

# CITY OF SAINT PETER HOT SHEET



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**MAKES ME WONDER (BY CITY ADMINISTRATOR TODD PRAFKE – *New Hospital Administrator.....*** In a few weeks our new Hospital Administrator George Rohrich will be taking the

helm of this very important part of our community. (Near the same time, at the end of October, our long time leader Colleen Spike will be retiring from service after 15 plus years.)

As George gets out and about I hope each of us will take some time to greet him, let him know our thoughts about our hospital and tell him what you hope we can do as a community to support the hospital while it supports us. I know he will be out and about so don't be shy.

One thing I don't wonder about is George being shy. He is outgoing and will be happy to hear from you.

**BOOMERS & BEYOND/SENIOR EXPO** – This year's Senior Expo will be held on Thursday, September 19th from 2-5 p.m. at the Community Center. Discover area services at the vendor fair from 2-4 p.m. Take advantage of health screenings, massages, and flu shots while at the Expo. Enjoy entertainment by Harvey Kane from 2:30-3:30 p.m. At 4 p.m. hear keynote speaker, Carol Bode, speaking about Treasured Antiques. All this and refreshments will also be served.

And for those area Seniors who are a bit leery about the new highway roundabouts and other changes that will be coming to Highway 169 in Saint Peter, please stop and visit the booths sponsored by the Minnesota Department of Transportation. MnDOT staff will be on hand to provide information on these new highway designs.

This event is made possible with funds provided by the St. Peter Tourism and Visitors Bureau.



**THE NEW PHONE BOOKS ARE HERE.....THE NEW PHONE BOOKS ARE HERE.....!** – Do you remember that line from an old Steve Martin movie (The

Jerk) where he is super excited about the delivery of the new phone books? That day he became someday because his name was in the phone book!

Even if you don't remember his excitement or the movie, please remember that when the new phone books are delivered to Saint Peter residents (which will happen in the next few months), we hope you will get equally excited and remember that the old books are completely recyclable and should be put in your recycle curbie with the rest of the paper, plastic and glass.

Those who wish to opt-out of receiving the new Yellow Book directory should do so at [www.yellowpagesoptout.com](http://www.yellowpagesoptout.com).

**FALL YARD WASTE COLLECTION** - The City will be collecting brush and garden waste such as tomato plants, flowers, etc. at curbside the week of September 30th. Brush and garden waste must be placed parallel and adjacent to the curb by 7:00 a.m. on Monday, September 30th. Brush or garden waste will not be collected after the week of September 30th.

**LEAF AND GRASS CLIPPINGS COLLECTION** - Leaves and grass clippings will be collected from properties located north of Broadway Avenue starting at 7:00 a.m.

on Monday, October 21st and for properties located



south of Broadway Avenue beginning at 7:00 a.m. on Monday, November 4th. Collection dates for the areas north and south of Broadway are rotated each year. Leaves must be placed parallel and adjacent to the curb (do not put it on the street or in bags).

Collection is done using a vacuum truck with another person walking behind using a hose to collect the leaves and grass clippings. For this reason, please do not include animal wastes with the leaves, as the person using the hose gets covered with a fine dust of whatever is in the leaves and we want to keep City employees safe.

The collection process is quite lengthy (5 weeks for the whole town in 2012) which sometimes results in the collection process having to start before all the leaves have fallen. Once the vacuum truck has moved through an area, a street sweeper also makes a pass to make sure the streets are cleaned before the snow comes.

If you live on a corner lot it is possible that one side will be picked up before the other as the trucks run north to south and then east to west to be more efficient in the collection process. (Suggestion: Place all leaves on the north-south street if you want all your leaves picked up at the same time.)

The truck will only go through an area once; so if your yard waste is not out by the dates and times mentioned above it will not be picked up, but can be taken to the drop-off site.

To help us serve you better, please do not park in front of the yard waste until pick-up is complete.

**YARD WASTE DROP-OFF SITE** - The brush and soft yard waste drop-off sites located across the street from the Department of Public Works facility, 405 West St. Julien Street, at the southwest intersection of St. Julien and Swift Streets, are open year around for the convenience of City residents to drop off brush and soft yard waste. This service is provided and funded by the environmental services fee on City utility bills.

**TREE TRIMMING NOTICE** - During the upcoming months, City staff will be trimming boulevard trees throughout the community. This is done for vehicle and pedestrian safety, and to maintain a healthy urban forest. City regulations require boulevard trees to be trimmed to a minimum height of 8 feet above sidewalks and 14 feet above the street. For questions about tree trimming, please contact the Department of Public Works at 934-0670.

**PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS** - Zinio is a company that provides downloadable magazines. The Traverse des Sioux Regional System, which includes the

Saint Peter Public Library, has purchased 63 magazine subscriptions for patrons to download free to personal PCs, laptops, or mobile devices! When an issue is downloaded, it may be kept on the device as long as the owner wishes (no returns necessary), and there is no limit to the number of patrons who can check out the current issue at any time. However, those who wish to always have the current issue of a magazine as soon as it is available, will need to periodically check the TdS Zinio website to download it: <https://www.rbdigital.com/traversedesiouxmn/service/zinio> .

**THIRD FLOOR YOUTH CENTER** - The Third Floor Youth Center has been open to youth since December 1997. Over the years it has changed locations, ages served, days/times open, and how it operates. But whether The Third Floor Youth Center was located on the third floor of the old Central Community Center before the tornado, the Armory, a downtown storefront, the lower level of the Community Center, or the current location at North Intermediate School, the name has stuck – The Third Floor. Kids and parents alike know what The Third Floor is. And it's about kids, fun, and a safe place to be.

The Recreation Department is happy to announce that this fall The Third Floor Youth Center will be open to all 3-6th grade youth in Saint Peter on Monday, September 30th and will be open weekdays after school until 5 p.m. Although North Intermediate School is packed to overflowing, the youth center will be located on the stage of the gymnasium. Staff and volunteers have made the new space appealing and welcoming to youth with assistance from Gustavus Adolphus College. More than a dozen work-study students will be working with the center. Volunteers from GAC organizations also get involved on a regular basis.

There is no charge to attend the youth center. The only requirement is that parents complete a registration form for their children. Forms are available at school offices.

For more information on the youth center, please contact the Recreation and Leisure Services Department at 934-0667.

**CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS** – Action taken by the City Council at the regular meeting of September 9, 2013 included adoption of the 2014 preliminary tax levy; approval for closeout of a 2009 fund account; award of the bid for Part 1 of the Washington Avenue Link Improvement Project, authorization for receipt of bids for Part 2 of the Washington Avenue Link Improvement Project; authorization for

issuance of a request for proposals for development of the tax forfeited portion of Welco West Subdivision; authorization for execution of a contract with the Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association for safety program services; and approval of a request by the St. Peter Ambassador's for City assistance for the Oktoberfest event.

The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting will take place on Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> in the Governors' Room of the Community Center. Copies of the City Council meeting packet are available online at the City's website ([www.saintpetermn.gov](http://www.saintpetermn.gov)). For more information on City Council meetings, please contact the City Administrator's office at 934-0663.

**LIGHT POLE MAINTENANCE** - The City has hired a contractor to seal all eighty (80) concrete light poles in the downtown area. This work has begun and will continue one more week. Temporary "no parking" will be put in place when the contractor is working on a pole, but just in the immediate area of the work. Work will consist of pressure washing each pole and then sealing the concrete.

In addition to this work, crews will be sand blasting and painting all fourteen of the thirty-five foot (35') light poles on South Front Street from Broadway Avenue to Mulberry Street.

Drivers are asked to use caution in and around this work and staff thanks everyone for their patience during this process.

Anyone with questions on this work is asked to contact the Public Works Department at 934-0670.



**ABSENTEE VOTING** – Absentee ballots for all voters within School District #508 are now available from the Nicollet County Auditor/Treasurer's office at 501 South Minnesota Avenue. This election includes

City Council and School Board positions.

You can vote by absentee ballot if you are unable to vote in person on Election Day (November 5, 2013) because you are:

- away from home
- ill or disabled
- an election judge serving in a precinct other than your own

- unable to go to the polling place due to a religious observance or belief; or
- the Governor has declared a state of emergency that makes it difficult for voters to go to the polls.

To obtain an absentee ballot, you must first complete an Absentee Ballot Application and return it to the County Auditor. Your ballot will be sent to you as soon as ballots are available or you may deliver it in person and, if ballots are available, vote at that time. The ballot application is available on the Secretary of State's website, or from the County Auditor/Treasurer.

If you have loved ones serving in the military, college students studying abroad, or someone else who is temporarily living abroad, the Secretary of State's office has also set up a special website to help military and overseas voters vote by absentee ballot. That site is <https://minnesota.overseasvotefoundation.org/overseas/home.htm>.

For more information on absentee voting, or the upcoming general election, please contact the City Administrator's office at 934-0663.

**LAND DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY** – The City of Saint Peter is accepting proposals for development of a 12.78 acre parcel of tax forfeited land in the Welco West Subdivision. Interested developers may obtain a copy of the Request For Proposals documents from the City Administrator's office or by calling (507)934-0663. Deadline for submission of proposals is October 1<sup>st</sup>.

**RENTAL INSPECTIONS** – It's that time of year....the time to think about renewing rental licenses. During even years (2014) last names beginning with A-L need rental applications completed, fees paid and properties inspected. The rental application must be received by December 31<sup>st</sup> of this year and the rental inspection completed by March 31, 2014.

Rental applications are available on the City's website at [www.saintpetermn.gov](http://www.saintpetermn.gov), and can then be printed out and returned to the Building Department at City Hall along with the required fee.

Questions about rental licensing? Please call the Building Department at (507)934-0662.

**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).

Monday	September 23	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	September 24	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission

Wednesday	September 25	12:00 noon	Hospital Commission
Thursday	September 26	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
Friday	September 27	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau
Monday	September 30	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Tuesday	October 1	5:30 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission
Monday	October 7	3:30 p.m.	Housing and Redevelopment Authority
Monday	October 7	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Tuesday	October 8	5:30 p.m.	Library Board
Monday	October 14	5:00 p.m.	Human Rights Commission
Monday	October 14	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Monday	October 21	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop Session
Monday	October 21	7:00 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Thursday	October 24	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
Friday	October 25	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau
Monday	October 28	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	October 29	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission
Wednesday	October 30	12:00 noon	Hospital Commission
Monday	November 4	3:30 p.m.	Housing and Redevelopment Authority
Monday	November 4	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop Session
Tuesday	November 5		ELECTION DAY