

CITY OF SAINT PETER HOT SHEET



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POLICE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY –May 15th is “Police Officer Memorial Day” and next week is “Police Officer Week” in the United States.

This special time is an observance in the United States that pays tribute to the local, state, and Federal peace officers who have died in the line of duty. The Memorial Day takes place on May 15th each year, and Police Week is the calendar week in which the Memorial Day occurs.

The holiday was created on October 1, 1961, when Congress asked the President to designate May 15th to honor peace officers. John F. Kennedy signed the bill into law on October 1, 1962. The Proclamation signed by President John F. Kennedy stated in part....*“To pay tribute to the law enforcement officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country and to voice our appreciation for all those who currently serve on the front lines of the battle against crime, the Congress, by a joint resolution approved October 1, 1962 (75 Stat.676), has authorized and requested the President to designate May 15 of each year as "Peace Officers Memorial Day," and the week in which it falls as "National Police Week" and by Public Law 103-322 (36 U.S.C. 175) has requested that the flag be flown at half-staff on Peace Officers' Memorial Day.”*

Saint Peter residents are encouraged to recognize and thank our local Police Officers for their commitment to keeping us all safe as we honor their sacrifices on Police Officer Memorial Day.

CAMPGROUND OPENING – The City’s municipal campground, located on the Minnesota River

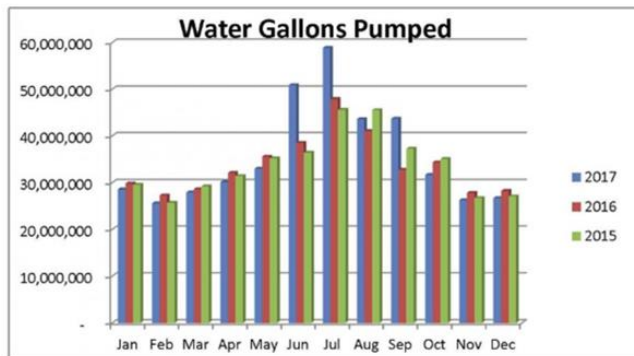
behind the Mill Pond portion of Riverside Park, is scheduled to open on Friday, May 11th. Campsites are first-come/first served (no reservations are taken), and registration is done at the Police Department (207 South Front Street).

Per day cost for camp sites (including sales tax):

- With electrical hookup \$26.84
- Primitive site (per day) \$16.11

More information on the City’s campground is available at <http://www.saintpetermn.gov/camping>.

DRINKING WATER WEEK - May 7-11 is “Drinking Water Week” as designated by the American Water Works Association (AWWA). For more than 40 years, AWWA and its member have celebrated Drinking Water Week as a unique opportunity for both water professionals and the communities



they serve to join together in recognizing the vital role water plays in daily lives.

For more information on the City’s Water Utility, please contact the Public Works Department at 934-0670.

CENSUS 2020 – Every 10 years the Federal Government is required by law to conduct a national census. Although the year 2020 seems far away, work on the census has already begun with the Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA) portion of the work currently underway.



Along with other cities, counties, and

townships in Minnesota, the City of Saint Peter is participating in the LUCA program to ensure that every residential address in Saint Peter is identified before the 2020 Census documents are mailed out.

As we get closer to Census 2020 kick-off, more information about the importance of participating in the census count will be provided in the Hot Sheet as well as all the other forms of communication the City uses.

WORK AT HWY 169/BROADWAY – Beginning early next week, work will begin at the intersection of Highway 169 and Broadway Avenue to replace the stop arms on the traffic lights. To ensure the safety of the workers and the public, we ask that everyone use extra caution in and around this area. The work, which was originally scheduled to take place this week, was delayed due to the rain.

IS YOUR CAT A CRIMINAL? – It's official. If you haven't applied for your cat license by now, your cat is officially a criminal. Or should you, the owner, be the criminal? Either way, the deadline has passed and now the license will include a penalty fee.



And if you wait even longer and don't get the license you might even receive a formal citation from the Police Department.

Please apply now for your 2018-2019 cat license in the Community Development Department at City Hall. Cost with the penalty is now \$10 for spayed/neutered cats or \$30 for unaltered pets. The license is good for two years and you'll need a current rabies certificate to get the license. Call the Community Development Department at 934-0661 for more information.

And in the unfortunate situation where you no longer have your pet, please contact the Department and let them know so we can update the database.



LICENSE, LEASH AND LOOK AFTER – What does it take for humans and dogs and cats to live in harmony? It takes people to be responsible pet owners who **license** their companion animals, have them on a **leash** when off the owner's property; and who **look after** that pet and pick up waste when the need arises.

The City, and most communities in Minnesota, requires companion animals that are old enough to be vaccinated for rabies to be licensed. To license your dog or cat with the City of Saint Peter, pet owners provide rabies and then information. Should a cat bite the City check the records save the from undergo vaccination. Owners have to provide proof of that vaccination keep that up to date. your dog or someone, can quickly vaccination and possibly bite victim having to rabies shots.



Likewise if your pet escapes from the confines of your yard and goes missing, having the license tag will help the Community Service Officer quickly find the owner and help get that pooch back home with its' family without having to be impounded and the owner having to pay expensive charges. Of course the only way that all works is if the animal is licensed, and wearing that license on its' collar at all times.

Having a dog or cat on a leash and under control of the owner when it is off the owner's property is the law in our community. Dogs running at large generate a lot of calls to the Police Department. Is that dog a stray? Is it dangerous? Will it harm my kids or my own dog? And what if the animal darts into traffic and becomes not only a danger to the dog, but also to drivers? Unless you are at the official dog park on Highway 99, pet owners must make sure their animal is on a leash when it is off the owner's property.

And we all know that dogs and cats will relieve themselves whenever and wherever the mood strikes. If that place is on someone else's yard or on public property the pet owner is required to pick up the waste material and properly dispose of it.

The City also allows leashed dogs and cats in additional recreation areas. Dogs and cats which are on leashes and under control of the owner are allowed in:

- Riverside Park
- Riverside Park Extension
- Traverse des Sioux Park
- McGill Park
- Hallett's Pond (on the trail only)
- Public Conservancy Area in Nicollet Meadows 2 Subdivision (directly west of Jefferson Park)

The animals are allowed if the owner is in compliance with all additional animal regulations contained in the City Code including licensing, rabies vaccinations, and waste cleanup.

We all love our pets, but not everyone else does. Being a responsible pet owner helps bridge that gap and ensures we can live in harmony.

For more information on animal licensing or animal control regulations, please feel free to contact the City Administrator's office at 934-0663 or by email at barbaral@saintpetermn.gov.

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 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

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,	Free
Console/big screen	\$40		

TV		components, keyboard, mouse, laptop, cell phones, small electronics, batteries (excluding alkaline), heaters	
Small Printer	\$5		

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.

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.

HELP WANTED - The City of Saint Peter is currently accepting applications for the position of part-time Building Supervisor at the Saint Peter Community Center. Minimum qualifications include: High school diploma or equivalent. CPR and First Aid training or ability to be certified within six months of employment. Experience working with the public. Desirable qualifications include: Experience in building maintenance functions. Current CPR and First Aid Certification. \$10.00 per hour. Applicants must complete a City of Saint Peter available from the City Administrator's Office at 227 South Front Street, Saint Peter, Minnesota 56082-2538 or by calling (507) 934-0663. Completed applications must be received by the City Administrator's Office no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 10, 2017. Faxed, emailed or late applications will not be accepted. AA/EOE

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	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.