

# CITY OF SAINT PETER HOT SHEET

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**CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS** – Action at the City Council meeting held on June 11, 2018 included final acceptance of the Jefferson Avenue/Gardner Road Improvements Project; approval for City assistance for the Ride Across Minnesota event in Gorman Park; award of the bid for the 2018 N 3rd Street Improvement (Broadway to Chatham) Project; authorization for a process to provide for finished basements in the speculative homes already constructed in Traverse Green Subdivision; rescinding a previous resolution related to fees paid to realtors for sale of homes in Traverse Green Subdivision and instead authorizing a percentage fee; approving modifications to the Billing Clerk job description; and approving City assistance for the Veterans Memorial dedication event.

The next regular City Council meeting will be June 25, 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).

**SILENT DROWNING** – You know how in the movies people who are drowning thrash around and cry out for help? They wave their arms above their head trying to signal someone on shore to see them or draw the attention of a lifeguard. They flail desperately and scream for help, again and again. Unfortunately that picture is what many of us have in our minds when we think of drowning. But it's not real life.



Drowning isn't loud – it's silent. It's quick and deadly and unless you're a trained professional you may miss the signs of drowning all together. Drowning victims are using so much energy and air

to keep alive, they don't have the ability to call for help. As they struggle to stay above the water, their lungs may already be filling with water before they slip silently beneath the surface. While we might expect them to wave their arms in the air to attract help, in reality, their natural instinct will be to keep those arms moving in the water trying to stay above water.

There is a terrific public safety spot airing now that shows a little girl in a swimming pool while a group of adults are visiting on the pool deck behind her and no one is watching her. She starts...."Hi, in a minute, I'm going to drown. My Mom thinks Dad is watching me. Dad thinks Mom is watching me...." It's really an impactful message. If you'd like to watch, here's the link. <http://abbeyshope.org/2012-03-26-22-30-46/videos>.

According to experts, unless the victim is rescued from the water, they have anywhere from 20 – 60 seconds before full submersion will occur and then this becomes an extremely dangerous and lifesaving scenario no one ever wants to experience.

Lifeguards know the warning signs of drowning but to untrained eyes, this is not what most think drowning looks like, which is even scarier.

Did you know that young children have what is called a diving reflex? If a toddler falls in the water, they have a natural instinct to hold their breath and sink. They won't fight for the surface; they don't splash and scream. When they slip under the surface, especially among a crowd of people, they can easily go unnoticed because drowning is silent.

Children, young children in particular, are noisy swimmers. When have you ever been at a pool when children aren't splashing or playing loudly? It's a terrifying sound when they're quiet and by the



time you've noticed the lack of sound, it might be too late.

Here are the real signs of drowning (for both adults and children) every person should watch for.

- **Head Tilted Back:** The victim will tilt their head back to attempt to get air and breathe.
- **Mouth at Water Level:** A drowning victim is trying to keep their mouth at water's level to get air but has no time to yell for help because they are barely able to take in air. The mouth will bob up for air and back down under the water.
- **No Waiving or Hailing for Help:** Nature instinctively forces victims to extend their arms laterally and press down on the water. Pressing down on the surface of the water permits drowning people to leverage their bodies so they can lift their mouths out of the water to breathe.
- **Eyes Appear Glassy/Empty**
- **Bodies Stay Upright in the Water:** The victim will stay upright in the water because of the lateral arm pressing, but there is usually no supporting kick.

In the event of a near drowning incident for your



**American Red Cross**

family, do you know how to give a child CPR? One in three parents don't, but it's essential to have

training for not only water saving and near-drowning resuscitation, but also for accidents, suffocation, smoke inhalation, electric injuries, SIDS (possible sudden infant death syndrome), and other medical issues. The American Red Cross offers CPR classes on a regular basis. If you're not trained in CPR, it might be something to consider.

It only takes a moment for a child to drown so as we enjoy backyard pools, the lake, and even the City's outdoor pool, it's up to each of us to know what to look for and possibly save a life.

For more information about water safety, please visit [RED CROSS WATER SAFETY](#).

**ILLEGAL DUMPING** – One of the lesser known laws in Saint Peter has to do with illegal dumping. Most people think of this as disposing of old tires in ditches, or dumping a broken refrigerator in a wooded area. That's part of it, but it is also illegal to dump or place garbage in another person's garbage container.

As everyone does know, each property owner pays to have



garbage hauled away. Whether you are a home owner or own a business, the cost to dispose of garbage adds up. If you have excess garbage at a home, you have to buy special bags to dispose of the excess. If you are a business with a dumpster, the cost is based on the weight of materials in the dumpster. So every bit of extra garbage costs more.

Yet there are some people in the community, or maybe they come from other communities, who try and toss their garbage in someone else's containers, but it's illegal! If you see someone illegally dumping garbage or other unwanted materials in a dumpster or container that is not theirs, please get a good description of the person and their vehicle and call the Police Department at 931-1550.

One more law that you may not know about....it's also illegal to dig through someone's recycling and take out materials like aluminum cans once that recycling container has been set out for collection.

#### WHERE DO I GO FOR INFORMATION

**ON.....?** – Are you new to Saint Peter? Maybe you're reading the Hot Sheet online looking for information about our community? Maybe you are a City resident and just don't know who to go to for information on a specific topic.



Here's a list that might be helpful to you this summer:

- **Nicollet County Fair** – times, dates, location, judging, events, etc.... Check out the Fair Board's website at [www.nicolletcountyfair.com](http://www.nicolletcountyfair.com).
- **The City pool** – contact the outdoor swimming pool by calling 934-3951.
- **Recreation activities for children and adults** – contact the City's Recreation and Leisure Services Department at 934-0667 or the Recreation Hotline at 934-0070 for cancellations and updates.
- **Riverside Campground information** – available on the City's website at [www.saintpetermn.gov/recreation](http://www.saintpetermn.gov/recreation). It's first-come, first-served for the campground and the City does not take reservations. Campers should go directly to the Police Department (207 South Front Street) to select a site and make payment.
- **Reserving a City park for a family reunion, company picnic, wedding, etc....** – contact the City's Recreation and Leisure Services Department at 934-0667.

- Seven Mile Park – this one is outside of the City of Saint Peter and you'll need to contact Nicollet County at 931-6800.

More helpful information is available on the City's website at [www.saintpetermn.gov](http://www.saintpetermn.gov). Thanks for the interest and have a great summer!

**LICENSED PEDDLER** - The City Council has issued a six month Peddler License to Gatis Melbardis who will be going door-to-door in residential areas selling children's educational materials.

As with all door-to door peddlers, residents are encouraged to ask to see the City issued peddler's license (signed by the City Administrator) before purchasing anything or allowing a Peddler in your home. Being licensed by the City ensures the person has undergone a background investigation which helps protect our citizens from unscrupulous vendors. Each peddler must have a license on their person.

If the person coming to your door can't produce a license, don't let them in your house and don't purchase anything from them. Many of these unscrupulous peddlers may try and convince you that they don't need a license or are licensed by the State, but any salesperson going door-to-door in a residential area....unless you have invited them to your home....MUST have a license from the City.

If an unlicensed peddler comes to your door, please don't hesitate to notify the Police Department (931-1550) and provide a description of the person, their vehicle and what direction they were traveling.

If you have any questions about Peddler's and whether they are indeed licensed by the City, please don't hesitate to contact us at 507-934-0663 during business hours, or 507-931-1550 (the Police Department) after hours.

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

- **DIRECTOR OF RECREATION AND LEISURE SERVICES-** Minimum qualifications include: Bachelor's degree in Recreational Services, Education, Sports Management, Library Services or related field from an accredited college or university; Three years' experience in progressively responsible positions with each of the following: recreational program development,

developing recreation program budgets, and employee supervision; Demonstrated knowledge of the principles and procedures of municipal recreational program administration; and previous experience working with the public. Desirable qualifications: More than three (3) years' experience supervising, training and hiring staff; Master's degree in Recreational Services, Education, Sports Management, Library Services or related field from an accredited college or university; Certification as a Parks and Recreation Professional; Demonstrated experience researching and applying for grants; Demonstrated experience working with recreation and facility scheduling software; and more than three years demonstrated experience developing recreation programming budgets. Starting salary range: \$68,000-\$71,000. Applicants are encouraged to review the position profile available at <http://www.saintpetermn.gov/RecreationDirectorProfile2018.pdf>. Applicants must submit a cover letter; resume; minimum of three (3) professional references; Veteran's Preference form (whether claiming Veteran's Preference or not); and Affirmative Action form (both forms available in the position profile available on the City's website at <http://www.saintpetermn.gov/RecreationDirectorProfile2018.pdf>. Application materials must be received by the City Administrator's Office by no later than 5:00 p.m. on June 14, 2018. Send applications to City Administrator's Office – Attn: Barbara; 227 South Front Street, Saint Peter, Minnesota 56082; or by email at [barbaral@saintpetermn.gov](mailto:barbaral@saintpetermn.gov). Late applications will not be accepted. Interviews will be conducted June 26, 2018 (with June 28th as the second date if needed). 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	June 18	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Monday	June 18	7:00 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Friday	June 22	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau
Monday	June 25	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	June 26	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission
Wednesday	June 27	12:30 p.m.	Hospital Commission
Thursday	June 28	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
Monday	July 2	3:30 p.m.	Housing and Redevelopment Authority
Monday	July 2	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Wednesday	July 4		4th OF JULY - LEGAL HOLIDAY – City Offices Closed
Thursday	July 5	5:30 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission
Monday	July 9	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	July 10	5:30 p.m.	Library Board
Monday	July 16	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Monday	July 16	7:00 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
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