

# CITY OF SAINT PETER HOT SHEET



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## **MAKES ME WONDER (BY CITY ADMINISTRATOR TODD PRAFKE**

- *That darn list...* Next on that list that you would see from 30,000 feet is Affordable Housing. The City and community of Saint Peter have

been and continue to be innovators in the area of housing and, more specifically, affordable housing. We have done this in development of single family neighborhoods, multi-family apartment complexes, and new programs to help manufactured home owners and others move to improved housing stock.

Many partners have played a significant role in these efforts. Some of those partners include the Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership, School District 508, Greater Minnesota Housing Fund, the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency, our local banks (including particularly the efforts of Hometown Bank), and lots of planners, architects, and national groups including HUD. All of these partners and many more have worked together to develop places like Washington Terrace, Central Square Apartments, and the new Park Row Crossing development.

Sometimes we look at housing and housing stock much like a big box retail store looks at their need for inventory. When we look at it from that perspective, we see that we need inventory at different price points, so as shoppers come to our area they can get all their needs met at one stop. The City has looked at those potential customers and our inventories through the use of very detailed housing studies and the Council has made policy decisions that help better balance inventory and looking towards what future customers might want or need.

One of the recent housing projects we have worked on is the re-development of WELCO West.

Maybe you recall that discussion in our local newspapers? It is an example of some "outside of the box thinking" that has been used by the City Council in a way that is consistent with the goals and priorities recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission and subsequently adopted by the City Council over the last 15 years. They hope to see growth that is well planned, strong and steady, while being conducive to what we currently have in Saint Peter.

Do these issues seem important to you? Should the City be involved in housing on a limited basis? Should that limited basis be determined by data and needs? I think that's what we do. What do you think? It makes me wonder...



## **MAPLE TREE TAPPING –**

Did you know it is illegal to "tap" maple trees for syrup? Well it is if you are doing so to City owned trees located on City owned property like the boulevards, right-of-way's, and/or parks! These trees are City property and the public is not allowed to

damage, drill into, cut, trim, post notices on, nail into, or otherwise damage the trees. Questions about this restriction? Please contact the City Administrator's Office at 934-0663.

**COUNCIL GOAL SESSION –** The City Council will meet in a goal session on Monday, March 31st beginning at 3:00 p.m. in the Governors' Room of the Community Center. This meeting will take the place of the workshop session that would normally be held that evening.

**PETS OF THE WEEK –** This Pets of the Week this week include two very nice pets.....Frannie and Bobcat.

Frannie is a German Shorthair Pointer female. She was found in Saint Peter, near Union and Ronell Streets. She has been fully checked, vaccinated, spayed, and a lump removed from her eyelid. She is a very friendly dog and is in need of a loving forever



home! Her adoption fee is \$155.



Bobcat is an orange and white adult male cat with a bobbed tail. Bobcat was found wandering around the Washington Terrace area on the north end of Saint Peter, going door to door on one of those very

cold nights! He has been neutered and vaccinated. Bobcat has been at the pound for quite some time and is in dire need of a forever home! There are some great videos and pictures of Bobcat on Kind Veterinary Clinic's Facebook page at

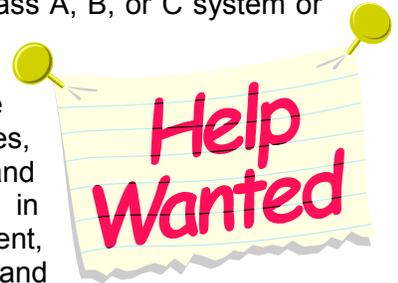
<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?v=704948749544674&set=vb.215328125173408&type=2&theater> His adoption fee is \$60.

If your family can provide a forever home to either 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.

**TRANSIT SURVEY –** The City of Saint Peter is working with area partners, including the City of Le Sueur and VINE Faith in Action, to find efficiencies and opportunities for enhanced transportation services. To determine the transportation needs in our community, a survey has been developed and the City is seeking the public's participation in the survey to help in these efforts. The link to the survey is <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RW8C5NC>. Won't you please take a moment to fill out the short nine question survey before the end of March? Thank you for your consideration and participation.

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

- **WASTEWATER OPERATORS** - One entry level and one Class "C" or higher Wastewater Operator in the Department of Public Works. Both positions will have the opportunity to advance to an "A" license Wastewater Operator position. Minimum qualifications include a high school diploma or equivalent; possession of a State of Minnesota Class "D" Wastewater Treatment Facility Operator Certificate or ability to obtain within one year of the date of employment with the City OR Class "C" Wastewater Treatment Facility Operator Certificate; 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: Entry-Level Wastewater Operator \$18.44 - \$19.59 per hour. Starting pay range: Class "C" Wastewater Operator \$20.73 - \$24.41

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 **April 3, 2014**. Faxed, emailed, and/or late applications will not be accepted. Interviews will be conducted April 16 -17, 2014. 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).

Wednesday	March 26	12:00 noon	Hospital Commission
Thursday	March 27	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
Friday	March 28	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau
Monday	March 31	3:00 p.m.	City Council Goal Session
Tuesday	April 1	5:30 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission
Monday	April 7	3:30 p.m.	Housing and Redevelopment Authority
Monday	April 7	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Monday	April 14	5:00 p.m.	Human Rights Commission
Monday	April 14	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	April 15	6:00 p.m.	Board of Appeals and Equalization
Monday	April 21	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Monday	April 21	7:00 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Thursday	April 24	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
Friday	April 25	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau
Monday	April 28	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	April 29	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission
Wednesday	April 30	12:00 noon	Hospital Commission