

CITY OF SAINT PETER HOT SHEET



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CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE FILING UPDATES— Filing for City Council is now closed and the following individuals have filed:



Mayor – elect 1

Chuck Zieman
Shawn Schloesser

Ward I –elect 1

Keri Johnson
Harry Youngvorst

Ward I – to complete term 12/31/2021 - elect 1

Dustin Sharstrom
Shanon Nowell

Ward II – elect 2

David B. McGuire
Terry L. Bergemann
Emily Bruflat
Bradley DeVos

In addition, the following candidates have filed for the School Board:

School Board (elect four)

Molly Wendroth
Andrew Vander Linden
Tim Lokensgard
Tracy Stuewe
Mohamed Abdulkadir
Bill Soderlund
Julie Carlblom
Bernadette Volk
Ben Leonard
Bill Kautt

The election will take place on Tuesday, November 5, 2019.

CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS – Action at the City Council meeting held on August 12, 2019 included final acceptance of the 2018 North Third Street Improvements Project; authorization to participate in the GreenSteps Program through the League of Minnesota Cities/MN Pollution Control Agency; approval for lease of a 3D mammography machine and purchase of equipment for a snow melt system at the main entrance at River's Edge Hospital; authorization for City assistance for Rock Bend Folk Festival; calling for a public hearing on September 23rd for possible action that would allow increments generated from Tax Increment Financing District No. 1-15 to be used to pay the debt for Traverse Green Subdivision; approval of new business license applications; and adoption of the Nicollet County All-Hazard Mitigation Plan.

The Council also presented former Councilmember Carlin with an appreciation gift for her service to the community.

The next regular City Council meeting will be Monday, August 26th beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Governors' Room of the Community Center.

CENSUS 2020 - The U.S. Census Bureau has begun the next step in making sure Minnesota gets a complete count in the 2020 Census. Address canvassing by Census Bureau workers has begun in Saint Peter.

Address canvassing is the process by which the Census Bureau validates, corrects, adds, and/or deletes addresses. Only select addresses will be canvassed and Census Bureau employees will not be asking for information about individuals, but rather about addresses and habitable locations.

Having Census workers in neighborhoods may draw the attention of residents who are concerned about the presence of strangers in the



neighborhood, but do not fear. The Census Bureau has already contacted the Police Department to provide information about their activities and notified the Police Department that these workers will all carry an official identification card with their name, picture and an expiration date. They will also carry a laptop computer with a Census Bureau logo on top and a black canvas bag with a Census Bureau logo.

If you have any concerns about the identity of a Census Bureau employee, please feel free to contact the Police Department at 931-1550.

OUTDOOR POOL CLOSING– Enjoy the last days of summer before the outdoor pool closes for the season at the end of the day on Sunday, August 18th. For information on pool hours, please check out the City’s website at www.saintpetermn.gov. Thank you for joining us this summer!

FALL ACTIVITIES AND CLASSES – The 2019 Fall brochure, published jointly by the City of Saint Peter Recreation and Leisure Services Department and School District 508 Community, is out and registration is now open.

The brochure is chockful of programming options for all ages and registration for the City’s portion of the offerings is available through the City’s website <http://www.saintpetermn.gov/registration-information>.

If you didn’t receive a brochure in your mailbox, extras are available at the Community Center and the Library.

GRANLUND LEGACY PARK (PROJECT WORKING TITLE)– The City has been working with the Arts Center of St. Peter, Jonathan Granlund and local architect Matt Byers on a project to develop Levee Park as a place to recognize the significant contributions of legendary sculptor and Gustavus Adolphus College Sculptor in residence Paul T. Granlund

A prolific artist, Granlund created over 700 sculptures while gaining international recognition and acclaim. His sculpture of Charles A. Lindbergh greets visitors at the Paris airfield where Lindbergh landed after completing his historic transatlantic flight. His sculpture, “Constellation Earth” is prominently displayed in the Nagasaki Peace Garden in Japan. Thousands of pieces of his work can be found throughout Minnesota, at churches, hospitals (including River’s Edge Hospital) and in both private and public collections such as the collection at Gustavus..

In addition to displaying Granlund’s works, the proposed development would showcase sculptures

created by Granlund’s former students and protégés which had been heavily influenced by his instruction and methods. A number of these artists have expressed an interest in participating in the park development given their respect and admiration for Mr. Granlund. Jonathan Granlund, the son of the artist is serving as a conduit between the artist community and the small working group.

To lead the group in the planning and design of the park, Saint Peter resident Matt Byers of the Practice of Lasting Art, Architecture and Design (PLAAD) firm is donating his professional services. Matt has developed a bold plan which would incorporate a raised walkway that includes a scenic overlook of the recently refurbished Highway 99 Bridge and Minnesota River.

The preliminary design was presented at a joint assembly of the City Council and Arts Center Board in July and the preliminary concept was well received. The planning committee was encouraged to continue their work leading to the final design.

Cost estimates for construction are being developed by R.W. Carlstrom and once the price tag is determined, the committee will begin the process of raising private funds for construction of the repurposed park. There is no firm timeline for construction at this time.

CITY MEETING SCHEDULES – The City uses many different ways of notifying the public when and where City meetings take place. The one official spot is the legal notices bulletin board at City Hall. As required by the Open Meeting law, all official notices of meetings to be held by the City Council and its’ advisory boards and commissions are posted on this bulletin board at least 72 hours before the meeting.

We also include a calendar in the Hot Sheet and have a calendar available on the City’s website. Meetings are sometimes referenced on the City’s Facebook page. While we try to be as accurate as we can be in these different locations, the meetings are usually posted on the website a year in advance and sometimes things get changed at the last minute.

Residents interested in attending a City Council meeting, or seeing what is on the agenda for an upcoming meeting, are encouraged to go directly to the Council packet for that meeting. The City Administrator’s Office uploads copies of all City Council meeting agendas and packet to the City’s website at www.saintpetermn.gov under the GOVERNMENT tab. Click on “current City Council agendas and packets” and you can see exactly the

same notice and information that is provided directly to the Council.

And as always, if it is really important to ensure you are at the meeting, please feel free to contact the City Administrator's Office (507-934-0663) to verify the start time and location of any meeting. We are happy to help.

STREET STRIPING WORK – The Public Works crew has begun painting roadway stripes, parking stall lines and intersection markings all over town. In fact, you may have encountered them this morning on North Washington Avenue.



To keep our employees safe we're asking the public to use extra care in and around these areas as traffic may be restricted to one lane and intersections may be a little more difficult to traverse until the paint dries and the safety cones are removed.

This work is done on an annual basis before the start of the school year.

NIGHT TO UNITE – Thank you to the residents of the four neighborhoods that participated in the National Night To Unite event last evening. The neighborhoods, which were scattered throughout the community, registered to be part of the national event and were joined by Saint Peter Police Officers and other emergency response workers from our area.



SEAL COATING – The annual seal coating project will begin on August 20th. This work is done in different sections of the community on a 5 - 6 year rotating basis.

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 that covers the oil. This creates a water proof seal to the road surface that prevents penetration of water which leads to deterioration of the road surface. The rock is left in place for several days to allow it to adhere to the oil product and then the excess rock is swept up a few days later by Public Works.

During application of the oil and rock the road is closed to traffic, but the process moves quickly and the road is opened soon after.

"No Parking" signs will be posted along the designated work areas. If you see one go up on your block, please make alternate plans for parking vehicles to make sure the entire length of roadway is open while the work is underway. As soon as the rock is down, residents should feel free to park and drive on the roadway again.

The streets to be seal coated this year include:

- **Menk Drive – please note this was accidentally omitted from last week's Hot Sheet**
- North Washington Avenue – north of Dodd Avenue
- North Welco Drive
- East Welco Drive
- West Welco Drive
- Knight Street
- Boulder Street
- Rock Ridge Lane
- Bassford Street
- Stark Street
- Moore Drive
- York Street
- Turpin Street
- Bunker Street
- North Sunrise Drive
- Klein Street
- Marshall Street
- Gault Street – north of Dodd Avenue
- Orchard Street
- Orchard Ridge
- Jefferson Avenue – between Nicollet Avenue and South Seventh Street
- Valley View Road
- Nicollet Avenue
- Daniel Street
- Engesser Street
- Wettergren Street
- West Menk Drive
- Aspen Drive
- Riverview Road
- Rockbend Parkway
- Pine Pointe Curve

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.

DOG PARK REOPENS – After months of being under flood waters, the dog park is officially open again.

The park is located along east Highway 99 at the intersection with the Rabbit Road.



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

- **PT TRANSIT SUPPORT (DISPATCH) SPECIALIST** - The City of Saint Peter is currently accepting applications for the position of Part-time Transit Support (Dispatcher) Specialist for the Minnesota River Valley Transit system. Hours for this position will be Wednesday 3pm-8pm, Saturdays 9am-7pm with additional fill-in shifts where needed. Transit Support (Dispatch) Specialists assist transit users in scheduling use, directing drivers to stops and pick-ups, provide clerical support for Transit Operations and Compliance Managers, and operating dispatching software.

This position will work out of a building in Le Sueur. **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** High school diploma or equivalent; demonstrated experience working with the public, demonstrated ability to operate a personal computer, ability to read, write, and speak the English language, ability to answer multi-line phone system. **DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS:** Experience operating a two-way radio/phone, 1+ year experience in an office setting, 1+ year of experience in a municipal or other transportation system providing logistical support for moving people or materials, demonstrated ability to read and navigate a map, 1+ year experience with dispatching or vehicle routing software and hardware, 1+ year experience in using social media such as Facebook or Twitter. \$16.23 per hour. Applicants are required to submit a City application form available from 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. August 16, 2019. Faxed, emailed, and/or late applications will not be accepted. AA/EEO

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	August 19	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Thursday	August 22	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
Friday	August 23	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau
Monday	August 26	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	August 27	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission
Wednesday	August 28	12:30 p.m.	Hospital Commission
Monday	September 2		LABOR DAY – CITY OFFICES CLOSED
Tuesday	September 3	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Thursday	September 5	5:30 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission
Monday	September 9	3:30 p.m.	Housing and Redevelopment Authority
Monday	September 9	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	September 10	5:30 p.m.	Library Board



Monday	September 16	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Monday	September 16	7:00 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Monday	September 23	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	September 24	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission
Wednesday	September 25	12:30 p.m.	Hospital Commission
Thursday	September 26	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
Friday	September 27	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau
Monday	September 30th	3:00 p.m.	City Council Goal Session