

CITY OF SAINT PETER HOT SHEET



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HOSPITAL ACCESS INFO – The Hospital expansion project (expected to last 26 months) is now underway and this has caused some changes to how visitors and patients gain access to the facility. New signage is in place, but before you need to go to the Hospital, please take a minute to review this map showing the new entrance points. And please...share it with all your family and friends who might not get the Hot Sheet.

collection. Payment must be made at the time of registration. Items must be curbside by 8 AM on the collection date or you forfeit your fee.

Sofa	\$24.15	Misc. (door, bookshelf, table, etc.)	\$13.17
Mattress or Box spring	\$32.93	Cabinet	\$24.15
Chairs	\$18.66	Chest & Mirror	\$27.44
Recliners	\$24.15	Headboard	\$16.46
Hide-a-Bed	\$49.39	Footboard	\$16.46
Love Seat	\$24.15	Futon Mattress	\$32.93
Bed Frame	\$16.46	Dresser	\$24.15
Desk	\$24.15	Carpet roll	\$21.95 a roll

**River's Edge Hospital
Entrance Closure and Rerouting of Traffic**

Map Legend

- Signs noting new main entrance
- New entrance Dodd Rd. & Klein St.
- ER Entrance - Sunrise Dr. & Sibley St.
- Entrance at Sunrise Dr. and Madison St. CLOSED 4/19/18
- Traffic rerouted to Klein St. Entrance

Notice:

Due to the construction project at River's Edge Hospital, the main hospital entrance at Sunrise Drive is now closed. The main entrance has been rerouted to the Klein Street entrance. The emergency room entrance has been rerouted just north of the closure (2nd entrance on the left).

Parking for patients at River's Edge Hospital, River's Edge Urgent Care, Mankato Clinic Dermatology, and Mayo Clinic Health System remains unchanged at this time.

Please follow the signs noting the changes.

ELECTRONICS AND BICYCLE RECYCLING - Saturday, June 9th, 10 AM - 1 PM – taking place at the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant – 400 West St. Julien Street. There is no pre-registration required for this collection and payment is collected by the contractor at the time the items are dropped off. Costs are as follows:

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,	Free
Console/big screen TV	\$40		
Small Printer	\$5		

SPRING CLEANUP ASSISTANCE!

CURBSIDE FURNITURE PICKUP - Friday, June 1st – Fees are as indicated below. Pre-registration is required at the Finance Department at 227 South Front Street by Tuesday, May 29th for this

		batteries (excluding alkaline), heaters	
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All bicycles and bike parts will be accepted. Bikes will be refurbished or recycled by an area non-profit organization.

CURBSIDE APPLIANCE PICKUP - Thursday, May 31st, \$15.00 each. Pre-registration is required at the Finance Department at 227 South Front Street by Tuesday, May 29th for this collection. Payment must be made at the time of registration. Appliances must be curbside by 8 AM on the collection date or you forfeit your fee.

SPRING YARD WASTE COLLECTION - The City will be collecting branches, brush, tree trimmings at curbside the week of May 7th. (Curbside only – no alley pick-up will take place.)

Please place materials parallel and adjacent to the curb (within six-feet (6') of the curb line). Please do not put brush on the street, cover with tarp, or put in bags. Staff will begin collection at **7:00 A.M. Monday, May 7th**. Brush and tree trimmings should be cut to lengths no longer than six feet. Please note: it does take more than one day to pick up but we will only go through an area once; therefore, if your yard waste is not out by **7:00 A.M. Monday, May 7th**, it will not be picked up.

Please help us serve you better by not placing brush by light poles, trees, posts, mailboxes, etc. Please refrain from parking near (within 50') or in front of the yard waste until pick-up is complete.

Please note – leaves and grass clippings will not be picked up but can be taken to the yard waste drop-off site at 1128 West Swift Street.

DROP-OFF SITE OPEN 24-7 - The brush and soft yard waste drop-off sites located at 1128 West Swift Street, (southwest intersection of St. Julien and Swift Streets) with access off West Swift Street are open year around for your convenience in dropping off brush and soft yard waste. Brush and tree trimmings must be cut shorter than 6 feet. A separate bunker now provided for dropping off fill (rocks, dirt, etc.).

Woodchips and compost is available free to Saint Peter residents when available. The materials will be at the site for Saint Peter residents to pick up. While the material is free, please bring your own shovels, bags or containers to load and transport.

This service is provided and funded by the Environmental Service Fee on your utility bill.

Please call the Department of Public Works at 934-0670 if you have any questions.

KEEPING YOUR LIGHTS ON - The Saint Peter Electric Utility frequently monitors three characteristics and performance standards; they are the System Average Interruption Frequency Index (SAIFI) which is the average number of interruptions that a customer experiences. SAIFI is measured in units of interruptions per customer. The North American average is 1.1 outages per year while Saint Peter averages less than one outage per customer at 0.69 outages.

The second is the System Average Interruption Duration Index (SAIDI) or the total duration of those interruptions per customer. This measurement is most widely used as it measures the length of time each customer can expect to be out of service each year. The North American average of 1.5 hours (90 minutes) is realized while Saint Peter averages less than half of the average at only 43 minutes.

The final performance measure is the Customer Average Interruption Duration Index (CAIDI) which is the average outage duration that any given customer would experience centered on the time needed to restore power. In other words it measures how quickly the Utility staff can restore power. The North American average is 1.36 hours (96 minutes). Saint Peter Utilities is again well under the average time it takes to restore power with an average of 63 minutes.

In summary, the Saint Peter Electric Utility is proud to be out performing many Utilities in Minnesota and North America. The Utility has been recognized by the American Public Power Agency (APPA) as a Reliable Public Power Provider (RP3). The RP3 designation is the highest designation a utility can receive where the operation of the Utility and its electrical distribution system is reviewed by a peer group and rated on how well the Utility functions and provides power to its customers. The Saint Peter Electric Utility has been RP3 designated since 2015.

RECREATIONAL FIRE STANDARDS - Are you getting ready for a backyard recreational fire? Before you put match



to firewood, please review the standards and guidelines for having a recreational fire.

- Recreational fires must be at least 25 feet from all buildings or combustible materials. Combustible materials are things such as wood, paper, and plastics.
- Conditions which could cause a fire to spread within 25 feet of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition.
- Recreational fires must be constantly attended until the fire burns out completely or is extinguished.
- A minimum of one portable fire extinguisher complying with MSFC (07) Section 906 with a minimum 4-A rating or other approved on-site fire extinguishing equipment, such as dirt, sand, or garden hose shall be readily available at all times until the fire is extinguished. Examples of other approved fire extinguishing equipment would be a charged garden hose, dirt, or sand (and a means of applying it).
- The only materials permitted in a recreational fire are wood from trees, small branches, brush, or charcoal. Treated lumber materials, construction debris, garbage, plastic materials, or waste materials are not allowed to be burned in recreational fires.
- Recreational fires must be immediately extinguished if they pose a fire safety risk, if they are not in compliance with the above, or when directed to do so by a Police Officer, Firefighter, Fire Warden, or DNR Officer.
- The MSFC (07) does not contain any regulations for immediate extinguishment if the smoke from a recreational fire is a nuisance to an adjoining property.

Also please note that Minnesota Statutes defines a campfire as: "Campfire" means a fire set for cooking, warming, or ceremonial purposes, which is not more than three feet in diameter by three feet high, and has had the ground five feet from the base of the fire cleared of all combustible material."

And finally, please help stop the spread of Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) by only using firewood that is from the local area. As required by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, residents are not allowed to import materials to Minnesota that could harbor EAB such as ash firewood. Residents are not supposed to move firewood unless it's MDA Certified firewood (look for the MDA Certified Seal shown here) and



are asked to remember that it is illegal to move all hardwood firewood outside of EAB quarantine areas. Let's work together to protect our urban forests from Emerald Ash Borer.



SPRING STREET SWEEPING - Street sweeping throughout the City has begun. The City's Street crew sweeps the streets twice a year, in the spring and fall.

The spring sweeping is done with a side cast sweeper and then the materials are picked up at the curb line with the ELGIN Pelican sweeper (shown in the photo).

On average the City picks up between 350 and 450 tons of sand and other materials during this process. The sand is recycled into the salt/sand mix to be used during the next winter season to keep costs down.

The Streets Section tries to get all the streets swept before spring fire hydrant flushing begins (see related story) and they rotate which end of the community they begin on. This year the work will begin on the north end of Saint Peter.

Residents are asked to help with the process by moving vehicles off the roadway until the road is completely swept. Not having to work around parked cars will make the process go faster and provide better results which saves us all money.

For questions on this process, please contact the Public Works Department at 934-0670.

CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS – Action at the City Council meeting held on April 23, 2018 included a public hearing and subsequent action related to changing the minimum age for purchase of tobacco and tobacco related products to 21; final acceptance of a project to improve the Front Street substation; award of the bid for the 2018 Seal Coating Project; award of the bid for the 2018 Asphalt Purchase project; approval of two change orders for the Broadway Avenue project; and approval for modifications to the job description for the Recreation and Leisure Services Director position.

The effort to modify the City Code to change the age for purchase of tobacco products failed on a 3-3 vote, but following receipt of a request by Councilmembers Kvamme and Brand, the Council will once again consider the changes at the Council meeting on Tuesday, May 29th.

The next regular City Council meeting will be May 14, 2018 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Governors' Room of the Community Center.

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.

ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITY - Advertising on buses is a great way to get your message out to the market. Minnesota River Valley Transit has adopted a policy to allow for advertising on system buses. For details, please contact MRVT at 1-888-880-4696.

SPEAK UP, PUT THE PHONE DOWN - A young mother of two, killed while on a bike ride with her kids by a driver who was texting. A teenager who was starting the first day of her senior year in high school, crashes and dies while sending a text.

These are examples of how distracted driving has changed Minnesota lives in recent years. The Saint Peter Police Department is conducting extra enforcement during the month of April in an effort to reduce distracted driving. These enforcement waves will also occur sporadically throughout the rest of the year (Fourth of July, Labor Day, etc...).

As part of the campaign, the Police Department is encouraging anyone riding with a distracted driver to speak up and tell them to put the phone down. The result of distracted driving can be devastating as it contributes to one in four crashes, 64 deaths and 234 serious injuries each year in Minnesota.

"We all must do our part to change the behaviors of drivers wanting to text and drive," said Saint Peter Officer Jon Hughes. "Speak up, tell your friends and loved ones to put the phone down before it's too late."

In 2014 in Minnesota distracted driving caused 47 deaths, 7,369 injuries, and 16,900 crashes. But it's not just a Minnesota problem. Nationwide statistics show:

- Drivers in their 20's make up 27% of the distracted drivers in fatal crashes. - National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

- During daylight hours, approximately 666,000 drivers are using cell phones or electronic devices while driving. - National Occupant Protection Use Survey
- Five seconds is the average time your eyes are off the road while texting. - Virginia Tech Transportation Institute
- 25% of teens respond to a text message once or more every time they drive. - University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute
- Reaching for a phone, dialing or texting increases the risk of getting into a crash by three times. - Virginia Tech Transportation Institute

In Minnesota, it is illegal for drivers to read, compose or send texts and emails, and access the web while the vehicle is in motion or a part of traffic.

That includes sitting at a stoplight or stop sign.

It is also illegal for drivers with only a permit or provisional driver's license to use a cell phone while driving, except for emergencies to call 911.

If you injure or kill someone because of texting and driving, you can face a felony charge of criminal vehicular operation or homicide.

The Saint Peter Police Department underscores that driver distractions is not specific to a cell phone. It can also include reaching for items, fiddling with radio/music/vehicle controls, eating/drinking, dealing with rowdy passengers, grooming and more.

"At 55 miles per hour, texting and driving is like traveling the length of a football field without looking up," said Officer Hughes. "Make the right choice before you get behind the wheel and put the phone down."

Drivers are encouraged to make the right choices:

- Cell phones — Put the phone down, turn it off or place it out of reach.
- Music and other controls — Pre-program radio stations and arrange music in an easy-to-access spot. Adjust mirrors and ventilation before traveling.
- Navigation — Map out the destination and enter the GPS route in advance.
- Eating and drinking — Avoid messy foods and secure drinks.



- Children — Teach children the importance of good behavior in a vehicle and model proper driving behavior.
- Passengers — Speak up to stop drivers from distracted driving behavior and offer to help with anything that takes the driver’s attention off the road.

Distracted driving education is a component of Minnesota’s core traffic safety initiative, Toward Zero Deaths (TZD). 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.

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.

~~Thursday May 3 5:30 p.m. Planning and Zoning Commission~~
CANCELLED!

Monday	May 7	3:30 p.m.	Housing and Redevelopment Authority
Monday	May 7	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Tuesday	May 8	6:00 p.m.	Library Board
Monday	May 14	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	May 15		POLICE OFFICER MEMORIAL DAY
Monday	May 21	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Monday	May 21	7:00 p.m.	Parks Advisory Board
Wednesday	May 23	12:30 p.m.	Hospital Commission
Thursday	May 24	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
Friday	May 25	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau
Monday	May 28		LEGAL HOLIDAY – MEMORIAL DAY City Offices Closed
Tuesday	May 29	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting

*Times for these meetings are approximate and will be confirmed closer to the meeting dates.