

CITY OF SAINT PETER HOT SHEET



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MEMORIAL DAY CLOSURES – Memorial Day is right around the corner. City services and facilities will be impacted by the national holiday as follows:

- Memorial Day, Monday, May 27th, all non-emergency City offices will be closed. Normal office hours will resume on Tuesday morning.
- The regular City Council meeting of Monday, May 27th will be rescheduled for Tuesday, May 28th beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Governors' Room of the Community Center.
- Minnesota River Valley Transit will NOT run on Memorial Day.
- Both the Library and Community Center will be closed Memorial Day weekend from May 25th through May 27th.



BIKE RODEO RECAP - Another successful Bike Rodeo is in the books!

On behalf of the Saint Peter Police Department, thank you the Police Reserves, Recreation Department, Public Library, Nicollet County Public Health, River's Edge Hospital staff and Board of Commissioners, the Carl and Verna Schmidt Foundation, St. Peter Kiwanis, St. Peter Lions, St. Peter Redmen Club, Pepsi of Mankato, Family Fresh Market, Becky Boetler, Edina Realty/Homes for Heroes, and PRF Bicycles for making this year's event possible. We could not do it without you.

And a special thank you to everyone who came to the event. There were 180 new helmets given out to kids under the age of 17 this year and we hope to see lots of kids wearing their new bike helmets. Have a great summer on your bikes and thanks again to everyone who participated!

CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS – Action at the City Council meeting held on May 13, 2019 included award of the bid for \$1,350,000 in general obligation tax increment bonds for the Minnesota Square Park pavilion project to Northland Securities working with Hometown Bank; approval of a central business district accessibility loan of \$25,000 for the owners of the Flame Bar for construction of a handicap accessible restroom; modifications to the drug and alcohol testing policy for bus drivers; establishment of a Fire Hall Project Building Committee; and a closed session and subsequent action on negotiations for purchase of land for the future fire hall.

The next regular City Council meeting, will be Tuesday, May 28th beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Governors' Room of the Community Center.

TOWARDS ZERO DEATHS (TZD) ENFORCEMENT – The Saint Peter Police Department will be joining law enforcement agencies across the state in another Towards Zero Deaths enforcement wave. The upcoming wave began on May 20th and will continue through June 2nd with a focus on seat belt and child restraint violations. Like many agencies across Minnesota, the Police Department will have extra officers on duty during this timeframe specifically looking for these types of issues.

According to St. Peter Police Department TZD Officer David Krzmarzick, "As a department we recognize the importance of seat belt usage and the fact that most people do indeed buckle up. According to the 2018 Minnesota Seat Belt Survey, 92.4 percent of front seat occupants are wearing their seat belts. We would like to see that number go even higher!"

So at this time of year when people are leaving on vacations, attending graduations and weddings, take that extra minute or two to buckle up and make sure your children are securely restrained in

a certified child safety seat. Remember, the life you save could be someone you love!

CURBSIDE COLLECTIONS (APPLIANCES/FURNITURE)

– The City of Saint Peter is once again offering curbside collection of unwanted appliances and furniture. The collection date for all items is June 6th, but residents must pre-register and pay for the collection in the Finance Department at City hall by no later than June 3rd.



- **Appliance Pickup** - Thursday, June 6th, - \$15.00 each. Appliances must be curbside by 8:00 AM on the collection date or fees will be forfeited.

- **Furniture Pickup** - Thursday, June 6th, Fees as indicated below. Fees includes SOLID WASTE TAX and must be paid in advance.:



- Sofa \$27.44
- Misc. (door, bookshelf, table, etc.) \$13.17
- Mattress or Box spring \$36.22
- Cabinet \$27.44
- Chairs \$21.95
- Dresser \$27.44
- Recliners \$27.44
- Headboard/Footboard \$19.76
- Hide-a-Bed \$52.68
- Futon Mattress \$36.22
- Love Seat \$27.44
- Carpet roll/Area Rugs \$25.24
- Bed Frame \$19.76

ELECTRONICS AND BICYCLE RECYCLING

– The City has also arranged for residents to drop off electronics (for a fee) on Saturday, June 8th, from 9 AM - 1 PM at the Saint Peter Wastewater Treatment Plant – 400 West St. Julien Street. There is no advance registration necessary for this event, but residents will have to bring the item to the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Costs are:



- Monitors up to 20" \$10
- Large Printer/Copier \$25
- LCD monitor \$10
- DVD/VCR/cable box \$5
- LCD/Plasma TV \$20
- Stereo system/home electronics \$5

- TV - 19 or 20 inch \$15
- Appliances \$15
- TV - 25 or 26 inch \$20
- Microwave \$5
- TV - 27 or 36 inch \$25
- Computer tower, components, keyboard, mouse, laptop, cell phones, small electronics, batteries (excluding alkaline), heaters at no charge.



Also at the wastewater plant on the same day, bicycles and bike parts will be collected for refurbishing or recycling by an area non-profit organization. There is no fee for the bike recycling.

LIBRARY BOARD MEETINGS CANCELLED – The Library Board has cancelled their summer meeting and will not reconvene until September 11th. For information on the Library Board, please contact Recreation and Leisure Services Department Director Joey Schugel at 934-0667.

ADVISORY BOARD OPENINGS – The City Council is seeking applicants to serve on the following advisory boards:

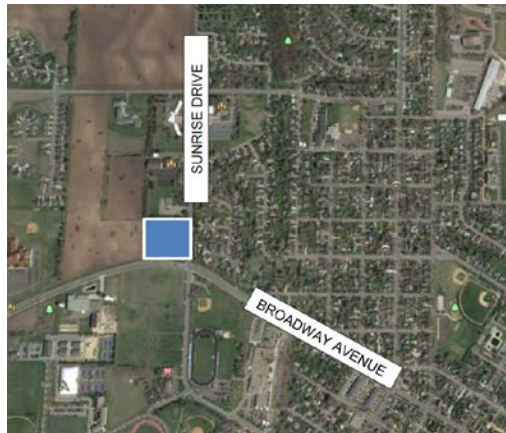
- **Tourism and Visitors Bureau** – Meets on the fourth Friday of each month at 8:00 a.m. and members serve three year terms. The board utilizes lodging tax proceeds to market and promote the City as a tourist or convention center.
- **Civil Service Commission** – The Commission meets at 7:30 in the morning on an as needed basis to service all Police personnel needs including, but not limited to, employment, promotions, demotions, discharges, transfers, testing, certifications, lay-offs, resignations and reinstatements by employees of the department as defined in the Rules and Regulations of the Saint Peter Police Civil Service Commission. Terms on the commission are three years.
- **Housing and Redevelopment Authority** - Created for the purpose of operating and maintaining public housing in Saint Peter (Park View Manor). Board meetings are on the first Monday of each month at 3:30 p.m. and terms for these appointments are five years in length.

If you are interested in applying for one of these positions, applications are available from the City Administrator's Office (227 South Front Street), by calling (507)934-0663 or by email request to barbaral@saintpetermn.gov.

Applicants must reside within the corporate limits of the City of Saint Peter to be eligible for appointment to a City Council advisory board or commission.

FIRE HALL SITE APPROVED – The City Council has authorized execution of a purchase agreement with Leo Hoffmann Center LLP for land to be used for a future fire hall. The property is located at the northwest corner of the intersection of West Broadway Avenue and Sunrise Drive.

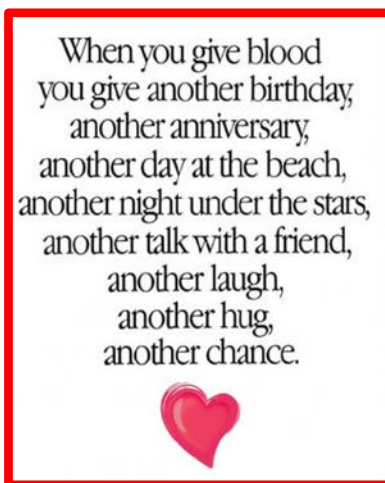
The site was one of the top five recommended as part of a location study conducted by Five Bugles Design. Five Bugles has also completed a space needs study that will be used in design of a project if the Council moves forward with construction of a new building.



Requests for proposals for Construction Manager at Risk services are also being received for this project; however, there currently is no construction timeline established and funding has not yet been secured for construction of a new facility.

BATTLE OF THE BADGE BLOOD DRIVE RESULTS – Were you one of the dozens that participated in last week's Battle of the Badge blood drive for the American Red Cross? If so, many thanks for your donation!

This year the battle ended in a tie. And while that might be like kissing your sister, both the St. Peter Police Department and the Nicollet County Sheriff's Office appreciates all who come out to support them in their efforts to collect much needed blood donations. Thanks also to the Minnesota State Patrol and our very own Fire Department both organizations which also had a strong backing. A total of 34 units were collected



which is just two short of the goal for this drive with 35 scheduled donors, 11 no shows, and 12 walk-ins. Five prospective donors unable to donate for various reasons.

On behalf of all those who need blood, thank you all!

SUMMER READING PROGRAM - Come to the park to celebrate the start of the Library's summer reading program. There will be a drone demonstration, kites in the park, bounce house, rocket launching hosted by Boy Scouts, Star Wars characters, and more! Kids can also sign up for the summer reading program, pick up a calendar and reading log, and check out all there is to offer at the Library this summer! The event is Monday, June 3rd from 1-3 p.m., on the Community Center patio and is free to all ages.

The summer reading program runs through August 9th. Every preschooler, school ager, tween and teen is sure to enjoy this summer's program! The theme this summer is A UNIVERSE OF STORIES.

New this year, there will be adult programming too! Reading activities are FREE and take place at the Saint Peter Public Library unless otherwise noted.

In addition to the summer reading program, the Library is offering a whole host of activities:

- **FREE FAMILY EVENTS** - See the calendar of events posted on the Library website (www.saintpetermn.gov/Library) or pick up one at the Library. There is something for everyone!
- **STORYTIMES** - Guest storytime readers will be at the Library most Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. Check out Evening Storytimes with Annie on Wednesdays at 6 pm!
- **READING ROCKET** - To participate, pick up reading rocket and a special prize at the Library to track your activities all summer long!
- **TEEN PROGRAM** - Those going into grades six and up will receive scratch-off tickets when they check out books. One in three tickets is a winner! There are big winners in each category and non-winning tickets go into a drawing for a grand prize.

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

- **LIFEGUARDS** - Recruitment for the positions of Head Lifeguard, Lifeguard with WSI and Lifeguard without WSI is being reopened. Applications are available from the City Administrator's Office at City Hall (227 South Front Street), or by calling 507-934-0663 or by email barbaral@saintpetermn.gov. Deadline for

receipt of applications by the City Administrator's Office is 5:00 p.m. on June 12, 2019. AA/EOE For more information on these positions please see <http://www.saintpetermn.gov/employment>.

- **PART-TIME BUS DRIVER** - for the Minnesota River Valley Transit system. Successful candidates for this position must have, at a minimum, a High school diploma or equivalent and a valid State of Minnesota CDL minimum of Class C Driver's License with passenger endorsement. Candidates will have thirty (30) days from the date of employment to obtain the required driver's license and the City will help the new employee train for the license test. Candidates who possess the following desired experience or education will qualify for additional points towards an interview: previous experience working with the public; training in vehicle mechanics; experience operating a two-way radio/phone; and prior bus driving experience. Starting wage \$16.23 per hour. Applicants are required to complete a City application form which is available in 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. May 23, 2019. Faxed, emailed, and/or late applications will not be accepted. **NOTE: The successful candidates for this position will be required to successfully complete and pass a pre-employment drug test. The position is also subject to post-accident, random, reasonable suspicion, return to duty, and follow-up drug and alcohol testing required by **USDOT 49 CFR Part 655** (Federal Transit Administration) and **USDOT 49 CFR Part 40**. In addition, successful candidates for this position must have a vehicle driving record which is clear of revocations, suspensions and cancellations for the past three (3) years. Applicants may be required to submit to a criminal background check and be clear of convictions for crimes or anticipatory crimes (as defined in M.S. 609.17 and 609.175) within the previous fifteen (15) years.
- **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 application will not be accepted.

- **GROUNDSKEEPER** - The City of Saint Peter, Minnesota is currently accepting applications for the position of: Groundskeeper in the Parks Section of the Department of Public Works. Essential job functions include completing tasks associated with the maintenance, care, and cleaning of city parks and recreational facilities. Minimum qualifications include a high school diploma and one year of experience in the maintenance of parks and recreational facilities, possession of a valid State of Minnesota Class A Driver's License with Air Brake Endorsement and Tanker Endorsement or to obtain within six months of employment with the City; possession of an American Heart Association Certification as a Basic Rescuer for cardiopulmonary resuscitation and emergency

cardiac care or obtain within six months. Desirable qualifications: knowledge of materials, methods, and practices used in the maintenance and care of parks recreational facilities; knowledge of the care of plants, trees, and shrubs; knowledge of OSHA regulations and safety precautions; knowledge of equipment and its operation to perform related tasks in parks maintenance. 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. Starting pay \$18.62 per hour. Applicants are required to complete a City of Saint Peter application form available in 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 Thursday, June 12, 2019. Faxed, e-mailed, or late applications will not be accepted. Interviews will be conducted Thursday, June 27, 2019.

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.

Wednesday	May 22	12:30 p.m.	Hospital Commission
Thursday	May 23	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
Friday	May 24	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau
Monday	May 27	MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY – CITY OFFICES CLOSED	
			
Tuesday	May 28	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting (to be held in Traverse des Sioux Room)
Tuesday	May 28	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Monday	June 3	3:30 p.m.	Housing and Redevelopment Authority
Monday	June 3	7:00 p.m.	City Council Workshop session
Thursday	June 6		CURBSIDE FURNITURE AND APPLIANCE COLLECTION
Thursday	June 6	5:30 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission
Monday	June 10	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Monday	June 17	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
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