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MEMORIAL DAY CLOSURES –
All non-emergency City offices, the Community Center, Library and Transit will be closed on Monday, May 25th for the Memorial Day holiday. In addition, the City Council meeting that is regularly scheduled for May

25th will take place on Tuesday, May 26th beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Governors' Room of the Community Center.

SPEAK UP ABOUT BUCKLING UP: EXTRA SEAT BELT ENFORCEMENT ON SAINT PETER ROADS MAY 18-31 -

Driving on rural roads may feel safe without all the city traffic surrounding you, but the choice to not wear a seat belt is proving deadly. According to 2014 preliminary data, 78 % of unbelted deaths occurred in Greater Minnesota.

As Minnesotans plan their Memorial Day weekend fun, more than 300 law enforcement agencies will be participating in the statewide Click It or Ticket campaign. Saint Peter Police is increasing patrols May 18 – 31 to help reinforce the message that seat belts save lives.

More Minnesotans than ever are buckling up. Before Minnesota's first seat belt law in June 1986, 20% of front seat vehicle occupants wore belts. Overall seat belt compliance is now about 95% for front seat occupants.

Each year in Minnesota, lack of seat belt use is a contributing factor in about half of all motorists killed on Minnesota roads. Additional preliminary data shows:

- From 2012 – 2014, 823 were killed in Minnesota and only 52% were known to be belted.

- In 2014, only 34% of drinking drivers killed were known to be belted.

Nationwide statistics from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) reveal how critical seat belts are to preventing tragedy:

- Seat belts saved nearly 63,000 lives from 2008 to 2012.
- An additional 3,031 lives could have been saved in 2012 if all unrestrained occupants involved in fatal crashes were buckled up.

The law may motivate some motorists to buckle up, but friends and family can influence as well. NHTSA reports that when asked to do so, 9 out of 10 people will fasten their seat belt.

Minnesota law states that drivers and passengers in all seating positions must be buckled up or seated in the correct child restraint. Officers will stop and ticket unbelted drivers or passengers. Seat belts must be worn correctly — low and snug across the hips and shoulder straps should never be tucked under an arm or behind the back.

In Minnesota, all children under age 8 must be in a child restraint, unless the child is 4 feet 9 inches or taller, whichever comes first.

Rear-facing infant seats - Newborns to at least 1 year and 20 pounds; recommended up to age 2. It is safest to keep a child rear-facing as long as possible.

Forward-facing toddler seats - Age 2 until around age 4. It's preferable to keep children in a harnessed restraint as long as possible.

Booster seats - Use after outgrowing a forward-facing harnessed restraint; safest to remain in a



booster until 4 feet 9 inches tall, or at least age 8, whichever comes first.

Seat belts may be used when children can sit with their back against the seat and have their knees bent comfortably over the vehicle seat edge with feet touching the floor.



The Click It or Ticket seat belt enforcement and education is a component of the State's Toward Zero Deaths (TZD) initiative.

A primary vision of the TZD program is to create a safe driving culture in Minnesota in which motorists support a goal of zero road fatalities by practicing and promoting safe and smart driving behavior. TZD focuses on the application of four strategic areas to reduce crashes – education, enforcement, engineering and emergency trauma response.

WATER RATES TO INCREASE - City water rates will be increasing effective June 1st. The new rates will be applied with bills due August 17, 2015. For residential customers, the domestic water base charge will increase \$5.00 per month. Commercial customer's base charges will go up according to meter size. In addition, consumption rates will increase \$0.35 per 1,000 gallons for domestic usage and \$0.50 per 1,000 gallons on irrigation meters.

The second part of the approved rate increase will be effective December 1, 2015 and will be applied with bills due February 15, 2016. The rate increases include consumption rate increases of \$0.25 per 1,000 gallons for domestic usage and \$0.35 per 1,000 gallons on irrigation meters.

For more information on the rate increases, please contact the Finance Department at 507-934-0664.

WATER SAVING TIPS - The upcoming rate increase might have property owners scrambling to reduce their water usage. Here are some tips to help...



- Adjust lawn sprinklers so only the lawn is watered and not the house, sidewalk or street.
- Plant in the fall when temperatures are cooler and rainfall is more plentiful.
- Water lawns and gardens in the morning or evening when temperatures are cooler to minimize evaporation.

- Before watering, check the root zone of the lawn or garden for moisture using a spade

or trowel. If it's still moist two inches under the soil surface, the area has enough water.

- Adjust lawn mowers to a higher setting. A taller lawn shades roots and holds soil moisture better than if it's closely clipped.
- Collect water from roofs in a rain barrel to water garden or shrubs.

JUNK COLLECTION REMINDER – It's not too late to sign up to dispose of appliances and furniture curbside, but time is running short!

The deadline to sign up for the May 27th curbside appliance pickup is Tuesday, May 26th. (The original deadline was May 25th, but it was extended due to Memorial Day.) Cost is \$15 for each appliance. Sign-up takes place in the Finance Department at City Hall (227 South Front Street) and payment must be made at the time of sign-up. Appliances must be curbside by 8:00 am on the collection date or the fee will be forfeited.

The curbside furniture collection deadline is May 27th for the Saturday, May 30th collection. As with the appliance collection, the item must be registered and paid for in the Finance Department at City Hall by no later than Wednesday, May 27th. The item must be placed curbside (not in the street) by 8:00 a.m. on May 30th or the fee will be forfeited. Cost for the furniture collection is as follows:

Sofa	\$20
Mattress/Box spring	\$18
Chairs	\$15
Recliners	\$20
Hide-a-Bed	\$33
Desk	\$20
Miscellaneous	\$10
Cabinet	\$20
Chest and Mirror	\$23
Headboard	\$13
Footboard	\$13
Carpet rolls	\$18 a roll

And for those of you with electronics to dispose of, an electronics collection will take place on Saturday, May 30th, from 9:00 am-1:00 pm at the City's wastewater treatment plant located at 400 West St. Julien Street. No registration is necessary for this collection and the collection company will accept payment at the time of drop off. Costs are:

Monitors up to 20"	\$10	Large Printer/Copier	\$25
LCD monitor	\$5	DVD/VCR/cable box	\$5

LCD/Plasma TV	\$15	Stereo system/home electronics	\$5
TV - 19 or 20 inch	\$10	Appliances	\$15
TV - 25 or 26 inch	\$15	Microwave	\$5
TV - 27 or 36 inch	\$20	Computer tower, computer components, keyboard, mouse, laptop, cell phones, small electronics, batteries (excluding alkaline), heaters	Free
Console/big screen TV	\$30		
Small Printer	\$5		

And finally, if you have a bike to recycle, Saturday, May 30th, from 9 am-1 pm is the date you will want to mark on your calendar. Bicycle recycling will take place along with the electronics recycling at 400 West St. Julien. All bicycles and bike parts will be accepted. Bikes will be refurbished or recycled by an area non-profit organization.

CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS – Action taken by the City Council at the regular meeting of May 11, 2015 included a public hearing and subsequent action to approve a \$500,000 revolving loan subsidy to Kottke Real Estate Holdings, LLC (dba Spring Touch Lawn Care Specialists); award of the 2015 Seal Coat Project bid to Caldwell Asphalt; authorization for execution of an agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation for utility work in conjunction with the Highway 22 Flood Mitigation Project; approval for equipment purchases for River's Edge Hospital and Clinic; authorization for execution of a lease with Brett Annexstad for City owned agricultural land; acceptance of a \$10,000 donation from the St. Peter Baseball Association for improvements at Ramsey Park; approval of tree worker and raffle license applications; and a closed session to discuss land purchase negotiations for a new housing subdivision and a stormwater detention basin.

The next regular meeting of the City Council will be TUESDAY, May 26th at 7:00 p.m. in the Governors' Room of the Community Center. (The meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday evening due to the Memorial Day holiday.) For more information on City Council meetings, please contact the City Administrator's office at 507-934-0663. Copies of the Council packet are also

available on the City's website at www.saintpetermn.gov/city.

SUMMER ACTIVITY TRANSPORTATION – Do you have children going every which direction this summer as they begin their summer activities? Are you running out of options to get the kids to the activity location? Beginning Monday, June 8th, students ages 5–17 can ride the ROUTE bus for only \$1. When boarding the bus, they will need to pay the driver in cash. (Tickets are not available for this program.)



The route bus has regularly scheduled bus stops but drivers can pick up students up to two blocks off the scheduled route if the student calls 934-6070 ahead of time to request an off-route pick-up. For help with this program or for those with questions, please call the Transit Coordinator at 934-0668 or e-mail at waynea@saintpetermn.gov.

STORMWATER WATCH - An illicit discharge is defined as “any discharge into a municipal storm sewer system that is not composed entirely of stormwater”. Some of these pollutants are car wash wastewater, gas or motor oil, grass clippings, household cleaners, paints, pesticides, pet waste, solvents, and weed killer. Sometimes these pollutants are carried through the storm drainage system by rain, wind, or improper disposal into the Minnesota River. This can result in serious health and water quality problems. In addition, wildlife and the overall appearance of the river are adversely affected by illicit discharges.



Reporting will, in great part, rely on participation from the public. Residents who observe illegal dumping or observe pollutants within waterways or storm sewers should contact the Public Works Department at 934-0670 or use the “Report an Illicit Discharge” email address located on the City's website in the Stormwater section. This program cannot succeed without strong public participation.

YOUTH CENTER SUMMER CLOSURE - The Third Floor Youth Center will close for the summer beginning May 23rd. The center will re-open in the fall after school starts. The opening date will be posted on the Recreation and Leisure Services website at www.saintpetermn.gov/recreation and flyers will be sent home with students. For more information about the Youth Center, please contact the

Recreation and Leisure Services Department at 934-0667.

COMMUNITY CENTER GYM CLOSURE - With thousands of people using the Community Center gym throughout the year, annual maintenance of the floor surface is needed to keep it in pristine shape. This year's annual floor maintenance will take place from Monday, May 18th through Friday, May 31st and the gym will be closed to the public during this time. The walking/running track will also be closed so no dust, paper, etc. will drift onto the gym floor once the sealer is applied. For questions about this work, please contact the Recreation and Leisure Services Department at 934-0667.

HELP WANTED – The City of Saint Peter is currently accepting applications for the following position(s):

- **TEMPORARY WASTEWATER LABORER** - in the Department of Public Works, Wastewater Utility. **The projected duration for this position is approximately 90 days and will be completed by August 28, 2015.** Minimum qualifications include a high school diploma or equivalent; possession of a valid State of Minnesota Class A driver's license with Air Brake Endorsement and Tanker Endorsement or to obtain within one month; possession of an American Heart Association Certification as a Basic Rescuer or ability to obtain. Desirable qualifications: Six months experience in a wastewater utility or public works setting; ability to perform heavy manual labor; knowledge of general operations of a wastewater utility; knowledge of methods, materials, and equipment utilized by the department; knowledge of functions of mechanical equipment and machinery; knowledge of OSHA regulations and safety precautions; aptitude for Wastewater Laborer work. NOTICE: The successful candidate must complete and pass a

pre-employment physical and drug test and is subject to post-accident, random, reasonable suspicion, return to duty, and follow-up drug and alcohol testing required by federal regulations. \$17.68 per hour. Applicants are required to complete a City of Saint Peter application form available in the City Administrator's Office, 227 South Front Street, Saint Peter, Minnesota 56082-2538 or by calling (507)934-0663. Completed applications must be received by the City Administrator's Office no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 27, 2015. Faxed, emailed, and/or late applications will not be accepted. Interviews will be conducted June 3, 2015. AA/EEO

- **PUBLIC ACCESS PRODUCTION ASSISTANT** - in the Recreation and Leisure Services Department. Position will assist with two-camera taping operation of City Council and School Board meetings on Monday evenings. 5-10 hours per month. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Must be 16 years of age and have experience using video recording equipment and/or computer editing equipment. DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS; knowledge of and experience using the following equipment: TV monitors, portable VCR with power supply, audio/video digital mixer, audio mixer, camcorder and tripod, remote control camera, personal computer, auto programmer, VHS VCR's and a VHS editing system. Starting wage \$9.25/hour. Applicants are required to complete City application form available in the City Administrator's office at 227 South Front Street or by calling (507)934-0663. Completed applications must be received by the City Administrator's office by 5:00 p.m. on June 4, 2015. Faxed, emailed, and/or late applications will not be accepted. AA/EOE

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.

Friday	May 22	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitor's Bureau
Monday	May 25		MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY – CITY OFFICES CLOSED
Tuesday	May 26	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	May 26	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission
Wednesday	May 27	12:00 noon	Hospital Commission
Thursday	May 28	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority



Monday	June 1	3:30 p.m.	Housing and Redevelopment Authority
Monday	June 1	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Thursday	June 4	5:30 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission
Monday	June 8	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	June 9	5:30 p.m.	Library Board
Monday	June 15	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Monday	June 15	7:00 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Monday	June 22	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Wednesday	June 24	12:00 noon	Hospital Commission
Thursday	June 25	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
Friday	June 26	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau
Monday	June 29th	3:00 p.m.	City Council Goal Session
Tuesday	June 30	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission