

CITY OF SAINT PETER HOT SHEET



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CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS – Action taken by the City Council at the regular meeting of May 28, 2013 included a public hearing and subsequent action to establish a housing Tax Increment Financing District No. 1-19 at the site of the former hospital/nursing home property and the parking lot to the south; approval for execution of a library services agreement with the Traverse des Sioux Library system; approval for purchase of a residential lot on North Fifth Street that will become the site of the new connecting roadway from North Fifth Street to the new Washington Avenue link; authorization for the homeowner on North Fifth Street to lease back the property for a period of time and to purchase from the City another lot further north on North Fifth Street; approval for the unbudgeted purchases of a display projector and replacement computers at the library (computer purchases funded by a donation from the Ted Moline estate); and approval for modification of the loan terms for a revolving loan provided to MSLH Real Estate Management to extend the balloon payment date by twenty-four (24) months.

The next regular meeting of the City Council will be Monday, June 10th 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. A copy of the Council packet is also available on the City's website at <http://www.saintpetermn.gov/city-council-minutes-agendas-packets>



MAKES ME WONDER (BY CITY ADMINISTRATOR TODD PRAFKE – *Romance, paper routes and transit....* Big romantic that I am, I invited the love of my life, my wife Ytve, on the Tuesday paper

route I share with my boys.

It was a nice evening and I thought we could walk and visit and maybe she would carry some of the papers. Big romantic....

Anyway, as I am walking a block ahead just pounding out the route like usual, she had stopped to visit with neighbors or text or call her Mom. When we got back together, she said, "Isn't there a more efficient way to do this?"

A question to which I respond loudly (only in my head because I am not dumb), we have only had this route for eight years and we have tried all kinds of ways, directions, bags, skating, biking, running you name it we tried it.

The answer that came from my mouth was, "What...you come on the route one time for about 15 minutes and you are questioning efficiency? It is so great you care."

Ytve smiled that wry smile she has and probably thought, "It makes me wonder..." Hmmm.?

As soon as I got over the pure audacity of the question, I started to think a fresh pair for eyes on this route might be good thing. A bit of self and outside analysis is a good thing from time to time.

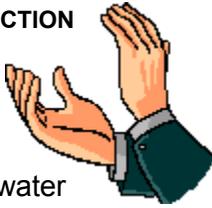
I think that is true in City operations as well. It is generally bad to do things this way because we always do it this way. As I look at Transit and the changes that are proposed, I see what we are doing and what we are really looking for is a needed change. We are working to experiment a bit with ways to continue service and meet the goals we have for money and replacement of equipment. As we finalize those changes, please know that they are probably not final. That they will be looked at over again many times in the future and we all need to be ready for changes in the future as use changes, people change, destinations change.

So as we restart later in the summer with Transit, please hang with us and know that we are open to

ideas and know that as we gain a new perspective we might need to change some more.

Now back to the paper route...Did I change how I walk the route? Officially I am saying, "No, not at all!", but a few tweaks might happen from time to time. What a romantic. It makes her wonder...

HUGE HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION SUCCESS!! – Tri-County Solid Waste Director Al Christensen has passed on the following information regarding the recent household hazardous waste collection event at the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant.....



"Congratulations to the residents of Saint Peter and the surrounding area as we had a great turnout on May 18th! We had 348 people participate. We collected over 6,000 pounds of oil paint and over 8,000 pounds of latex paint. 3,100 pounds of herbicides, pesticides and garden chemicals were brought in. 1,200 pounds of fuels & flammables were collected, 8 pounds of mercury, 1,385 pounds of aerosols were brought in, and 2,080 pounds of miscellaneous chemicals were also collected. We also collected 478 fluorescent bulbs and CFLs. Getting rid of old or unused household hazardous waste materials makes our garages, basements and neighborhoods a safer place to live. A big thanks to Todd Prafke and the City of Saint Peter staff for all of their help in making this a very successful collection and to our Blue Earth County Partner which owns and operates our Regional HHW Facility where these materials get processed."

"The appliance and electronics collection was also a big success. We had 219 participants, mostly from the city of Saint Peter. We collected 188 appliances and over 5 tons of electronics that day. A BIG thanks to Nicollet County Environmental Services Director Mandy Landkamer and her staff who sponsored this collection event. If you have any follow up needs regarding these collections please call Al at 507-381-9196."

Saint Peter is quite a bit cleaner and safer thanks to all those who participated. Way to go!

CLICK IT OR TICKET ENFORCEMENT – The Saint Peter Police Department is joining with the Minnesota Department of Public Safety (DPS) for a Click It or Ticket campaign. In Saint Peter, additional officers will be out May 29-30, 2013 to provide extra enforcement of the State's seat belt laws. (Statewide, extra officers will be out now through June 2nd.)



Many people can't imagine what it is like to be in an accident. The DPS has created a great commercial which is available on their website that gives a little better insight...
<http://rockthebelt.org/clickit/>

Memorial Day starts the busy summer travel season in Minnesota and between road construction, weary travelers, distracted drivers, deer crossing the road, and all sorts of other obstacles, it's more important than ever to buckle up. And don't forget your passengers....everyone in the vehicle is required to be buckled up or in a secured child safety seat.

According to the Department of Public Safety website, spring months have the highest percentage of unbelted teen deaths. There were 30 teen motor vehicle occupant deaths in April, May and June during the past three years and 63% of those killed were not buckled up. Parents are encouraged to reinforce safe driving habits for their children during prom season and the end of the school year.

Keep your family safe, teach everyone to buckle up and remember the phrase....Click it.....or ticket!

FINE FREE FRIDAYS – A new program will give Saint Peter library patrons a chance to have fines forgiven and return late books and other materials without penalty. Designed to encourage those with overdue material to make returns, Fine Free Fridays will kick-off on Friday, May 31st.

Those with overdue library materials will be eligible to have their fines waived if the items are returned on the last Friday of the month following the item's due date. However, these items need to be brought into the Library, not put into the book drop.

Although Fine Free Friday is an "amnesty" program that encourages library patrons to bring back overdue items without penalty, patrons will be responsible for fines on materials previously returned. Patrons will also be required to pay fines on any materials checked out from any other community in the Traverse des Sioux Library System.

So, if you have overdue materials, mark the following Fine Free Fridays on your calendar: Friday, May 31st, Friday, June 28th, July 26th, August 30th, September 27th, October 25th, and December 27th.

PEDDLERS NEED LICENSES - Summer is the season for door to door peddlers. Those who choose to pursue this profession are required to be licensed by the City of Saint Peter if they go door to door in residential areas. Each person going to a private

residence must have a City permit in his/or her own name and they must carry the permit with them at all times. Residents are encouraged to ask to see the permit before inviting the individual into their home or placing an order. And don't let them fool you.....some folks will try and claim that they don't need a City license because they have a permit from the State of Minnesota or the USDA or anyone else. Even if that is the case, they still need a City license!

City licenses or permits are required to protect the citizens of our community from unscrupulous sales persons. To receive the permit, the individual has to go through a background investigation and must provide a \$1,000 bond which can be used by residents who may sustain individual loss by means of fraud, artifice, trick or other means of theft practiced by the vendor.

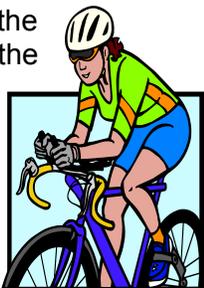
Exceptions to this rule are newsboys, sale of farm or garden products, sales of admissions by local school students to a school function, solicitations for philanthropic, religious, educational charitable causes, and mobile sales within the public right-of-way of ice cream or frozen confections. Peddlers are restricted to selling only between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.

Each year the Police get quite a few calls about unlicensed people selling everything from magazines, uninspected meats, insurance, jewelry, carpet cleaners, educational books and other items. If you are approached by a peddler/solicitor who is unable to produce a City permit, please feel free to contact the Police Department at 931-1550 and provide a description of the person....type of car they are driving, license plate, what they are wearing, male/female, young/old, etc.... Even if you can't provide a good description, knowing the area they are operating in may be enough to put a stop to their peddling without a license.

If you remember nothing else about the Peddler regulations, please remember this....if you don't want a peddler in your home (whether they have a permit or not), you are under no obligation to let them in!

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 for permission (or to ride with you) 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 nation-wide 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!

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 29	12:00 noon	Hospital Commission
Wednesday	May 29	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission CANCELLED!
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

Tuesday	June 11	5:30 p.m.	Library Board
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
Monday	July 1	3:30 p.m.	Housing and Redevelopment Authority
Monday	July 1	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Tuesday	July 2	5:30 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission
Thursday	July 4		CITY OFFICES CLOSED – 4 th of July Holiday
Monday	July 8	5:00 p.m.	Human Rights Commission
Monday	July 8	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	July 9	6:00 p.m.	Library Board
Monday	July 15	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Monday	July 22	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Thursday	July 25	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
Friday	July 26	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau
Monday	July 29	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Tuesday- Tuesday	July 30- August 13		CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE FILING PERIOD
Tuesday	July 30	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission
Wednesday	July 31	12:00 noon	Hospital Commission