

Saint Peter Water Utility Update

Water Consumer Confidence Report

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under the Consumer Confidence Rule requires public water suppliers to send out information about the water quality which is made available to the public. Saint Peter does this annually through the Consumer Confidence Report (CCR). The CCR summarizes information regarding sources used (i.e., rivers, or aquifers) and of any detected contaminants, compliance and educational material. The Saint Peter Water Utility 2012 CCR report is available to its customers for viewing or downloading at <http://www.saintpetermn.gov/WaterReport> . A paper copy will be sent to you upon request by calling Public Works at (507) 934-0670.

Wellhead Protection

The Saint Peter Water Utility implements a Wellhead Protection Plan which is designed to protect our public water supply from potential sources of contamination. The utility uses nine wells located in three different aquifers where they range from 130 feet to 780 feet in depth. The Minnesota Department of Health has determined that the source(s) used to supply your drinking water is not particularly susceptible to contamination. What can you do to protect your water from contamination?

- Locate and properly seal unused wells with a licensed well driller.
- Follow instructions carefully when using pesticides or fertilizers.
- Properly dispose of household hazardous waste.

Water Softener Settings

The new Broadway and Saint Julien Water Treatment Facilities went online in March 2011 providing a high quality drinking water. The new water quality produces water hardness that is noticeably lower than the previous water. The water hardness has decreased from 25 grains per gallon to 5 grains per gallon, a reduction of approximately 80%. Many homeowners have inquired about the need for a water softener; this is a personal preference; however, the hardness of the water delivered to your home has greatly improved. Resetting water softeners to the appropriate hardness will save on salt consumption and water wasted through recharging. Resetting the water softener will also mean less salt ends up in the wastewater that flows to the City's treatment facility and, eventually, less salt into the Minnesota River. Contact Public Works at (507) 934-0670 with any inquiries about how to reset your softener to the correct settings.

Summer Water Saving Tips

- Adjust your lawn sprinklers so only your lawn is watered and not the house, sidewalk or street.
- Plant in the fall when temperatures are cooler and rainfall is more plentiful.
- Water your lawn and garden in the morning or evening when temperatures are cooler to minimize evaporation.
- Before watering, check the root zone of your lawn or garden for moisture using a spade or trowel. If it's still moist two inches under the soil surface, you still have enough water.
- Adjust your lawn mower to a higher setting. A taller lawn shades roots and holds soil moisture better than if it's closely clipped.
- Collect water from your roof in a rain barrel to water your garden or shrubs.



Ambassadors' Blues Fest

Minnesota Square Park. **FREE** to the Public

Bring your lawn chairs, find some shade and join us for the Annual Ambassadors' Blues Fest in Minnesota Square.

Saturday June 8 Noon-10pm. Bands include The Blue Vipers, Annie Mack, Blue Max, The Swamp Kings, and headlined by Shannon Curfman. Food and beverage vendors will be on site.

NO PETS

(This activity is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund, St. Peter Tourism & Visitors Bureau, & The Carl & Verna Schmidt Foundation)



St. Peter School District is sponsoring FREE LUNCHES and READING ACTIVITIES for children this summer!!!



Who: All children ages 1-18. *Children 7 and under need to be accompanied by a responsible caregiver.*

What: FREE Lunch for **all** children who attend. There are no income guidelines required.
Adults may choose to purchase a lunch for \$3.50.

Activities: All children are invited to participate in FREE reading activities scheduled from 11:30-12:00 p.m. each day.

When: **Wed., June 5 – Thurs., Aug. 1, 2013 - Lunch served 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**

Where: St. Peter Public High School Cafeteria—100 Lincoln Drive, St. Peter.

How: No registration required-just come—all are welcome!!

The Summer Food Service Program is available to all children 18 years of age and under, and persons over 18 who participate in a public or nonprofit private school program established for the mentally or physically handicapped. In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20250-9410 or call (800) 795-3272 or (202) 720-6382 (TTY). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.



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Pay your bill at your convenience by phone* or online*, 24 hours a day 7 days a week.

To make a **payment online** go to the City's website:
<http://www.saintpetermn.gov> at the top of the website **click on the "Pay Utility Bills" button** and you will find the link to make a payment.

To make a **payment by phone**, call: 1-855-288-5244

**A convenience fee of \$4.95 for a payment up to \$300 will apply for this service.*