

CITY OF SAINT PETER HOT SHEET

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CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS – Action at the City Council meeting held on October 8, 2018 action included a public hearing and subsequent action on a request for host city approval for the issuance of revenue obligation bonds by the City of Bethel to be used by Benedictine Health Systems for purchase of the BHS nursing home and other facilities in Saint Peter; acceptance of an offer by True Real Estate to list the City's speculative homes in Traverse Green Subdivision at no cost to the City; modification to City Code language to increase the threshold for capital purchases by the Hospital Commission; and establishment of a wage scale for the position of Warming House Attendants.

The next regular City Council meeting will be October 29, 2018 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Governors' Room of the Community Center.



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.

FALL YARD WASTE COLLECTION – Curbside collection of leaves and grass clippings will begin for properties south of Broadway Avenue at 7:00 a.m. on Monday, October 22nd. The work will be done from sunrise to sunset.

Collection switches to the properties north of Broadway Avenue on Monday, November 5th.

To help make the process more efficient, residents are asked to follow these guidelines:

- Place leaves parallel and adjacent to the curb within six-feet (6') of the curb line.
- Don't place leaves in the street or on a tarp, and please don't cover with a tarp or put in bags.
- Don't include animal wastes with the leaves, as the person using the vacuum hose gets covered with a fine dust of whatever is in the leaves.



- Don't place brush and leaves by refuse containers, light poles, mailboxes, signs, trees, or posts, etc.
- Don't place materials on a curve in the street as the equipment has difficulty accessing materials that aren't in a straight line.
- Don't park in front of the yard waste until pick-up is complete. If possible, allow fifty feet (50') on either side of the pile so the machine has enough room to collect the material.
- If you live on a dead-end street, place material on the curb in front of the house, not on the dead end.
- If you live on a corner lot it is possible that one side will be picked up before the other as the trucks work north to south and then east to west to be more efficient in the collection process. (Suggestion: Place all leaves on the same side of the street if you want all your leaves picked up at the same time.)

The collection process took four weeks in 2017) and in order to complete the process before it snows, crews sometimes have to start the collection before all the leaves have fallen.

Collection dates for the areas north and south of Broadway are rotated each year. Please note that this fall's unusual weather patterns may necessitate changes to this schedule. Check the City's website, Facebook page, or Twitter account for updated information regarding any changes to the schedule.

Should you miss the collection dates, or if snow puts a premature stop to the collection, yard waste can be taken to the City's yard waste drop-off site.

COMPOST DROP OFF SITE – The City's drop-off site for brush and soft yard waste is open year round 24 hours a day. The brush and soft yard waste drop-off site is located at 1128 West Swift Street, (southwest intersection of St. Julien and Swift Streets) with access off West Swift Street.

Brush and tree trimmings need to be cut shorter than 6 feet and a separate bunker is now provided for dropping off fill (rocks, dirt, etc.).

This service is provided and funded by the Environmental Service Fee on City utility customer bills.

HALLOWEEN SAFETY – In the next couple of weeks Saint Peter children will engage in one of the most treasured traditions of childhood Trick or Treating! And while this wholesome, family activity brings

back memories of our own childhoods, things have gotten a bit more risky for kids these days and children have to be wiser and more aware of their surroundings to be safe on Halloween. Here are some McGruff safety tips everyone in the family should be reminded of....

- Never, ever go into a stranger's house while trick or treating.
- Only ring the door of homes with lights on.
- Only cross streets at designated intersections.
- Never cross the street from between two parked cars. Drivers can't see little ones when they dart out from between a car. Only cross at designated intersections.
- Wear makeup instead of masks which can obstruct a child's vision. That will make it easier for the children to cross intersections and go up and down stairs.
- Keep costumes short to prevent trips, falls and other bumps in the night.
- Carry a flashlight or glow-stick with you. It will help prevent the little ones from tripping over unseen obstacles in lawns and gives drivers a chance to see everyone from further away.



- Costumes may be highly flammable. Make sure to keep dresses or capes far away from any lit jack-o-lanterns on

the steps of the homes you visit.

- Teach children not to sample their treats until they are home and Mom and Dad can look through the candy first. Unopened candies or other treats that are in original wrappers are the best bet.
- If you are an older kid or young teen, and going out with friends, make sure that your parents know where you are going and who you are going with.
- Homeowners can prepare for their trick or treaters by turning on exterior lights, removing objects from yards that might present a hazard and making sure that pumpkins are lit with glow-sticks or other non-flammable sources.



Using a little common sense on Halloween night will help make the evening fun for all.



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

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.....

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.

**WARD 1 POLLING
PLACE CHANGE**

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.

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.

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	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