

CITY OF SAINT PETER HOT SHEET



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CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS – Action taken by the City Council at the meeting of June 23rd included acceptance of the 2013 financial report following a lengthy presentation by the City's Auditor; acceptance of the proposal from Nicollet County Bank for the 2014 equipment certificates; authorization for City assistance for the Fourth of July community event and the All School Reunion community event; approval for the unbudgeted purchase of a replacement copier for the Recreation and Leisure Services Department; and approval for purchase of a vacant lot at 213 West Nassau Street.

The next regular meeting of the City Council will be Monday, July 14th 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.



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– Did you know?....Did you know that back in 1999 a big event occurred where more than 200 of our friends and neighbors participated to set a

direction for the future of our community? Maybe you were there?

So this is not big news, but if you were not part of this big event, this link takes you to the images that group left for us to use into the future. Check out pdf pages 12-23 for the insight. <http://www.saintpetermn.gov/sites/default/files/documents/ComprehensivePlan.pdf>

There are some really great ideas here; many of which I can trace directly to action of the City Council. It is great to know there is a plan, one that

so many people participated in and one that is still valued today.

Will you check it out? It makes me wonder.....

FLOODING UPDATE – Flood waters continue to remain high in and around the Saint Peter area. The Minnesota Department of Transportation has reopened Highways 169 and 22 between Saint Peter and Mankato, while Highway 169 north of Le Sueur remains closed. The City has closed access to the Mill Pond area of Riverside Park as well as the boat access to the river and the City's campground. These areas will remain closed until the water recedes and City staff can inspect facilities for damage. A clay berm has been constructed at the Myrtle Street intersection with South Front Street and sandbagging will only be done in this area if the berm appears to weaken.

Improvements made to the City's storm sewer system since 2010 have greatly reduced the amount of water that is being treated at the City's wastewater plant. In 2010, up to 6 million gallons was being treated each day during the flooding. This year, only 4 million gallons are being treated each day which is directly related to improvements the City has made in the system to prevent inflow and infiltration. This saves money for every utility customer.

Everyone is still encouraged to be extra safe in and around flood waters. Do not swim, or allow your children to swim in flood waters. Do not attempt to drive over water that is flowing over a roadway. And never go around barricades that have blocked off roads. These are put in place to keep you safe!

Residents with questions about closed roadways are asked to view the MnDOT website at www.511mn.org for road closure information.



PETS OF THE WEEK – This week's Pets of the Week include some very young kittens and a young adult cat.

Scraps and Dusky are 4-5 week old kittens found in Kasota. Scraps is a female tabby and Dusky is a male gray kitten. They are litter mates and will be ready for adoption in a few weeks. Their adoption fee is \$135 each.



June is a female gray tabby and she is about six weeks old. She will also be ready for adoption in just a few weeks and her adoption fee is also \$135.



If you are interested in adopting one of the kittens, please be sure to contact the numbers below to put your

name on the waiting list.

Slinky is a beautiful black female cat that was abandoned by her owners. She is a wonderful cat and very playful. She's sure to be a loving addition to her forever family! Her adoption fee is only \$25.



If you or your family can provide a forever home to any of these great pets, or if you can help any of the animals in the pound find a forever home, please contact Community Service Officer Janet Thompson at the Police Department at 931-1550, or Alaina at Kind Veterinary Clinic at 931-4700. All animals are spayed/neutered and up-to-date on vaccinations before being adopted out.

SPEED ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS - The posted speed is the speed limit – and the Saint Peter Police Department is emphasizing the need to drive at safe speeds through accelerated speed patrols June 16-20th. The enforcement and education effort is coordinated by the Minnesota Department of Public Safety Office of Traffic Safety.

Unsafe and illegal speed is the most commonly reported contributing factor in fatal crashes. During 2011–2013, speed was a contributing factor in three fatalities in Nicollet County and 235 traffic deaths statewide.

In Nicollet County, an average speeding citation for 10 mph over the limit is \$145. Motorists stopped at 20 mph over the speed limit face double the fine and those ticketed traveling more than 100 mph can lose their license for six months.

“As drivers, we can't put our schedules ahead of other motorists' safety,” says Officer Jay Link. “Running late or being in a hurry are not excuses to speed and put other drivers at risk.”

The Saint Peter Police Department cites these dangers of speeding:

- Greater potential for loss of vehicle control
- Increased stopping distance - it takes more than the length of a football field to stop when traveling 60 mph
- Less time available for driver response for crash avoidance
- Increased crash severity leading to more numerous and severe injuries

The Saint Peter Police Department reports that a motorist traveling at 65 miles per hour compared to 55 mph will save only 1 minute and 41 seconds on a 10 mile trip.

Aggressive driving traits — such as tailgating, unsafe passing, running lights and weaving in and out of traffic — are another safety concern of local law enforcement. Officer Jay Link says motorists confronted by aggressive drivers should: Get out of their way, stay calm, do not challenge them and avoid eye contact. Motorists may also report aggressive driving and should be prepared to provide vehicle description, license number and location.

Officer Jay Link says motorists should keep a three-second following distance to allow for safe stopping and reaction to other vehicles. It takes more than the length of a football field to stop when traveling at 60 miles per hour.

Another safety concern in July is the record-high number of motorcyclists on the road. Officer Jay Link says a major factor in rider deaths are unsafe speeds — more than half of all motorcycle crashes are single-vehicle events in which the rider loses control of the bike and runs off the road or crashes. He stresses for motorists to look twice for riders – especially at intersections – because motorcycles are smaller, their speeds and distance can be harder to gauge.

Extra speed enforcement and education efforts are a part of the Department of Public Safety Office of Traffic Safety *Toward Zero Deaths* traffic safety initiative. A primary vision of the *TZD* program is to create a safe driving culture in Minnesota in which motorists support a goal of zero road fatalities by practicing and promoting safe and smart driving behavior. *TZD* focuses on the application of four strategic areas to reduce crashes – education, enforcement, engineering and emergency trauma response.

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	June 25	12:00 noon	Hospital Commission
Thursday	June 26	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
Friday	June 27	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau
Monday	June 30	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Tuesday	July 1	5:30 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission
Friday	July 4		LEGAL HOLIDAY – FOURTH OF JULY City offices closed
Monday	July 7	3:30 p.m.	Housing and Redevelopment Authority
Monday	July 7	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Tuesday	July 8	6:00 p.m.	Library Board
Monday	July 14	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Monday	July 21	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Monday	July 21	7:00 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Thursday	July 22	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
Friday	July 23	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitor's Bureau
Monday	July 28	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	July 29	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission
Wednesday	July 30	12:00 noon	Hospital Commission