

# CITY OF SAINT PETER HOT SHEET

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**SPEED ENFORCEMENT PATROLS** - The Saint Peter Police Department is participating in a state-wide speed enforcement saturation patrol now through July 22nd. The enforcement wave is done periodically through the year during the time periods shown to be the deadliest on State roadways. This enforcement wave is focusing on speeding. So, if you are out and about, follow the speed limits, wear your seat belt at all times and don't be distracted by your phone, food, kids, music, or whatever else might take your eyes off the road.



**ABSENTEE BALLOTS** - Absentee ballots for the August 14th primary election are now available from the Nicollet County Public Services Department (Courthouse - second floor). Voters no longer need a reason to choose to vote by absentee and absentee ballots are available through Monday, August 13th. Voters must first complete an absentee ballot application (available online at <https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/other-ways-to-vote> or at the Public Services Department office.



**NOTICE TO VOTERS** - The following notice regarding the 2018 primary and general election has been issued by the Nicollet County Election Administrator:

*"The office of the Nicollet County Public Services announces, pursuant to Minnesota Statute 206.58, Subd. 1, we will be conducting demonstrations of*

*the new DS200 tabulator voting equipment that will be used in Nicollet County precincts starting with the August 14, 2018 Primary Election. The demonstrations will be held in the Public Services Department, 501 S. Minnesota Avenue, St. Peter, MN upon request during normal working hours of 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. commencing July 16, 2018 until August 13, 2018."*

**CONSTRUCTION ZONE SAFETY** - As with many areas of Minnesota, Saint Peter has a lot of construction going on in and around area roadways. Many of these areas are signed as "no thru traffic" or "closed to traffic". Even with the appropriate signage, some motorists are ignoring the signs and driving around the barricades to get where they want to go.



Sometimes the results are comical (think the older man who just a few weeks back drive through 780' of wet concrete down by Rochester at a cost to repair the highway of over \$100,000), but sometimes the results are injury or death to the construction workers that unexpectedly are put in harms way when a vehicle they weren't expecting barrels at them at highway speeds.

So, the moral of this story is, please pay attention to the signage in and around construction zones. Slow your speed and never, ever drive around a barricade. Thanks for your cooperation in keeping our staff safe!

**HOME WATER LEAK IDENTIFICATION** - If you feel that your water usage is continually high try the following:

- **Check your toilets for leaks** - Put a little food



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coloring in your toilet tank. If, without flushing, the color begins to appear in the bowl within a few minutes, you have a leak that should be repaired immediately. Most replacement parts are inexpensive and easy to install.

- **Check your faucets and pipes for leaks** – A small drip from a worn faucet washer can waste 20 gallons of water per day. Larger leaks can waste hundreds of gallons.
- **Check your softener for cycling** – Since the City is producing much softer water, many residents have reduced use of their softeners. Some have discontinued use of a water softener all together. If you are still using a water softener, make sure the equipment is not “cycling” more often than needed to keep your water softness at the desired level. Check with your softener vendor to make sure your equipment is working at optimum levels.

Implementing these water conservation approaches saves precious groundwater and lowers personal water consumption which ultimately saves money.

**CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP/GOAL SESSION** – The City Council workshop that would normally occur on July 30th has been cancelled. The following week, August 6th, the Council will meet in a goal session beginning at 3:00 p.m. in the Governors' Room of the Community Center.

Agendas for City Council meetings, workshops and goal sessions can be found on the City's website at <http://www.saintpetermn.gov/city-council-minutes-agendas-packets>.

**PARKS BOARD MEETING CANCELLED** – The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting in August has been cancelled. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 17th at 7:00 p.m. For more information on Parks Board meetings, please contact the Public Works Department at 934-0670.

**HOSPITAL DETOUR** - The left turn onto Hwy 22 (Dodd Road) from Hwy 169 will be closed for approximately 30 days. This affects access to River's Edge Hospital. To get to River's Edge from the south, please use the left turn at McDonalds (St. Julien Street), then turn right onto Old Minnesota Avenue, at the stop sign, turn left onto Hwy 22 (Dodd Road). Click the link to see the detour map.  
<http://www.dot.state.mn.us/d7/projects/hwy169/images/hwy169-to-dodd-road-closure.pdf>

**CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS** – Action at the City Council

meeting held on July 9, 2018 included approval for issuance of two bonds related to the 2018 Hospital Expansion Project; authorization for repair of an ambulance and eight purchases related to the Hospital Expansion Project; approval of Registered Land Survey #73; and approval for issuance of refunding bonds related to senior housing projects.

The next regular City Council meeting will be July 23, 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](http://www.saintpetermn.gov/city).

**HELP WANTED** - The City of Saint Peter is currently accepting applications for the following position:

- **CONSTRUCTION MAINTENANCE WORKER** - in the Public Works Department. Essential job functions include performing a variety of carpentry, masonry, and other tasks associated with construction and maintenance of City buildings, grounds and facilities; operates trucks and other equipment, ensures routine maintenance is performed on vehicles and equipment. Minimum qualifications include a high school diploma and two years of responsible construction experience in carpentry and masonry; possession of or ability to obtain a valid certified chemical applicator's license (for street right-of-ways) within six months of the date of employment with the City; possession of a valid State of Minnesota Class A Driver's License with Air Brake Endorsement and Tanker Endorsement or to obtain within six months of the date of employment with the City; possession of an American Heart Association Certification as a Basic Rescuer or obtain within six months. Desirable qualifications: knowledge of practices, methods, tools, and equipment used in the construction trades; knowledge of playground equipment including installation, inspection and maintenance; skill in use of construction tools and equipment; ability to read and interpret blue prints, diagrams, and engineering sketches; ability to make moderately complex mathematical calculations; knowledge of state and local plumbing, electrical and building codes; and knowledge of OSHA regulations and safety precautions of the trade and of equipment operation. **NOTICE:** The successful candidate must complete and pass a pre-employment physical and drug test and is subject to post-accident, random, reasonable suspicion, return to duty, and follow-

up drug and alcohol testing required by federal regulations. Starting pay \$17.75 per hour. Applicants are required to complete a City of Saint Peter 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 must be received by the City Administrator's Office no later than 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 1, 2018. Faxed, e-mailed, or late

applications will not be accepted. Interviews will be conducted Wednesday, August 15, 2018. AAEOE

**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	July 23	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Wednesday	July 25	12:30 p.m.	Hospital Commission
Thursday	July 26	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
Friday	July 27	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau
Tuesday	July 31	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission
Thursday	August 2	5:30 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission
Monday	August 6	3:30 p.m.	Housing and Redevelopment Authority
Monday	August 6	3:00 p.m.	City Council Goal Session
Monday	August 13	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	August 14		PRIMARY ELECTION DAY
Monday	August 20	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Wednesday	August 22	12:30 p.m.	Hospital Commission
Thursday	August 23	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
Friday	August 24	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau
Monday	August 27	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	August 28	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission

