28	12:30 p.m.	Hospital Commission
Monday	May 3	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Thursday	May 6	5:30 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission
Monday	May 10	3:30 p.m.	Housing and Redevelopment Authority
Monday	May 10	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	May 11	2:30 p.m.	Minnesota River Valley Transit Board
Tuesday	May 11	5:30 p.m.	Library Board
Monday	May 17	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop

Monday	May 17	7:00 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Monday	May 24	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	May 25	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission
Wednesday	May 26	12:30 p.m.	Hospital Commission
Thursday	May 27	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
Friday	May 28	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau
Monday	May 31		MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY – City offices closed