

CITY OF SAINT PETER HOT SHEET



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MAKES ME WONDER (BY CITY ADMINISTRATOR TODD PRAFKE) – This is the second in a series of “Makes Me Wonder” columns reviewing the City Council’s “Items Of Vital

Importance” list.....

A Community that treats all people like neighbors...Action on the changes in our demographics...those are the first and fifth items on the City Council's list of the “Issues of Vital Importance” and I think they go hand in hand in so many ways.

These are really an affirmation that we understand our community is changing and even though how we look, what we do, where we worship, and even what food we eat may be different, we all still want that “small town” feel. We want to know our neighbors. We want our kids to play in the park together. We want to wave to the friends we meet. We want to celebrate the 4th of July together. We want to rally around those in our community who may be down, cheer for the local team and clap for performers in the school play.

You get it. We want those small town friendly feelings. To have that in changing times, in the midst of changing demographics, the City is hosting, co-hosting, or participating in so many events, conversations and opportunities that we hope mirror the changes we are seeing in Saint Peter including participating in the many diversity conversation events and being one of the co-hosts of the “Fiesta” the last two years.

Helping to ensure that all folks who are new to our community know where to get services, understand that we gather for certain events, and know how to make the connection for activities is important. The City has also worked with Nicollet County and the City of North Mankato to provide cultural literacy training for our staff to better understand our entire community so that we know each other and can give a friendly wave.

Have you participated in many of the opportunities to get to know each other like the Fiesta or the Night to Unite event that is coming up later this summer? They are great opportunities to get to know our neighbors for sure.

Have you met your neighbors? It makes me wonder.....



BIG NEWS FROM RIVER'S EDGE HOSPITAL! - River's Edge Hospital has been designated as an Orthopaedic Center of Excellence by DNV-GL Healthcare. Orthopaedic Center of Excellence designation affirms an organization's excellence in the provision of diagnostic

services, surgical services, and therapies related to orthopedic care.

“This designation assures our community that we have the ability to provide consistent, high quality orthopedic care.” says George Rohrich, CEO, River's Edge Hospital. “The community can be confident that we have the right equipment, personnel and training to maintain our orthopedic service line at peak performance. Achieving this designation validates all the effort we have put into orthopedic services and to ensuring the health and safety of our patients.”

The DNV-GL Healthcare Orthopaedic Center of Excellence designation is obtained by achieving certification in at least three (3) orthopedic service line programs based on requirements set forth by DNV-GL Healthcare, and informed by the guidelines of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons.

River's Edge received certifications in hip and knee replacement, shoulder surgery, and spine surgery. River's Edge Hospital is the third hospital in the U.S. and the first hospital in Minnesota to receive this certification.

“This additional Certification of Excellence in Spine and Shoulder surgery reflects the ongoing

pursuit of high quality treatment and care for the orthopedic patient. River's Edge Hospital and Clinic and The Orthopaedic & Fracture Clinic have a common goal of providing the best orthopedic care in the region; this only amplifies the previous designations of excellence already awarded (knee and hip surgery). The community and region need to know that such a high quality center exists for their benefit and that we continue to strive for such quality on all that we do for our patients," said Andrew Meyers, CEO, The Orthopaedic & Fracture Clinic.

"Achieving designation shows a commitment to excellence," says Patrick Horine, CEO of DNV GL Healthcare. "It helps demonstrate to your community that you are performing at the highest level."

DNV GL is a world-leading certification body that helps businesses assure the performance of their organizations, products, people, facilities and supply chains through certification, verification, assessment, and training services.

Within healthcare, DNV GL helps its customers achieve excellence by improving quality and patient safety through hospital accreditation, disease-specific certifications and quality-management training.

The DNV GL operates in more than 100 countries. Its' 16,000 professionals are dedicated to helping customers make the world safer, smarter and greener.

For more information about DNV GL Healthcare, visit <https://www.dnvgl.us/assurance/healthcare>.



SPEEDING ENFORCEMENT - Are you one of those who just "can't drive 55"? If you are, it just might cost you.

Speeding endangers everyone on the road. We all know the frustrations of modern life and juggling a busy schedule, but speed limits are put in place to

protect all road users. Faster doesn't mean safer.

The Saint Peter Police Department will join with other state-wide enforcement agencies to provide extra patrols June 18th through July 21st specifically focusing on those driving above the posted speed limits!

So, obey the posted speed limits, buckle up and let's all work #TowardZeroDeaths.

CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS – Action at the City Council meeting held on June 10, 2019 included

authorization for purchase of an additional computer network switch by River's Edge Hospital; approval for City assistance for the Fourth of July event; approval for temporary closure of the west one-half of the 100 block of West Park Row on July 27th for an event at Arrow Ace Hardware; approval of a Peddler Permit; and a closed session to discuss a possible land transaction as authorized under Minnesota State Statutes.

The next regular City Council meeting will be Monday, June 24th beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Governors' Room of the Community Center.

CASTING WITH COPS EVENT– Saint Peter and North Mankato Police Officers and Deputies of the Nicollet County Sheriff's Office have joined together to host the first annual "Casting With Cops" event on Sunday, June 23, 2019 from 9-11 a.m. at the Mill Pond in Saint Peter.

The first thirty (30) pre-registered children under age 16 will receive a free fishing pole with a hook and bait provided by the event sponsors. Register by emailing Saint Peter Officer Jon Hughes at jonh@saintpetermn.gov.

Valued sponsors for the event include Alumacraft Boat Company, Scheel's and the Minnesota South Central Investigator's Coalition (MSCIC).



SMMPA NEWS BRIEFS– The following news briefs are reprinted from “Current”, a Southern Minnesota Municipal Power Agency (SMMPA) publication. The City of Saint Peter is a member of SMMPA.

- **Safety Award** - New Prague Utilities Commission, Owatonna Public Utilities and the City of Saint Peter were among the 113 utilities across the country that received the Safety Award of Excellence from the American Public Power Association for safe operating practices in 2018. The award recognizes utilities with the lowest 2018 safety-incidence rate within their groups, determined by worker-hours of exposure. The incidence rate is based on the number of work-related reportable injuries or illnesses and the number of worker-hours, as defined by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.
- **Meeting the Energy-Savings Goal** - SMMPA member utilities met the Minnesota Energy-Savings Goal of saving energy equivalent to 1.5 percent of retail electric sales in 2018, just as they have every year since the goal took effect in 2010. SMMPA reimbursed members \$4.4 million in 2018 for customer rebates on energy-saving products that reduce customer’s bills by more than \$6.1 million annually over the life of the products. Those products lowered annual usage in 2018 by 54,117 megawatt hours – enough to power about 7,403 average Minnesota homes.
- **Reducing Our Carbon Footprint** – Since 2005, SMMPA has developed energy-efficiency programs, improved operating efficiency of generation, installed emission controls, and diversified its generation portfolio, mainly with renewable resources. Collectively, these efforts have reduced carbon-dioxide emissions by 5.5 million tons – the same impact as removing nearly 1.2 million passenger cars from the road or planting 6.5 million acres of trees. SMMPA recently updated the “Our Commitment To Sustainability: Reducing Our Carbon Footprint”

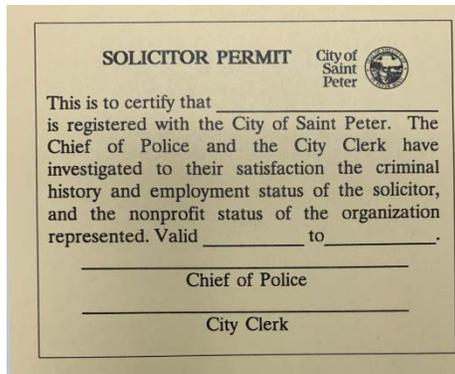
brochure, available in the Sustainability section of SMMPA’s website, to reflect additional reductions made in 2018.

To learn more about SMMPA, or any of its 18 member utilities, please visit www.smmpa.com.

PEDDLER’S – Last week, as part of the regular City Council meeting, the Council approved issuance of a Peddler Permit. The permit allows the applicant to go door-to-door in a residential area to peddle certain goods and services. In this instance, three individuals were authorized to peddle Dish One Satellite services.

Recent Hot Sheet publications have included information on peddler’s and what residents should and shouldn’t do, but now, with an actual permit in hand, we wanted to remind everyone of the rules again.

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 folks should be reported to the Police Department by calling 931-1550. Provide as much information as possible...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.... Our 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 now accepting applications for the following positions:

- **ELECTRIC SUPERINTENDENT** - in the Department of Public Works. Responsibilities include but are not limited to planning, coordinating, directing, and monitoring the operation of the Electric Utility; planning and supervising construction of the electrical generation and distribution system; setting priorities to deal with emergencies; coordinating activities with other divisions, departments, and organizations; assisting with planning, design, and construction of projects;



evaluate need for and prepare specifications for materials and equipment; maintain operating records; prepare specifications for electric utility services, equipment, and materials; prepare reports as requested; assist in annual budget preparations; set quality standards for work to be performed; set priorities. Minimum qualifications: high school degree and satisfactory completion of a technical school program for lineman electricians and completion of a recognized apprenticeship in electrical line work, including eight years of responsible experience in electrical distribution systems. An additional five years of experience may be substituted for technical training. Possession of, or ability to obtain, a State of Minnesota Lineman Electrician License issued by the State Board of Electricity. Possession of a valid State of Minnesota Class A Driver's License with air brake endorsement or ability to obtain such within one month of the date of employment with the City. **NOTICE:** The successful candidate must complete and pass a pre-employment drug test and is subject to post-accident, random, reasonable suspicion, return to duty, and follow-up drug and alcohol testing. Starting salary \$91,120.00 to \$96,320.00 per year. Applicants must complete a City application form available in the City Administrator's Office, 227 South Front Street, Saint Peter, Minnesota 56082-2538 or by calling (507) 931-0663. Completed applications must be received by the City Administrator's Office no later than 5:00 P.M., Wednesday, June 19, 2019. Faxed, e-mailed, or late applications will not be accepted.

CITY MEETING CALENDAR – For questions on meeting dates/times, please contact the City Administrator's Office at 934-0663. Full calendar available at www.saintpetermn.gov.

Monday	June 24	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	June 25	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission
Wednesday	June 26	12:30 p.m.	Hospital Commission
Thursday	June 27	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
Friday	June 28	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau
Monday	July 1	3:30 p.m.	Housing and Redevelopment Authority
Monday	July 1	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Thursday	July 4		FOURTH OF JULY HOLIDAY – City offices closed



Monday	July 8	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Thursday	July 11	5:30 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission
Monday	July 15	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Monday	July 15	7:00 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Monday	July 22	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Wednesday	July 24	12:30 p.m.	Hospital Commission
Thursday	July 25	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
Friday	July 26	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau
Monday	July 29	3:00 p.m.	City Council Goal Session
Tuesday	July 30	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission
Tuesday- Tuesday	July 30 August 13	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE FILING PERIOD