

CITY OF SAINT PETER HOT SHEET



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MAKES ME WONDER (BY CITY ADMINISTRATOR TODD PRAFKE) – Goal Session.... A month or so ago the Council held one of its' quarterly Goal Sessions. These long

meetings, generally 6 to 8 hours in length, are used for a couple of primary purposes. One is to really drill down deep into topics in a more conversational and discursive way which allows for brainstorming and deeper thought.

Another use is the opportunity to think about things from the 50,000 foot level...being able to look up from the dashboard and look forward, thinking critically about the community and what the City can do to help make our community great, livable, and desirable. These meetings take a lot of time and energy in preparation and work afterwards.

This time the Council discussed many big picture issues including the Hospital, its' money and if and how expansion should take place. We discussed the big picture of the City's finances and interconnectivity of the various funds and what the optimal level of our cash reserves should be. They discussed housing and growth and what is right for the community.

If you want to see what they talked about, you can check it out on our web site at [GOAL SESSION](#). Following the Goal Session, at the next regular Council meeting, we always provide a short written report so you can get a sense about the activities the Council discussed and the priorities they set for the next time frame. Will you check it out? It makes me wonder.....

SAINT PETER POLICE OFFICER SAVES LIVES - While on routine patrol during the early morning hours of Tuesday, October 11, 2016, Saint Peter Police

officer Joshua Klaseus, a two year veteran of the Police Department, saw smoke and began to investigate.

Officer Klaseus rolled down the squad car window and could quickly tell that something was on fire. As he drove in the area of Old Minnesota Avenue and Dodd Avenue, he located a single family residence partially engulfed in flames and smoke. He immediately informed the communications center to send Saint Peter Fire Department.

Seeing no one outside the house Officer Klaseus ran to a north side entrance door discovering it unlocked. As he opened the door he was overtaken by smoke. He began to yell "Police", "Anyone in here?". While putting his own life in danger he walked into the house while continuing to yell. He then heard a dog bark. While using his flashlight he was only able to see a short distance.

He then heard a female voice and directed her out the door. She then asked where "Jack" was and said her son was still inside and she attempted to reenter the house but was stopped by Officer Klaseus. As Officer Klaseus reentered the house he was met by a male cradling an infant. At this time Officer Klaseus saw flames on the interior south wall. He then gathered the family together outside and learned there were no more occupants of the house.

The residents said they had no idea their home was on fire until the arrival of Officer Klaseus. Officer Klaseus' observations and quick action undoubtedly saved three lives as well as the lives of the family's two dogs.



CURBSIDE LEAF COLLECTION - Leaves and grass clipping collection for properties located south of Broadway Avenue will begin at 7:00 am on Monday, October 24th. 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.



HALLOWEEN SAFETY – In the next couple of weeks Saint Peter children will engage in one of the most treasured traditions of childhood....Trick or Treating! And while this wholesome, family activity brings back

memories of our own childhoods, things have gotten a bit more risky for kids these days and children have be wiser and more aware of their surroundings to be safe on Halloween. Here are some McGruff safety tips everyone in the family should be reminded of....

- Never, ever go into a stranger's house while trick or treating.
- Only ring the door of homes with lights on.
- Only cross streets at designated intersections.
- Never cross the street from between two parked cars. Drivers can't see little ones when they dart out from between a car. Only cross at designated intersections.
- Wear makeup instead of masks which can obstruct a child's vision. That will make it easier for the children to cross intersections and go up and down stairs.
- Keep costumes short to prevent trips, falls and other bumps in the night.
- Carry a flashlight or glow-stick with you. It will help prevent the little ones from tripping over unseen obstacles in lawns and gives drivers a chance to see everyone from further away.
- Costumes may be highly flammable. Make sure to keep dresses or capes far away from any lit jack-o-lanterns on the steps of the homes you visit.
- Teach children not to sample their treats until they are home and Mom and Dad can look through the candy first. Unopened candies or other treats that are in original wrappers are the best bet.
- If you are an older kid or young teen, and going out with friends, make sure that your parents know where you are going and who you are going with.
- Homeowners can prepare for their trick or treaters by turning on exterior lights, removing objects from yards that might present a hazard and making sure that pumpkins are lit with glow-sticks or other non-flammable sources.



Using a little common sense on Halloween night will help make the evening fun for all.

KEEP THE WATER CLEAN OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

– Learn to read the label on household products and look for “caution,” “warning”, “danger” or “poison” – and then be sure to dispose of items with those labels properly. From button cell batteries and bug spray to medicine and mothballs, many common products we use every day contain potentially hazardous ingredients and require special disposal. Dumped on or buried in the ground, these hazardous materials can contaminate the soil and move down



into the groundwater or be carried by runoff during rainstorms into nearby surface waters, potentially poisoning our drinking water.

For more resources on keeping our water clean please visit the City of Saint Peter's website at [stormwater](#) or www.mnwaterconnection.com.



ABSENTEE VOTING – Absentee ballots are now available from the Nicollet County Public Services Department at the

Nicollet County Government Center (501 South Minnesota Avenue, Second Floor).

Following a change in election law a couple of years ago, voters no longer need a reason to decide to vote by absentee ballot. It is now open to all registered voters.

Voters must first complete an absentee ballot application which is available at the Government Center, or online at [ONLINE ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATION](#).

For questions about absentee voting, please contact Nicollet County at 507-934-7806.



VOTER REGISTRATION – If you are not registered to vote...or if you moved or changed your name since the last time you voted...you still have time to pre-register to vote. Pre-registration will save you lots of time on what will surely be a very busy Election Day.

Voter pre-registration can be done online at [Voter Registration](#) or in person at the Nicollet County Government Center (501 South Minnesota Avenue). **Voters have until 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 18th to pre-register to vote.**

Gustavus students please note.... Students are not allowed to use 800 West College Avenue as their address for voting purposes. Students living in Gustavus controlled housing must use their dorm name and room number as their address for voting. This allows election officials to determine which actual precinct students live in as the campus is split among multiple precincts. Students living off-campus must use the actual street address of their residence.

For questions about voter registration, please feel free to call the City Administrator's Office at 507-934-0663 or check out our website at [election information](#).

HYDRANT FLUSHING - The Water Utility has begun fall hydrant flushing and flow testing. The work is being done overnight between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. to minimize disruption to customers. The work will continue until all hydrants are flushed, but is expected to end by October 21st.

Hydrant flushing may temporarily make the water in your home cloudy. Please check your water before doing laundry. If you have questions about this 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	October 17	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Monday	October 17	7:00 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Tuesday	October 18		DEADLINE FOR VOTER PRE-REGISTRATION
Monday	October 24	7:00 p.m.	City Council meeting
Tuesday	October 25	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission
Wednesday	October 26	12:30 p.m.	Hospital Commission
Thursday	October 27	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
Friday	October 28	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitor's Bureau
Monday	October 31	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop CANCELLED!
Tuesday	November 1	5:30 p.m.	Library Board

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* (*Rescheduled due to regular date being the date after Thanksgiving.)
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

Please note that due to the upcoming holiday season, some meetings may be rescheduled. Please contact the City Administrator's office (934-0663) for up-to-date meeting information.