

CITY OF SAINT PETER HOT SHEET



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CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS – Action taken by the City Council at the regular meeting of March 8, 2010 included a public hearing on the 2010 Jefferson Avenue Reconstruction Project; authorization for purchase of a police squad car, vacuum street sweeper, and Bobcat tool carrier and broom to be funded by the 2010 equipment certificate; modification to the pay equity point level for the position of Meter Reader; and adoption of a resolution asking the Governor to work with legislative leaders to solve the State's budget crisis and its impact on local governments.

The next regular meeting of the City Council will be Monday, March 22, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Governors' Room of the Community Center. For more information on City Council meetings, please contact the City Administrator's office at 934-0663. Copies of the agenda are also available on the City's website at www.saintpetermn.gov/city.



CENSUS 2010: COLLEGE STUDENTS CAN HELP MINNESOTA WIN BIG - *(The following information is a press release from the Minnesota Department of Administration State Demographers Office.)* College students – particularly commuter students – can help secure Minnesota's political and economic future for years to come by participating in the 2010 Census.

In mid-March, college students living off campus will receive a Census 2010 questionnaire at their residence. By completing and returning the form, they will help determine whether Minnesota receives its fair share of more than \$400 billion in federal funding for colleges, universities and more. Student participation in the census will also help Minnesota keep its eight congressional seats in the U.S. House of Representatives.

"Many college students don't know how census data impacts the funding available to our schools and communities or where we should be counted," says Ashley Edwards, a University of Minnesota Humphrey graduate student working on the 2010 Census campaign. "Although college students are often informed about current events and issues, we must make sure we are not overlooking this opportunity to be counted." Students should be aware that census data:

- Helps employers understand where the next generation of workers is coming from, which influences recruitment efforts.
- Is used by students and faculty for reports, statistical profiles and research projects.
- Determines college and university tuition grant and loan programs.
- Helps establish fair-market rents and enforces fair lending practices.

- Helps planners develop recreational programs such as playgrounds, parks and trails and youth, adult and senior programs.
- Is used for public transportation planning, such as selecting bus routes and rail stops.

College students across Minnesota are heavily involved in organizing and sponsoring campus census awareness events and programs. Students can get involved in a census promotion event on campus by contacting their student affairs office or student government group.

Census questionnaires will be mailed to each household the week of March 15th. Look for it in your mail soon!

For more information about Census 2010 in Minnesota, please visit www.mn2010census.org.



MAKES ME WONDER (BY CITY ADMINISTRATOR TODD PRAFKE) – *The lines are blurring....I see so many things where the lines blur and get fuzzy and I am not talking just about government or the City.*

Did you know you can buy potatoes and light bulbs at what

I used to call a gas station? Who thought of that?

Did you know that there is a place where you can get your hair cut, watch ESPN and have a beer at the same time? I don't drink, but that has got to be a winner.

Where my oldest son goes to college there used to be a place where you did your laundry and you could drink beer and surf the internet all at the same time? WOW!! Some would ask, "What else does a college kid need?" When did someone think of that combination?

Maybe another classic is the peanut butter and banana sandwich. The last one is maybe a bit too far away from my point, which is that sometimes we are really stuck in the way we think about things. It is easy to be stuck. Change is hard.

But sometimes the new combinations make things better, easier or maybe even more efficient for us. One of my goals is to re-concentrate my effort on thinking of new combinations in providing services to you.....to think about new ways that improve service, are maybe more efficient and ultimately make our lives better.

Those combinations could be just like a gas station selling more than gas. I don't know that anyone would go back to the old way where the gas station only sold gas. It makes me wonder....

ADVISORY BOARD OPENINGS - The City Council continues to seek interested residents to serve on the Human Rights Commission, Heritage Preservation Commission and the Tourism and Visitors Bureau. If you live within the corporate limits of the City, can commit to making monthly meetings for

the board you are interested in, and have a desire to serve your community as a volunteer on these important boards, please contact the City Administrator's office at City Hall for an application card.



ST. PETER READS EVENT - The winter session of the St. Peter Reads series is scheduled to begin March 16th. The book being discussed is "False Mermaid" by Erin Hart. This project is made possible by a grant provided by the Traverse des Sioux Library System and is funded, in part, or in whole, by the Minnesota Arts & Cultural Heritage

fund as appropriated by the Minnesota State Legislature, with money from the vote of the people of Minnesota on November 4, 2008. For details on events, dates, and times for the Winter Read 2010, please visit the Library current events section of the City's website at <http://www.ci-st-peter.mn.us/library/LibraryEvent.pdf>.

CAT LICENSES DUE - The City of Saint Peter requires all cats within the City limits to be licensed.

Cat licenses are due on or before April 30, 2010. Cost is \$5 (spayed/neutered) or \$25 for unaltered pets. The license is valid for 2 years (4/30/10 – 4/30/12).

When purchasing the license, owners must furnish an updated rabies vaccination certificate signed by a Veterinarian.

Cat licenses are available from the Community Development Department at City Hall (227 South Front Street). The office is open weekdays from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Residents can also purchase a renewal license through the mail by submitting the rabies certificate and the appropriate fee to the Community Development office. (Sorry, but initial licenses are not able to be purchased through the mail. Owners must come in person to complete the initial license application.) If you have questions about pet licensing, please call 934-0661.



FREE BULB REPLACEMENT PROGRAM - The City of Saint Peter has teamed with Southern Minnesota Municipal Power Agency (SMMPPA), St. Peter Volunteer Center, Saint Peter High School Ecology Club and students at Gustavus Adolphus College to develop a program to bring energy savings to seniors and disabled members of the Saint Peter community. Working together, the students will come to the homes of interested senior/disabled residents and provide two

free compact fluorescent (CFL) bulbs AND then use those CFL bulbs to replace two old bulbs in hard to reach places within the home. Not only will this program save money in energy costs for the recipients, but having the extra assistance to change out bulbs in hard to reach fixtures will be a big help to many residents.

Beginning March 3rd senior and disabled Saint Peter residents interested in taking advantage of this FREE program can schedule a time for students to come to their home by calling the Volunteer Center at 934-0810. The bulb replacement will take place between March 15th-26th (weekdays only) between the hours of 4-8 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE! – Have you been accumulating all sorts of household hazardous materials with no place to dispose of them? Left over paint, solvents, cleaning chemicals? Then mark Saturday, September 25th on your calendar because Tri-County Solid Waste Office, in conjunction with the Saint Peter Fire Department and the City of Saint Peter, will be conducting

a household hazardous waste collection in Saint Peter that morning. More details will be provided as the date draws closer, but mark your calendars now!

HELP WANTED - Last chance to apply for seasonal positions with the City is this week. Deadline is 5:00 p.m. on March 13th. Seasonal positions are available in the Public Works and the Recreation and Leisure Services Departments. City application forms for these seasonal positions are available online at www.saintpetermn.gov or from 8:00 am – noon and 1–5 pm at the City Administrator's Office, 227 S. Front Street or by calling 934-0663. Completed applications must be received by the City Administrator's Office by 5:00 pm on **March 13, 2010**. Faxed, emailed, and/or late applications will not be accepted. Applicants for Public Works jobs must be at least 18 years old and applicants for Recreation and Leisure Services jobs must be at least 16 years old unless stated otherwise.

- **PUBLIC WORKS SEASONAL LABORER:** (These are positions for which an eligibility list will be maintained until September 30, 2010.) Duties include a variety of manual labor tasks associated with the care, maintenance, and cleaning of city facilities and equipment including, but not limited to, painting, washing, mowing, weeding, digging, cleaning and organizing; assists with the planting, trimming, and removal of trees and shrubs and mowing and trimming facilities. 40 hours/week. Applicants must possess a minimum valid Class C or D driver's license. The City of Saint Peter will not hire any persons for Seasonal Laborer unless that person passes a pre-employment drug test. This position is also subject to post-accident, random, reasonable suspicion, return to duty, and follow-up drug and alcohol testing required by federal regulations. Starting wage \$8/hour. A condition of employment for Public Works seasonal positions shall be successful completion of a background investigation including a drug test. Must be 18 years of age for these Public Works positions.
- **SPORTS PROGRAM COORDINATOR:** Train & supervise staff, organize and implement summer sports programs (Baseball, Soccer, Special Events etc.). Need strong organizational, motivational, planning and leadership skills. Experience with school age children. 35-40 hours/week. Mid May- End of August. Starting wage: \$8.75/hour.
- **CREATE A CAMP COORDINATOR:** Train, supervise staff organize and implement summer programs (Day Camps, Special Events) for 6 to 10 year old children. Leadership and supervisory experience with recreation activities required. Need strong organizational, motivational, planning and leadership skills. 35-40 hours/week. Mid May - Mid August. Starting wage: \$8.75/hour.
- **SPECIALTY CAMP/PRESCHOOL COORDINATOR:** Train & supervise staff organize and implement summer programs (Lil Rascals, Specialized Day Camps, Special Events) for 3 to 10 year old children. Leadership and supervisory experience with recreation activities required. Need strong organizational, motivational, planning and leadership skills. 35-40 hours/week. Mid May - Mid August. Starting wage: \$8.75/hour.
- **VOLUNTEER IN THE PARK COORDINATOR:** Recruit, train, assign and supervise youth volunteers. Strong organizational skills and previous work with youth required. Flexible hours. 30-40 hours/week. May-August. Starting wage: \$8.75/hour
- **RECREATION LEADERS:** Responsibilities include implementing youth summer recreation and sports programs and special events. Previous experience

working with youth desired. Strong leadership and organizational skills required. Mid May – mid/end August. 35 - 40 hours/week. Starting wage: \$7.25/hour.

- **PART-TIME RECREATION LEADERS:** Responsibilities include implementing youth summer recreation and sports programs and special events. Previous experience working with youth desired. Strong leadership and organizational skills required. Mid May – mid/end August. 20 - 25 hours/week. Starting wage: \$7.25/hour.
- **HEAD LIFEGUARDS:** Duties include supervision of aquatics personnel, pool patrons, and pool facility. Must have three years of lifeguard experience. Current WSI, LGT, First Aid and CPR certificates required. Strong leadership background. Minimum age: 18. Starting wage: \$9.75/hour.
- **LIFEGUARD/WSI:** Duties include teaching swim lessons and supervision of swimmers. Some maintenance. Full, part-time and substitute positions. Current WSI, LGT, First Aid & CPR Certificates required. Starting wage: \$7.75/hour.

- **LIFEGUARD (without WSI):** Duties include supervision of swimmers and some maintenance. Full, part-time and substitute positions. Current LGT, First Aid & CPR Certificates required. Minimum age: 15. Starting wage: \$7.00/hour.
- **OUTDOOR POOL CASHIER:** Duties include collection of pool fees, light bookkeeping, some maintenance and strong public relations skills. Minimum age: 16. Part-time. Starting wage: \$6.55/hour.

All pool staff candidates must pass pre-employment drug testing; and will be subject to post-accident, random, reasonable suspicion, return to duty, and follow-up drug and alcohol testing required by federal regulations.

CITY CALENDAR**

Monday	March 15	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop Session
Monday	March 15	7:00 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Thursday	March 18	5:00 p.m.	Human Rights Commission
Monday	March 22	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Thursday	March 25	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
Thursday	March 25	3:00 p.m.	City Council Goal Session
Thursday	March 25	3:00 p.m.	City Council Goal Session (rescheduled from April 1st)
Friday	March 26	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitor's Bureau
Monday	March 29	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop Session
Tuesday	March 30	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission
Wednesday	March 31	12:00 noon	Hospital Commission
Monday	April 5	3:30 p.m.	Housing and Redevelopment Authority
Monday	April 5	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop Session
Tuesday	April 6	7:00 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission
Monday	April 12	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Monday	April 19	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Monday	April 19	7:00 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Thursday	April 22	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
Thursday	April 22	5:00 p.m.	Human Rights Commission
Friday	April 23	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau
Monday	April 26	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	April 27	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission