

CITY OF SAINT PETER HOT SHEET



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SUMMER CELEBRATION AND NIGHT TO UNITE –

You're invited to join neighbors and other community members for the annual Night to Unite/Summer Celebration at Veteran's Memorial Park, Monday, August 5th from 5:30–7:30 p.m.

There will be free games and activities for all ages...safety demonstrations...crime prevention tips....two inflatables...games....Kiwanis hot dogs and walking tacos....dunk tank....balloon twister and lots of prizes. There's also free pool admission during the event!

Please support the Saint Peter Food Shelf by bringing a generous donation to the event. This event is co-sponsored by the City's Recreation and Leisure Services and Police Departments.

CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS –

Action at the City Council meeting held on July 22, 2019 included final acceptance of the 2019 North Third Street and Miscellaneous Sidewalk Improvements Project; approval of new business licenses; a closed session and subsequent action regarding a request to release the City's "right of first refusal" on the property at 203 South Front Street; and a report on locating a new dog park.

The next regular City Council meeting will be Monday, August 12th beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Governors' Room of the Community Center.



MAKES ME WONDER (BY CITY ADMINISTRATOR TODD PRAFKE) – This is last in a series of "Makes Me Wonder" columns reviewing the City Council's "Items Of Vital Importance"

list.....

Available early childhood care and educational opportunities and exceptional schools...this is the last in this series of articles on the Issues of Vital Importance that has been set by the City Council. Just as a reminder the list is:

- Community that treats all people like neighbors
- Proactive housing solutions
- Availability of quality health care
- Thriving business community
- Action on the changes in our demographics
- Aesthetically distinctive
- Improved sustainability
- Available early childhood care and educational opportunities and exceptional schools

The context under which this list is considered by the Council is probably important so let me give it a try. This list is really meant to be that 50,000 foot level check for which we should always ask the question, "Are these the things that make our community great and what, if anything, can we do about it?" It may also be important to note that the list is reviewed every three to four months by the Council and they ask themselves, "Is this the right list?"

Now to our last bullet point on the list which is "available early childhood care and educational opportunities and exceptional schools". You might think we don't have much to do with this because it's all School District stuff. You would not be wrong, but much of the work of the City is to help or augment what others are doing. This is the case here with educational opportunities and exceptional schools.

We do lots of work together in partnership like taking care of Community Spirit Park and the use of Veterans Park and Jefferson Fields. We host events at the Community Center. We provide programming in cooperation with Community Education. We host kindergarten tours of the Police Department and grade school kid visits to the Fire Hall to learn about safety. We work with environmental science classes and we work together to provide School Resource Officers just to name a very few.

In the area of early childhood care the City of Saint Peter has been recognized by many statewide groups for being innovative in assisting both center based and home day cares in a number of ways including looking at them like a business and offering business loans. We also lease space to daycares and co-host programs and summer activities. We offer transit bus rides for kids 6 to 18 at the discounted price of only \$1 during the summer months. We also offer Preschool Express, a program that picks a child up at daycare then takes them to preschool and then back to day care on the transit bus so parents can stay at work and the kids can become a bit more kindergarten ready. We offer Library reading time and many family-friendly and kids programs. There are so many it's impossible to list them all in the space I have here.

As you can see there are so many things going on with the City working together with the School and others and they all help us do better for our community.

So to wrap it up, the Items of Vital Importance list talks about many things; some inspirational and some things that need specific attention now.

Let me know what you think. Did this series help you know more about the Council's view on things? Is the list about right? Do you see that action based on the list?

It makes me wonder.....



CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE FILING

– Candidate filing for positions on the City Council began on July 30th and will continue through 5:00 p.m. on August 13th. Information on who has filed will be included in the Hot

Sheet during this period and will be updated at the end of each day on the City's website at www.saintpetermn.gov if new filings occur.

The Election will be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2019 to elect a Mayor, one Councilmember from Ward I (North Ward) for a four year term, one Councilmember from Ward I (North Ward) to complete a term through December 31, 2021, and two Councilmembers from Ward II (South Ward).

Saint Peter City Council positions are non-partisan and to qualify as a candidate you must:

- Be eligible to vote in Minnesota.
- Have not filed for the same or any other office at the general election.
- Be or will be at least 21 years of age or more on assuming office; and
- Have maintained a residence in the district for which you are seeking office for at least

30 days before the general election on November 5, 2019

Once filing is officially open, anyone wishing to file for City offices may do so at the City Administrator's office in the Municipal Building, 227 South Front Street between the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. The filing fee is \$5.00.

Persons with questions regarding the election or filing for office are encouraged to call the City Administrator's office at 934-0663 or contact us by email at barbaral@saintpetermn.gov.

The following individuals have filed for seats on the City Council as of the date of this publication:

Mayor:

None

Ward 1 – 4 year term:

Keri Johnson

Ward 2 – 4 year term:

David B. McGuire

Ward 1 – to complete term 12/31/2021:

None

CITIZENS ACADEMY – The City Council is pleased to announce a new Citizens Academy program for residents. The program will offer an opportunity to get to know City staff and learn more about the City and how it operates. Each session will include meeting staff, getting to know some of the things that go into everyday activities of the City, and tours. The five week program will begin on Wednesday, September 11th from 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. in the Governors' Room of the Community Center and sign-up for the program is underway now.

Academy participants will learn about City departments including Police, Fire, Administration, Community Development, Public Works (including the Utilities divisions), Building, and Recreation. Each session will be about an hour and a half in length.

Graduates, (those attending four or more of the five sessions), will receive special recognition by the City Council in the HOT SHEET and at a Council meeting.

Advanced sign-up is required and a minimum of twelve participants will be required for the program (capped at 20 participants). First preference will be given to those living within the corporate limits of the City. If additional slots are available, others will be allowed to participate.

To sign up, please contact the City Administrator's office by email at barbaral@saintpetermn.gov or by calling 507-934-0663. **Deadline to sign-up is August 30th.** Applicants will need to provide their name, home address, phone number (both land and cell phone if available), and email address.

STREET PAINTING WORK – The Public Works crew will be painting roadway stripes, parking stall lines and intersection markings throughout the month of August. Please be extra careful in and around these areas as traffic may be restricted to one lane and intersections may be a little more difficult to traverse until the paint dries and the safety cones are removed.



This work is done on an annual basis before the start of the school year.

PAVILION CONSTRUCTION UPDATE – Anyone driving past Minnesota Square Park during the last few months probably has noticed a project to tear down and reconstruct the Park's focal point pavilion. The pictures here give you an idea of where the project started (with the old pavilion) and a couple of photos showing construction stages.



During the month of June framing and under roofing was installed with masonry work beginning in early July and interior walls started just days ago. Flooring will be poured as soon as the interior work is completed.



The City's Construction Manager for the project, R.W. Carlstrom Company of Mankato, is shooting for completion in August. That means the Rock Bend Folk Festival should be the first large-scale user of the new facility.

The City is still accepting donations for the pavilion project and if you would like to donate, please contact the Finance Department at



City Hall (934-0664) for more information.

FALL ACTIVITY BROCHURE – The fall activity brochure, a publication listing programs from the City's Recreation and Leisure Services Department and School District Community Education office is coming soon.

The brochure is expected to hit mailboxes Monday, August 11th. Online and in-person registration will begin that same day with lots of activities for Saint Peter area residents of all ages. If you don't get a brochure, extra copies are available at the Community Center or Library.

HELP WANTED – The City of Saint Peter is now accepting applications for the following positions:

- **POLICE PATROL OFFICER** - The City of Saint Peter Police Civil Service Commission is currently accepting applications to establish an eligibility ranking for the position of Police Patrol Officer. We currently have one immediate opening. Applicants must have a minimum of a two year degree in Law Enforcement from a P.O.S.T. accredited college or vocational school; Possession of a valid Minnesota P.O.S.T. board license or eligibility to immediately receive a P.O.S.T. board license; possession of, or eligible for a Minnesota Class D Drivers license; and satisfactory results on recruitment instruments designated by the Police Civil Service Commission, such as oral examinations, written examinations, physical examinations and psychological examinations. Desired qualifications include: four year Bachelor's Degree in law enforcement or related field; experience in working with a law enforcement agency; and specialized training or certificate in a law enforcement related field; customer service people oriented employment history. \$27.57/hr. Applications may be obtained at, and must be submitted, along with a cover letter and résumé, to the Saint Peter Police Civil Service Commission, c/o Saint Peter Police Department, 207 South Front Street, Saint Peter, MN 56082, (507)931-1550, by 5:00 p.m., Friday, August 9, 2019. Faxed and/or late applications will not be accepted. AA/EOE
- **PT TRANSIT SUPPORT (DISPATCH) SPECIALIST** - The City of Saint Peter is currently accepting applications for the position of Part-time Transit Support (Dispatcher) Specialist for the Minnesota River Valley Transit system. Hours for this position will be

Wednesday 3pm-8pm, Saturdays 9am-7pm with additional fill-in shifts where needed. Transit Support (Dispatch) Specialists assist transit users in scheduling use, directing drivers to stops and pick-ups, provide clerical support for Transit Operations and Compliance Managers, and operating dispatching software. This position will work out of a building in Le Sueur. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: High school diploma or equivalent; demonstrated experience working with the public, demonstrated ability to operate a personal computer, ability to read, write, and speak the English language, ability to answer multi-line phone system. DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS: Experience operating a two-way radio/phone, 1+ year experience in an office setting, 1+ year of experience in a municipal or other

transportation system providing logistical support for moving people or materials, demonstrated ability to read and navigate a map, 1+ year experience with dispatching or vehicle routing software and hardware, 1+ year experience in using social media such as Facebook or Twitter. \$16.23 per hour. Applicants are required to submit a City application form available from 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. August 16, 2019. Faxed, emailed, and/or late applications will not be accepted. AA/EEO

CITY MEETING CALENDAR – For questions on meeting dates/times, please contact the City Administrator's Office at 934-0663. Full calendar available at www.saintpetermn.gov.

Tuesday- Tuesday	July 30 August 13	-	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE FILING PERIOD
Thursday	August 1		5:30 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission
Monday	August 5		3:30 p.m.	Housing and Redevelopment Authority
Monday	August 5		5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Monday	August 12		7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Monday	August 19		5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Thursday	August 22		12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
Friday	August 23		8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau
Monday	August 26		7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	August 27		5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission
Wednesday	August 28		12:30 p.m.	Hospital Commission
Tuesday	September 2		5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Thursday	September 5		5:30 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission
Monday	September 9		7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	September 10		5:30 p.m.	Library Board
Monday	September 16		5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Monday	September 16		7:00 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Monday	September 23	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	September 24	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission
Wednesday	September 25	12:30 p.m.	Hospital Commission
Thursday	September 26	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
Friday	September 27	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau
Monday	September 30th	3:00 p.m.	City Council Goal Session