MAKES ME WONDER (BY CITY ADMINISTRATOR TODD PRAFKE) – The way we connect continues to change and stay the same all at the same time. I know that sentence seems a bit contradictory, but it really does sum up our efforts to make sure you have access to the information you want and need. We continue to use our now almost 19 year old HOT SHEET as the basis for our public information, but will continue to add things to our website at www.saintpetermn.gov and our Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/CityofSaintPeter) and now I tweet on a pretty regular basis.

One of the newish things I am going to try is to use Facebook Live for a new and different type of my “State of the City” video blog. My plan is to pick an evening near the end of January or the beginning of February and go on Facebook Live and talk for about 3 to 5 minutes about a few things that I hope are of interest to you. Our friends will then be able to watch it live and ask questions via Facebook. I will do my best to answer those questions on the spot.

One of the challenges will be to pick a time that work for lots of people so I am still mulling that over. We know that not everyone uses Facebook just like all don’t use our website or watch Council meetings on Cable TV, but our goal is to continue to provide options and opportunities for how you get some of your information about the City.

Watch here and a few other places for the announcement of the date and time for the Facebook Live experiment.

Will you check it out? It makes me wonder….

YOUTH SNOWMOBILE FIELD DAY - The Saint Peter Police Department, in conjunction with the Nicollet County Sheriff’s Office, North Mankato Police Department, and the Minnesota DNR, is hosting a Youth Snowmobile Safety Field Day on January 29, 2017. The class will begin promptly at 12:30 at the Nicollet County Fairgrounds - Johnson Hall (400 W Union Street) in Saint Peter. In order to attend this Field Day, the youth must first successfully complete an online snowmobile training course, which is available on the Minnesota DNR’s website at http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/safety/vehicle/snowmobile/index.html.

This course is for students between 11 - 15 years of age, but the certificate would not become valid until the student turns 12. The youth must also be preregistered. For pre-registration or if you have questions, please contact Saint Peter Police Officer Keith Ruffing at (507) 931-1550 or by email at keithr@saintpetermn.gov.

COMMUNITY CENTER OPEN GYM – Looking for some indoor family fun? Why not try open gym at the Community Center? Upcoming hours include the following:

- Fri., Jan. 13 from 2–5 p.m. (no school)
- Sat., Jan. 14 from 1–4 p.m.
- Sun., Jan. 15 from 12–4 p.m.

For more information on the open gym schedule please check out the City’s website at www.saintpetermn.gov.

RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT - The recently adopted 2016 Comprehensive Plan identifies the goals for residential development within the community. One specific goals is that, “Safe, affordable and desirable rental housing opportunities should be
provided. Rental housing options should exist for households of all incomes.”

At the time of the 2010 U.S. Census, 34.7% of Saint Peter households resided in rental property while 65.3% owned their residence. The 2000 U.S. Census indicated a home ownership rate of 68.9% in Saint Peter. The Comprehensive Plan suggests that the current 65/35 ratio of owner occupied and rental property is optimal and provides sufficient opportunity for those seeking to lease a residence.

Since 2003, a total of 298 rental residential units have been constructed in Saint Peter. Of those, a total of 204 (68.5%) of the new rental units are charging “market rate” rent levels. Multi-family construction during the years 2003-2016 included the following:

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

- **GROUNDSKEEPER** - in the Parks Section of the Department of Public Works. Two individuals will be hired for this position. Essential job functions include completing tasks associated with the maintenance, care, and cleaning of city parks and recreational facilities. Minimum qualifications include a high school diploma and one year of experience in the maintenance of parks and recreational facilities, 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 employment. The successful candidate must be able to work 24 hours per week and will work non-traditional hours on occasion. Wage rate: $15.50 per hour. 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 no later than 5:00 p.m. February 15, 2017. Faxed, emailed, and/or late applications will not be accepted.

- **RECREATION PROGRAM SUPERVISOR (PT)** - in the Recreation and Leisure Services Department. **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** Associate’s Degree or equivalent; Two years of experience in general program, activity or event planning or a combination of education and experience that provides equivalent knowledge, skills and abilities; Personal computer knowledge and experience; Valid driver’s license; Experience working with the public. **DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS:** Bachelor’s Degree in a human relations field e.g. education, recreation or related field; Two years programming experience with adults; Experience in provision of adult programming. This position will work 24 hours per week and will work non-traditional hours on occasion. Wage rate: $16.95 per hour. Applicants are required to complete City application form available in the City Administrator’s Office 227 South Front Street, Saint Peter, Minnesota 56082-2538 or by calling (507) 934-0663. Completed applications must be received by the City Administrator’s Office no later than 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 19, 2017. Faxed, e-mailed, or late applications will not be accepted. Interviews will be conducted Thursday, February 9, 2017.
or equivalent; Experience in preparation and implementation of budgets; and previous experience with registration and facility scheduling software. This position will work non-traditional hours on occasion. $46,550 per year. 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. February 15, 2017. Faxed, emailed, and/or late applications will not be accepted. AA/EEO

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CITY OFFICE PHONE DIRECTORY*******************************************************************************

New To The City? Do you need to contact a City department and you aren’t quite sure which one to call? The list below might help answer your questions:

**Police/Fire/EMERGENCY** 931-1550 or 911
Parking tickets
Safety programs/classes
Animal impound
Municipal Campground

**City Administrator** 934-0663
General City information
City Council meetings and Board schedules
City Code Information
Public Information Requests

**Community Development** 934-0661
Economic Development
Zoning Issues
Planning
Business licensing
Animal Licensing

**Building** 934-0662
Building permits
Building inspections
Rental inspections

**Finance** 934-0664
Utility payments (billing)
Refuse collection concerns/questions
Accounts Payable
New Utility Account Customer information
Trash bag sales
Billing questions

**Transit (Office)** 934-0668
Transit (Rides) 888-880-4696

**Recreation and Leisure Services** 934-0667
Program registration
Youth and adult activities
Park shelter reservations
Community Center Room Reservations
Public Access

**Recreation Hotline** 934-0070
Cancellations
Youth Center information
Senior Center information (934-7434)
Warming house hours
Swimming pool hours

**Public Works** 934-0670
Electric service construction/repair/outages
Water service construction/repair
Wastewater service construction/repair
Stormwater
Environmental services
Streets
Parks
Forestry

**City Information Line** 934-0675
Snow emergency notices
Electric outages
City Council agendas
Meeting Schedules
Sidewalk complaints
Snow shoveling complaints
Weed mowing complaints
Campground information

**Public Library** 934-7420
**Community Center** 934-0667

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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 or visit the City’s website at www.saintpetermn.gov.

**Monday** January 23 7:00 p.m. City Council Meeting

**Wednesday** January 25 12:30 p.m. Hospital Commission
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