

CITY OF SAINT PETER HOT SHEET



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CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS – Action taken by the City Council at the regular meeting of February 22, 2010 included designating increment funds from Tax Increment Financing No. 1-13 to repayment of infrastructure debt for the North Industrial Park Subdivision; approving a request for City assistance for the St. Patrick's Day parade; modification to the 2010 equipment certificate to reduce the budget from \$270,000 to \$152,000; and approval for purchase of a computer, computer hardware and computer software funded by the 2006 equipment certificate, utilities funds, and general fund.

The next regular meeting of the City Council will be Monday, March 8, 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.



DO YOU HAVE A CAT....IS IT LICENSED?
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 (SMMPA), 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 the students to come to their home by calling the Volunteer Center at 934-0810. The bulb replacement will take place between 4-8 p.m. March 15-26, 2010.

PETS OF THE WEEK – This week's featured pets are Salami and Twilight.

Up first is Salami. This petite young adult gray tabby female has a bit of orange in her fur. She is very playful and certainly ready for a new home. Her adoption fee is \$109 which will include her spaying and all shots.



Up next is Twilight. She is a young female tortoiseshell cat with beautiful coloring! She is also frisky and lots of fun. Her adoption fee is also \$109 and will include spaying and all her shots.



If you can help either of these cats find a forever home, please contact Community Service Officer Malinda Meyer at the Police Department at 931-1550, or Kind Veterinary Clinic at 931-4700. All animals are spayed/neutered and up-to-date on vaccinations before being adopted out. And if you adopt, please remember to license your new pet!

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!

POLICE DEPARTMENT ISSUES SCAM WARNING –The Saint Peter Police Department has recently become aware of a telephone based criminal enterprise targeting residents in our area. This scam is known as the "Emergency Scam". The targets of this particular scam are grandparents.

It works like this: The criminal will telephone a grandparent and pretend to be a grandchild who is in need of emergency monetary assistance. In one version of the scam, the caller will say that they are in jail and need bail money. The caller will ask for the grandparent to send money via some type of money wiring service (usually Money Gram or Western Union). This particular scam seems to originate in Canada and the caller will want the money wired to a location in Canada.

This type of scam is also prevalent as an email originated scam.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police have established a website that contains an abundance of information on this and other scams. You can check it out at www.phonebusters.com.

If you are a victim of this scam, please contact the local police and file a report.

“TAKE 10” AND HELP SAINT PETER GET WHAT IT NEEDS FOR THE NEXT 10 YEARS - In March 2010, more than 130 million addresses will receive a 2010 Census form by mail or hand delivery. The 2010 Census will document the changes in our nation since the last decennial census in 2000, and tell us how we’ve evolved as a country. Because census data affects how more than \$400 billion in federal funding is distributed to tribal, state and local governments, the census also will frame the future of our country and our community for the next 10 years.

During Census 2000, the mail participation rate was 72 percent as of the April 2000 cut-off. About \$85 million is saved for every one percent increase in mail participation. For these and many other reasons, we must work to encourage everyone’s participation in the census.

Here’s what you should know about the 2010 Census:

- **It’s easy.** One of the shortest census forms in history, the 2010 Census form asks 10 questions and takes about 10 minutes to complete. The individual in whose name the housing unit is rented or owned should complete the form on behalf of every person living there, both relatives and nonrelatives.
- **It’s important.** Census data is used to reapportion seats in Congress and ensure proper district representation in state and local governments. Information from the census helps determine locations for child-care and senior centers, new roads, hospitals, schools and community centers.
- **It’s safe.** By law, the U.S. Census Bureau cannot share respondents’ answers with anyone, including other federal agencies and law enforcement entities. All Census Bureau employees take an oath of nondisclosure and are sworn for life to protect the confidentiality of the data. The penalty for unlawful disclosure is a fine of up to \$250,000 or imprisonment of up to five years, or both.

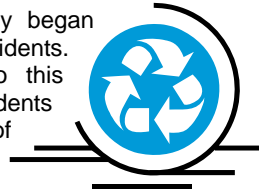
Finally, the most efficient way to respond to the 2010 Census is to complete the form as soon as it arrives and return it in the postage-paid return envelope. Census workers will visit households that do not return forms to take the count in person and they are persistent....they will keep returning to your home until they get the questionnaires completed!

For more information about Saint Peter’s progress in returning our questionnaires, please check out the “Take 10” website at <http://2010.census.gov/2010census/take10map/>.

DADDY-DAUGHTER DANCE - The first annual Daddy-Daughter Dance sponsored by the Recreation and Leisure Services Department will be held on Saturday, March 13th at 5:30 p.m. at the Community Center. There are still tickets available for this event.

Dads, Uncles, Grandpas, Big Brothers, Cousins, and Friends...if you have a special “daughter” in your life treat her to a great night of adventure. “A Sweet Adventure” will feature Kern Brothers Entertainment for a night of dancing and activities including a complimentary picture and door prizes. The night will also feature a cotton candy machine and a candy bar. Tickets are available at the Recreation and Leisure Services Department in the Community Center for \$25.00 in advance or \$30.00 at the door, with each additional guest costing \$5.00. If you have any questions, please contact the Recreation Department at 934-0667. Unfortunately there is no internet registration available for this event.

RECYCLING INFORMATION: Last year the City began offering a larger, 96 gallon curbie for residents. There has been a fantastic response to this change in the recycling program and residents may be interested in learning about some of the changes that have occurred. Here are the statistics.....



- In 2004:
 - 2,679 customers recycled 634.44 tons.
 - That equals .237 tons per customer or 474 lbs.
 - That is 40 lbs recycled by each customer each month.
 - Garbage disposal was .716 tons or 1,432 lbs per customer.
 - That equals about 119 lbs for each customer per month.
- In 2005:
 - 2,735 customers recycled 679.75 tons.
 - That equals .249 tons per customer or 498 lbs.
 - That is 41.5 lbs recycled by each customer each month.
 - Garbage disposal was .726 tons or 1,452 lbs per customer.
 - That equals about 121 lbs for each customer per month.
- In 2006:
 - 2,777 customers recycled 689.20 tons.
 - That equals .248 tons per customer or 498 lbs.
 - That is 41.5 lbs recycled by each customer each month.
 - Garbage disposal was .728 tons or 1,456 lbs per customer.
 - That equals about 121.33 lbs for each customer per month.
- In 2007:
 - 2,798 customers recycled 680.57 tons.
 - That equals .243 tons per customer or 486 lbs.
 - That is 40.5 lbs recycled by each customer each month.
 - Garbage disposal was .734 tons or 1,468 lbs per customer.
 - That equals about 122.33 lbs for each customer per month.
- In 2008:
 - 2,779 customers recycled 718.84 tons.
 - That equals .259 tons per customer or 518 lbs.
 - That is 43.17 lbs recycled by each customer each month.
 - Garbage disposal was .846 tons or 1,692 lbs per customer.
 - That equals about 141 lbs for each customer per month.
- In 2009:
 - 2,823 customers recycled 766.63 tons.
 - That equals .272 tons per customer or 544 lbs.

- That is 45.33 lbs recycled by each customer each month.
- Garbage disposal was .698 tons or 1,396 lbs per customer.
- That equals about 116.33 lbs for each customer per month.

Over all it is great to see the increased interest and effort in recycling. Some may ask, what's in it for me? Well less recycling in your garbage means lower disposal costs as well as a cleaner environment. Personal savings on recycled products may be advantageous. You may also feel satisfaction. There are many reasons to recycle, but the most powerful reason is because you want to.

And remember....the more residents recycle, the less the City pays for garbage collection!

FIRE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES GRANT FUNDS - The Saint Peter Fire Department has been awarded \$38,201 in grant funds from the Assistance To Firefighters program. The money received will fund 95% of the cost of a Cascade Air Fill System for the Fire Station. This system is used to refill air bottles after fires and will replace an antiquated system that no longer meets OSHA and NFPA requirements.

HELP WANTED - The City of Saint Peter is currently accepting applications for seasonal positions 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**

Thursday	March 4	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority (rescheduled from 2/25/10)
Monday	March 8	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	March 9	6:00 p.m.	Library Board

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	5:00 p.m.	Human Rights Commission
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
Thursday	April 1st	3:00 p.m.	City Council Goal Session