

CITY OF SAINT PETER HOT SHEET



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MAKES ME WONDER (BY CITY ADMINISTRATOR TODD PRAFKE – Road work and change...Wow! It has been a couple of hard weeks with lots of discussion and reviewing and development

of plans for change, particularly on the north end of Saint Peter on Old Minnesota Avenue and Highway 169.

Some of the discussions are difficult and frank and not much fun for anyone. Changes are hard I know and for some it feels like they get lost in the shuffle or that their ideas are not considered. I hope it doesn't feel that way for most, but I know it does from time to time for some.

Part of my hope is that anyone who has a want to know what is going on has the chance to know and that they have an opportunity for input, but frankly, I know it is not possible to make everyone happy and sometimes by trying to make everyone happy, the wrong things get done.

You have probably all heard the saying about how something was "developed by committee" meaning that everyone had a say, but it works well for no one.

With much of the work in the area from Union Street to Highway 22, change will be hard and change will be based on our best efforts on data gathering and projection. When we don't take action until a problem arises, we are looked upon as not planning well enough. If we are too proactive, we are looked at as not thinking about the folks that have been here all the time.

Balancing these issues is hard and we try to give appropriate consideration to everyone's thoughts while doing what has the most potential long term benefits. I can tell you that we will do our best to listen, evaluate, provide feedback and have an open mind about any suggestions, but that

balancing of these issues is very hard and making everyone happy is impossible. But we will continue the dialogue because discussion is important to future success.

Will you visit with us? It makes me wonder...

EDA MEETING CANCELLATION – The August 22nd Economic Development Authority (EDA) meeting has been cancelled. The next regular meeting will be September 26th beginning at 12:00 noon in the Governors' Room of the Community Center. For more information on EDA meetings, please contact the Community Development Department at 934-0661.

DWI ARRESTS - The Saint Peter Police Department cited three motorists for drunk driving last weekend (August 16-18th) during a stepped-up driving while intoxicated (DWI) enforcement in the greater Mankato area.



The enhanced enforcement is part of a statewide and nationwide campaign that continues through Labor Day. The statewide effort is being coordinated by the Minnesota Department of Public Safety (DPS) Office of Traffic Safety.

Each year in Minnesota, nearly 30,000 motorists are arrested for DWI — there were 166 arrests in Nicollet County in 2012. During the last three years (2010–2012), 336 people were killed in drunk driving crashes in Minnesota — 104 were killed in 2012 alone. In Nicollet County during the last three years, drunk driving resulted in two deaths.

A DWI offense can result in loss of license for up to a year, thousands in costs and possible jail time. Repeat DWI offenders, as well as first-time offenders arrested at 0.16 and above alcohol-concentration level, must use ignition interlock in order to regain legal driving privileges, or face at

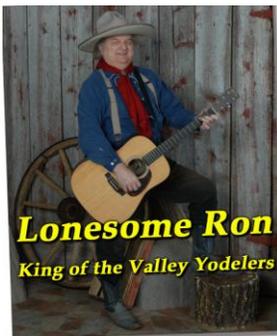
least one year without a driver's license. Offenders with three or more offenses are required to use interlock for three to six years, or they will never regain driving privileges.

CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS – Action taken by the City Council at the regular meeting of August 12, 2013 included a public hearing and subsequent action to approve the design layout for the Minnesota Department of Transportation Highway 169 flood mitigation project; approval of Change Order #1 for the 2013 North Third Street Improvement Project; clarification of the property description of the two parcels being sold to SWMHP Park Row Crossing LLC for the new Park Row Crossing housing development; approval for unbudgeted repairs to the fire station roof; and approval for City assistance for the Rock Bend Folk Festival.

The next regular meeting of the City Council will be Monday, August 26th 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. A copy of the City Council packet is also available before each meeting on the City's website at <http://www.saintpetermn.gov/city-council-minutes-agendas-packets>.

RECREATION PROGRAM UPDATES – Here are some updates from the City's Recreation and Leisure Services Department...

- Extended hours for the Community Center will resume after Labor Day. Hours will be:
 - Monday – Friday 6 am – 10 pm
 - Saturday – 8 am – 8 pm
 - Sunday – Noon – 8 pm
- The Fall Recreation/Community Ed brochure is out! Be sure to check out the wide variety of enrichment classes, youth and adult activities and information that is presented in this seasonal brochure. Find out about the tenth annual Halloween Fun Run, cooking classes at the Saint Peter Food Co-op, youth football, volleyball and basketball programs, senior dances, Early Childhood Family Education offerings, Girls on the Run program, aquatics offerings at the High School indoor pool and much more. The brochure is also available online at the City's website www.saintpetermn.gov/recreation.



- This Saturday (August 24th) is the last day of operation for the outdoor pool. Spend some time soaking up the sun and dipping in the water before the pool closes for the season!
- Spend time with Lonesome Ron at the Saint Peter Public Library on Thursday, August 22nd at 6 p.m. for an event called "Cowboy Life in Story and Song." Learn America's history through song as "Lonesome Ron" performs music of the great America cattle drives, outlaw ballads and songs from the Civil War.

For more information about Recreation programs or activities, please call the Recreation and Leisure Services Department at 934-0667 or visit the City's website using the link shown above.



SURPLUS PROPERTY AUCTION – The City of Saint Peter is offering for sale

a white, four door 2001 Pontiac Grand Prix. This is a DUI seized vehicle with automatic transmission. Tire tread is approximately 30% on all four tires. AM/FM CD, power windows and locks, power seat, A/C (not working). Left side tires were flat. Rust on rocker panels, brakes rusted and grinding, needs battery, will start with jump. Mileage: 110,385.

The vehicle is being offered for public sale through the State of Minnesota Department of Administration online auction at www.minnbid.org. Bidding on this vehicle will close on August 21st.

BUILDING PERMIT INFO - The City's Building Department has been busy so far this year. Here's an update on building permits that have been issued this year. From January 1st to July 31st a total of 351 building permits have been issued with a total valuation of \$8,280,872.16. The number and types of permits included:

- 6 new commercial buildings
- 44 commercial remodel projects
- 11 new homes
- 290 are for remodels, roofing, siding, garages, decks, replacement windows, doors, water heaters, furnace and air conditioner units, and rentals.

The total valuation does not include any permits with flat fees such as residential siding, roofing, water heater and furnaces and air conditioner replacements.

For more information on building permits, please contact the Building Department at 934-0662.

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

- **WASTEWATER OPERATOR** - Minimum qualifications include a high school diploma or equivalent; possession of a State of Minnesota Wastewater Treatment Facility Operator Certificate or to obtain within one year of the date of employment with the City; possession of a State of Minnesota Type IV Biosolids Operator or ability to obtain within one year of the date of employment with the City; possession of a valid driver's license - State of Minnesota Class A driver's license with Air Brake Endorsement and Tanker Endorsement or ability to obtain within six months of the date of employment with the City; possession of an American Heart Association Certification as a Basic Rescuer or ability to obtain within six months. Desirable qualifications: Satisfactory completion of a technical school program related to wastewater systems operations; up to six years of responsible experience as a wastewater system operator with at least two years' experience in the operation of a Class A, B, or C system or facility, or similar industrial facility; knowledge of the principles, practices, chemicals, and equipment used in wastewater treatment, biosolids treatment and disposal, and pumping operations; ability to perform a wide variety of tests on raw and treated wastewater, raw and treated bio-solids; knowledge of the principles of plumbing and hydraulics; knowledge of and ability to operate Supervisory Control And Data Acquisition (SCADA) system; knowledge of the functions and service requirements of mechanical equipment and machinery; knowledge of OSHA regulations and safety precautions of the trade; demonstrated ability to operate a variety of wastewater plant pumping, treatment, and control equipment, biosolids treatment and disposal equipment; demonstrated ability to diagnose problems under emergency conditions and take corrective action; knowledge and experience in the operation of equipment including but not limited to backhoes, dump trucks, jet rodder machine, tanker trucks, main line TV cameras, and line locators. NOTICE: The successful candidate must complete and pass a pre-employment physical and drug test and is subject to post-accident, random, reasonable suspicion, return to duty, and follow-up drug and alcohol testing required by federal regulations. Starting pay range \$17.18 - \$26.61 per hour. Applicants are required to complete a City of Saint Peter

application form available in the City Administrator's Office, 227 South Front Street, Saint Peter, Minnesota 56082-2538 or by calling (507) 934-0663. Completed applications must be received by the City Administrator's Office no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 21, 2013. Faxed applications will not be accepted. Interviews will be conducted September 4, 2013. AA/EEO

- **PART-TIME BUILDING SUPERVISOR** - in the Recreation and Leisure Services Department. The Building Supervisor supervises the Community Center and performs light custodial duties. Minimum qualifications: High School diploma or equivalent; formal CPR and First Aid training or ability to be certified within six months of employment; experience working with the public. Desired qualifications: Experience in building maintenance functions; formal CPR and First Aid certification. This position requires night and weekend work. Beginning wage \$8.25/hour. Applicants are required to complete a City application form available in the City Administrator's office at 227 South Front Street between the hours of 8 a.m. - 12 noon and 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. or by calling (507)934-0663. Completed applications must be returned no later than 5 pm, August 23, 2013. Faxed, emailed and/or late applications will not be accepted.
- **PART-TIME LIBRARY CIRCULATION CLERK** - in the Recreation and Leisure Services Department. Minimum qualifications: Experience working with public in customer service setting. Desired qualifications: Experience in provision of library services; ability to operate a PC and use internet and related programs including on-line cataloging system. Up to 13 hours per week. (M-F days plus some Saturdays.) Wage \$7.84/hour. Applicants are required to complete City application form available in the City Administrator's office at 227 South Front Street between the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon and 1-5:00 p.m. or by calling (507)934-0663. Completed applications must be received by the City Administrator's office by 5:00 pm on August 23, 2013. Faxed, late, and/or emailed applications will not be accepted. AA/EEO

Monday	August 19	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Monday	August 19	7:00 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Thursday	August 22	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority CANCELLED!
Friday	August 23	8:00 p.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau
Monday	August 26	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	August 27	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission
Wednesday	August 28	12:00 noon	Hospital Commission
Monday	September 2		LABOR DAY HOLIDAY – City Offices Closed
Tuesday	September 3	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop Session
Tuesday	September 3		Planning and Zoning Commission – this meeting may be rescheduled
Monday	September 9	5:00 p.m.	Human Rights Commission
Monday	September 9	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	September 10	6:00 p.m.	Library Board
Monday	September 16	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Monday	September 16	7:00 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Tuesday	September 17		CITY OFFICES CLOSED UNTIL 1:30 P.M.
Monday	September 23	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Tuesday	September 24	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission
Wednesday	September 25	12:00 noon	Hospital Commission
Thursday	September 26	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
Friday	September 27	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau
Monday	September 30	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop