

# CITY OF SAINT PETER HOT SHEET



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**IT'S PAWS WALK WEEKEND!** – Are you ready for the 19th Annual Providing Animals With Shelter walk? It's this Saturday, October 12, 2019. Registration begins at 9:30 am at the Mill Pond area of Riverside Park.

Start your fundraising efforts by asking family, friends, co-workers, neighbors and even complete strangers for donations for this year's P.A.W.S. fundraiser.

The walk involves stopping at stations along the designated route and collecting donated items from generous sponsors. Pets and people alike are encouraged to dress for Trick or Treating and take part in the costume contest.

Pets must be leashed and pledges should be collected before walk day. Walkers raising \$20 or more will receive a trick or treat bag to participate in the treat stops and those raising \$35 or more will also receive a free P.A.W.S. t-shirt.

All proceeds generated from this fundraiser are used to provide medical care and shelter for abandoned or surrendered animals while they wait for adoption by their forever families. The funds are sometimes also used to buy down the cost of adoption for animals that have been in the pound a long time and need a forever home.

For more information on this event, or to pick up a pledge sheet, please visit City Hall (227 South Front Street) or the Police Department (207 South Front Street) or check out the PAWS page at [PAWS PAGE](#).

Don't worry if you don't have a pet to walk. If you love animals and want to help out, register to walk and make friends with someone else's pet or just make a donation. Donations are always welcome!

Thank you for your participation.



**PARK RESTROOMS TO CLOSE** – The restroom facilities in all City parks will officially close on October 25th. This is done to ensure the facilities can be winterized to prevent broken pipes before cold weather sets in and to avoid the facilities becoming the targets of vandals on Halloween.

**ABSENTEE BALLOTS AVAILABLE** – Absentee ballots for the November 5th general election are available at the Nicollet County Property and Public Services Office in the Government Center (501 South Minnesota Avenue). This office will be providing absentee ballots for all eligible voters in School District #508 whether you live in Nicollet or Le Sueur Counties.

Voters no longer need an excuse to choose to vote by absentee and applications for absentee voting are available from the County or you can download an application from the Secretary of State's website at [ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATION](#).

Absentee balloting is available through Monday, November 4, 2019.

**COLD WEATHER RULE** – The State law known as the "cold weather rule" will go into effect October 15th. Under certain condition, this law prevents utility providers from disconnecting a customer's heat source for non-payment of bills. That protects customers from Minnesota's severe winter weather.

Saint Peter customers who fall under the rule are not disconnected during the cold weather rule period. Instead special meters are placed on the account to limit the amount of power used by the customer.

If you have fallen behind on your utility bill, now is the time to stop into the City's Finance Department and make arrangements for payment of your past due account. Payment plans are available and staff is happy to work with you to find a solution that



will avoid having a limiting meter placed on your account.

Please contact the Finance Department at City Hall (227 South Front Street), or by phone at 507-934-0664.



**MAKES ME WONDER (BY CITY ADMINISTRATOR TODD PRAFKE)** – *This is a re-run of a column from a couple years back, but it's still a top ten question....*

With the advent of allowing up to 6 chickens at your home in Saint Peter comes the start of the process to apply for a permit. That permit period will start in December and after you get inspected and approved, residents can keep chickens starting on January 1st. Applications can be picked up in the Building Department. The application will include a sample of a map or layout drawing that we hope will help in completion of the application. Also included will be language from the City Ordinance that we hope will make this process a smooth one. Don't forget there are some rules you will need to follow. A belief outline of the rules are:

- Limit of 6 chickens
- Hens only
- Annual permit (inspection fee of \$45; permit fee \$5)
- Rules for construction and maintenance of chicken coop including distances from other properties
- Rules for disposal of chicken waste
- Sanitation regulations
- Disposal of carcasses
- No slaughtering of chickens allowed on premises

We hope that the process of helping to ensure the balance of property owners rights and gathering of eggs is all it's cracked up to be.

Will you find yourself clucking it up each morning with your feathered friends? It makes me wonder.....

**CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS** – Action at the City Council meeting held on September 23, 2019 included public hearings and subsequent action on modifications to the City Code relative to the definition and zoning of religious vs. public assemblies and parks and recreation services; a public hearing and subsequent action to approve transfer of increments generated by Tax Increment Financing District No. 1-15 to fund debt service payments for the bonds used for Traverse Green

Subdivision; approval for purchase of a replacement motor grader to be funded by the 2020 Equipment Certificate; and authorization for City assistance for the Nicollet County Trails Association Club Haunted Hayrides fundraising event in October. Proposed modifications to the City Code related to definition of day care operations were tabled.

The next regular City Council meeting, will be Monday, October 14th beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Governors' Room of the Community Center.

**ADA TRANSITIONING PLAN OPEN HOUSE EVENT** - The City of Saint Peter will be performing a self-evaluation of policies, practices and pedestrian infrastructure within public rights-of-way and preparing an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan to identify ADA deficiencies that pose barriers to safe and efficient access for all users. The ADA Transition Plan documents the findings of the self-evaluation and will provide a detailed schedule and planning-level costs for the removal of barriers to accessibility within pedestrian infrastructure in the system. In addition, public input will be gathered to help City staff identify deficiencies.

An open house will take place on Wednesday, October 16th from 5-7 PM in the St. Peter Room of the Community Center.

For more information on this project please contact the Department of Public Works at 934-0670.

**FALL HYDRANT FLUSHING** – The Water Utility crew has begun fall hydrant flushing and flow testing. The work is done between 8:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. and will continue until all hydrants are flushed - approximately October 18th.



This process could temporarily make water and residents are reminded to check the water clarity prior to doing laundry during this period.

For more information on hydrant flushing, please contact the Public Works Department at 934-0670.

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

- **MAINTENANCE SUPERINTENDENT** - Department of Public Works. Minimum qualifications include a high school diploma and associates degree in construction, construction

management, Public Works operations or equivalent, five year's experience in a related field may be substituted for post-secondary education; possession of a valid driver's license; 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 preparation of budgets and monitoring expenditures; demonstrated knowledge of approved methods, materials, and tools used in the construction, maintenance, and cleaning of streets, other public right-of-ways, parks, structures, and recreational facilities; knowledge of municipal forestry operations; knowledge of environmental services operation; knowledge of heavy and light equipment operations; knowledge of operating characteristics and servicing of equipment; knowledge of traffic laws and regulations governing equipment operations; knowledge of 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; 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. Starting pay range \$\$71,074 - \$75,483 per year. 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 Wednesday, October 30, 2019. Faxed, e-mailed, and/or late applications will not be accepted. Interviews will be conducted Tuesday, November 12, 2019. AA/EOE

**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](http://www.saintpetermn.gov).

Monday	October 14	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Monday	October 21	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Monday	October 21	7:00 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Wednesday	October 23	12:30 p.m.	Hospital Commission
Thursday	October 24	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
Friday	October 25	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau
Monday	October 28	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	October 29	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission
Monday	November 4	3:30 p.m.	Housing and Redevelopment Authority
Monday	November 4	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Tuesday	November 5		ELECTION DAY
Thursday	November 7	5:30 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission



Monday	November 11			LEGAL HOLIDAY – VETERAN'S DAY
Tuesday	November 12	5:30 p.m.		Library Board
Tuesday	November 11	7:00 p.m.		City Council Meeting
Monday	November 18	3:00 p.m.		City Council Workshop
Tuesday	November 21	12:00 noon		Economic Development Authority
Friday	November 22	8:00 a.m.		Tourism and Visitors Bureau
Monday	November 25	7:00 p.m.		City Council Meeting
Tuesday	November 26	5:30 p.m.		Heritage Preservation Commission
Wednesday	November 27	12:30 p.m.		Hospital Commission
Thursday - Friday	November 28-29			THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY - CITY OFFICES CLOSED

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!