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TODAY IS PEACE OFFICER MEMORIAL DAY IN THE UNITED STATES!

POLICE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY – Mayor Strand has proclaimed May 15th as “POLICE OFFICER MEMORIAL DAY” in the City of Saint



Peter in recognition of the service our Officers provide to the community and their commitment to protecting those they serve. Police Week has also been proclaimed by Mayor Strand as the week surrounding this special day.

The holiday was created in 1961 when Congress asked the President to designate May 15th to honor peace officers. President Kennedy signed the legislation into law on October 1, 1962. In 1994, President Clinton added to the tradition when he ordered United States flags to be flown at half-mast in recognition of those law enforcement officers who made the ultimate sacrifice. The City of Saint Peter will lower flags to half-mast on May 15th to recognize our Officer's and all those who give so much to protect us.

Saint Peter residents are encouraged to recognize and thank our local Police Officers for their commitment to keeping us all safe as we honor their sacrifices on Police Officer Memorial Day.

CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS – Action taken by the City Council at the regular meeting of May 13, 2013 included award of the bid for the air pollution control equipment project for the electric generation plant; approval for purchase of a new in-car video system for the Police Department; award of the bid for the 2013 North Third Street Improvement Project; approval for City assistance for the Relay For Life and the Ambassador's Bluesfest events; approval for modification to the Fire Relief Association bylaws; approval for execution of a memorandum

of understanding with School District #508 for provision of services for youth development; approval for execution of a statement of understanding between the City and School District #508 for a joint committee; and approval of business license applications.

The next regular meeting of the City Council will be Tuesday, May 28th 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 agenda and Council packet are also available on the City's website at www.saintpetermn.gov/city.



MAKES ME WONDER (BY CITY ADMINISTRATOR TODD PRAFKE – “Aren't you wondering anymore?” ...Last

week one of the School Board Members asked me that. We were both at a wonderful event for School Superintendent Olson for his being named Superintendent of the Year in Minnesota. What a well-deserved honor for him and great for all of us whether we have kids in the district or not. Quality leadership is good for our community. But back to the wondering.....

The shorter answer is “Yes.” I am still wondering about so many things that I am having a tough time getting some of it sorted out and written down in less than 300 words. When I visit with the Lions or Rotary or senior groups, there are so many things to discuss, to plan for, to do, to think about that my goodness I am wondering! Hospital CEO, Washington Avenue, Old Minnesota Avenue, budgets, money, when parks are opening (by the way they are open now so make sure to think about

making reservations through the City's Recreation and Leisure Services Department at 934-0667), meeting with the City of Kasota, composting, meeting with our friends at the County and School, transit, video systems in squad cars and the Community Center, street repairs for the summer, electric territory updates, yearly audits, hiring replacements for folks that have gone on to new opportunities, pool painting.....it goes on and on and I think about all of it. I bet you think about a few of those things too.

One way to get the scoop on what is going on is to have us come to visit with your group or church or card club or some other group. Give us a ring. I would love to come out and visit about all the things we have going on. We live in a dynamic community where there are always many things happening.

What are you most interested in? Have us out for a visit. Will you call? It makes me wonder....

SURPLUS PROPERTY AUCTION - The City has once again listed surplus property on the Minnesota Department of Administration online auction website for sale to the public. (<http://www.fss.state.mn.us/SurplusServices.html>)

This auction includes radios for which the City no longer has any need as well as seized and found items that no longer have to be kept for court purposes. Bidding is open to anyone who has registered through the site. Bidding on these items will close on May 24th.

CITY OFFICES CLOSED - All non-emergency City offices, the Community Center and the Public Library will be closed on Monday, May 27th for the Memorial Day holiday. Regular office hours will resume on Tuesday, May 28th.

The City Council meeting scheduled for Monday evening will be reschedule for Tuesday, May 28th at 7:00 p.m. in the Governors' Room of the Community Center.

ADOPT A PARK - Did you know the City has an "Adopt-A-Park" program? With the 768.88 acres of parkland owned by the City, it is tough for the Parks crew to keep up with all the debris that sometimes accumulates in the City's parks.

Through this program, individuals, families, groups, or organizations "adopt" a specific park, and twice a year, they gather to pick up trash and littler in the park.

Groups/individuals adopting parks are asked to pick up all litter within the park a minimum of twice a year (Earth Day and during the second or third week of August). They are also asked to clean

park buildings, structures, signs and or playgrounds, including washing, raking sand, pea rock or wood chips. Groups also take note of any broken or loose park items such as picnic tables, benches, loose fencing, playground equipment, broken tree branches, or other problems and notify Public Works of the location of these problems. (Public Works makes the repairs!)

As part of the program, the City provides the group with gloves, garbage bags, rakes and other necessary hand equipment or materials. The City funds and provides one sign for placement in the park that is installed by the City staff to identify the group that adopted the park.

Most of the City's parks have already been adopted, but two of the largest parks remain unclaimed...the Mill Pond area of Riverside Park, and the Riverside Park extension.

If you are part of a group that would like to help out our community by putting in just a few hours of work a couple of times a year, please contact the Public Works Department (934-0670) to sign up to adopt one of these parks. It's a two year commitment, but a wonderful opportunity to do something helpful for the Saint Peter community.

GARAGE SALE SIGNS - With the weather finally warming up, garage sale season has officially begun in Saint Peter. To stay in compliance with the City's sign regulations, there are a few things to keep in mind when placing garage sale signs to advertise the event.

The City Council has allowed garage sale signs to be placed in the City owned boulevard along the public streets without the need for a sign permit. However, the sign cannot be located in a manner that creates a traffic hazard or impedes intersection visibility. Signs which create such hazards will be removed by City crews.

Also, State Statute is very clear that no signage may be attached, hung or placed on any of the City's stop signs, light poles, utility boxes or other similar structures. Signs placed on the municipal infrastructure will be removed by City crews and will be disposed of.

Finally, please be a good steward of the community and retrieve your sign at the conclusion of the garage sale.

COMMUNITY CENTER HOURS CHANGING - Beginning Friday, May 3rd, the Community Center



weekend hours will change for the spring season. During the month of May, the building will close at 6 p.m. on Fridays. On Saturdays the building will open at 8 a.m. and close earlier at 4 p.m. The building will be closed on Sundays. Please note that the Community Center will be closed over the Memorial Day weekend, (May 25th, 26th and 27th).

Official summer hours begin on Saturday, June 1st and run through Labor Day weekend. The building will open at 6 a.m. Monday through Thursday and close at 8 p.m. On Fridays, hours will be 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday hours will correspond to the Library hours - Saturday 9 a.m.–4 p.m. and the building will be closed on Sundays (except for reservations).

If you have any questions, or to inquire about room rentals, please contact the Recreation and Leisure Services Department, Suite 200 of the Community Center, call 934-0667, or email heidis@saintpetermn.gov. Hours are also listed on the City's website at www.saintpetermn.gov.



CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT -

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under the Consumer Confidence Rule requires public water suppliers to send out information about the water quality to the public.

The City of Saint Peter this through issuance of an annual Consumer Confidence Report (CCR). The CCR summarizes information regarding sources used (i.e., rivers, or aquifers) and any detected contaminants, compliance and educational material.

The City's 2012 CCR report is available online at <http://www.saintpetermn.gov/WaterReport>. For those without internet access, paper copies of the report will be provided upon submission of a request to the Public Works Department at 934-0670.

DOG LICENSE DEADLINE MISSED

– Dog owners who missed the April 30th deadline for licensing their pets have just a few days left to get licensed or get cited by the Police Department. Dog owners have until 5:00 p.m. this Friday, May 17th to license their dogs or the Police Department will begin the citation process.

In addition to the license fee, dog owners will now have to pay an additional \$5 late fee. If you have not yet licensed your dog, please stop down at the Community Development Department at City Hall today and get your pet licensed. You'll need written

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proof from your vet that the animal is current on rabies vaccinations.

And, in the unfortunate situation where the dog has died, please call the Community Development Department at 934-0661 and let staff know.

UPCOMING CLEAN UP OPPORTUNITIES – The City, in conjunction with the Tri-County Solid Waste Office, has arranged for the following opportunities for Saint Peter residents to clean-up their properties this spring. If you have materials to dispose of, you'll want to take note of these dates and times....

- Household Hazardous Waste - Saturday, May 18th, 9 am-2 pm - Tri-County Solid Waste



Office is sponsoring this collection event for residents of the tri-county area. This household hazardous waste collection will take place at the Wastewater Treatment Plant located at 400 West St. Julien

Street. Residents must show proof of residence for this free event. Vehicles will enter on Swift Street (by the Armory) and exit onto St. Julien Street. Materials that will be collected at no charge include paint, stains, rechargeable batteries, fluorescent bulbs, lawn and garden chemicals, old gasoline, mercury thermometers and thermostats. Contact Tri-County Solid Waste office (507-381-9196) for questions on this collection.

- **Bicycle Recycling** – The City has arranged for bicycle recycling for Saint Peter residents on Saturday, May 18th, between the hours of 9:00 am – 2:00 pm at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, 400 West St. Julien Street. All bicycles and bike parts will be accepted. The bikes will be refurbished or recycled by an area non-profit organization depending on condition.



- **Appliance and Electronics Collection** - Saturday, May 18th, 9:00 am–2:00 pm for residents of Nicollet County. Appliance and electronics will be collected at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Vehicles should enter on Swift Street (by the Armory) and exit onto St.



Julien Street. Electronics that will be accepted include TVs, computer equipment, VCR/CD/DVD, stereo, copier, cell phone, boom box, fax machine, etc. Appliances that will be accepted include

washers, dryers, hot water heaters, stoves, furnaces, microwaves, dehumidifiers,

refrigerators, freezers and air conditioners. Appliances must be empty to be accepted. Charges for this electronics and appliances collection at the Wastewater Treatment Plant are listed on the City's website at <http://www.saintpetermn.gov/news/spring-cleaning-opportunities-saint-peter-residents>.

The contractor may reject any appliances that do not conform to their permit requirements.

- **Curbside Appliance Collection** – The City is offering a curbside appliance pickup for Saint Peter residents on Friday, June 7th. Cost is \$15.00 for each appliance and residents must pre-register and pay for their appliance collection at the Finance Department at City Hall, 227 South Front Street by Wednesday, June 5th. Appliances must be curbside by 8:00 am on the collection date or the fee will be forfeited.



- **Curbside Furniture Collection** – The City is offering a curbside appliance pickup for Saint Peter residents on Saturday, June 8th. Prices are available on the City's website at



at <http://www.saintpetermn.gov/news/spring-cleaning-opportunities-saint-peter-residents>.

Residents must pre-register and pay for their furniture collection at the Finance Department at City Hall, 227 South Front Street by Wednesday, June 5th. Furniture must be curbside by 8:00 am on the collection date or the fee will be forfeited.

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

- **HOSPITAL CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER** - River's Edge Hospital and Clinic in Saint Peter, Minnesota. River's Edge Hospital and Clinic is a 17 acute care bed facility with two clinic locations in St. Peter and Le Center. Successful candidates will have leadership, long range strategic planning skills and have experience in managing a budget process, planning net revenue and cash flow to ensure financial viability. Interested candidates are asked to visit the Hospital's website at www.riversedgehealth.org and click on the career tab, CEO Position Profile to submit an online application. Applicants must **also** submit a resume to barbaral@saintpetermn.gov. Applications and resumes will be accepted through May 31, 2013. For more information contact Jackie Kimmet, Rivers Edge Director of

Human Resources at 507-934-7604 or City Administrator Todd Prafke at 507-934-0663.

- **WASTEWATER FOREMAN** in the Department of Public Works. **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** High school diploma or equivalent and six years of responsible experience in the operation of a Class A, B, or C system or facility, or a similar industrial facility or 64 semester credits in college courses related to chemical, civil, environmental, mechanical, or sanitary engineering or in business or public administration and four years' experience in the operation of a Class A, B, or C system or facility, or similar industrial facility; Possession of a State of Minnesota Class A Wastewater Treatment Facility Operator Certificate, or a combination of experience and education to obtain within six months of the date of employment with the City; Possession of a State of Minnesota Type IV Waste Disposal Certificate or experience and education to obtain within six months of the date of employment with the City; Possession of a valid State of Minnesota Class A driver's license with Air Brake Endorsement and Tanker Endorsement or to obtain within six months of the date of employment with the City; Possession of an American Heart Association Certification as a Basic Rescuer for cardiopulmonary resuscitation and emergency cardiac care or obtain within six months of the date of employment with the City. **DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS:** Knowledge of the principles, practices, equipment, and chemicals used in wastewater treatment, pumping, and biosolids operations; Demonstrated experience in performing a wide variety of tests on wastewater and biosolids operations; Demonstrated knowledge of the principles of plumbing and hydraulics; Demonstrated knowledge of and experience in operation of computerized Supervisory Control And Data Acquisition (SCADA) system; experience in supervising the work of others; Knowledge of water utility principles, practices, and equipment; Knowledge of OSHA regulations and safety precautions of the trade; Demonstrated experience in operation of a variety of wastewater plant pumping, treatment, and control equipment; Demonstrated ability to diagnose problems under emergency conditions and take corrective action; Demonstrated knowledge and experience in the operation of equipment including but not limited to backhoes, trenchers, dump trucks, jet rodder machine, tanker trucks, sewer line TV camera, 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 \$27.33 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 Thursday, May 30, 2013. Faxed, emailed and/or late applications will not be accepted. Interviews will be conducted Thursday, June 6, 2013 and/or Friday June 7, 2013. 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.

Wednesday	May 15			POLICE OFFICER'S MEMORIAL DAY
Monday	May 20	5:30 p.m.		City Council Workshop Session
Monday	May 20	7:00 p.m.		Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Thursday	May 23	12:00 noon		Economic Development Authority
Friday	May 24	8:00 a.m.		Tourism and Visitor's Bureau
Monday	May 27			MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY – City Offices Closed
Tuesday	May 28	7:00 p.m.		City Council Meeting
Wednesday	May 29	12:00 noon		Hospital Commission
Wednesday	May 29	5:30 p.m.		Heritage Preservation Commission
Monday	June 3	3:30 p.m.		Housing and Redevelopment Authority
Monday	June 3	5:30 p.m.		City Council Workshop Session
Tuesday	June 4	5:30 p.m.		Planning and Zoning Commission
Monday	June 10	5:00 p.m.		Human Rights Commission
Monday	June 10	7:00 p.m.		City Council Meeting
Monday	June 17	5:30 p.m.		City Council Meeting
Monday	June 17	7:00 p.m.		Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Monday	June 24	7:00 p.m.		City Council Meeting
Tuesday	June 24	5:30 p.m.		Heritage Preservation Commission
Wednesday	June 25	12:00 p.m.		Hospital Commission
Thursday	June 26	12:00 noon		Economic Development Authority
Friday	June 27	8:00 a.m.		Tourism and Visitors Bureau