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HOT SHEET



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DON'T MISS THIS - Do you want to know more about the November 2nd local option sales tax ballot question and the upcoming Fire Station project? Then please plan on joining City staff and members of the St. Peter Fire Department at the Fire Station for two upcoming open houses. It's a perfect opportunity to learn more about the City Council's drive to fund a new station by implementation of a local option sales tax of one-half of one percent and the needs of the Fire Department that are driving the new station.



Fire protection is an essential service that the Department is not able to provide effectively using the current Fire Station which was constructed in 1929. The City Council has moved forward with a project to construct a new building that provides for the space needed for today's modern firefighting equipment and allows additional space for Firefighter training and safety protocols. The total project cost for a new facility is estimated at \$9.4 million.

Open houses at the current Fire Station (227 West Mulberry Street) will be held as follows:

Wednesday	October 6 th	6-8 p.m.
Saturday	October 9 th	9 am - noon

There will be charts and graphs and renderings of the new station along with detailed information on the impact a local sales tax will have on funding the project.

We hope to see you there!

RIVER'S EDGE HOSPITAL EDGE RECOGNITION - On September 24th, River's Edge Hospital was awarded the Performance Excellence Network

PENWorks Achievement Award. The award recognizes the Hospital's work in quality improvement using the Malcom Baldrige National Quality Award Framework. The Award is based on a rigorous evaluation of an organization's management and performance system using criteria including leadership, strategic planning, customer-related processes, measurement and knowledge management, workforce, and operations.

"It is a privilege to be recognized by PEN. Our Mission is to provide world class care to the patients that we serve. Our partnership with PEN assists us in achieving that Mission. Based on the feedback from the evaluators, we focus on our strengths, but even more so on the opportunities for improvement. We consider the feedback an opportunity to continue to raise the bar and in effect provide a higher quality of care for our patients, a great work environment for our staff, and a hospital that our community can be proud of," Paula Meskan, CEO at River's Edge Hospital said.

"I would like to recognize each member of the River's Edge team. All of our employees are vitally important to the success of the organization. I am extremely proud of the work that these people do every single day. This past year has been challenging to say the least, but they show up, they provide quality care, and they make each patient visit the best experience possible."

Congratulations to River's Edge Hospital on this prestigious award!

MORE RIVER'S EDGE HOSPITAL NEWS - City Administrator Prafke and Public Works Director Moulton presented a large rebate check to River's Edge Hospital CEO Paula Meskan and Facilities Manager Tom Rauchman last week.

Working with our partners at Southern Minnesota Municipal Power Agency, the City continues to

provide rebates for energy savings projects to residential and business customers. The energy savings from projects at River's Edge saved 451,209 kWh.

The \$51,920.50 rebate to River's Edge is the most recent in the \$252,407.81 in rebates provided to City utility customers just this year.

For more information on how you can earn rebates for energy savings projects, please visit www.saveenergyinstpeter.com.



FALL LEAF COLLECTION COMING SOON! – The City will be starting curbside leaf and grass collection for properties north of Broadway Avenue on Monday, October 18th. Collection will begin for properties south of Broadway Avenue on Monday, November 1st. All materials must be out by 7:00 a.m. that Monday morning to be collected.

This process takes a very long time and to help our crews collection materials more efficiently (which saves all of us money), please follow the tips below.

1. Place leaves parallel and adjacent to the curb on the lawn within six-feet (6') of the curb line.
2. Don't put leaves in the street, on a tarp, in bags or cover with tarps or branches.
3. Do not include animal waste with the leaves. If you do, the materials may not be collected.
4. Place your piles away from refuse curbies, light poles, mailboxes, signs, trees, posts, utility boxes/pedestals, etc. If crews can't get to it they may have to leave it.
5. Do not park on the street in front of the yard waste until pick-up is complete. If possible, allow fifty feet (50') on either side of the pile so the equipment, a tractor pulling a trailer with vacuum hose, has enough room to collect the materials.
6. If you live on a dead-end street, place materials on the curb in front of the house, not on the dead-end.
7. If you live on a corner lot it is possible that one side will be picked up before the other as the trucks run north to south and then east to west to be more efficient in the collection process. If you want all of your leaves picked up at the same time, make sure your piles are on the same side of your property.

8. If you have a lawn service that rakes leaves or mows your lawn, please make them aware of the dates and these tips.

This is a great service that people take full advantage of, but the process takes several weeks (five in 2020) and that means crews must start before all trees have dropped their leaves and, depending on when the first snowfall arrives, sometimes must end prematurely. In order to be fair to all property owners, crews rotate which end of the community they begin with. This year the north end is the starting point.

If you miss the collection date in your area, yard waste can be taken to the City's yard waste drop-off site at 1128 North Swift Street, (southwest intersection of St. Julien and Swift Streets) with access off West Swift Street. Remember you must have the orange pass to utilize the site which is open all day year round. Please make sure the branches are no more than six feet in length. There is also a separate bunker for dropping off fill (rocks, dirt, etc.).

The curbside collection and the drop-off site are both funded by the Environmental Service Fee on City utility bills.

PROJECT UPDATES – Construction within Minnesota Square Park will continue into the spring of 2022 as work on accessibility improvements continues. These projects were funded by a Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Outdoor Recreational Grant.

City staff, along with Pember Construction, installed concrete sidewalk and completed turf restoration throughout the park. Spring 2022 installation of an entrance sign and planter irrigation system are the only items left to complete in the north half of the plaza.

Work continues on the North Third Street (north of St. Julien) project. Work within the City right-of-way will continue and be completed by this weekend. A gravel base is in place and the first of two asphalt "lifts" has been installed. Turf restoration behind the curb and City right-of has also begun and then permanent tie-ins to existing private driveways will be completed.

If you have any additional questions on these projects please contact Public Works at 507-934-0670.

CANDIDATE FORUM – With ten different candidates vying for four different seats on the City Council, many voters want to learn more about the people who may represent them in the future. If you count yourself among them, you may wish to check out the candidate forum.

The forum, which was sponsored by the League of Women Voters, St. Peter Area Chamber of Commerce and the St. Peter Herald, is now available for viewing on the City's YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y8SV0HXPZWUt=7s>.

The group also sponsored a forum for School Board candidates which can also be found on YouTube.

If you would like to see a sample ballot from your precinct, you can do so using the Secretary of State's precinct finder at <https://pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us/>

HYDRANT FLUSHING - Water crews began fall hydrant flushing and flow testing this week. Work is done overnight (between 8:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.) to minimize disruption to customers and the work will continue until all hydrants are flushed which is estimated to be October 15th.

As this work continues, water could become cloudy. This would be temporary, but residents should check the water quality before doing laundry.


Hydrant flushing is done twice a year to remove residue from the main pipe system, which helps keep the supply of water to homes free from sediment.



While flushing occurs flow tests are done at each hydrant to ensure adequate pressure for pumping to City fire trucks. This helps keep fire insurance costs, something we all pay as part of our property owner's insurance, at a reasonable rate.

Having accurate flow information is also an important consideration for certain businesses that consider locating in Saint Peter.



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	October 6	6-8 p.m.	Fire Department Open House
Thursday	October 7	5:30 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission CANCELLED!
Saturday	October 9	9:00 – noon	Fire Department Open House
Monday	October 11	3:30 p.m.	Housing and Redevelopment Authority
Monday	October 11	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Monday	October 18	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Monday	October 18	7:00 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Friday	October 22	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau
Monday	October 25	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	October 26	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission
Wednesday	October 27	12:30 p.m.	Hospital Commission
Thursday	October 28	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
Monday	November 1	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Tuesday	November 2		GENERAL ELECTION DAY

Thursday	November 4	5:30 p.m.		Planning and Zoning Commission
Monday	November 8	3:30 p.m.		Housing and Redevelopment Authority
Monday	November 8	7:00 p.m.		City Council Meeting
Tuesday	November 9	5:30 p.m.		Library Board
Thursday	November 11			VETERAN'S DAY LEGAL HOLIDAY – City offices closed
Monday	November 15	5:30 p.m.		City Council Workshop
Monday	November 15	7:00 p.m.		Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Wednesday	November 24	12:30 p.m.		Hospital Commission
Thursday-Friday	November 25- November 26			THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY – City offices closed
Friday	November 26	8:00 a.m.		Tourism and Visitors Bureau
Monday	November 29	7:00 p.m.		City Council Meeting
Tuesday	November 30	5:30 p.m.		Heritage Preservation Commission