

CITY OF SAINT PETER HOT SHEET

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COLD WEATHER RULE – The State law known as the “cold weather rule” will go into effect October 15th. This law prevents, under certain conditions, utility providers from disconnecting a customer’s heat source for non-payment of bills. That protects customers from Minnesota’s severe winter weather.

Saint Peter customers who fall under the rule are not disconnected during the cold weather rule period, but are fitted with meters that limit the amount of power used by the customer.

If you have fallen behind on your utility bill, now is the time to stop in the City’s Finance Department and make arrangements for payment of your part due account. Payment plans are available and staff is happy to work with you to find a solution that will avoid having a limiting meter placed on your account.

Please contact the Finance Department at City Hall as soon as possible at City Hall (227 South Front Street), or by phone at 507-934-0664.

intersections on both ends of the community have become challenges to navigate through especially in the morning.

As we get used to the heavier traffic once again, please remember to:

- Be courteous to other drivers
- Leave early enough to get to your destination without speeding
- Stop for pedestrians trying to cross the street
- Use your turn signal to let other drivers know your intention
- Always stop for a school bus with flashing lights and stop sign extended
- And as always, buckle up and put your phones and other distractions down

And one more thing to be aware of....the City has vacated the road that previously was called Lincoln Drive (the roadway on the east side of the former High School/current middle school). Since turning it over to the School District, the District has, among other things, made changes in traffic patterns on the road and it’s no longer a thru road so please be careful turning into the now private drive.

Here’s to a safe school year!

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 will receive written notice (a postcard from the Secretary of State’s Office) of the change to Johnson Hall in the next few weeks.

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.

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TWITTER – Do you tweet? The City of Saint Peter does! You can find us @CityofStPeter and we’d love to have you follow us.

Sometimes we are the subject of pretty neat tweets such as this one from a Twitter account of someone who

rates city water towers around Minnesota. Nice to know we received points for cleanliness!

TRAFFIC SAFETY – School is officially open and that means a major uptick in traffic both before and after school. You may have already noticed that certain

CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS – Action at the City Council meeting held on August 27, 2018 included authorizing City assistance for the Oktoberfest event; authorizing execution of an agreement for additional work by Five Bugles Design related to a Fire Station project; authorization for MVAC to develop a grant application on behalf of the City for Small Cities Development Program grant funds to help finance a housing rehabilitation program; approval to relocate the Ward 1 polling place from the Armory to Johnson Hall at the Fairgrounds beginning with the November 6, 2018 general election; accepting a donation from the Friends of the Library for stained glass hangings that will be installed in the tower at the library; approving a settlement agreement with Hunter Hardwoods for a revolving loan previously provided; authorizing City participation in and representation on Nicollet County’s Project 33 Watershed Committee; and authorizing subordination of the City’s revolving loan to St. Peter Food Coop.

The next regular City Council meeting will be September 10, 2018 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Governors' Room of the Community Center.



RIVER'S EDGE HOSPITAL NEWS
- River's Edge Hospital has been awarded

two 2018 Excellence in Patient Care Awards by Studer Group, a Huron solution. Specifically, River's Edge Hospital is being recognized for exemplary results related to discharge information as measured by the HCAHPS (Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems) survey.

Excellence in Patient Care Awards are presented annually to a select group of organizations from Huron and Studer Group's partner base. To be eligible for an award, an organization must demonstrate outstanding performance and achievement in areas such as patient care and employee and physician engagement.

Organizations receiving this award achieved a ranking at or above the 90th percentile for patients discharged in 2017 as measured by the HCAHPS patient experience survey required by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The organization is also being recognized for achieving significant reductions in turnover in 2017.

In other Hospital news, River's Edge Hospital and Clinic's "I CAN Prevent Diabetes ®, a diabetes

prevention program, has received reaccreditation from the Centers for Disease Control.

The class, led by Jennifer Donkin, registered dietician and Nicole Boelter, exercise physiologist at River's Edge, is a 12-month program for people who are at risk for type 2 diabetes. It focuses on weight loss and increased physical activity.

Evaluators from the CDC noted that River's Edge has met all the requirements for accreditation. Participants are eligible if they have had a blood test indicating pre-diabetes or by taking a risk assessment at their doctor's office. The next I CAN Prevent Diabetes® class is scheduled in February 2019. For more information, please contact Jennifer Donkin at 507-934-7694.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT EVENTS – Lots of offerings from the Recreation and Leisure Services Department in the next few weeks. Here's a sampling:

- Grandparent's Day – Bring the special "grand" in your life and celebrate two generations with Saint Peter Recreation and Leisure Services. Enjoy crafts, BINGO, interactive fitness activities and a photo booth, with coffee, lemonade and a light snack provided. This event is Friday, September 7th from 10-11:30 a.m. in Community Center Room 219. Cost is \$4 per couple and \$1 for each additional guest. To register for this fun event, please visit the Recreation Department in the Community Center or go online at www.saintpeter.mn.gov/recreation.
- Annual Senior Expo—It's a Tasty Life! Stop by the Community Center for the annual Senior Expo on Thursday, September 20th between 2-5 p.m. The day will include flu shots, hearing tests, chair massages, entertainment, swag bags and guest speaker, Hy-Vee Dietician April Graff. This is a free event!
- Adult Pickleball Tournament - Did someone say friendly competition?! Saint Peter's first Pickleball Tournament is coming to town on Saturday, September 29th. Events include Mixed Doubles, Men's Doubles and Women's Doubles. Registration check-in begins at 7:30 a.m. and the games start at 8 a.m. Games will be played at both the High School and Community Center. Registration forms are available at the Recreation Department or on the City's website at www.saintpetermn.gov/recreation. Cost is \$25

per person for the first event and \$5 per person for a second event.



ELECTION JUDGES NEEDED – Remember those helpful Election Judges you saw at the primary? How would you like to be one for the November 6, 2018 general election?

The City is actively seeking additional Election Judges to work in November. To be eligible for appointment as an

election judge, a candidate must be:

- o eligible to vote in the State of Minnesota; and
- o affiliated with a major political party; and
- o able to read, write and speak English; and
- o appointed by the City Council; and
- o trained and currently certified as an election judge (training is scheduled for Wednesday, October 10th beginning at 6:00 p.m.)

An election judge cannot be:

- a candidate in that election (i.e. be running for an office on the ballot used in that precinct); or
- the husband, wife, parent, step relative, child, brother, or sister of a candidate or another judge in the same precinct; or
- a challenger.

We love kids! High school students ages 16 and 17 can be trainee judges and we love to work with them. (Students 18 and over can serve as full-fledged judges.) Students must be in good academic standing, and have permission from their school and parents. Trainee judges perform most of the same duties as the adult judges (except those requiring judges of different political affiliations) and are paid for their service. Trainee judges cannot work past 10:00 p.m.

All Judges must attend a mandatory training session before the election and are paid at the rate of \$10.25 per hour for their service. While most judges work all day (6:00 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.) on election day, some positions will work from 5:30 p.m. until final counting is completed (which can go quite late for this year's election).

If you would like to be considered for appointment as an election judge, or for more information on how you can serve your community in this way, please contact the City Administrator's office at 934-0663 or send us an e-mail at barbaral@saintpetermn.gov to request an application. All applicants are required to state a major party affiliation.

JOB OPENINGS: The following applications are currently being accepted:

- **FULL-TIME BUS DRIVER and PART-TIME BUS DRIVERS** for the Minnesota River Valley Transit System. **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** High school diploma or equivalent; possession of, or ability to obtain within 30 days of employment, a valid State of Minnesota CDL minimum of Class C Driver's License with passenger endorsement. **DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS:** Previous experience working with the public; training in vehicle mechanics; experience operating a two-way radio/phone; and prior bus driving experience. Starting wage \$15.76 per hour. The full-time position includes benefits. The part-time positions do not. Applicants are required to complete City application form available in 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. September 27, 2018. Faxed, emailed, and/or late applications will not be accepted. If you wish to be considered for both full-time and part-time positions, you must fill out two application forms. ****NOTE:** The successful candidates for this position will be required to successfully complete and pass a pre-employment drug test. The position is also subject to post-accident, random, reasonable suspicion, return to duty, and follow-up drug and alcohol testing as required by USDOT 49 CFR Part 655 (Federal Transit Administration) and USDOT 49 CFR Part 40. In addition, successful candidates for this position must have a vehicle driving record which is clear of revocations, suspensions and cancellations for the past three (3) years. Applicants may be required to submit to a criminal background check and be clear of convictions for crimes or anticipatory crimes (as defined in M.S. 609.17 and 609.175) within the previous fifteen (15) years
- **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. Applicants must have a minimum of two year degree in Law Enforcement from P.O.S.T. accredited college or vocational school or five years experience as a police officer; Possession of a *valid* current 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, written, physical, 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 oriented employment

history. Probationary pay rate has been established at \$26.77/hour. 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. September 15, 2018. Faxed, emailed and/or late applications 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.

Thursday	September 6	5:30 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission
Monday	September 10	3:30 p.m.	Housing and Redevelopment Authority
Monday	September 10	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	September 11	5:30 p.m.	Library Board
Monday	September 17	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Monday	September 17	7:00 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Monday	September 24	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	September 25	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission
Wednesday	September 26	12:30 p.m.	Hospital Commission
Thursday	September 27	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
Friday	September 28	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau
Monday	October 1	3:30 p.m.	Housing and Redevelopment Authority
Monday	October 1	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
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