

CITY OF SAINT PETER HOT SHEET



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MAKES ME WONDER (BY CITY ADMINISTRATOR TODD PRAFKE –

Hospital In the News....again, and again and again. I am not even able to be quiet about it. There are so many different

things to talk about, our relationship with Mayo, independence, how is the money, who do we serve, what's our real mission, I heard Colleen is leaving is that a sign of the end?

There are many more topics and I don't have enough space to talk about it all here in one article so maybe a few articles will cover these topics over the next couple of weeks. Let me start with Colleen.

Colleen Spike is the Hospital Administrator. She is going to retire after serving as Hospital Administrator or CEO for over 15 years as both an employee of Allina Health Systems and an employee of the Hospital Commission and City.

I know I am sad to see her go, but I know that for her, retirement means more time for family and picking and choosing some jobs here and there that gives her more freedom. This is great for her and I hope to get to that point someday too, don't you?

The Commission has started a process to look toward the recruitment and hire of a new CEO. That process includes review of the job description, developing priorities for the skills and talents we think will suit us as we go looking for a new CEO, and finally, recruiting candidates and advertising for the position.

A big part of the process is visiting with "stakeholder" groups and asking them what we should look for in a new CEO. We will be holding a series of meetings with these groups, including a couple that are open to the public, so anyone can come and talk about the talents, skills, and experiences we should look for as we go shopping

for that new Hospital CEO. Invites to those meetings will be in the paper in the very near future and the meetings will be held in late February.

Until a new CEO is hired, Colleen will continue to be there working hard on a plan that helps develop the partnerships we need to provide service to you. She and her staff will be helping promote our Hospital as one of the best places to get great care and helping the Hospital Commission continue to develop a sustainable source of health care right here in Saint Peter.

Do you have some thoughts about what we should look for in a new CEO? It makes me wonder.....



PRIMARY ELECTION – Yesterday was the special primary election for House District 19A to replace Representative Terry Morrow. It was a very long, very slow day for Election Judges who assisted less

than four percent (4%) of the City's 7,264 registered voters.

Results for the primary election are available on the Secretary of State's website at www.sos.state.mn.us and then click on "Election Results".

This unexpected, and therefore unbudgeted election process (including the special election that will occur February 12th) will cost the City over \$7,000. The costs will be funded by General Fund reserves.

Polls open at 7:00 a.m. for the February 12th special election and as was the case yesterday, the City's regular polling places at the Armory and Community Center will be used.

If you have any questions on the special election, please contact the City Administrator's office at 934-0663 or barbaral@saintpetermn.gov.



2013-2014 DOG LICENSES NOW AVAILABLE – Dog license tags for the 2013-2014 period are now available from the Community Development Department at City Hall. Cost for the license is \$5 if the dog is spayed/neutered or \$25 if the animal

is unaltered. Proof of a current rabies vaccination is required before a license will be issued.

All dogs aged six months and older are required to be licensed by the City. Dog owners who don't apply for their license before the April 30th deadline will be assessed a late penalty in addition to the license cost. If you have questions about animal licensing, please contact the Community Development Department at 934-0661.

CITY CLOSURES – All non-emergency City offices will be closed as follows:

- Wednesday, February 13th – Until 1:30 p.m. for staff training.
- Monday, February 18th – President's Day holiday.
- The walking track at the Community Center will also be closed on election day – February 12th.

WINTERFEST MEDALLION HUNT – A word of caution for all of you Winterfest medallion hunters.....please don't damage City property! The medallion will not be in a location that requires anyone to be in a restricted area, climb on structures, or dig up the earth.

During the last hunt, the tennis court backstops at Minnesota Square Park were damaged by over eager hunters and we hope to forestall anything like that happening again.

Have a good time during the hunt and good luck to all!

(Winterfest is a program sponsored by the Saint Peter Area Chamber of Commerce. All questions related to Winterfest and the medallion hunt should be directed to the Chamber at 934-3400.)

PAVILION TASK FORCE UPDATE - It has now been about two or three months since the Mayor's Pavilion Task Force ended their work and made recommendation to the City Council about the future of the Minnesota Square Park pavilion.

Although you may not have heard a lot about it since that time, work is ongoing in the search for money to help make this project become a reality. During the month of February, with help from some staff and interns, additional funding research will be done and applications for grants, including State assistance, will be sought.

If you want more information or have ideas for funding sources for this project, please call the City Administrator's office at 934-0663 or send an email to barbaral@saintpetermn.gov.



BUILDING ADDRESS REQUIREMENTS –

The requirement to display house/building addresses on both residential and commercial properties is outlined in the International Fire Code which has been adopted in Saint Peter. Section 505, Subd. 505.1 reads as follows:

“Address Numbers. New and existing buildings shall have approved address numbers, building numbers or approved building identification placed in a position that is plainly legible and visible from the street or road fronting the property. These numbers shall contrast with their background. Address numbers shall be Arabic numerals or alphabet letters. Numbers shall be a minimum of four inches (102 mm) high with minimum stroke width of 0.5 inch (12.7 mm).”

Residents who come from other communities, mainly southern state communities, sometimes will ask to paint the house number on the curb in front of their homes. That works well for Florida or Arizona, but snow accumulating at a curb line can quickly obscure painted curb identification and painting anything on the curbline is not allowed in Saint Peter.

Although to some folks these regulations may seem overly intrusive, it is critical for emergency personnel to be able to find your property in the event of an emergency. Even with a spotlight on a Police car, ambulance or fire truck, it is sometimes very difficult for these emergency responders to find the actual address which could jeopardize someone's life in the event of an emergency. And that's not to mention the difficulty the pizza delivery guy could have in finding you!

We hope that everyone will review their property identification to make sure it complies with the International Fire Code regulations and make changes as needed.

Thank you for your compliance.

CITY COUNCIL SEEKS ADVISORY BOARD VOLUNTEERS -

The City Council is looking for Saint Peter residents who are interested in volunteering some of their time to serve on a City Council advisory board or commission. Positions are currently open on the following boards:

- Civil Service Commission
- Heritage Preservation Commission
- Library Board

- Human Rights Commission
- Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
- Tourism and Visitors Bureau

to doing so, please contact the City Administrator's Office at barbaral@saintpetermn.gov or 934-0663 for an application form.

The Mayor makes recommendations to the full City Council for appointments to the various boards so if you live within the corporate limits of the City of Saint Peter, have a desire to volunteer some of your time to help shape the future of our community, and can commit one evening a month

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.

Wednesday	January 30	12:00 noon	Hospital and Nursing Home Commission
Monday	February 4	3:30 p.m.	Housing and Redevelopment Authority
Monday	February 4	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Tuesday	February 5	5:30 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission
Monday	February 11	5:00 p.m.	Human Rights Commission
Monday	February 11	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	February 12		SPECIAL ELECTION DAY
Tuesday	February 12	6:00 p.m.	Library Board (Meeting must be rescheduled due to special election)
Wednesday	February 13		CITY OFFICES CLOSED UNTIL 1:30 for staff training
Monday	February 18		LEGAL HOLIDAY – PRESIDENT'S DAY City Offices Closed
Tuesday	February 19	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Tuesday	February 19	7:00 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Friday	February 22	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau
Monday	February 25	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	February 25	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission
Wednesday	February 27	12:00 noon	Hospital Commission
Thursday	February 28	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority