

# CITY OF SAINT PETER HOT SHEET



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**CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS** – Action taken by the City Council at the regular meeting of September 8, 2014 included approval of the preliminary tax levy payable in 2015; approval of a request by Sweat Equity LLC for subordination of a revolving loan to a third bank mortgage; approval of a request to vacate a drainage easement between two parcels in Orchard Ridge Subdivision; approval for the replatting of an Outlot in Washington Terrace Subdivision to prepare for development of the property; approval for transfer of a cable television franchise from Enventis to Consolidated Communications; approval for City assistance for the Oktoberfest event; and approval for execution of a license to allow Lager's Inc. to use City owned property.

The next regular meeting of the City Council will be Monday, September 22nd 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 Council packet are also available on the City's website at [www.saintpetermn.gov/city](http://www.saintpetermn.gov/city).

**CITY OFFICES CLOSED** – All non-emergency City offices will be closed on Tuesday, September 30<sup>th</sup> until 10:30 a.m. while staff participates in training. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

even-year elections and that could mean long lines on Election Day. However, voters can help make the process easier with a few pre-election actions.

First of all....make sure you are pre-registered. If you have never voted before, or if you have moved since the last election, you have until Tuesday, October 14th to pre-register to vote. This eliminates the need to stand in an extra line on Election Day. College students need to remember that if they have changed dorms, or even changed a room within a dorm, they will be required to re-register. (College students also have the option of voting in their hometowns by absentee ballot....but they cannot vote in Saint Peter **and** their hometowns!)

Voters now have the option to register to vote online and the link to register through the Secretary of State's Office is <https://mnvotes.sos.state.mn.us/VoterRegistration/VoterRegistrationStep1.aspx>. You can also pre-register in person at the Nicollet County Auditor-Treasurer's Office (501 South Minnesota Avenue). But don't wait until the last minute to pre-register! Deadline to pre-register and have it count for this election is Tuesday, October 14th!

Don't feel like going to the polls on Election Day but still want to vote? Voters in Minnesota now have the option of voting by absentee without having to give a reason. Previously voters had to state they would be away from the precinct, be serving as an Election Judge, or had an illness or disability that kept them from going to the polls as their reason for voting by absentee. But recent legislative action has eliminated the need to give a reason for voting absentee and now anyone can do so. State officials believe that up to 30% of voters will choose to cast their ballot by absentee under the new legislation.

Absentee ballots will be available from the Nicollet County Auditor Treasurer's Office no later than September 19th. Voters will need to fill out an



**ELECTION INFORMATION** – Tuesday, November 4, 2014, voters in Minnesota will cast their ballots for Governor, U.S. Senator, State Senators and Representatives, and a number of local races. Turnout is usually high in Saint Peter for

absentee ballot application which can be obtained either from the Auditor-Treasurer's office or online at

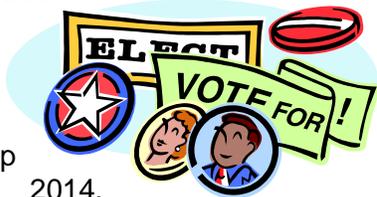
<https://mnvotes.sos.state.mn.us/ABRegistration/ABRegistrationStep1.aspx>. The application can be submitted at any time and once ballots are available, they will be mailed to the applicant.

Planning on voting at your polling place on November 4th, but don't know where you vote? Check out this link to the Secretary of State's precinct finder for the location of your polling place and information on exactly what will be on your ballot... <http://pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us/>.

For more information on elections, please contact the City Administrator's office at 934-0663.

**CAMPAIGN SIGNS** – State law allows temporary campaign signs to be up through November 14, 2014.

However, there are several regulations that must be followed for these signs.



- Signs are not allowed anywhere on public property. This includes City, County and State owned rights-of-way and City parks. The rules of thumb we follow to determine what is City owned boulevard (or right-of-way) are as follows:
  - If a public sidewalk exists, signs may be placed behind the sidewalk; or
  - If no sidewalk exists, it is safe to assume that a sign placed twenty feet (20') behind the curb line will be on private property.
- Signs can only be put on private property with permission of the private property owner. When asking private property owners to place signs, candidates are encouraged to review the rules with the property owner. Oftentimes signs are initially placed correctly, only to have helpful home owners move the signs closer to the curb line in violation of the regulations or to move the sign when mowing and not return it to the legal location.
- Signs must not obstruct sightlines for drivers.
- Signs cannot be attached to City light poles, street signs, traffic control devices like stop signs, trees, shrubs, rocks, fences or other City owned structures.

If you have campaign materials on your vehicle (bumper stickers) or person (buttons), please remember that when absentee voting begins the Nicollet County Government Center property will become a polling place and as such, no campaign materials are allowed anywhere on the property,

including the parking lot. That rule also applies to the National Guard Armory and the Community Center on Election Day when voting is taking place. Voters will need to remove any visible campaign materials from their person before entering the polling place and anyone with a bumper sticker or other materials visible on their vehicle will not be allowed to park in the parking lot of the polling place.

For more information on campaign signs or election regulations, please contact the City Administrator's Office (934-0663) or the Nicollet County Auditor-Treasurer's Office (934-7806).

**PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING CHANGE** – The City's Planning and Zoning Commission has rescheduled meeting dates for October-December. The new meeting dates will be as follows:

- Wednesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>
- Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>
- Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>

Meetings begin at 5:30 p.m. in the Governors' Room of the Community Center.

**BRUSH AND GARDEN WASTE COLLECTION** - The City will be collecting brush and garden waste (tomato plants, flowers, etc.) at curbside the week of September 29th. Brush and garden waste must be placed parallel and adjacent to the curb by 7:00 A.M. and crews will only go through an area once.

If you miss the curbside collection, please note that the brush and soft yard waste drop-off site located at the southwest corner of the intersection of West St. Julien and North Swift Streets, is open year round for Saint Peter residents. The site is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

For more information on the curbside brush and garden waste collection, please contact the Public Works Department at 934-0670.

**WASHINGTON AVENUE LINK** - The new Washington Avenue Link between St. Julien Street and Dodd Avenue (TH 22) is open. The road provides access to the Lampert Subdivision by using Howard Street. Access to Summit Park and Daun Addition is now available from Washington Avenue by using Delaney Street. The old North Fifth Street access to Dodd Avenue has been closed to complete additional work in the intersection. Once completed the North Fifth Street access to Dodd Avenue will be permanently closed by installing new curb and sidewalk across the intersection.

Until the new Summit Park access to Sunrise Drive is open, Summit Park residents can use the

existing Oxford Lane access to reach Dodd Avenue or Delaney Street to access Washington Avenue. The new Sunrise Drive access to Summit Park is expected to be open near the end of September. Sunrise Drive is also expected to be open around the same time provided weather is suitable for construction. Once the new Sunrise Drive access to Summit Park is complete, the old Oxford Lane access to Dodd Avenue will be permanently closed by the construction of curb and sidewalk across the intersection.

**ANNUAL BOOMERS & BEYOND EXPO** - Get connected at the annual Saint Peter Area BOOMERS & BEYOND EXPO on Thursday, September 18th from 2-5 p.m. at the Saint Peter Community Center. From 2-4 p.m. the Expo will feature a wide variety of service providers, products, health and wellness information and screenings, refreshments, and door prizes. You also can get your annual flu vaccine. Cost is \$30-\$35 if the shot is not covered by your insurance provider or Medicare.

At 4 p.m., Al Batt, featured humorist, storyteller, and bird watcher will be speaking in the Senior Center. Al's talks are thoughtful, clean and humorous and allow those in the audience to laugh and learn.

The Boomer & Beyond Expo is sponsored by area senior providers including the Saint Peter Senior Center and the Saint Peter Tourism and Visitor's Bureau.

**PROVIDING ANIMALS WITH SHELTER WALK** – Time to start hitting up your family, friends, co-workers, neighbors and even complete strangers for donations for this year's P.A.W.S. fundraiser. This is the 14th year for this fun Trick or Treat Walk and this year it will be held on Saturday, October 11th beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the Mill Pond area of Riverside Park.



The walk involves stopping at stations along the designated route and collecting donated items from generous sponsors. Pets and people alike are encouraged to dress for Trick or Treating and take part in the costume contest.

Pets must be leashed and pledges should be collected before walk day. Walkers raising \$20 or more will receive a trick or treat bag to participate in the treat stops and those raising \$35 or more will also receive a free P.A.W.S. t-shirt.



All proceeds generated from this fundraiser are used to provide medical care and shelter for abandoned or surrendered animals while they wait for adoption by their forever families.

For more information on this event, or to pick up a pledge sheet, please visit City Hall or the Police Department or go to the City's website at this link....

<http://www.saintpetermn.gov/sites/default/files/images/police%26fire/PAWsWalk2014Brochure.pdf>.

And if you don't have a pet to walk, or can't participate on walk day, donations are always welcome!

**HELP WANTED** – The City of Saint Peter is currently accepting applications for the following positions:

- **Part-time Public Access Production Assistant** in the Recreation and Leisure Services Department. Position will assist with two-camera taping operation of City Council and School Board meetings on Monday evenings. 5-10 hours per month. **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** Must be 16 years of age and have experience using video recording equipment and/or computer editing equipment. **DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS;** knowledge of and experience using the following equipment: TV monitors, portable VCR with power supply, audio/video digital mixer, audio mixer, camcorder and tripod, remote control camera, personal computer, auto programmer, VHS VCR's and a VHS editing system. Starting wage \$8.17 per hour. Applicants are required to complete City application form available in 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. on Friday, September 26, 2014. Faxed, emailed, and/or late applications will not be accepted. AA/EEO
- **Part-Time Payroll Clerk** - in the Finance Department. 20 hours per week. **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** High School Diploma or equivalent; One year payroll experience or Associates degree in Accounting; Demonstrated experience working with the public; Demonstrated experience working with benefits provided to employees; Knowledge of Microsoft Word and Excel software. **DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS:** Previous municipal accounting experience; Knowledge of fund accounting principles, practices, and terminology; two or more years' experience working with employee benefits. Starting wage \$12.00 per hour. Applicants are required to

complete City application form available in 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. on Friday,

September 19, 2014. Faxed, emailed, and/or late applications will not be accepted. AA/EEO

**CITY MEETING CALENDAR** - This calendar is subject to change. Should you have a question on a meeting date/time, please contact the City Administrator's Office at 934-0663 or visit the City's website at [www.saintpetermn.gov](http://www.saintpetermn.gov).

Monday	September 22	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Wednesday	September 24	12:00 noon	Hospital Commission
Thursday	September 25	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
Friday	September 26	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau
Monday	September 29	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop Session
Tuesday	September 30	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission
Wednesday	October 1	5:30 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission
Monday	October 6	3:30 p.m.	Housing and Redevelopment Authority
Monday	October 6	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Saturday	October 11		PAWS Walk Fundraiser
Monday	October 13	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	October 14		Deadline for Voter Pre-registration
Tuesday	October 14	6:00 p.m.	Library Board
Saturday	October 18	9 am – 2:00 pm	Tire, Appliance and Electronics Collection Nicollet County Fairgrounds
Monday	October 20	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Monday	October 20	7:00 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Thursday	October 23	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
Friday	October 24	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau
Monday	October 27	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	October 28	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission
Wednesday	October 29	12:00 noon	Hospital Commission