

CITY OF SAINT PETER HOT SHEET



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CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS – Action taken by the City Council at the regular meeting of January 12, 2015 included decertification of Tax Increment Financing District No. 1-12; approval for renewal of the City of Nicollet building inspection services contract; approval for purchase of an annual supply of biosolids polymers; ferric chloride; and caustic soda for operation of the water and wastewater plants; and appointment of Robert Vose of Kennedy and Graven as Special City Attorney for renewal of the City's cable television franchise agreements.

The next regular meeting of the City Council will be Monday, January 26th 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) - *Our Future from 1999....* Did you know that back in 1999 there was a big event in which more than 200 of our friends and neighbors

participated to set a direction for the future of our community? Maybe you were there.

So this is not big news, but if you were not there, this link <http://www.saintpetermn.gov/sites/default/files/documents/ComprehensivePlan.pdf> takes you to the images that group left for us to use into the future. Check out pdf pages 12 to 23 for the insight. There are some really great ideas in there that we still focus on today, many of which you can trace action of the City directly to.

It is great to know there is a plan, especially one that so many people participated in and one that is

still valued today. Will you check it out? It makes me wonder.....



OFFICE CLOSURES – All non-emergency City offices, including the Library, will be closed on Monday, January 19th for the Martin Luther King Jr. legal holiday. Regular office hours will resume on Tuesday.

The Public Works Department will also be closed for a Department meeting on Wednesday, January 21st from approximately 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. We apologize for the inconvenience.



*Public Works Director
Candidates "Meet and
Greet" Event*

Please join City staff and Councilmembers in an opportunity for the public to meet the candidates for the City's Public Works Director position

**Wednesday, January 21st
4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Senior Center at the Community Center
600 South Fifth Street**

Light refreshments will be served.

Hope to see you there!



TRANSIT ROUTE CHANGES -

Beginning January 19th the Saint Peter Transit Route bus will no longer make

hourly stops at Maplewood Apartments (1320 North Fifth Street) or at River Rock Coffee. Passengers wishing to be picked up at either of those locations ma call 934-6070 and request an off route pick-up by the Route bus.

In the event that a customer calls for a ride from River Rock Coffee, the Route bus will stop there at about 20 minutes after the hour and for Maplewood Apartments, the bus will stop at about 40 minutes past the hour. This change will allow for the flexibility needed by the drivers to pick up and drop off nearly anywhere downtown or on the north end of town. Questions? Please contact the Transit Office at 934-0668.

ADVISORY BOARD VACANCIES - Can you volunteer an hour or so a month to help the City Council plan our community's future? The City Council is seeking Saint Peter residents to serve on advisory boards and commissions. This volunteer work usually requires one monthly meeting of 1-2 hours in length. The groups serve as advisors to the City Council on a number of issues like parks, economic development, heritage preservation, civil service, library, and others.

Vacancies currently exist on the Heritage Preservation Commission, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and Tourism and Visitors Bureau.

To qualify for appointment, candidates must live within the corporate limits of Saint Peter and commit to making the monthly meetings for the duration of the term. (Most terms are three years in length.)

To apply or for more information, please contact the City Administrator's Office at City Hall, email barbaral@saintpetermn.gov, or call (507)934-0663. All candidates must complete an application card to be considered.

MISSED CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP? -

Were you a little slow getting your Christmas tree undecorated and out to the curb? Residents who missed the curbside tree collection can still take trees to the City's compost drop-off site at the southwest corner of the North Swift Street/St. Julien



Street intersection. Trees should be free of lights and decorations and NOT in bags. The trees are hauled to the City's compost site where they are chipped and turned into compost.

The drop off site is open 24-7 year round for City utility customers. This service is funded by the Environmental Services fee on utility bills.

WASTEWATER RATE INCREASE - City wastewater rates increased \$1.00 per 1,000 gallons on bills due March 16, 2015 for the usage from January to February 2015. The base charge will remain the same. Questions about utility charges? Please contact the City's Finance Department in City Hall or call 507-934-0664.

MNDOT FLOOD MITIGATION INFORMATION - Saint Peter residents and business owners interested in learning more about the Highway 169 Flood Mitigation project being planned for 2016 are encouraged to attend the public meetings being offered by the Mankato office of the Minnesota Department of Transportation. The meeting will be held on February 9th 4:30-6:30 p.m. in the Senior Center. (Please note that this is a changed date.)

MnDOT project engineers will be on hand to provide information and answer questions from the public. For more information on this project, please contact the Minnesota Department of Transportation District 7 office in Mankato.



STATE OF THE CITY - If you haven't had a chance yet, please check out City Administrator Prafke's State of the City video blog on the City's Facebook page or the City's YouTube Channel. Every couple of weeks Mr. Prafke provides an update on numerous topics being discussed by the City Council which may be of interest to the general public.

Want to understand how the City's budget and taxes work? Want to know more about action the Council might take regarding deer feeding in town? You can find out more about these topics and others by checking out the blogs.

The video blog is also cablecast on public access Channel 8.

WARMING HOUSE - It seems to be either feast or famine with the City's ice rinks this year. The winter started out too warm to sustain the ice sheet and now the temps have dipped to dangerous levels. Before sending your child out to the rinks for a game of hockey or some leisurely skating, please call the City's



Rec Hotline at 934-0070 to get information on warming house hours and possible closures due to cold weather. Information on closures due to weather conditions will also be posted on the City's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/CityofSaintPeter>.



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free system allows residents to sign up for important notices (including snow emergencies) under their terms...email, text, or both! Sign up is done through the Nixle website at www.nixle.com and is quick and easy. Sign up today!

SALT/SAND MIX AVAILABLE – Saint Peter residents can receive up to five (5) gallons of a salt/sand mixture for use on sidewalks or driveways at their homes or businesses during the winter. Interested residents should stop at the Public Works office (405 West St. Julien Street) between the hours of 7:00 am – 3:30 pm Monday through Thursday, or 7:00 am – 10:00 a.m. on Fridays. Residents must supply their own bucket. Please do not drive into the fenced area without first stopping at the office for permission.

Additional quantities may be available for purchase. Please contact the Public Works Department at 934-0670 for more information on bulk quantity purchases.

SNOW EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS – Want to be among the first to know when a snow emergency has been declared? Sign up today for the City's free community notification system "Nixle". This

SIDEWALK CLEARANCE REMINDER – Blowing and drifting snow can quickly cover previously shoveled sidewalks. Residents are reminded that City regulations require property owners to ensure sidewalks are cleared of snow and ice within 24 hours of any snowfall and kept clear of blowing and drifting snow. Complaints on un-shoveled sidewalks and handicap accesses are received on a regular basis and if the complaint is substantiated by the City, crews will be dispatched to clear the snow



and ice and the property owner will be billed. Cost to the property owner if the City does the work? \$75 per hour with a \$75 minimum charge, so please keep those walkways cleared!

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 January 19



LEGAL HOLIDAY – Martin Luther King Day
City Offices Closed

Tuesday January 20

5:30 p.m.

City Council Workshop

Tuesday January 20

7:00 p.m.

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Wednesday January 21

9:30-10:30 a.m.

Public Works Department Closed

Thursday January 22

12:00 noon

Economic Development Authority

Friday January 23

8:00 a.m.

Tourism and Visitors Bureau

Monday January 26

7:00 p.m.

City Council Meeting

Tuesday January 27

5:30 p.m.

Heritage Preservation Commission

Wednesday January 28

12:00 noon

Hospital Commission

Monday February 2

3:30 p.m.

Housing and Redevelopment Authority

Monday February 2

5:30 p.m.

City Council Workshop

Tuesday February 3

5:30 p.m.

Planning and Zoning Commission

Monday	February 9	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	February 10	6:00 p.m.	Library Board
Monday	February 16		LEGAL HOLIDAY – President's Day City Offices Closed
Tuesday	February 17	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Tuesday	February 17	7:00 p.m.	Parks Board
Monday	February 23	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	February 24	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission
Wednesday	February 25	12:00 noon	Hospital Commission
Thursday	February 26	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
Friday	February 27	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau