

CITY OF SAINT PETER HOT SHEET

All the City news you need to know and a little bit more.
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FALL HYDRANT FLUSHING –The Water Utility will begin fall hydrant flushing and flow testing on October 8th and continue until all hydrants have been flushed (expected end date October 19th).

The work is done between 8:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. to minimize disruption to utility customers. Please note....**this process could make water cloudy temporarily. Please check you water before doing laundry.**



Hydrant flushing provides numerous benefits for the community including:

- Improved Water Quality - Hydrants are flushed at least twice yearly to remove residue from the main pipe system, which helps keep water clear.
- Fire Safety and Fire Rating – Flow rates are tested at hydrants to insure adequate pressure for pumping to the City's fire tanker. This information is also provided to insurers which helps control fire insurance costs for property owners.
- Economic Development - Accurate flow information is made available to businesses and industries considering locating in Saint Peter.

For more information about hydrant flushing, please contact the Public Works Department at 934-0670.

fast and pre-registration will save you time on Election Day.

Here's how to register.....

- Online at the Secretary of State's website: <https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/register-to-vote>
- At the Nicollet County Government Center at 501 South Minnesota Avenue (Public Services Office [i.e. Auditor's Office]).
- If you miss the pre-registration window you can still register at the polls on Election Day. You'll have to provide proper proof of residence. Acceptable proofs can be found at <https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/register-to-vote/register-on-election-day/>

Can't make it to the polls on Election Day, or just don't want to stand in line? Absentee voting is now available to anyone. Absentee ballots are available now in the Nicollet County Public Services Office at the County Government Center during regular business hours. Or, you can apply for one online at <https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/other-ways-to-vote/>. Absentee ballots must be received by Election Day to be counted.

And finally, we know you might be tired of seeing this notice, but we know many folks will forget and go to the old location.....

**WARD 1 POLLING
PLACE CHANGE**

Due to a major renovation project at the National Guard Armory, the City's Ward 1 (north) polling place will be changed to Johnson Hall at the Nicollet County Fairgrounds beginning with the November 6, 2018 general election.

All registered voters in Ward 1 have received written notice (a postcard from the Secretary of State's Office) of the change to Johnson Hall.

Upcoming editions of the Hot Sheet, as well as the City's website, Facebook and Twitter pages will include reminders of this change.

The polling place at the Community Center will not be impacted by the change to Johnson Hall.

VOTER UPDATE – Here are some timely bits of information related to the November 6th general election....

Do you need to register to vote? If so, the October 16th deadline for pre-registration is coming up



CANDIDATE FORUM BROADCASTS - Candidate forums for local races including Nicollet County Attorney and Nicollet County Commissioner were recorded and are now available on the City's YouTube channel at (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWK7-GhXlmDfaSTNs7yvwgw>) and local Public access Channel 7. The Public Access schedule is available at <http://www.saintpetermn.gov/ch-7-program-schedule>.



REDUCED PRICING ON LED LIGHTBULBS - Be Bright this fall! Through December 31st, while supplies last, City of Saint Peter residential electric customers are eligible for reduced pricing on ENERGY STAR® qualified LED light bulbs at participating local and area retailers like Arrow Ace Hardware for as little as \$0.50 each (at select retailers).

ENERGY STAR-labeled LEDs use 80% less energy and last up to 25 times longer than incandescent light bulbs.

By replacing the five most used bulbs in your home with energy-efficient LEDs, you can save about \$40 in energy costs during the first year alone. LEDs also produce less heat than incandescent bulbs.

While these financial savings are a big draw, LEDs also offer environmental benefits to help make our community a little greener.

Remember, supplies are limited, so get your discounted LEDs before they sell out. Discounted LEDs purchased during this promotion are not eligible for the City's LED rebate program.

CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS – Action at the City Council meeting held on September 24, 2018 included correction to the legal description for vacation of Lincoln Drive; adoption of the 2018 preliminary levy payable in 2019; approval of City assistance for the Nicollet County Trails Association Haunted Hayride and Vintage Snowmobile Show; approval for City assistance for the Homecoming Parade; and authorization for staff to develop plans and

specifications and receive bids for replacement of the Minnesota Square Park Pavilion.

The next regular City Council meeting will be October 8, 2018 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Governors' Room of the Community Center.

TIRE, APPLIANCE AND ELECTRONICS COLLECTION –

The Tri-County Solid Waste office is offering a tire, appliance and electronics collection event this Saturday, October 6th from 9 am – 1 pm at the Nicollet County Fairgrounds (400 West Union Street). This is a collection for Nicollet, Sibley and Le Sueur County residents only and those wishing to drop off materials may be asked to show proof of residence in one of the three counties.

Here are some samples of costs for these collections:

- Mattress or box springs - \$10 per item
- Appliances - \$10.00 (includes washers, dryers, dishwashers, hot water heaters, furnaces, garbage disposals, trash compactors, microwaves, ranges, stoves, dehumidifiers, freezers, refrigerators and air conditioners.
- Tires (car/light trucks) - \$2.00 each
- Tires for semis/small implements - \$5.00 each
- Tires for large implements - \$10 each
- TV's of any size - \$10
- Small electronics, cell phones, toasters, etc... \$5.00
- Computer hard drives - \$5.00

For more information please contact the Tri-County Solid Waste Office at 507-381-9196 or www.co.nicollet.mn.us/180/Tri-County-Solid-Waste.

Tire, Appliance, & Electronics Collection For Nicollet, Sibley & LeSueur County Residents
In St Peter - at the Nicollet County Fairgrounds
 400 W. Union Street, St Peter, MN
 Saturday, October 6th, 2018 9 am - 1 pm
 This is a collection for Nicollet, Sibley & LeSueur County Residents only. Proof of county residency may be requested.

Kids Car seats will be FREE Disposal
 Mattress & Box Springs will be \$10 per item
 Mattresses & Box Springs WILL NOT be accepted if wet from being outside OR is deemed infested

Disposal cost for each appliance is \$10.00
 The following appliances will be accepted: clothes washers & dryers • dishwashers • hot water heaters • furnaces • garbage disposals • trash compactors • microwaves • ovens • ranges & stoves • dehumidifiers • freezers • refrigerators • air conditioners
 The contractor has the right to reject any and all appliances that do not conform to their state permit requirements.
 Extra fees will be charged for appliances that are not empty.

Car/light truck tires \$2.00 each
 Semi/small implement tires \$5.00 each
 Large Implement tires \$10.00 each

Electronics accepted: TV, computer equipment, stereo, VCR/ CD/ DVD player, copier, cell phone, boombox, fax machine, etc.
 TV's any size \$10.00
 Small electronics, cell phones, toasters, etc. \$5.00
 Computer hard drives \$5.00

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YOUTH ATV SAFETY FIELD DAY -

The St Peter Police Department and Nicollet County Sheriff's Office are once again sponsoring the Minnesota DNR Youth ATV Safety Field Day.

The class will be held on October 14, 2018 beginning at 9:00 AM at the Nicollet County Fairgrounds (400 Union Street).

The class size is limited, so you must pre-register. This is also only the Field Day. Students

must complete and pass the online training course prior to attending the Field Day.

Please contact Deputy Dustin Struckman at the Nicollet County Sheriff's Office at (507) 931-1570 or by email at dustin.struckman@co.nicollet.mn.us for any questions and pre-registration.

HOUSING AUTHORITY MEETING CHANGE – The October meeting of the Housing and Redevelopment Authority has been rescheduled for Wednesday, October 3rd at 3:30 p.m. at the Parkview Manor Building (1010 South Fourth Street).

CREATIVE PLAY PLACE - Come join the fun at Creative Play Place, opening for the season Monday, October 1st! Creative Play Place is a FREE indoor play area for parents/grandparents to play together with their children, age's birth to 6 years. Some of the benefits and opportunities include movement and large motor activities; development of fine motor skills; creative activities such as dramatic play, fine arts and music; social skills development; art expressions; and parents/caregivers interaction.

Creative Play Place is located in Room 127 at the Community Center, 600 South Fifth Street. Their hours are Monday-Friday from 9-11 a.m., Saturdays 9-12 p.m. from October-April.

If you have any questions please call the Recreation Office at 507-934-0667.

PROVIDING ANIMALS WITH SHELTER WALK – Are you ready for the 18th Annual P.A.W.S. Walk?

This year's walk takes place October 27, 2018. Registration begins at 9:30 am at the Mill Pond area of Riverside Park.

Start your fundraising efforts by asking family, friends, co-workers, neighbors and even complete strangers for donations for this year's P.A.W.S. fundraiser.

The walk involves stopping at stations along the designated route and collecting donated items from generous sponsors.

Pets and people alike are encouraged to dress for Trick or Treating and take part in the costume contest.

Pets must be leashed and pledges should be collected before walk day. Walkers raising \$20 or more will receive a trick or treat bag to participate in the treat stops and those raising \$35 or more will also receive a free P.A.W.S. t-shirt.

All proceeds generated from this fundraiser are used to provide medical care and shelter for

abandoned or surrendered animals while they wait for adoption by their forever families. The funds are sometimes also used to buy down the cost of adoption for animals that have been in the pound a long time and need a forever home.

For more information on this event, or to pick up a pledge sheet, please visit City Hall (227 South Front Street) or the Police Department (207 South Front Street) or check out the PAWS page at [PAWS PAGE](#).

Don't worry if you don't have a pet to walk! If you love animals and want to help out, register to walk and make friends with someone else's pet or just make a donation. Donations are always welcome!

Thank you for your participation.

RIVER'S EDGE OPEN HOUSE - River's Edge Hospital is excited to announce the first major portion of the Expansion and Renovation project! The new Physical and Occupational Therapy Department opened for patient care on September 24th. To celebrate this first of many milestones in the project, community members are cordially invited to the grand opening celebration on Thursday, October 4th from 3:00–5:00 p.m.

As part of this public event participants can tour of the new department, talk with therapy staff about the features of the new area, enjoy some refreshments, register to win a FitBit, and pick up a cool gift.

FIREFIGHTER APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED – The Saint Peter Volunteer Fire Department is seeking three new Firefighters. These all volunteer positions are a great way to give back to your community.

The position of Firefighter has evolved over the years to become a true "emergency professional". No longer is the job simply a matter of putting out fires. Today's firefighters are team players who are highly skilled in dealing with fire suppression, hazardous materials, and search and rescues.

While the fire service is easily stereotyped as a "glamorous and exciting" job, it is treated with the utmost seriousness and dedication by those who know and understand the profession and the inherent risks involved.

Fire service can prove to be an interesting, challenging, and rewarding career, but it is also one that takes a serious time commitment, even for volunteers. Applying to be a



Firefighter is a choice that should not be taken lightly and should be the result of careful thought and deliberation. It's such a commitment that before submitting your application, interested candidates are invited to bring their family and/or significant other to a special open house for candidates that will be held at the Fire Station (227 West Mulberry Street) on Thursday, September 27th from 6-8 p.m.

More information on applying to be on the City's Fire Department is included at the end of this edition of the Hot Sheet.

JOB OPENINGS: The following applications are currently being accepted:

- **ELECTRIC FOREMAN** - The City of Saint Peter, Minnesota is currently accepting applications for the position of **Electric Foreman** in the Department of Public Works. Responsibilities include but are not limited to implementation and organization of work, providing general supervision of crews and participating in construction, operation, control, maintenance, testing, and cleaning of electrical distribution system. Minimum qualifications: high school diploma and satisfactory completion of a technical school program for lineman electricians and completion of a recognized apprenticeship in electrical line work, including five years of responsible experience in electrical distribution systems. An additional five years of experience may be substituted for technical training. Possession of, or ability to obtain, a State of Minnesota Lineman License issued by the State Board of Electricity within six months of employment with the City. Possession of a valid State of Minnesota Class A Driver's License with air brake endorsement or ability to obtain within six months of the date of employment with the City. Possession of American Heart Association Certification as a Basic Rescuer for cardiopulmonary resuscitation and emergency cardiac care or obtain within six months of the date of employment with the City. **NOTICE:** The successful candidate must complete and pass a pre-employment drug test and is subject to post-accident, random, reasonable suspicion, return to duty, and follow-up drug and alcohol testing. Starting salary \$34.24 per hour. Applicants must complete a City application form available in the City Administrator's Office, 227 South Front Street, Saint Peter, Minnesota 56082-2538 or by calling (507) 931-0663. Completed applications will be accepted until 5:00 pm, Thursday, November 1, 2018. Faxed,

e-mailed, or late application will not be accepted.

- **PART-TIME BUILDING SUPERVISOR** - 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; and experience working with the public. Desirable qualifications include: Experience in building maintenance functions; current CPR and First Aid Certification. \$10.56 per hour. Applicants must complete a City of Saint Peter application 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 Thursday, October 11, 2018. Faxed, emailed or late applications will not be accepted. AA/EOE
- **VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER** - The City of Saint Peter is currently accepting applications for the position of VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER in the Fire Department. Up to three (3) Firefighters will be hired. Minimum qualifications: High school diploma/GED; at least 18 years of age; reside within a six (6) minute response time from the Fire Station; possess a valid driver's license; and ability to read and write the English language. Successful candidates must also pass pre-employment physical, drug and alcohol tests. An open house for interested candidates and their significant others will be held on Thursday, September 27th from 6:00 – 8:00 pm at the Fire Station (227 West Mulberry Street). This event provides an opportunity for prospective candidates and their family members to ask questions and learn more about what is involved in service as a Volunteer Firefighter. Successful candidates will begin service January 1, 2019 and will be required to successfully complete required Firefighter schooling within one year. Applicants are required to complete a City application form which is available in the City Administrator's office at 227 South Front Street or by calling (507)934-0663. Complete position descriptions for Firefighters are also available in the City Administrator's office. Completed applications must be received by the City Administrator's office by 5:00 p.m. on October 4, 2018. Faxed,

emailed and/or late applications will not be accepted. AA/EEO

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.

Wednesday	October 3	3:30 p.m.	Housing and Redevelopment Authority*
	*Rescheduled date		
Thursday	October 4	5:30 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission
Monday	October 8	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Monday	October 15	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Monday	October 15	7:00 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Tuesday	October 16	until 1:30 p.m.	CITY OFFICES CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING
Monday	October 22	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Wednesday	October 24	12:30 p.m.	Hospital Commission
Thursday	October 25	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
Friday	October 26	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau
Monday	October 29	3:00 p.m.	City Council Goal Session
Tuesday	October 30	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission
Thursday	November 1	5:30 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission
Monday	November 5	3:30 p.m.	Housing and Redevelopment Authority
Monday	November 5	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Tuesday	NOVEMBER 6		ELECTION DAY!
Monday	November 12		VETERANS DAY HOLIDAY – City Offices Closed
Tuesday	November 13	5:30 p.m.	Library Board
Tuesday	November 13	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Friday	November 16		DEADLINE FOR REMOVAL OF CAMPAIGN SIGNS
Monday	November 19	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Thursday-Friday	November 22-23		THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY – City Offices Closed
Monday	November 26	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting

Tuesday	November 27	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission
Wednesday	November 28	12:30 p.m.	Hospital Commission Meeting
Friday	November 30	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau