



ST PETER HALLOWEEN FUN RUN & WALK
SOUTHERN MINNESOTA'S LARGEST & FASTEST PARADE OF COSTUMES!

SAT., OCTOBER 26, 2013
Early Bird Registration Deadline, Fri., Oct. 11th
See: www.stpeterfunrun.com

RATE INCREASE

Water and Wastewater services used as of August 1, 2013 will see a rate increase. Wastewater rates increased 10% across the board. Residential 5/8" domestic water meter monthly base charges increased \$.25, the first 1,000 gallons is still at \$1.00, 2,000 – 10,000 gallons increased to \$5.20 per 1,000 gallons, and over 10,000 gallons increased to \$5.50 per 1,000 gallons. For larger meter size rate increases please refer to the City website council packet of March 25, 2013 <http://www.saintpetermn.gov/minutes-agendas-and-packets/city-council-meeting-packet-march-25-2013-regular-meeting>, or call 934-0664. 

2013 FALL YARD WASTE COLLECTION

Leaves and grass clippings will be collected **north of Broadway** starting at **7:00 A.M. Monday, October 21st** and **south of Broadway** at **7:00 A.M. Monday, November 4th**.

The collection process is accomplished by one person driving the vacuum truck with another person walking behind using a hose to collect the leaves and grass clippings. For this reason, please do not include animal wastes with the leaves, as the person using the hose gets covered with a fine dust of whatever is in the leaves.

Leaves must be placed parallel and adjacent to the curb (**do not put it on the street or in bags**).

The collection process is quite lengthy (5 weeks for the whole town in 2012) which may necessitate starting the collection before all the leaves have fallen. The street sweeper then goes behind the leaf collectors so streets are cleaned before the snow comes. Collection dates for the areas north and south of Broadway are rotated each year.

If you live on a corner lot it is possible that one side will be picked up before the other as the trucks run north to south and then east to west to be more efficient in the collection process. (Suggestion: Place all leaves on the north-south street if you want all your leaves picked up at the same time.)

We will only go through an area once; so if your yard waste is not out by the dates and times mentioned above it will not be picked up but can be taken to the drop-off site.

To help us serve you better, please do not park in front of the yard waste until pick-up is complete.

Drop-off Site Open 24 Hours A Day, 7 Days A Week - The brush and soft yard waste drop-off sites located across the street from the Department of Public Works facility, 405 West St. Julien Street, at the southwest intersection of St. Julien and Swift Streets, are open year around for your convenience in dropping off brush and soft yard waste.

This service is provided and funded by the Environmental Service Fee on your utility bill.



Are you ready for the **13th Annual P.A.W.S. Walk**? Come join us on October 12, 2013. Registration begins at 10 am at the Millpond Park. The walk will be a trick or treat walk through the downtown areas with stops at participating businesses. **WE ENCOURAGE COSTUMES FOR BOTH PETS AND PEOPLE!** (Prizes will be awarded!) Concessions will be available with all

funds going to PAWS. At 11:45 am we will announce top donors and costume winners. Help raise money for our local pets! Pledge forms are available at the KIND VET CLINIC or CITY MUNICIPAL BUILDING.

NOTICE OF RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER RIGHTS UNDER THE COLD WEATHER RULE

The Minnesota Cold Weather Rule provides that from October 15 through April 15, a utility cannot disconnect a residential utility customer for nonpayment if **all** of the following four requirements are met:

- 1) Your account is current for the billing period immediately prior to October 15th.
- 2) The electric disconnection would affect your primary heat source.
- 3) Your household income is less than 185 percent of the federal poverty level, as documented by you to the electric utility.
- 4) You have filed a "declaration of inability to pay" form with the electric utility.

For the Cold Weather period October 15th to April 15th, the City of Saint Peter will install a limiting meter rather than disconnect service for a customer whose account has become delinquent. The limiting meter will allow customers to run their furnace, refrigerator and approximately one or two lights. If your service is limited you must pay all past due amounts plus a reconnection charge of \$70.00 plus tax prior to reconnection. The charge for reconnection after **3:30 pm** and when the Finance office is closed will be \$300.00 plus tax.

WHAT SHOULD BE DONE IF YOU CANNOT MAKE YOUR ELECTRIC PAYMENT?

A customer with a delinquent account may request a payment arrangement. The payment arrangement will include paying your current bill and the arrears on a payment schedule limited to six (6) months. If payment is not made on the date agreed to by the customer and the current utility bill is not paid by the fifteenth of each month, service will be immediately disconnected. During the cold weather period, a limiting meter will be installed.

WHERE CAN YOU RECEIVE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE?

If you need help paying your utility bills, you may qualify for state or federal fuel assistance. For complete qualifications and application information, contact your local county social services office or your Community Action Council.

The following organizations may be able to provide assistance:

Nicollet County Social Services	931-6800
Minnesota Valley Action Council	934-5224
Salvation Army Heatshare	345-7840

TREE TRIMMING NOTICE

During the upcoming months, the City of Saint Peter will be trimming boulevard trees throughout the community. This is done for vehicle and pedestrian safety, and to maintain a healthy urban forest. City regulations require boulevard trees to be trimmed to a minimum height of 8 feet above sidewalks and 14 feet above the street.

Should you have any questions, please call the Department of Public Works Office at 934-0670.



Candy Kisses for the Cure

Holiday Gift Boutique, Silent Auction & Bingo to Fight Breast Cancer

All Events @ Red Men Club – 412 S 3rd Street, Saint Peter

Fri., Oct. 25th 4 – 7 pm & Sat. Oct. 26th 8 am – 7 pm

*Bingo @ 4 pm on Sat. (must be 18 to play)



Sponsored by Candy Kisses for the Cure (Candy Witte, family & friends)

PROCEEDS BENEFIT SUSAN G. KOMEN TWIN CITIES RACE FOR THE CURE!



Ewenique Quilt Club Show

Jesus Assembly of God Church, 722 Sunrise Dr.

Sat., Oct. 12th from 10 am – 5 pm & Sun., Oct. 13th from Noon – 4 pm

Over 100 quilts and other hand crafted items will be displayed. Vendors, door prizes, boutique, special exhibits, demonstrations and scissors sharpening will be offered throughout both days. Food and beverages will be available on site with the proceeds to benefit Royal Family Kids Camp, a church-sponsored youth activity. Admission is \$5. *Supplemental funds are provided by the St. Peter Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.* For more information contact Ruth Hall (934-7943) or Maryetta McCarty (931-6649).