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HOT SHEET



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CITY COUNCIL MEETING – The City Council meeting of April 26, 2021 included adoption of the 2021-2022 stormwater fund budgets; appointment of members to an ad hoc committee to review and recommend grants for accessibility improvements for central business district properties; award of bids for the 2021 North Third Street Improvement (Livermore to Union) Project, 2021 Seal Coating Project and 2021 Asphalt Purchase project; acceptance of the 2021 Electric Master Plan update; approval of a Tree Worker license; approval for City assistance for MarketFest St. Peter; closed sessions on two offers to purchase City-owned land (former wastewater treatment ponds and Municipal Parking Lot #5) and easement negotiations covered under attorney-client privilege; and adoption of a resolution approving purchase of temporary and permanent easements from Lavonne A. and Larry F. Enz.

The next regular City Council meeting will be Monday, May 10, 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.

2020 CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT - The Consumer Confidence rules as outlined by the United State Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) require public water suppliers to make information on the City's water quality available to the public.

The City does this annually through issuance of the Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) which summarizes information regarding sources used for the City's water supply (i.e., rivers, or aquifers) and information on any contaminants detected in those sources, how the City compliance with federal regulations and by provision of other educational

materials. The City's 2020 CCR is available to for review or download on the City's website at www.saintpetermn.gov/DocumentCenter/View/1352 Residents who would like a paper copy should contact the Public Works Department at 507-934-0670.

CENSUS NUMBERS - Based on numbers released to President Biden today, Minnesota can now boast of a population of 5,706,494 according to the 2020 Census! That's a population increase of about 400,000 over 2010. More important to note however, is that Minnesota will maintain the same level of representation in the U.S. House of Representatives. While a few states actually gained representation, seven unlucky states will lose one of their Representatives. With the numbers officially reported, the multi-year work of redistricting will begin. St. Peter's redistricting (redrawing of ward and precinct boundaries) will occur in 2022.

GARAGE SALE SIGNS – It's an rite of Spring for some residents; one that is ramping up all over town judging from the garage sale signs that have recently sprung up in Johnson Park. And with that comes the City's annual reminder about good garage sale etiquette.



- Signs must not impede sightlines of drivers.
- Signs must be removed immediately following the sale.
- Signs which become tattered should be removed immediately.
- Signs must NOT be affixed to boulevard trees, sign posts, traffic signs, utility boxes or other structures in the right-of-way.

And, because Johnson Park is kind of a mecca for garage sale signs, leading lots of folks to stop and jot down addresses, please use extra caution when doing so. Pull out of the traffic lanes and get out of

your vehicle to make your notes. The intersection of Broadway/Washington Avenues is extremely busy and we want everyone to be safe.



shown below:

COMMUNITY CENTER HOURS CHANGING - The Community Center seasonal hours will take effect starting in May. The schedule of hours for the summer is

May Building Hours

Monday-Thursday: 6am-9pm
 Fridays: 6am-8pm
 Saturdays: 8am-4pm
 Sundays: Closed

June-August Building Hours

Monday-Friday: 6am-8pm
 Saturdays: 8am-4pm
 Sundays: Closed

Those with questions regarding use of the Community Center should contact the Recreation Office at 507-934-0667.

RIVERSIDE PARK MUNICIPAL

CAMPGROUND - The Saint Peter Municipal Campground opens for the season on Saturday, May 1. Campsites with electrical cost \$27.00/day, tent sites with no electrical are \$17.00/day.

New this year is the ability to make reservations for the campsites up to 14 days in advance. To do so, go to the City's website at www.saintpetermn.gov or call the Recreation Department at 507-934-0667.

Same day reservations can be made in person at the Police Department at 207 South Front Street.

Campground amenities include, eleven Camper/Electric sites, five ten sites, boat ramp, canoe landing, drinking water, fire rings, fishing pond



with handicap accessible platform, heated restrooms/shower facilities, picnic shelter, picnic tables, playground, trailer dump station, and sand volleyball court.

More information on the City's campground is available on the City's website.

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.

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.

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.

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
Thursday	June 3	5:30 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission
Monday	June 7	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Monday	June 14	3:30 p.m.	Housing and Redevelopment Authority
Monday	June 14	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Monday	June 21	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Wednesday	June 23	12:30 p.m.	Hospital Commission
Thursday	June 24	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
Friday	June 25	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau
Monday	June 28	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	June 29	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission