

CITY OF SAINT PETER HOT SHEET



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MAKES ME WONDER (BY CITY ADMINISTRATOR TODD PRAFKE) - Housing Study....In 1999, the City of Saint Peter contracted with Community Partners Research for the production of a comprehensive study of the Saint Peter housing market. The 1999 study was updated by CPR in 2002, 2005 and once again in 2012. The City Council then took action to approve an update to the 2012 analysis of the Saint Peter housing market. It is now done.

Previous housing studies have proven to be instrumental in helping the Council make informed housing policy decisions. The updated study will guide the City Council as they determine the acceptable municipal role in residential development. Past City Councils have used the results in determining the need for additional single family home ownership opportunities which were then addressed through the development and sale of lots within Nicollet Meadows and then Washington Terrace.

The update focused on household incomes, employment data, home sales and residential lots available for construction to determine the impact of the significant regional job growth on the demand for various types of housing.

The study can be read at www.saintpetermn.gov. This is one of those things that we share with everyone and helps us make decisions about our future. Will you take a few moments to check it out? It makes me wonder.....



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 the convenience of City utility customers. This service is provided to City utility customers through 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/Highway 22 Flood Mitigation projects being planned for 2015 and beyond are encouraged to attend the public meetings being offered by the Mankato office of the Minnesota Department of Transportation.

The Highway 22 project, which includes flood mitigation improvements along Highway 22 from the Minnesota River Bridge to the intersection with Highway 169, will be discussed at a public meeting on January 8th from 4:30-6:30 p.m. in the Senior Center at the Community Center.

January 26th is the date for the MnDOT meeting involving a flood mitigation project along Highway 169 between Saint Peter and Mankato. That meeting will also be from 4:30-6:30 p.m. in the Senior Center.

MnDOT project engineers will be on hand to provide information and answer questions from the

public. For more information on these projects, please contact the Minnesota Department of Transportation District 7 office in Mankato.

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



LIBRARY CLOSURE - The library will be closed on Friday, January 9th and Saturday, January 10th to allow staff to conduct inventory of all barcoded items. This is needed to facilitate the regional library system's migration to a new automation system. The book drop will be open for returns. Regular hours will resume on Monday, January 12th.



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 both of these topics and more 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>.

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.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR RECRUITMENT – Following the December 31, 2014 retirement of Public Works Director Giesking, the process for recruitment of a new Public Works Director continues. Applications are currently being evaluated and the process, which will include an opportunity for the public to meet the candidates, is being scheduled. Look for more information on the "meet and greet" event in next week's Hot Sheet.

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 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!

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.

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| Wednesday | January 7 | 5:30 p.m. | Planning and Zoning Commission |
| Monday | January 12 | 7:00 p.m. | City Council Meeting |
| Tuesday | January 13 | 6:00 p.m. | Library Board |
| 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 |