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HOT SHEET



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CASTING WITH COPS – June 19th was near perfect weather for the Third Annual Casting with Cops event at the Mill Pond. It was a fun morning of catching fish and making memories for all involved. Over fifty children participated in this fun event that allows local kids to fish with law enforcement officers from the St. Peter Police Department, Nicollet County Sheriff's Department, North Mankato Police Department, and Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (enforcement division).

The event was made possible through the sponsorships of Fleet Farm, M.S.C.I.C. (Minnesota South Central Investigators Coalition), Enterprise Fleet Services, and Culligan Ultrapure of St. Peter. All of the fishing poles, bobbers and lures were provided by these wonderful sponsors.

Special thanks go out to the staff of the City's Recreation and Leisure Services Department for their organizational skills on this event.

ENERGY REBATES - Rising temperatures mean higher utility bills, but the City can help save money on your electric costs. Rebates are available to City utility customers who have professional tune-ups on

their cooling system or install new high-efficiency air conditioning equipment.

Rebates are also available to residential customers for purchase of qualifying:

- LED light bulbs
- Light fixtures
- Refrigerators
- Freezers
- Dishwashers
- Clothes washers
- Heat pump water heaters
- Smart thermostats
- Dehumidifiers
- Efficient furnace fan motors
- ECM Circulator pumps
- Room air conditioners
- Ground source heat pumps

Rebates are available for commercial customers for purchase of qualifying:

- HVAC equipment
- AC/ASHP/Chiller tune-ups
- Motors and pumps
- Refrigeration equipment

- Compressed air equipment and leak correction
- Guestroom energy management systems
- VendingMisers and SnackMisers
- Food service equipment

For more on all of these rebates, including the rebate forms, please visit <https://smmpa.com/members/saint-peter>.

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS BACK TO IN PERSON – With the pandemic winding down the City Council will once again return to in-person only meetings. Virtual participation will no longer be an option beginning with the June 28th regular meeting.

City Council advisory boards and commissions will continue to meet in virtual settings only (no in-person option at this time.) When those meetings return to in person, notice will be provided in the Hot Sheet and on the City's social media pages as well as on the meeting agendas.

For more information on City Council meetings or meetings of the various advisory boards and commission, please contact the City Administrator's office at 507-934-0663.

ELECTRIC LOAD MANAGEMENT - The City of Saint Peter requires all electric utility customers with newly installed or replacement central air conditioning, to participate in the electric load management program. This program helps reduce costs and is normally only used during the hottest days of the summer.



Participants have a load control unit installed on central air conditioning units. When the electric demand is high the City will cycle the air conditioner and in exchange participants receive a four dollar credit on electric bills during the months of May-September.

When load conditions indicate approaching peak demand for electricity, a signal is sent to the load control unit (three different types are shown here) to turn off the air conditioner for



fifteen minutes. During this period, a red light appears on the control unit. After the fifteen minute period the air conditioner returns to service and a yellow light appears on the control unit. This process

will continue throughout the high energy demand period. When the air conditioner is off the indoor temperature should only increase one to two degrees.

So why is this done? The charges you pay are based on charges from the City's electric provider. When electric usage peaks, the City's costs go up and those costs are then passed on to electric customers. By preventing new peak levels, costs are kept as low as possible which helps not only the City, but customers are well.

For more information on the load management program, please call the Public Works Department at 507-934-0670 or visit the City's website at <https://www.saintpetermn.gov/226/Electric>



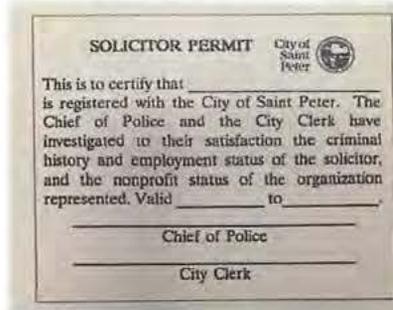
CHIEF OF POLICE APPOINTMENT – The City Council has taken action to appoint longtime St. Peter Police Detective Matthew Grochow as the new Chief of Police.

Grochow has been with the Saint Peter Police Department since 1991. He participated in the Police Explorer program while still in school, volunteered for the Police Reserves, and then was appointed in numerous positions in the Police Department including Dispatchers, Community Service Officer, Patrol Officer and Detective.

Grochow has a Bachelor's degree in Law Enforcement from Minnesota State University Mankato and he is expected to be sworn in as Chief of Police in early July.

PEDDLER'S NEED PERMITS– Summer is a hot (no pun intended) time of the year for Peddler's to go door to door, but peddler's need permits issued by the City Council. The permit allows the applicant to go door-to-door in a residential area to peddle certain goods and services. Do you know what to do if a Peddler appears at your door?

First rule is....and it's the most important one....just because they have a permit from the City does not mean you have to buy from them or let them in your homes. It's up to each individual property owner to



make that decision, but if you are going to let a peddler in your home, please make sure to ask to see their permit from the City first. Here's a photo of what it looks like. (Note....Solicitors and Peddlers are issued the same permit.)

If they tell you they don't need to be licensed, they are wrong. If they tell you that someone else in the group is carrying the license, they are not complying with the regulations. Each person going door-to-door must carry their own permit with their name written plainly on the permit. In addition, the permit will be signed with original signatures by both the Chief of Police and the City Administrator.

Next, if someone does come to your door and won't or can't show you a permit, it's time to become suspicious. The laws requiring peddlers to be permitted are common throughout the United States and reputable companies know to stop in at City Hall to become licensed. It's the other folks you should be wary of.

Unlicensed peddlers should be reported to the Police Department by calling 931-1550. Provide as much information as possible including a description of the person, what they were wearing, what vehicle they were driving, what direction they headed, what they were trying to sell you, etc.... Officers will track them down, check to see if they are permitted, and if not, escort them out of town or down to City Hall to follow the rules.

The City doesn't license Peddler's for the fun of it. We do so to ensure that the individual is legitimate and to help prevent any fraud being perpetrated upon Saint Peter residents. Each individual going door-to-door in a residential area undergoes a background investigation first and then must provide a bond that can be used to recoup any losses suffered by residents related to transactions with the company.

Finally, if you have any questions about Peddlers at your door, pick up the phone and call the Police Department at 931-1550 before purchasing anything. They will have a list of all those who are permitted.

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

- **MAINTENANCE SUPERINTENDENT** - in the Department of Public Works. Minimum qualifications include a High school diploma or equivalent; Associates degree in construction,

construction management, or Public Works operations or equivalent. Five years of experience in a related field may be substituted for post-secondary education; Possession of a valid driver's license; and demonstrated proficiency using Microsoft Word and Excel software. Desirable qualifications include: more than five years of experience in construction, construction management, and/or Public Works operations; demonstrated personnel supervision experience of greater than one year; demonstrated experience in assisting in the preparation of budgets and monitoring of expenditures; demonstrated knowledge of - approved methods, materials, and tools used in the construction, maintenance, and cleaning of streets, other public rights-of-way, parks, structures, and recreational facilities; municipal forestry operations; environmental services operation; heavy and light equipment operations; operating characteristics and servicing of equipment; traffic laws and regulations and regulations governing equipment operations; applicable regulatory codes and laws related to Public Works departmental operations - demonstrated ability to read and interpret engineering and landscaping plans and specifications; demonstrated knowledge of pavement management and planning practices; demonstrated knowledge of parks and forestry operations; demonstrated knowledge of OSHA regulations and safety policy; demonstrated knowledge of Federal and State vehicle operation regulations. 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. Salary range \$75,402 - \$79,994 per year. Applicants are required to complete a City of Saint Peter application form available on the City's website at 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 July 8, 2021. Faxed and/or late applications will not be accepted. Interviews will be conducted Thursday, July 22, 2021. 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	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
Thursday	July 1	5:30 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission
Monday	July 5		INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY – City offices Closed (designated holiday for City staff)
Tuesday	July 6	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Monday	July 12	3:30 p.m.	Housing and Redevelopment Authority
Monday	July 14	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	July 13	5:30 p.m.	Library Board
Monday	July 19	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Monday	July 19	7:00 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Thursday	July 22	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
Friday	July 23	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau
Monday	July 26	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	July 27	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission
Wednesday	July 28	12:30 p.m.	Hospital Commission