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HOSPITAL APPRECIATION PICNIC – Tonight's the night for this community appreciation picnic!

River's Edge Hospital has extended an invitation to the Saint Peter community to join Hospital staff at

a Community Appreciation Picnic on August 4th from 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. The picnic will be held in the south parking lot of the hospital which can be accessed from Klein Street.

The event notice (shown here) indicates



the picnic is to thank the community for its' support during the COVID-19 pandemic, but doesn't it seem more fitting that the community uses this opportunity to thank Hospital staff for being there for us during COVID?

Hope you can attend!

WATER CONSERVATION - With more than 50% of Minnesota experiencing severe drought conditions and some areas experiencing an extreme drought, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has notified all public water suppliers the state has reached a drought warning stage

A component of this designation is that water suppliers like the City are asked to encourage and promote conservation of water. The DNR has asked that the gallons of water pumped by the City be reduced to 150% of the normal daily pumping levels during the month of January. For the City of Saint Peter, that means reducing water usage to 1,500,000 gallons per day.

Here are some tips on how we can all help meet that reduced level and help ensure the State's water supply remains at high enough levels for not only human consumption, but fire protection as well:

- Limit or completely stop outdoor irrigation activities. While lawns that are green are beautiful to look at, most of the water from sprinklers is wasted through evaporation or poor positioning of the sprinkler which allows the water to fall on impervious areas. Experts say established lawns will grow dormant without sufficient water but will come back on their own once the weather cooperates.
- Avoid washing vehicles.
- Run only full loads in dishwashers and washing machines.
- Turn off the faucet when brushing your teeth. Letting the faucet run for even that brief amount of time adds up to hundreds of gallons of water lost over the course of a month.
- Do you like to let the tap run to get a nice cold drink of water? Fill a pitcher and keep it in the fridge instead of letting the tap run.

More information on how you can conserve not only during this drought period, but every day, can be found on the DNR's website at https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/waters/watermgmt_section/appropriations/water-conservation-residents.html.

CITY MEETINGS BACK TO IN PERSON – With COVID-19 restrictions lifted around the State, all public City meetings, including the City's advisory boards and commissions, will once again be held in person. The virtual option will no longer be offered. Videos of advisory board and commission meetings, which had been done through virtual software, will no longer be posted on the City's YouTube channel.

Regular City Council meetings will continue to be recorded with the videos posted on YouTube.

Meeting schedules and agendas for all of the City's public meetings can be found on the City's website at www.saintpetermn.gov.

CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE FILING

– The filing period for City offices will continue through 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 10, 2021.

The following current member terms expire on December 31, 2021:



Charles Zieman	Mayor	2 years
Ed Johnson	Council Ward I	4 years
Shanon Nowell	Council Ward I	4 years
Stephan Grams	Council Ward II	4 year

Any person wishing to file for these City offices may do so at the City Administrator's office in the Municipal Building, 227 South Front Street between the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. The filing fee is \$5.00.

As of 8:00 a.m. on August 4th the following individuals have filed:

MAYOR

Shanon Nowell

COUNCILMEMBER WARD ONE (NORTH)

Ben Ranft
Remo Alexandri

COUNCILMEMBER WARD TWO (SOUTH)

David B. McGuire
Dustin Sharstrom

Persons with questions regarding filing for City Council positions are encouraged to call the City Administrator's office at 934-0663.

MINNESOTA SQUARE PLAZA UPDATE - The Minnesota Square Park Plaza project is moving right along. Pember Construction will be finishing up the remaining concrete pavement this week and finishing the work on the planters followed by restoration on the outside edges. The new Mason's shelter is expected to be completed in mid-August when the materials arrive. For further questions on this project contact Public Works at 507-934-0670.

ANNUAL SEAL COAT PROJECT – The 2021 seal coat project will begin on August 9th.

Seal coating is a process where tacky asphaltic oil is applied to the road surface, followed immediately by placement of small red/chip rock stones. The rock is left in place for several days to allow it before the excess is picked up by Public Works. This process creates a water proof seal on the road surface that prevents water penetration which could lead to deterioration of the road surface.

Different sections of Saint Peter are seal coated on a rotating basis every 5-6 years.

When the oil and rock is being placed, vehicular traffic is restricted, but roads are reopened very quickly. City crews work with the contractor to provide traffic control.



Residents of the areas to be seal coated will notice "no parking" signs that are posted in advance of the work and will need to make alternative plans for parking until the roadway is reopened to traffic and the signs are removed.

This years' seal coat routes include the following roadways:

- South Washington Avenue from Jefferson to Highway 169
- Capitol Drive (All)
- Freeman Drive (All)
- South Front Street from Broadway to Jefferson Avenue
- 100 block of Jefferson Avenue
- Pine Street from South Front Street to Minnesota Avenue
- Elm Street from South Front Street to Minnesota Avenue
- St. Paul Street from South Front Street to Minnesota Avenue
- College Avenue from South Front Street to Minnesota Avenue
- Locust Street from South Front Street to Minnesota Avenue
- Walnut Street from South Front Street to Minnesota Avenue
- Mulberry Street from South Front Street to South Third Street
- Grace Street from South Front Street to South Third Street
- Nassau Street from South Front Street to South Third Street
- Park Row from South Front Street to South Third Street

- South Third Street from Broadway to Mulberry Street
- North Front Street (All)
- North Third Street from Broadway to Livermore Street
- North Fourth Street (All)
- North Fifth Street from Broadway to St. Julien Street
- Chestnut Street from North Front to North Fifth Street
- Chatham Street from North Front Street to cul-de-sac
- Madison Street from North Front Street to cul-de-sac
- Skaro Street from Minnesota Avenue to North Fifth Street
- Swift Street from St. Julien Street to dead end
- Livermore Street from Minnesota Avenue to Fair Street
- Ramsey Street from Minnesota Avenue to North Fourth Street
- Sumner Street from North Fifth Street to dead end
- Fair Street (All)
- Ronell Street to dead end
- Old Minnesota Avenue from St. Julien Street to Union Street

Property owners along these roadways may experience a bit of dust from the process, but please be patient until the rock is swept up in a few days. For questions about the seal coating process, please contact the Public Works Department at 934-0670.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING – The City Council meeting of July 26, 2021 included revisions to the Police Patrol Officer and Detective position descriptions and adoption of Part Two of the City’s Wellhead Protection Plan.

The next regular City Council meeting will be Monday, August 9, 2021 beginning at 7:00 p.m. As a reminder, Council meetings are once again back to in-person only. No virtual participation will be available.

Agendas for all City Council meetings are available on the City’s website (www.saintpetermn.gov) the Friday before the Council meeting.

SUMMER CELEBRATIONS –

The City’s Recreation and Police Departments are hosting the sixth annual “Summer Celebration” event at Veteran’s Park on Monday, August 9, 2021 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.



Gather near the outdoor pool for free swimming, tour of emergency vehicles, crime prevention tips, inflatables, yummy food, Exploration Recreation activities and a chance to win some great prizes!

River’s Edge Hospital and Clinic is the presenting sponsor for this event.

MINNESOTA RIVER PADDLE— The Recreation and Leisure Services Department is offering a great outdoor activity that is open to all ages. Join DNR naturalist Scott Kudelka for a paddle down the Minnesota River on Wednesday, August 11th, 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. and/or Thursday, August 12th, 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. The cost is only \$10 per person which includes all equipment and bus transportation.

Participants will paddle in a 3-person canoe from Seven Mile Creek boat landing to Riverside Park/Mill Pond in Saint Peter. The 5.5 mile trip may include a break on a sandbar, eagle sightings and more.

Parking first on the east side of Seven Mile Creek, the boat landing side, you will be transported from Saint Peter back to your vehicles at Seven Mile Creek by Saints Bus Service. A certified lifeguard will be present and life jackets, available in multiple sizes, will be provided.

As you can expect, participants might get wet and should dress accordingly with water shoes recommended.

Space is limited so register early! This event is limited to a minimum of 12 participants and a maximum of 17. Register at the Recreation Office or call 934-0667.

ELECTION JUDGES STILL NEEDED!!!! – Remember the last time you went to vote and that nice man or woman who helped you through the process? That person was an Election Judge and the City of Saint Peter is currently seeking additional judges to work for the 2021 election.

- To qualify as an election Judge, individuals must:
- Submit an Election Judge application available from the City Administrator’s Office. (Note that not everyone who applies can be appointed.)
 - Be available to work on Tuesday, November 2nd.

- State an affiliation with one of the major political parties.
- Attend a three hour mandatory training session that will take place in late September.
- Be eligible to vote in the State of Minnesota; and be able to read, write and speak English.
- Be able to understand sometimes complex regulations and procedures.
- Be able to sit for extended periods of time.
- Be dependable. We need people who will show up on Election Day, be on time, and not back out at the last minute.
- Be able to work with all types of people and in sometimes challenging situations.
- Obey election laws and be able to withstand complaints and criticisms from voters who may be upset about the procedures they must follow.
- Like a doctor's office, those who work with elections must be able to keep private information private.

An Election Judge cannot be a candidate in that election (i.e. be running for an office on the ballot used in that precinct); or the husband, wife, parent, step relative, child, brother, or sister of a candidate or another judge in the same precinct; or a challenger.



High school students ages 16 and 17 can also serve as Election Judges with permission from their parents and principal. Saint Peter has regularly hired students to serve as Trainee Judges and the program has been great for both the students and the adult Judges they work with. If you have a student in this age group who is interested in participating we would love to consider their application.

Judges are paid at the rate of \$10.25 per hour and will work on Election Day either from 6:00 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.; or 5:30 p.m. until counting is done which can sometimes be quite late. If you are employed, State law (M.S. 204B.195) allows individuals to be absent from work to serve as an Election Judge without penalty.

Being an Election Judge can be very challenging, but it is also very rewarding and if you think you meet the criteria outlined and wish to be considered for appointment as an Election Judge, please contact the City Administrator's office by email at

barbaral@saintpetermn.gov for an application. (If the applicant is a high school student, please let us know when requesting an application so we can provide the correct forms.)

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

- **POLICE PATROL OFFICER** - Applicants must have a minimum of a two year degree in Law Enforcement from a P.O.S.T. accredited college or vocational school; or three years' experience as a police officer or working in a related field such as Probation or Corrections. Possession of a valid Minnesota P.O.S.T. board license or eligibility to immediately receive a P.O.S.T. board license; possession of, or eligible for a Minnesota Class D Drivers' license within 30 days of employment. Desired qualifications include: four year Bachelor's Degree in law enforcement or related field from an accredited college or university; Four or more years of experience as a law enforcement officer; Demonstrated specialized training or certificates in a law enforcement related subjects such as Emergency Management, Crime Scene Processing, Tactical Response, Mental Health Response, and/or Law Enforcement De-escalation Training; and ability to speak conversational Spanish or Somali. Wage range \$28.97-\$36.21/hr. depending on qualifications. The City of Saint Peter offers competitive health benefits. Applicants are required to complete a City application form which is available from the Saint Peter Police Department at 207 South Front Street, by calling (507) 931-1550, or the City's website at <https://www.saintpetermn.gov/365/Employment>. Applications must include a cover letter and résumé, and be received by the Saint Peter Police Civil Service Commission, c/o Saint Peter Police Department, 207 South Front Street, Saint Peter, MN 56082, (507)931-1550, by 5:00 p.m., Friday, August 20, 2021. Oral Interviews are scheduled to occur on September 1, 2021. Late applications will not be accepted. AA/EOE

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

August 5

5:30 p.m.

Planning and Zoning Commission

Monday	August 9	3:30 p.m.	Housing and Redevelopment Authority
Monday	August 9	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	August 10	5:00 p.m.	City Council Filing Period Ends
Monday	August 16	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Monday	August 16	7:00 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Wednesday	August 25	12:30 p.m.	Hospital Commission
Thursday	August 26	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
Friday	August 27	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau
Monday	August 30	3:00 p.m.	City Council Goal Session
Tuesday	August 31	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission
Thursday	September 2	5:30 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission
Monday	September 6		LABOR DAY HOLIDAY – City offices closed
Tuesday	September 7		City Council Workshop
Monday	September 13	3:30 p.m.	Housing and Redevelopment Authority
Monday	September 13	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	September 14	5:30 p.m.	Library Advisory Board
Monday	September 20	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Monday	September 20	7:00 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Wednesday	September 22	12:30 p.m.	Hospital Commission
Thursday	September 23	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
Friday	September 24	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau
Monday	September 27	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meetings
Tuesday	September 28	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission