

CITY OF SAINT PETER HOT SHEET



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SNOW EMERGENCY HAS BEEN DECLARED! – A snow emergency has been officially declared. The emergency will take place beginning at midnight tonight. A full list of all the rules and regulations related to snow emergencies is available on the City's website at <http://www.saintpetermn.gov/search/node/snow%20emergency%20rules>.

Please note that the rules state that there is no parking on City streets during the hours shown **EVEN IF THE ROAD HAS BEEN PLOWED CURB TO CURB.**

For future weather conditions, please call the City's information line (934-0675) for snow emergency information.

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) – Ready Set Action! I love movies....all kinds of movies, old movies, new movies, classic movies.

And to recognize that I have a prize for the first person who emails me with the correct answer to a movie trivia question found at the end of this article.

"The Quiet Man" is one of my favorites. I love John Wayne in this because it is so not his usual character but yet is his usual character all at the same time. The direction is great, the cinematography is beautiful...the greens, the blues, Maureen O'Hara's red hair and plaid jacket, the matchmaker and his pipe, the Marquees of Queensbury Rules, the brother.

Anyway, my wife really doesn't like this movie. Well, not in particular this movie but more generally movies of this type. It is kind of like our community. Some of us like this and some of us like that. We all don't like the same things or for that matter want the same things. The trick is being able to have an open discussion about what we want and don't want and trying to find some things we can agree on and do it.

We cannot sit at the table together and do nothing. Things need to be done. The process to finding those things we can agree on occurs through an open discussion, a give and take, working together to find those things that we can agree on versus those we cannot agree on, and doing it. Maybe instead of focusing on the one thing that makes it hard for us to find compromise we focus on the nine things that help us find compromise. That's what you should expect of your city.

So now to the trivia..... What was John Wayne's profession in "The Quiet Man" (1952)? The first person to email the correct answer to barbaral@saintpetermn.gov will be the winner.

Do you know? It makes me wonder.....

STORMWATER POLLUTION PREVENTION PLAN - The City of Saint Peter Stormwater Utility will conduct a public meeting regarding the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan



(SWPPP) on Wednesday, March 6, 2019, from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. in the Senior Center at the Community Center at 600 South Fifth Street. At the meeting Stormwater Utility staff will provide the public with an opportunity to review the SWPPP, ask questions, and receive some additional literature on stormwater pollution prevention. For more information on this meeting, please contact the Public Works Department at 507-934-0670.

SPACE HEATERS – Did you know that space heaters can dramatically increase your electric bill? Several utility customers learned that fact the hard way this past month when their utility jumped substantially due to space heater use.

If you are using or considering using a space heater in your home, here's a formula that customers can use to determine the monthly cost of operating a space heater in your home:

- 1,500 watt space heater(wattage divided by 1,000) x hours used x cost per kWh = cost per day. Used 24 hours per day at the current cost per kWh of \$0.1167 = \$4.20 per day or \$126.00 per month

Not only are space heaters expensive to use, but many home fires are caused by space heaters. If you must use one, here are some safety tips to follow:

- Plug you space heater directly into the wall outlet. Don't use power strips or outlets with multiple appliances plugged in.
- Buy space heaters with automatic shutoff in the case the unit tips over or you forget to shut it off.
- Keep your space heater in low-moisture rooms. Using one in a bathroom where steam from your shower creates excess moisture, could



damage the unit and cause it to overheat.

- Keep your space heater at a safe distance (at least 3 feet) from kids, pets and flammable items like curtains, clothing and bedding.
- Always follow the directions and take a broken space heater to a qualified appliance service center or dispose of it. Don't try and repair it yourself.
- Don't leave your space heater unattended. Always unplug it before you leave the house or go to bed.
- Don't use an extension cord to plug in your space heater. It can cause the heater to overheat, and can cause a tripping hazard.
- Don't place your space heater near curtains, clothing, furniture or bedding.

2018 BUILDING PERMITS - In the last calendar year, the City of Saint Peter issued building permits or construction projects with total values of \$135,438,021 which is believed to be a record for any single year. The construction year in Saint Peter included some very large projects including Nobel Hall on the Gustavus Adolphus College campus, Regional Treatment Center, River's Edge Hospital, Best Western Plus, National Guard Armory and Solace housing project.

The total value of construction permitted in the last three years is reported as follows:

2018	\$135,438,021
2017	\$ 31,754,881
2016	\$ 57,726,450

DADDY-DAUGHTER DANCE (TWIRLS & CURLS CARNIVAL) - Dads, Uncles, Grandpas, big brothers, friends, moms, and cousins...bring the special "daughter" in your life to this memorable evening! Enjoy an evening of dancing, pictures, crafts and activities sponsored by the Saint Peter Recreation and Leisure Services Department. This special night out occurs Saturday, March 2nd, from 6–8 p.m., at the Saint Peter Community Center. Pre-registration is \$25 per couple or you can register at the door for \$30. \$5 per each additional guest.



To pre-register please visit our website, <http://www.saintpetermn.gov/recreation>.

ICE DAMS - The main cause for ice dams are the leakage of warm air from the home in to the attic. Other factors that can create ice damming include a roof with several gables or dormers and/or a very heavy snow fall, which leads to ice build-up. If you have an ice dams do not remove the ice by chopping, this could cause serious damage to your roof. You may use a sidewalk snow melt product, but if the ice is to a point to where it may cause damage to the roof, you should call a roofer. The professional roofer can use steam to remove the ice from the roof.

In order to prevent ice dams you would want to stop the leakage of warm air from the home in to the attic. The following steps may help.

- Seal around light fixture and attic access in the ceiling.
- Adding insulation to the attic will help, but note once you reach an R-44 level there may be little value in adding more. Pay close attention to the small space where the roof trusses meet the wall plats.

If you are thinking of re-roofing your house at some time adding an ice and water membrane along the roof eaves and valleys will help.

More information can be found at www.commerce.state.mn.us or call your local Building Department at 507-934-0662

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 second 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. Last week's article focused on the Civil Service Commission and this week we're highlighting the Economic Development Authority (EDA).

The EDA serves as the main economic development board for the City and is under the authority of the City Council. Its primary responsibilities are advisory relative to commercial and industrial development and redevelopment.

The board is comprised of representatives from the City Council, and private enterprises, including local financial institutions with the goal of administering business incentives and other economic development measures.

On a more practical level, the EDA provides administration of the City's business loan program and more recently, is involved in construction of speculative homes in the City's Traverse Green Subdivision.

The EDA is comprised of seven members who serve six year terms. Current members include: Brad Devos, James Dunn, Corey Abels, Mike Favre, Keri Johnson, John Kvamme, and Ed Johnson. The City Administrator serves as Executive Director of the EDA and the City's Community Development Director is the EDA staff liaison.

The EDA meets once a month on the fourth Thursday of the month at 12:00 noon.

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 Heritage Preservation Commission.



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 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–Mid August. Starting wage: \$11.25/hour.

- **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.

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
Monday	March 4	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Thursday	March 7	5:30 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission
Monday	March 11	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Monday	March 18	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
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The full calendar of City meetings is available through the calendar section of the homepage of the City's website at www.saintpetermn.gov.