

CITY OF SAINT PETER HOT SHEET



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CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS – Action taken by the City Council at the meeting of June 9th included adoption of resolutions of support for housing projects involving Maplewood Apartments and the Solace project; approval of a revolving loan request for Kaduce/St. Peter Laundry; approval of equipment purchase requests for River's Edge Hospital and Clinic; approval of a change order for Phase 2 of the Washington Avenue Link Project; award of the bid for the 2014 crack sealing project; award of the bid for the 2014 seal coating project; authorization to retain Bolton and Menk, Inc. to provide assistance for the City's MSA4 Project; and approval of a request for City assistance for the Livestock community event.

The next regular meeting of the City Council will be Monday, June 23rd 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.



MAKES ME WONDER (BY CITY ADMINISTRATOR TODD PRAFKE – Retirement.....One of my friends is retiring in the next couple of weeks. He has been a community leader for a long time, is respected, has

won awards and he will be missed.

I asked him about retirement and what he thinks he will do and what he will miss. He said, and I am paraphrasing, that he will miss the people and energy from where he works. He will miss being involved and having an impact in developing a future for kids.

Isn't that a great answer? An answer that shows his commitment to our community and to us. How cool is that?! Best wishes in your retirement!

Are there many more people who share that commitment to our community? There sure are and I don't ever wonder about that!



FIREFIGHTER RECOGNITION – Three retiring Firefighters were recognized by the City Council as part of the June 9th Council meeting. Firefighters Bruce Wenner and Michael McCarthy (absent from the event), were recognized for 22 years of service and Firefighter Jerry Yushta was recognized for 30 years of service to the community. Mayor Strand presented each of the Firefighters with a "Certificate of Appreciation" for their service to Saint Peter and wished them well in their retirement.

Fire Chief Quade and Assistant Chief Neary presented "Retired Firefighter" plaques to Wenner and Yushta and recognized their families for the support they provided the Firefighters during their careers.

Chief Quade also introduced three of the six new Firefighters (Curtis Thompson, Brianna Thomas, Charles Rustman) to the Council.

HIGH UTILITY BILLS? – If your utility bill is creeping up as the summer warms and your grass needs a little sprinkling, here's a way that might help you cut your bill. One of the biggest expenses on City utility bills is the wastewater fee which is directly tied to the number of gallons of water used by the customer.



This expense is even greater for customers who have not had an irrigation meter installed on their homes. Irrigation meters are separate utility meters that monitor the usage of water that does **not** go down the City's wastewater system.....outside uses like watering the lawn, washing the car, watering the garden. With an irrigation meter, the only charges the homeowner pays for this outside water use is the water cost. That can result in significant savings to the homeowner if you use a lot of outside water. Another plus is that during the winter months when outside water isn't used, customers don't pay a base charge for the irrigation meter!

So, how do you get an irrigation meter? The first step is to apply for one at the Building Department at City Hall. The cost is \$25. Then you'll need a plumber to install the meter. The cost for that depends on your plumber and what work is needed in your home to install the meter. (The homeowner is responsible for the plumbing costs.) From that point on, any water used from outside faucets will not be charged wastewater fees. If you would like more information on how irrigation meters work, please contact the Public Works Department at 934-0670.



CITY WEBSITE - Have you checked out the City of Saint Peter website at www.saintpetermn.gov? City staff continually work on revising the website and adding more information for the

public. One of the newest additions to the site is expanded information on the different sections of the Public Works Department. There is also information on elections (where to vote, how to register, updated changes to election laws, etc...); reserving parks, and the entire zoning code and zoning map. If you get a chance, why not check it

out? And if you have any ideas for other information the City should include, please send us an e-mail at barbaral@saintpetermn.gov.

BICYCLE SAFETY - Summer's here and that means an increased number of bicycles on the roads and sidewalks. This year, the price of gas has also pushed more people towards their bikes and for many of us who haven't been on a bike in a while, a few safety tips might be helpful. These tips are provided by McGruff.org.....

Riding a bike can be fun, if you know how to stay safe. But if you don't follow the rules, it can be dangerous. To be safe on your bike, follow these tips:

- Always wear a helmet and fasten it. Helmets protect your head, and in many states it's illegal not to wear one!
- Wear bright clothing so drivers and other bikers can see you.
- If you want to ride after dark, ask an adult and remember to put reflectors on your clothes, helmet, and bike. Adults should wear the reflectors also!
- Obey the rules of the road. Bikers must stop at all stop signs and traffic lights and use turning signals, just like cars.
- Ride on the right hand side of the road, in the same direction as traffic.
- Look both ways. Most crashes happen at intersections or driveways so be on the lookout for people who may not see you.
- Ride on bike trails, roads with little traffic or in parks. If you do come to a busy road, walk your bike across intersections at a crosswalk.
- Keep your bike tuned up. You don't want to get a flat tire far away from your house!
- Protect your bike. Lock it up or keep it in a safe place when you're not using it. Don't leave your bike out in your yard because someone just might come along and ride away with it. Also, don't leave your bike in an unlocked garage.
- Ride with friends. It's more fun and you have someone to help you if you need it.



And don't forget to register your bike at the Police Department. The cost is only \$1.00 and it may help get your bike back if lost or stolen. The information from the bike is entered into a nationwide database and if your bike is stolen and recovered somewhere else, the Saint Peter Police Department will be contacted for information on the owner. What a deal for only \$1!

RECREATION FIELD USE: If you are a coach or organizer of an event and you plan to use the City owned recreational fields, please remember that you must schedule such use with the Recreation and Leisure Services Department PRIOR to the event. This includes practices AND games. Should you have any questions, please contact the Recreation and Leisure Services Department at 934-0667.

MOSQUITO CONTROL: The City will soon be initiating two phases of the mosquito control program which has been used in the City since 2003. Pellets of mosquito control materials will soon be placed in catch basins and the same is being done in the stormwater detention basins which are scattered throughout Saint Peter. This material is effective in preventing hatching of the

mosquito larvae. Spraying may also be done in area parks prior to community events throughout the mosquito season if requested by the event organizers.

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT – St. Peter Boy Scout Troop #58 member Jordan Kienholz has completed a project in upper McGill Park as part of his Eagle Scout badge. Working with fellow Scouts and adult volunteers, Jordan spent Memorial Day weekend building steps into the hillside in McGill Park to provide for easier access to the top of the hill. The steps will also help children access the slide which has been in the park for years. On behalf of the City Council, thanks go out to Jordan for his work on this park improvement project.

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.

Monday	June 16		5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Monday	June 21		7:00 p.m.	Parks Board
CANCELLED!				
Monday	June 23		7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	June 24		5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission
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