



CITY OF SAINT PETER HOT SHEET



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PRESIDENT'S DAY CLOSURES

– All non-emergency City offices, including the Library, will be closed on Monday, February 18th in recognition of the President's Day legal holiday. The Community

Center will be open for normal activities from 6 a.m.–10 p.m. Although the Recreation Office will be closed in observance of President's Day, Noon-Hour Basketball and Adult Volleyball will still take place. There will also be Open Gym from 2-5 p.m. and weather permitting; the warming house at Veteran's Memorial Park will be open from 1–9 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS – Action at the City Council meeting held on February 11, 2019 included renewal of a contract for public access production services for 2019 and 2020; approval for execution of a contract with Nicollet County for the City to provide library services to County residents living outside of the City of Saint Peter; and a closed session to discuss negotiations for purchase of land for a future fire station.

The next regular City Council meeting, will be Monday, February 25th beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Governors' Room of the Community Center.



MAKES ME WONDER (BY CITY ADMINISTRATOR TODD PRAFKE)

– Haven't you been wondering? One of the guys I see at the gym asked why I hadn't been wondering for the last 18 months or so.

That is about how long it's been since I last wrote a "Makes Me Wonder".

Well it's not that I have not been wondering, it's just that I haven't been writing it down. I am going



to try to spend more time on writing it down and see how it goes.

Sometimes I am not sure that the ways we try to communicate with you work at all. Frankly, we spend a pretty good amount of time and your money on finding ways to help all of you know more about what your City is doing. I have to tell you, sometimes it's hard to make you know stuff.

I had someone ask me the other day, "Where is that Community Spirit Park?" I gave them the answer, but I am not sure how they missed that as a part of the discussion that has been going on for over three years.

It just goes to show me that even though we may talk about it a lot, most folks are busy with life, getting the kids to school, paying their mortgage, getting to work, worrying about their parents, and deciding whether they should get a dog or a cat among a whole host of other things.

Life is busy and there is so much information out there it is sometimes very hard to know or even want to know some of the things we talk about. I get it. That's why we try so hard to help.

Lots of opportunities are available for you to learn more about what your City is up to including the Hot Sheet (which you can read online or through a direct email subscription; the City's website at www.saintpetermn.gov; our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/CityofSaintPeter>; our Twitter account @CityofStPeter; Public Access Channel 8; our YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWK7-GhXlmDfaSTNs7yvvgw> or through the flyers in your utility bill.

Which one works best for you? Please let us know so we can use it even more. Will you let us know what works for you? It makes me wonder.....

MAKES ME WONDER CONTEST WINNER – Last week's "Makes Me Wonder" column included a fun quiz challenging readers to name an activity they

like to do with friends. And the winner is....drum roll please.....Keri Johnson!

Thanks to her for sharing her event which was Patrick's Trivia Night. She didn't say whether she liked it because she wins often, it's just fun, or it's a great chance to meet her friends and neighbors, but we bet it is because of all of those things and more.

Watch for upcoming quizzes and sharing opportunities in the HOT SHEET and remember there are many, many things going on in our community. Recreation, Library, participation on City commissions and boards, not to mention all the things that businesses do, the Chamber of Commerce, our religious organizations, the Schools and Community Education. Saint Peter is a great place to participate in activities and events. And the next time you are going to an event, help it grow by inviting a friend.

CITY COUNCIL ADVISORY BOARDS – This is the first in a nine part series on the City Council's advisory boards. These boards are comprised of mostly citizen members and are tasked with various responsibilities....the most important of which is providing recommendations to the City Council. Applicants are recommended for appointment by Mayor Zieman and the full Council votes on each appointment. Let's start out the series with the Civil Service Commission.

The Police Civil Service Commission was created pursuant to Minnesota State Statutes to service Police personnel needs including, but not limited to, employment, promotions, demotions, discharges, transfers, testing, certifications, lay-offs, resignations and reinstatements by employees of the department.

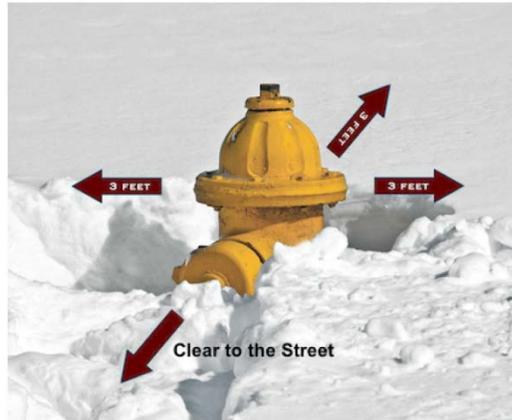
The Commission has three members (Ken Eichmann, Megan Ruble, and Colleen Spike) and each member serves a three-year term. The City Administrator, City Attorney and Chief of Police serve as ex-officio members of the Commission.

The Civil Service Commission meets on an as-needed basis.

If you are interested in applying to be on one of the many City Council advisory boards or commissions, applications are available from the City Administrator's Office at City Hall (227 South Front Street) or by emailing barbaral@saintpetermn.gov.

To be eligible for appointment to an advisory board, applicants must live within the corporate limits of the City and must commit to making the regularly scheduled meetings of the board they seek appointment to.

Next week's edition of the Hot Sheet will provide information on the Economic Development Authority.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED....

The City of Saint Peter is looking for neighborhood volunteers to help dig out buried fire hydrants. If you have a strong back or a good snow blower, we need you!

Remember, in the event of a fire, every second counts. Help save a life and clear around your neighborhood fire hydrant today!

The Fire Department thanks you!



SNOW ISSUES – Here's a bunch of snow issues everyone should know....

- **Be Careful Where You Pile Snow!** – As the snow is piling up all over the community, some folks are taking risks that we prefer they didn't. As counterintuitive as it seems to us, people are actually blowing

and pushing snow up against the City's high voltage electrical transformers! The picture here is not as bad as some we have seen, but in a lot of cases, the entire transformer has been buried beneath snow from someone's snow blower or plow. In the event of a power failure, this could be dangerous to our crews who may need to dig to find and open that transformer to get power going again. So, please, please, please, do NOT blow or pile snow anywhere near transformers.



- **Curbie Placement**– Saint Peter refuse customers are asked to be careful about where refuse and recycling curbies are placed during the winter months. Curbies should NOT be placed in the roadway or worse yet, placed precariously atop a snow pile in the boulevard. Both locations create safety concerns for pedestrians and drivers alike. Instead, we hope that property owners will take the time to shovel out a spot on the boulevard for the curbies on collection day. It's a pain, we know, but worth the effort to keep everyone safe.

- **Intersection Sightlines** – The deepening snow is creating some sightline issues at intersections around the community. Crews are working today on intersections along Third, Fourth and Fifth Streets and Washington Avenue. Other areas will be as they get time, but if you have an especially difficult intersection, please contact the Public Works Department at 934-0670 to let crews know. Please make sure you provide both cross streets for the intersection so we get the correct area.

- **Sidewalk Clearance Reminders** – We've been saying it all winter long, but please remember City regulations require sidewalks to be cleared the entire width within 24 hours of snow ending. This also includes keeping the sidewalk clear of blowing snow and ice. It's a hefty charge (minimum of \$75) if City crews come out and do the work for you so, and certainly the Public Works crews have other things to take care of than shoveling sidewalks, so please make arrangements to get those walkways and handicap sidewalk corners shoveled!



inclusion on our email distribution list, or access the Hot Sheet on the home page of the City's website (www.saintpetermn.gov).

HELP WANTED – SEASONAL POSITIONS – The City of Saint Peter is now accepting applications for seasonal positions for the 2019 summer season. **Applications are available on the City's website at www.saintpetermn.gov or at the City Administrator's office from 8:00 am – Noon and 1:00 – 5 pm, 227 S. Front Street, or by calling 507-934-0663.** Completed applications must be received by the City Administrator's office by 5:00 pm on Friday, March 15, 2019. Faxed, emailed, and/or late applications will not be accepted.

A condition of employment shall be successful completion of a background investigation, and successful completion of pre-employment drug test. Employees will be subject to post-accident, random, reasonable suspicion, return to duty, and follow-up drug and alcohol testing. Must be at least 16 years of age for Recreation and Leisure Services positions; 15 years of age for aquatics positions and 18 years of age for Public Works positions. The following seasonal positions are available:



- **PUBLIC WORKS SEASONAL LABORER:** Duties include a variety of manual labor tasks associated with the care, maintenance, and cleaning of City facilities and equipment including, but not limited to, painting, washing, mowing, weeding, digging, cleaning and organizing; planting, trimming, and removal of trees and shrubs and mowing and trimming facilities. 40 hours/week. Applicants must possess a minimum valid Class C or D driver's license. Must pass pre-employment drug test; subject to post-accident, random, reasonable suspicion, return to duty, and follow-up drug and alcohol testing required by federal regulations. Starting wage \$10.25/hour. Minimum age: 18.
- **RECREATION COORDINATOR:** Train and supervise staff, organize and implement summer programs. Leadership and supervisory experience with recreation activities required. Need strong organizational, motivational, planning and leadership skills. 35–40 hours/week. Mid May–End of August. Starting wage: \$11.25/hour.
- **SUMMER CAMP COORDINATOR (Jr. Explorer K-3 and Explore IT! Gr. 4-5):** Train and

SAND AVAILABLE FOR RESIDENTS– Saint Peter residents can receive up to five (5) gallons of sand for use on sidewalks or driveways at their homes or businesses during the winter.



A pile of sand has been placed at the City's yard waste compost site at 1128 North Swift Street. This is not regular practice for the City, but there is a lot of ice still coating driveways, sidewalks, and parking lots and the City is offering this material for a limited time. Residents must supply their own bucket and shovel.

Additional quantities may be available for purchase. Please contact the Public Works Department at 934-0670 for more information on bulk quantity purchases.

HOT SHEET DISTRIBUTION – CHANGES COMING– Effective March 1, 2019, the Hot Sheet will no longer be sent by fax. If you are one of the handful of subscribers who previously received the publication by fax, please provide your email address to barbaral@saintpetermn.gov for

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- **LITTLE RASCALS (PRESCHOOL) COORDINATOR:** Train and supervise staff, organize and implement summer programs for 3-5 year old children. Leadership and supervisory experience with recreation activities required. Need strong organizational, motivational, planning and leadership skills. 35–40 hours/week. Mid May–Mid August. Starting wage: \$11.25/hour.
- **VOLUNTEER IN THE PARK COORDINATOR:** Recruit, train, assign and supervise youth volunteers. Strong organizational skills and previous work with youth required. Assist organization and implementation of Exploration Recreation Program. Flexible hours. 30–40 hours/week. May–August. Starting wage: \$11.25/hour
- **RECREATION LEADERS:** Responsibilities include implementing youth summer recreation and sports programs and special events. Previous experience working with youth desired. Strong leadership and organizational skills required. Mid May–mid/mid-August. 35–40 hours/week. Starting wage: \$10.00/hour.
- **HEAD LIFEGUARDS:** Duties include supervision of aquatics personnel, pool patrons, and pool facility. Must have three years of lifeguard experience. Current WSI, LGT, First Aid and CPR certificates required. Strong

leadership background. Minimum age: 18. Starting wage: \$11.50/hour.

- **LIFEGUARD/WSI:** Duties include teaching swim lessons and supervision of swimmers. Some maintenance. Full, part-time and substitute positions. Current WSI, LGT, First Aid and CPR Certificates required. Starting wage: \$10.65/hour.
- **LIFEGUARD (without WSI):** Duties include supervision of swimmers and some maintenance. Full, part-time and substitute positions. Current LGT, First Aid and CPR Certificates required. Minimum age: 15. Starting wage: \$10.25/hour.
- **OUTDOOR POOL CASHIER:** Duties include collection of pool fees, light bookkeeping, some maintenance and strong public relations skills. Minimum age: 15. Part-time. Starting wage: \$7.65/hour.



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.

Monday February 18



LEGAL HOLIDAY – PRESIDENT’S DAY
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Tuesday	February 19	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Friday	February 22	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau
Monday	February 25	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	February 26	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission
Wednesday	February 27	12:30 p.m.	Hospital Commission
Thursday	February 28	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
Monday	March 4	3:30 p.m.	Housing and Redevelopment Authority

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