

CITY OF SAINT PETER HOT SHEET



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DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME CHANGE – This Saturday night it's time to "fall back" and change our clocks back one hour for daylight savings time.

It's also a great time to remember to change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors if you didn't already do so during October's Fire Safety month. And while you are changing out those batteries, check the date on the devices. The detectors are only designed to work for 10 years (or less in some cases) and you may need to replace the entire detector to keep your family safe.

ELECTIONS – Are you tired of election reminders yet? (So are we!) With less than one week to go before the Presidential Election, we have just a few more reminders again for you....

- It's not too late to vote by absentee ballot. If you would rather not stand in line on Election Day, voters in Minnesota now have the right to vote by absentee ballot without an excuse. Because of the tight time frame for sending and receiving absentee ballots by mail, your best option is to vote in person at the Nicollet County Government Center (second floor). The offices are open from 8 am – 4:30 pm and they will also be open this Saturday, November 5th from 10 am – 3 pm. Deadline for voting by absentee ballot is Monday, November 7th.
- Where do I vote? - If you are unsure where your polling place is, check out the Secretary of State's polling place finder at [PRECINCT FINDER](#). Not only will it provide info on the

correct ward and precinct, but it provides maps to the polling place as well as information on what is on your particular ballot.

- Voting Hours – Polls open on Tuesday, November 8th beginning at 7:00 a.m. and continue until 8:00 p.m. Lines tend to be the longest first thing in the morning and between 4-6 pm but with this election, we are expecting the entire day to be busy and voting may take longer than usual.
- Campaign Materials – Campaign materials like buttons, flyers, t-shirts and the like are not allowed in the polling place on Election Day. Under State law, the parking lots of the two City polling places (Community Center and Armory), are considered part of the polling place and as such voters should note that if your vehicle contains a bumper sticker or other



campaign material, you are not allowed to park in the parking lot. If you can't remove the campaign material from your vehicle, feel free to park on the street however.

- How do I register to vote? In Minnesota voters are allowed to register at the polls on Election Day. You will be required to provide one or more of the acceptable proofs of residence. That information is available on the following website: [PROOF OF RESIDENCE](#). Election Judges will be available in each polling place to help you register.
- Other voting questions? If you still have questions about the voting process, please contact the City Administrator's Office at 934-0663.

WHERE DO COLLEGE STUDENTS VOTE? - Are you a Gustavus student and you don't know where to vote for the November 8th general election?

College students in Minnesota are allowed to vote in their hometowns either through absentee voting or by driving home on Election Day to cast a ballot...OR... students may also choose to consider their college address as their home for voting purposes. (Keep in mind that it must be one or the other....you aren't allowed to vote in both places!)

This chart shows where a Gustavus student would vote in Saint Peter if they live in Gustavus controlled housing. If students are not already registered to vote, they must bring their student ID to the polls on Election Day and they may use that ID along with the housing list Gustavus provides

WHERE DO I VOTE?
GUSTAVUS HOUSING - WHERE DO I VOTE?
 Polls open from 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

WARD 2, PRECINCT 1
 (East Campus Center, Desk A1)

COLLEGE VIEW APARTMENTS
 CARLSON INTERNATIONAL CENTER
 GABERG HALL
 LUNDQVIST HOUSE
 ANDREWS HALL
 NORTH HALL
 PITTSBURGH HALL
 PRANSKY LINDEN HALL
 PRESIDENT'S RESIDENCE
 MURKSTROM HALL
 SJOOSTROM HOUSE
 STORME HALL
 SORESEN HALL
 SOUTHWEST HALL
 SWEDSON HOUSE
 SHLEIN HALL

WARD 2, PRECINCT 3
 (East Campus Center, Desk B)

ADOLPHSON HOUSE
 ANCHOR VIEW APARTMENTS
 JOHNSON HOUSE
 PETERSON HOUSE
 TEBBINS HOUSE
 WALKER HOUSE

WARD 1, PRECINCT 2 (ARMORY)
 CAMPUS VIEW

If you have changed dorms or even dorm rooms since you last voted (even if it was last year), you need to re-register to vote. Your address for voting purposes is Gustavus, Dorm Name and Room Number. **(Students are not allowed to use 800 West College Avenue as their address for voting purposes!)**

All voters living in Ward 2 vote at the Saint Peter Community Center located at 800 South Fifth Street. All voters living in Ward 1 vote at the National Guard Armory located at 1120 North Sixth Street.

For questions on voting, please contact the City Administrator's office (934-0663) or the County Auditor's office (934-7866) or go to the Secretary of State's website at <http://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections/index.cfm>

Gustavus Adolphus College students who live off-campus may locate their polling place through the Secretary of State's precinct finder at <http://www.sos.state.mn.us/precinct>

election officials as their proof of residence. Students who have changed dorms or even dorm rooms since the last time they voted, MUST re-register to vote. Also please note that for voting purposes in Saint Peter, students must use their dorm name and room number as their address. Students are not allowed to use 800 West College Avenue as their voting address because it doesn't provide enough information regarding which precinct they actually live in.

Students who live off-campus must follow the same voter registration and proof of residence regulations as non-students and can find their polling places using the Secretary of State's precinct finder at [PRECINCT FINDER](#).

Questions on this information? Please don't hesitate to contact the City Administrator's Office at 934-0663.



HOLIDAY LIGHTING REBATES - Are you in the market for some new holiday lights? Did you know that LED lights and decorations can not only save

you energy and money, but they also are good for the environment?

LED lights can last up to ten times longer than traditional incandescent strands and are cool to the touch which reduces the risk of fire and personal injury. They use up to 90% less electricity than incandescent bulbs and if one bulb burns out, the others stay lit which makes replacement easy. Using LED holiday lights can save the average family \$50 during the holidays and who couldn't use some extra cash at that time of the year?

The City is once again offering a holiday lighting rebate. Purchase new LED lamps and you can earn a rebate of up to \$12.00. The offer is good for electric utility customers of the City of Saint Peter only and the lights must be used within the City's electric service territory. Rebate requests must be submitted by December 31, 2016 and battery or solar operated LED's do not qualify.

To apply for your rebate you'll need to complete a coupon (available in the Finance Department at City Hall), and provide the original receipt and the part of the box showing the number of LED lamps per string or decoration.

For more information on this rebate opportunity, please contact the Finance Department at 934-0664.

WINTER HOME SAFETY TIPS - Winter is on the way, like it or not. Here are some tips to help keep you safe.

1. If you use a portable heating device make sure it is listed by UL, ETL or CSA so you know it is safe. Keep it clear of combustibles and place it on a flat surface so the family pet can't knock it over. And remember when leaving the room or going to sleep, turn it off or unplug the device.
2. Do routine inspections on your home... changing furnace filters monthly, removing hoses from the outside bibs, cleaning gutters, keeping snow from vents, and checking your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors monthly to make sure everything is working well.
3. Keep an emergency kit handy; stock it with flashlights, portable radio, extra batteries, and some nonperishable foods. Keep your kit in an easy to access location.
4. If you need or want to use a candle, make sure to keep it away from combustibles like paper, wood, and plastics. Make sure that anything above the candle is at least 2' above the flame and never, ever leave lit candles unattended. Also, if you have pets, remember that candles

pose a danger to them also and keep them away from open flames.

5. If you have bedrooms in the basement or the lower level of your home keep snow clear from the front of the window or out of the window well so the window can be opened if you need to get out.

Just a little forethought can make an unpleasant surprise seem a little less disagreeable.



VETERAN'S DAY CLOSURES

– All non-emergency City offices, including the Library, will be closed on Friday,

November 11th for the Veteran's Day observance. And while the City's Recreation and Leisure Services Department will be closed, the Community Center will be open regular hours on Veteran's Day.

The City's transit system will operate normal hours.

ADOPT A SENIOR CAT MONTH

- Did you know that November has been designated "Adopt A Senior Cat" month? Shelters around the country have a hard time finding forever homes for older



dogs and cats. And while there are currently no senior cats in the Saint Peter pound, we are no different than the rest and sometimes these wonderful pets can linger in the shelter for months and months. Senior cats are obviously much calmer than kittens but they are still playful, loving and wonderful pets. In most cases cats are considered senior when they are between 7-10 years old. But it's important to note that cats, when kept indoors, can live 15 years or more and lead happy, healthy lives.

So, if you have room in your family for a wonderful senior cat, why not adopt during this special month? Many shelters are also offering discounted adoption fees during November.

For information on adoptable senior animals near you, check out the Saint Peter Pound located at Kind Veterinary Clinic (931-4700), Blue Earth Nicollet County Humane Society (BENCHS) shelter in Mankato ([BENCHS](#)), Mending Spirits rescue at [MENDING SPIRITS](#) or use Pet Finder at [www.petfinder.com](#) to expand your search.

PARKS CLOSING SOON - All of the City's parks facilities will close for the season on November 4th. Closing the park activities include closing and winterizing the bathrooms and drinking fountains. As part of this work the fountain (aerator) in the Mill Pond has already been turned off and it will be removed from the pond in the very near future. This work is done to prevent damage to pipes and fixtures that occur when the weather is colder. Please note that closing of these facilities could occur sooner should the weather become much colder.

Should you have any questions about closing the parks facilities, please contact the Public Works Department at 934-0670.

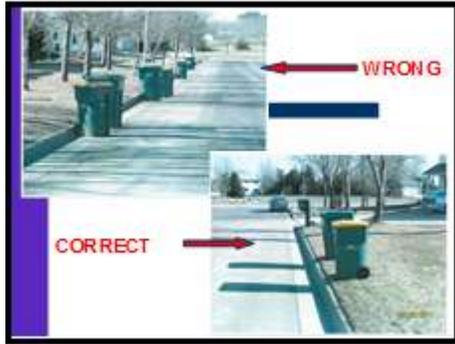
FIREFIGHTERS NEEDED - The City of Saint Peter is currently accepting applications for the position of **VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER** in the Fire Department. Up to three (3) Firefighters will be hired. Minimum qualifications: High school diploma/GED; at least 18 years of age; reside within a six (6) minute response time from the Fire Station; possess a valid driver's license; and ability to read and write the English language. Successful candidates must also pass pre-employment physical, drug and alcohol tests. **An open house for interested candidates and their significant others will be held on Tuesday, November 15, 2016 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the Fire Station (227 West Mulberry Street).** This event will provide an opportunity for prospective candidates to learn what is involved in service as a Volunteer Firefighter and for family members to ask questions.



Successful candidates will begin service January 1, 2017 and will be required to successfully complete required Firefighter schooling within one year. Applicants are required to complete a City application form which is available in the City Administrator's office at 227 South Front Street or by calling (507)934-0663. Complete position descriptions for Firefighters are also available in the City Administrator's office. Completed applications must be received by the City Administrator's office by 5:00 p.m. on November 18, 2016. Faxed, emailed and/or late applications will not be accepted. AA/EEO

CURBIE PLACEMENT REMINDER

Residents are reminded that recycling and garbage curbies are to be placed behind the curb, on the



boulevard, on recycling day. Unfortunately property owners continue to place their curbies in the roadway versus on the boulevard and this creates dangerous driving conditions. Pedestrians walking in the roadway or those on bikes must be further out into the street to pass the curbies and that puts them in more danger.

Keeping curbies on the boulevard will also allow the City's street sweeping activities and snow plowing to take place without having areas that the trucks have to go around.

One further note that will be important as winter arrives...please don't park your curbies on top of huge piles of snow this winter. That poses a danger for children who might want to play in the area or make a snow fort below. It's much safer to shovel out an area near your curblines and place the curbie there for pickup.

So PLEASE.....keep your recycling and garbage curbies on the boulevard and out of the roadway to prevent dangerous driving situations.

Thank you for your cooperation.

CITY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM - It won't be long before snow starts falling. Want to know when a snow emergency has been declared? Want to be informed of emergencies? Need to know when area roadways have been closed? Then it's time to sign up for the City's community notification system....Nixle!

Nixle is a community oriented notification system that is used by the City to provide alerts, advisory notices and other community information. Residents must sign up at www.nixle.com to be part of the system. Residents will be able to receive notices from City departments including the City Administrator's Office and the Police Department. Individuals decide which department(s) you wish to receive notices from.

Notification is done by text messages, e-mail messages or both. Again, it's totally up to each individual to decide how you want to be notified through the system and how you wish to receive the information.

Nixle doesn't take the place of other forms of communication the City uses. It's simply an additional avenue for the City to get information out to residents about emergency or immediate notice information. Best of all.....it's free for both you and the City!

So, why not sign up at www.nixle.com? Click on "SIGN UP NOW" and start getting messages today!

Questions about Nixle? Please contact the City Administrator's office at 934-0663 or visit the Nixle website for additional information.

(P.S. You don't have to be a Saint Peter resident to sign up for Nixle. If you work in Saint Peter and need to know when bridges are closed, or when a snow emergency has been declared, or other information, please feel free to sign up.)

CURBSIDE LEAF COLLECTION - Leaves and grass clipping collection for properties located **south of Broadway Avenue ends this week.**

Collection for properties located **north of Broadway Avenue will begin at 7:00 am on Monday, November 7th.**

Leaves must be placed within six feet (6') of the curb line and should be parallel to the curb. Please do not put the materials in the street or in bags and do not include animal wastes with the leaves. Do not place leaves or grass clippings by trees, posts, etc. and please do not park in front of the materials until pick-up is complete.

The collection process takes a long time to complete, (it took five weeks in 2015), and in order to complete the process before it snows, crews sometimes have to start before all the leaves have fallen. To be fair to all, the crews rotate which end of the community they start on each year.

For those living on a corner lot, please note that it is possible that one side of your property 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. If you want your materials collected on the same day, please make sure to place the materials on the same side of your lot. There is no alley collection.

Crews 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 City's yard waste drop-off site located at the intersection of North Swift Street and West St. Julien Street.

If you have questions about this collection process, please contact the Public Works Department at 934-0670.

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	November 7	3:00 p.m.		City Council Goal Session
Tuesday	November 8			ELECTION DAY
Friday	November 11			VETERAN'S DAY HOLIDAY – City Offices Closed
Monday	November 14	7:00 p.m.		City Council Meeting
Friday	November 18	8:00 a.m.		Rescheduled Tourism Bureau Meeting*
Monday	November 21	5:30 p.m.		City Council Workshop Session
Monday	November 21	7:00 p.m.		Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Wednesday	November 23	12:30 p.m.		Hospital Commission
Thursday-Friday	November 24 - November 25			THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY – City Offices Closed
Monday	November 28	7:00 p.m.		City Council Meeting
Tuesday	November 29	5:30 p.m.		Heritage Preservation Commission
Thursday	December 1	5:30 p.m.		Planning and Zoning Commission
Monday	December 5	3:30 p.m.		Housing and Redevelopment Authority
Monday	December 5	5:30 p.m.		City Council Workshop
Monday	December 12	7:00 p.m.		City Council Meeting
Monday	December 19	7:00 p.m.		Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Tuesday	December 13	5:30 p.m.		Library Board
Thursday	December 22	12:00 noon		Economic Development Authority
Friday	December 23	8:00 a.m.		Tourism and Visitors Bureau
Monday	December 26			CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY – City Offices Closed
Tuesday	December 27	5:30 p.m.		Heritage Preservation Commission
Wednesday	December 28	12:30 p.m.		Hospital Commission
Tuesday	January 2			NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAY – City Offices Closed

Please note that due to the upcoming holiday season, some meetings may be rescheduled or cancelled. Please contact the City Administrator's office (934-0663), check out our website (www.saintpetermn.gov) or the City's Facebook page at [FACEBOOK](#) for up-to-date meeting information.