

### **2017 Rain Barrel Rebates:**

City utility customers may purchase a 45 – 50 gallon rain barrel, or rain barrel diverter and parts kit, from Arrow Ace Hardware. At the time of purchase, a rebate form will be filled out at the store and the form will be provided to the City for processing. Purchase of one of the qualifying barrels entitles the utility customer to either a \$25 rebate on their utility bill or a \$10 rebate on the utility bill for the purchase of a rain barrel diverter and parts kit. Rebates available to the first 50 qualified purchasers and there is a limit of two rebates per household. **PROGRAM ENDS JULY 15.**

#### ***Why Rain Barrels?***

- Rainwater is great for gardens, houseplants, auto cleaning, window washing, and other household chores.
- Store water away for a sunny day.
- Stop stormwater from polluting neighboring waters by keeping it where it falls.
- Recycling rain water reduces your personal energy consumption by using less treated water.
- Reduce erosion and increase water quality.
- It reduces stress on the municipal storm drain and sewer systems.

***It's that easy to have a positive impact on the environment.*** Participating Business: Arrow Ace Hardware



### ***READ & FEED PROGRAM: Saint Peter School District sponsoring FREE LUNCHES and READING ACTIVITIES for children this summer!!!***

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**Activities:** All children are invited to participate in FREE reading activities scheduled from 11:30-noon each day.

**When:** **Wednesday, May 24–Thursday, August 10**  
**Lunch served Monday – Thursday, 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**

**Where:** Saint Peter Public Middle/High School Cafeteria—100 Lincoln Drive, Saint Peter.



**How:** No registration required—just come—all are welcome!!

### **BUILD A BETTER WORLD**

#### **Summer Reading Program at the Saint Peter Public Library**

Children, tweens and teens can still sign up to participate in Summer Reading Program which runs through Friday, July 28.

- **Toddlers/Preschoolers:** Read for 10 days and get a prize from the Toddler/Preschool Prize Bucket, throughout the program.
- **School Age Kids (going into Kdg through 6th Grade):** Pick up a necklace or key chain and pick out a brag tag. Read for 10 days - get 10 beads for your necklace. Exchange 3 beads for a special bead at any time to build your personalized keepsake. Receive special beads for attending registration only events.

**Tweens/Teens (6th grade and up):** If beads and tags aren't your thing, and you still want to keep track of your reading, fill out a reading log for 2 scratch-off tickets. Scratch-off tickets can also be earned by checking out items from the library throughout the summer reading program. Several prizes worth \$25 will be given away. All non-winning scratch-off tickets qualify for the Grand Prize at the end of the program.

#### **Grief and Loss Support Group**

This new group is forming for anyone suffering a significant loss. Group is facilitated by VINE's Community Living Coach, Joyce Kolbet, and Saint Peter Senior Center and will be held Wednesdays-June 22, July 26 and August 23, 10 a.m.–12 p.m., in room 215 of the Saint Peter Community Center. Please call Gabriela at the Senior Center with any questions, 934-0667.



## **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF SOUTH CENTRAL MINNESOTA 2017 “THOUSAND NAILS” CAMPAIGN**

For over 20 years, Habitat for Humanity of South Central Minnesota has been working in Saint Peter to make a difference in the lives of families in this community through our Partnering Committee efforts



Would you consider purchasing one or more of our symbolic “nails”?

Our “nails” cost \$25 and our goal is 10,000 nails.

Send your tax-deductible donation to: P.O. Box 202 Saint Peter, MN 56082

Checks payable to Habitat for Humanity

**\*\*2 homes currently under construction at 2106 Nelson St. & 2107 Lunden St. \*\***

## **COMMUNITY HELP IS NEEDED TO FILL THRIVENT WINDOW FOR FOOD SHELF DRIVE**

The Saint Peter Thrivent Financial Office, located at 300 South Minnesota Avenue, is holding their 6<sup>th</sup> annual “Fill the Window and Food Shelf Drive”. The drive is going on now and continues through the Saint Peter 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. All donations will be taken to the Saint Peter Area Food Shelf to be distributed locally. Food and monetary donations can be dropped off at the Thrivent Financial Office or collected during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade.



Our goal is to increase last year’s donations of 260 pounds of food and \$981.59 in cash donations. *Thank you in advanced for your generous donations! We hope to see you at the parade.*

## **2017 Ambassadors’ BLUES FEST – FREE to the Public**



Bring your lawn chairs, find some shade and join us for the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Ambassadors’ Blues Fest in **Minnesota Square Park** on Saturday, **June 10, from Noon–10 p.m.** Bands include Grams & Krieger with help from City Mouse, The Swamp Kings, Lisa Wenger, and headlined by Davy Knowles. Food and beverage vendors will be on site. **No pets, please.**

(This activity is made possible by a grant provided by the Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council from the Minnesota Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund as appropriated by the Minnesota State Legislature with money from the vote of the people of Minnesota on November 4, 2008, Saint Peter Tourism & Visitors Bureau, & The Carl & Verna Schmidt Foundation)

## **City Provides High-Quality Drinking Water**



The City of Saint Peter has a goal to provide residents with high-quality, safe, reliable drinking water that meets every federal and state water quality requirement and the City is happy to report that your drinking water is safe! The United States Congress and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) require all community systems to provide annual reports on the quality of the drinking water provided. This report, prepared by the City, contains information about the water source, treatment, consumer demand, contaminants detected and other information of interest.

The City’s report includes the results of monitoring done on the drinking water system for the period from January 1 to December 31, 2016. You can view the results at this link from our City Website:

<http://www.saintpetermn.gov/WaterConsumerConfidenceReport.pdf>

This report is meant to advance the public’s understanding of drinking water, heighten awareness of the need to protect precious water resources, and answer common questions people have about Saint Peter’s water.

## **Senior Adult Activities**

**Exercise Your Brain:** The loss of mental capacity is high on the list of concerns for older adults. The best way to combat this concern is to practice brain health. The following simple activities are effective ways to practice mental gymnastics. No registration required and all materials are provided! Questions? Contact Gabriela Roemhildt at the Senior Center, 934-0667.

- **Color Happy:** 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, 1–2:30pm, Library Meeting Room
- **Chess and Checkers :** 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday, 10 a.m.–12 p.m., Senior Center Room 219
- **Scrabble:** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday, 10am-12pm, Senior Center Room 219.

**Puzzles:** The Senior Center is starting a *puzzle swap!* Please consider donating your gently used COMPLETE puzzles with **no less** than 500 pieces to the Senior Center. Drop off puzzles at the Recreation office or the Senior Center.



**Clean Up Help for Saint Peter Residents!**

**Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, curbside appliance pick up** - \$15.00 each. Stop in the Finance Department at 227 S Front Street to register and **pay by Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>**. You must register and pay in advance for this collection. **Appliances must be curbside by 8 AM on the collection date or you forfeit your fee.**

**Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, curbside furniture pick up** – Fee below. Stop in at the finance department at 227 S Front Street to register and **pay by Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>** for this collection. You must register and pay in advance for this collection. **Items must be curbside by 8 AM on the collection date or you forfeit your fee.**

**\*FEE includes SOLID WASTE TAX and must be paid in advance.**

Sofa	\$24.15	Misc. (door, bookshelf, table, etc.)	\$13.17
Mattress or Box spring	\$21.95	Cabinet	\$24.15
Chairs	\$18.66	Chest & Mirror	\$27.44
Recliners	\$24.15	Headboard	\$16.46
Hide-a-Bed	\$38.41	Footboard	\$16.46
Desk	\$24.15	Carpet roll	\$21.95 a roll

**Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9 AM - 2 PM – Electronics and Bicycle Recycling - Saint Peter Wastewater Treatment Plant – 400 West St. Julien Street**

**Electronics recycling** - No registration necessary, payable at the time of drop off.

Monitors up to 20"	\$10	Large Printer/Copier	\$25
LCD monitor	\$10	DVD/VCR/cable box	\$5
LCD/Plasma TV	\$20	Stereo system/home electronics	\$5
TV - 19 or 20 inch	\$15	Appliances	\$15
TV - 25 or 26 inch	\$20	Microwave	\$5
TV - 27 or 36 inch	\$25	Computer tower, components, keyboard, mouse, laptop, cell phones, small electronics, batteries (excluding alkaline), heaters	Free
Console/big screen TV	\$40		
Small Printer	\$5		

**Free bicycle recycling** - All bicycles and bike parts will be accepted. Bikes will be refurbished or recycled by an area non-profit organization.

**Nicollet County Drop-Off Site - Free Recycling.** Open 24/7 in St. Peter at the County Highway Shop 1700 Sunrise Drive and compost site at St. Julien/Swift Street. Recyclables accepted: Newspaper, Magazines, Glass Bottles/Jars, #1 & #2 Plastic, Aluminum and Steel Cans, Corrugated Cardboard.

**Pet Waste and Water Quality**



Pet waste left in the environment does not simply disappear. Rainfall and spring snowmelt washes dog waste off lawns, sidewalks, and other surfaces. It is then carried directly into the nearest body of water. Bacteria and parasites found in pet waste pose a threat to the health of people and wildlife. Decaying pet waste also adds nutrients to the water, feeding bacteria that consume oxygen needed by aquatic plants and animals.

**Picking Up After Your Pets**

As the weather warms up and your dog is loving the nice weather as much as you are. Please don't forget to bring along a bag for your dog's waste. It is a violation of City Ordinance to not collect the pet waste from public right-of-way which includes public sidewalks and violators are subject to a fine. Picking up after your pet protects our environment, but it is also the neighborly thing to do, making our city healthier and more beautiful. So be kind to all those neighbors along your dog walking route and please pick up your dog's waste.



**Great Strides Walk – Minnesota Square, St. Peter**

Saturday May 13, 2017

Registration/Team Photos - 9:00 a.m.

Walk begins 10:00 a.m. family fun and food

Questions? Diana Miller 327-7431





## Teaming Up with City of Saint Peter to Install Smoke Alarms, Teach People Fire Safety

As part of the American Red Cross Home Fire Preparedness campaign, local Red Cross volunteers will be in Saint Peter neighborhoods to install free smoke alarms and teach families fire safety. TO REQUEST A SMOKE ALARM INSTALLATION FOR YOUR HOME, **CALL: 612-460-3674** or **VISIT [getasmokealarm.org](http://getasmokealarm.org)**. ALTERNATIVELY, **TEXT "alarm" TO 844-811-0100**. Appointments typically take **20 – 30 minutes**.



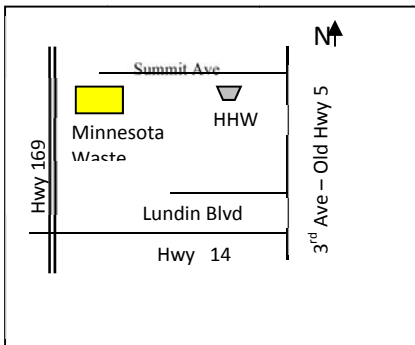
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**Inviting all children and their families to THE ECFE VEHICLE FAIR - Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-7:00 p.m.** - (rain date: May 11<sup>th</sup>) @ First Lutheran Church Parking Lot, 1114 West Traverse Road.

Come to look at, climb on and even sit in a fire truck, police car, school bus and more! Food will be for sale at the concessions stand. This is a **FREE** event sponsored by the Early Childhood Family Education/School Readiness Advisory Council.



# SPRING CLEANING COUPON

**Up to 100 pounds of trash disposal for  
City of Saint Peter Residents**

**MUST PRESENT THIS COUPON AT OFFICE BEFORE WEIGHING FOR REDEMPTION**

To help with your spring cleaning, the Saint Peter City Council and Minnesota Waste Processing Co. are pleased to offer you this

**Coupon:**

Good for up to 100 pounds of trash disposal at Minnesota Waste Processing Co., 1051 Summit Avenue, Mankato. (507) 625-5746.

To take advantage of this free service, you must bring your Trash to MWPC by **Saturday June 24, 2017**. Additional self – transported trash is accepted at an additional cost. No Change will be given for this coupon.



**MWPC**  
MINNESOTA WASTE PROCESSING COMPANY

Monday - Friday: 8 A.M. to 5 P.M.  
Saturday: 8 A.M. to Noon

**This Coupon Cannot be redeemed for Electronics, Tires, or Appliances**