

CITY OF SAINT PETER HOT SHEET



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Front Street.

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MAKES ME WONDER (BY CITY ADMINISTRATOR TODD PRAFKE) –

Our first..... We have had our first chicken permit applied for and approved. Some of you may remember the long process of this discussion and approval of the change to our ordinance that allows for Urban Chickens. As a guy in the middle of it, I sure

remember it.

This past week our first permit applicant was approved. Applications can be picked up in the Building/Community Development Office and will include the application, a sample of a map or layout drawing that we hope will help you complete your application, and a few other things including a copy of the City Ordinance that we hope will make this process a smooth one. Don't forget there are some rules you will need to follow. A brief outline of the rules is:

- Limit of 6 chickens
- Hens only
- Annual permit (inspection fee of \$45; permit fee \$5)
- Rules for construction and maintenance of chicken coop including distances from other properties
- Rules for disposal of chicken waste
- Sanitation regulations
- Disposal of carcasses
- No slaughtering of chickens allowed on premises

In the bigger picture the Urban Chicken discussion pushed the Council into topic areas they do not often get to contemplate in an actionable way. Some of those topic areas included the ability (and willingness) of government to adapt to changes brought on by changing norms within our

community; the "reach" of local government; balancing the rights of the individual against those of the majority; and what it means to govern in a civil way.

We hope that the process of helping to ensure the balance of property owners rights and gathering of eggs is all it's cracked up to be.

Will you find yourself clucking it up each morning with your feathered friends? It makes me wonder.....

CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS – Action taken by the City Council on March 27, 2017 included approval of a request to modify the balloon payment date for a revolving loan previously provided to St. Peter Community Childcare Center contingent upon the monthly loan payments increasing to \$350 per month; approval for submission of a loan application to USDA for funding for the 2017 River's Edge Hospital and Clinic Expansion Project; acceptance of the Fire Hall location study conducted by Five Bugles Design; approval of updates to the City's Investment Policy; approval for modifications to the Finance Department staffing to include elimination of the Payroll Clerk position and creation of a full-time Office Assistant position; award of the bid for the 2017 Community Center Flooring Project to Berger Interiors; authorization to allow dogs in certain City owned areas under certain conditions; renewal of an agricultural land lease with Brett Annexstad; and authorization to retain Coldwell Banker Fisher Group to market the former wastewater treatment ponds.

The next City Council meeting is April 10, 2017 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.



BROADWAY WATER TOWER WORK - The 1984 Broadway Water Tower, which has a 500,000 gallon storage capacity, is scheduled for structural repairs, sand blasting, and new painting of the tower and logo early this summer. City staff inspects the tower each year looking for defects and to ensure the

coating hasn't exceeded the product life cycle. The tower was last refurbished in 2001 and it is nearing the end of the product life so bids were solicited for a project to refurbish the tower. The Council awarded the bid to Osseo Construction Company, LLC of Osseo, Wisconsin and work will begin this summer.

During the maintenance work the tower will be off-line for approximately 75 days. Although the tower won't be in use, there shouldn't be any noticeable impact on the City's water supply.

When completed, the tower will look like the Sunrise Water Tower which is located at the north end of North Sunrise Drive with a matching logo and color.

For more information on this project please call the Public Works Department at 934-0670.

LIFE CLASSES - The LIFE: Learning is ForEver program is a venture of the Saint Peter Recreation and Leisure Services Department (including the City's Senior Center), and St. Peter Community and Family Education. The vision of the program is to embrace aging by offering opportunities and experiences to learn and grow, to be inspired, and to connect with ourselves, others and the world around us. We do this by providing stimulating humanities-based educational programs and encouraging social and personal growth for life-long learners.

The first class will feature Public Works Director Pete Moulton who will present an overview of the City's parks and trails system including the two newest parks: Prairie Ridge and Community Spirit. Moulton will also discuss how the City plans and funds the trails/parks and what it takes to maintain the system.

The class will be held on Thursday April 20th from 9-11 a.m. at the Community Center in the St. Peter Room. Cost is \$5 and there is a minimum of 5 people required to hold the class and a maximum class size of 25. Interested participants may

register at the Community and Family Education office; by phone at 934-3048; or online at www.stpetercommunityedonline.com by April 10th using class code LI-W07.

SPRING STREET SWEEPING - Street sweeping throughout the City has begun. The City's Street crew sweeps the streets twice a year, in the spring and fall.

The spring sweeping is done with a side cast sweeper and then the materials are picked up at the curb line with the ELGIN Pelican sweeper (shown in the photo).

On average the City picks up between 350 and 450 tons of sand and other materials during this process. The sand is recycled into the salt/sand mix to be used during the next winter season to keep costs down.

The Streets Section tries to get all the streets swept before spring fire hydrant flushing begins (see related story) and they rotate which end of the community they begin on. This year the work will begin on the north end of Saint Peter.

Residents are asked to help with the process by moving vehicles off the roadway until the road is completely swept. Not having to work around parked cars will make the process go faster and provide better results which saves us all money.

For questions on this process, please contact the Public Works Department at 934-0670.

TRANSIT GRANT - The Minnesota River Valley Transit (MRVT) was notified last week of the award of a \$59,000 grant from the State of Minnesota to be used in the next two years to provide extended dial-a-ride service during peak afternoon hours.

During week days in January and February between the hours of 1:30 PM and 4:30 PM, the dial-a-ride service moved an average of eight passengers per hour and accounted for nearly 50 miles within the service area.

These ridership levels have caused long wait times and, on occasion, we have been unable to provide rides due to the high demand. Service will be increased during these hours by adding another bus to shorten wait times and eliminating the need to turn down requests for service. The added service is expected to start in late summer.

For more information on the Minnesota River Valley Transit system, please call at 888-880-4696.



HYDRANT FLUSHING

Spring hydrant flushing will begin Monday, April 10th and is expected to be completed by no later than April 21st. Flushing is done between the hours of 8:00 pm and 6:00 am to minimize disruption to our customers.



Hydrant flushing could temporarily make water cloudy. Please check your water before doing laundry. If you have questions about this process, please contact the Public Works Department at 934-0670.

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

- **OFFICE ASSISTANT** - in the Finance Department. **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** High School Diploma or equivalent; Demonstrated knowledge of office operations (education or experience); Demonstrated

experience working with the public; and knowledge of Microsoft Word and Excel software. **DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS:** Payroll processing experience; two or more years' experience working in an office environment; demonstrated knowledge of fund accounting principles, practices, and terminology; one or more years' experience working in the accounting field; demonstrated ability to speak conversational Somali or Spanish; advanced training in office skills exemplified by a certificate or AAS Degree in office procedure or Administrative Assistant through an accredited post-secondary educational institution. Starting wage \$12.60-\$14.50 per hour depending on qualifications. 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. April 19, 2017.** Faxed and/or late applications will not be accepted. The successful candidate for this position will be required to successfully undergo a background investigation.

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	April 6	5:30 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission
Monday	April 10	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	April 11	5:30 p.m.	Library Board
Thursday	April 13	5:30 p.m.	Board of Zoning Appeals
Monday	April 17	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Monday	April 24	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	April 25	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission
Wednesday	April 26	12:30 p.m.	Hospital Commission
Thursday	April 27	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
Friday	April 28	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau
Monday	May 1	3:30 p.m.	Housing and Redevelopment Authority
Monday	May 1	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Thursday	May 4	5:30 p.m.	Planning and zoning Commission
Monday	May 8	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting

Tuesday	May 9	5:30 p.m.		Library Board
Wednesday	May 10	2:30 p.m.		Minnesota River Valley Transit Board (Le Sueur)
Monday	May 15			POLICE OFFICER'S MEMORIAL DAY
Monday	May 15	5:30 p.m.		City Council Workshop
Monday	May 22	7:00 p.m.		City Council Meeting
Wednesday	May 24	12:30 p.m.		Hospital Commission Meeting
Thursday	May 25	12:00 noon		Economic Development Authority Meeting
Friday	May 26	8:00 a.m.		Tourism and Visitors Bureau Meeting
Monday	May 29			MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY – City Offices Closed
Tuesday	May 30	3:00 p.m.		City Council Goal Session
Tuesday	May 30	5:30 p.m.		Heritage Preservation Commission

*** Please contact the City Administrator's office (507-934-0663) for up-to-date meeting information.***