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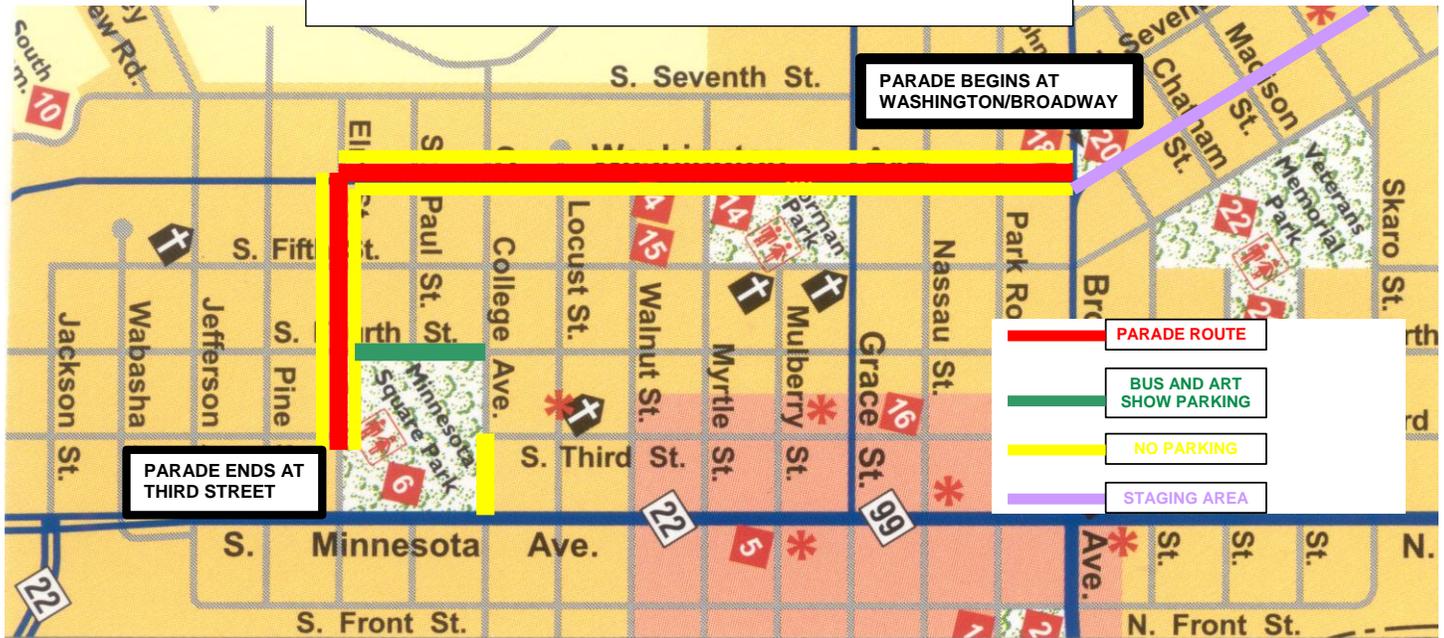


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ST. PETER 4TH OF JULY PARADE



CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS – Action taken by the City Council on June 26, 2017 included rejection of the lone bid received for the Veteran's Memorial Park Sidewalk Improvements Project and direction to staff to redevelop the project to fit the available funding; approval of Change Order #1 for the Traverse Acres (Green) Street and Utility Improvements Project; approval of a five-year renewal lease for Community Education in the Community Center; approval of the 2017-2018 Water, Wastewater and Electric Fund budgets; approval of an electric rate increase; approval of changes to hours and days of sale for off-sale liquor license holders; authorization to enter a master government access agreement with the State of Minnesota; and approval of a tree worker's license.

The next City Council meeting is July 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.

SOLAR PROGRAM KICKOFF

The City of Saint Peter is proud to present its first Solar Community Program! There will be a presentation on **Thursday, June 29 at 5:30 PM at the Community Center** in the Senior Center located at 600 S. Fifth Street.



The Community Solar Program Is Ideal for..... Any City of Saint Peter residential electric utility customer who does not want to install their own solar array, but still wants to support solar energy.

What Does It Mean To Participate? Residential customers can purchase one-half (1/2) of a panel, a full panel, or multiple panels of solar power up to

50% of their monthly electric use average.

Why Should I Join? Community solar allows individuals to lock in a portion of their energy usage for an extended period of time. This also allows each participant to effectively save money and save the environment at the same time!

If you are unable to attend, more information on our Solar Community Program is available by visiting [SOLAR PROGRAM](#).

MOVIES IN THE PARK – Join the City’s Recreation and Leisure Services Department to watch “The Lego Movie” outside, under the stars, at Jefferson Park on **Friday, June 30th**. The Lego Movie is rated PG and is 101 minutes long. The movie begins at dusk which is approximately 9:05 p.m. Free admission is sponsored by MANKATO BRACES.

Please note....City staff will be spraying for mosquitos in this area of Jefferson Park prior to the movie. If you have any health concerns relating to mosquito control products, please keep this in mind before deciding to attend the movie.

CITY COUNCIL EMAILS CHANGING – Now it will be even easier to get in touch with your Councilmember. The email contacts for members of the City Council will be changing on Saturday, July 1st to the following emails:

Mayor

Zieman - Councilzieman@saintpetermn.gov

CITY COUNCIL WARD I (North)

Carlin - Councilcarlin@saintpetermn.gov

Brand - Councilbrand@saintpetermn.gov

Parras - Councilparras@saintpetermn.gov

CITY COUNCIL WARD II (SOUTH)

Grams - Councilgrams@saintpetermn.gov

Pfeifer - Councilpfeifer@saintpetermn.gov

Kvamme - Councilkvamme@saintpetermn.gov



FOURTH OF JULY FESTIVITIES – Saint Peter’s annual Independence Day celebration, **which is organized entirely by the Chamber of**

Commerce (not the City), will take place on...you guessed it...the Fourth of July! Activities begin with a parade down South Washington Avenue at 10:00 a.m. followed by a picnic, water slide, entertainment and other activities in Minnesota Square Park before closing out the evening with fireworks at the

Nicollet County Fairgrounds at approximately 10:00 p.m. For more information on the activities, please contact the Chamber of Commerce at 507-934-3400.

ARE YOU A PARADE SQUATTER? – Are you one of those folks who can’t resist staking out your prime spot for the Fourth of July parade several days or even a week or more in advance? If so, then you



are a parade squatter! Maybe the photo shown here is a little extreme, but sometimes it seems as if people start squatting earlier every year!

Saint Peter isn’t

the only area community that struggles with parade squatters and some have gone so far as to prohibit this practice along their parade routes. But we would like to avoid being the parade police, so, before everyone lines up to cordon off their spot or “save” it with blankets staked to the ground or chairs tied to each other, let’s take a moment to review the rules of the game that we hope everyone will abide by.

- The parade takes place in a residential neighborhood with mostly privately owned property. Although the boulevard is public property, the private property owners are responsible for maintaining the grass and they will most likely need to mow before the parade. Staking your spot too early won’t allow them to care for the lawn and they may remove whatever you left so they can maintain the lawn.
- Staking blankets or tarps to the ground will cause the grass underneath to become brown or yellow...even if the tarp is only down for a day or so. And “staking” something into the ground is dangerous especially in the boulevard where lots of utility lines and pipes are buried. This goes for those who put up tents and stake them to the ground also.
- Ever put down a chair or really nice blanket and come back on parade day with it nowhere in sight? That’s the risk you take of staking out your spot too early. Not everyone is honest and lots of stuff goes missing.
- Anything placed in Gorman Park will almost surely be moved before the event. City crews work very hard to get the city looking spiffy for the Fourth when over 10,000 people come to

town for the various events. Public Works crews will mow the parks a day or two in advance, set up bleachers in Gorman Park and generally work in all the areas where folks want to stake their claim. To prevent damage to our mowing equipment and injuries to our employees, anything left on the boulevard in any of the City's parks earlier than the night before the parade may be removed.

- Weather in July can include strong storms and if those storms come before the parade, a lot of the materials left to save a spot can end up blocks away or in people's back yards. Keep that in mind when saving your spot.
- And then there is after the parade.....everyone is expected to clean up after themselves and when you leave, we ask that you take all of your personal belongings home with you. Unfortunately not everyone abides by this rule and the parade route is sometimes littered with broken chairs and other debris that just didn't make the trip home with the owner.

As tempting as it may be to save a spot days in advance, we ask that everyone be courteous to those who live along the parade route and limit saving your spot to the day before. That also allows those who are coming from out of town to have the same opportunity for a prime viewing spot as those who live nearby and everyone can enjoy the parade!

DOGS AND THE FOURTH: Dog owners are reminded that with the exception of bonafide service animals, dogs and other pets are not allowed in Minnesota Square Park at any time and should be left at home during the Fourth of July festivities in the park. People with animals will be asked to leave the park and/or may be cited. So please leave Fido at home where he will probably be happier anyway!



FOURTH OF JULY CLOSURES – The list below shows closures of City offices related to the Fourth of July:

- All non-emergency City offices, including the Community Center and Library will be closed on July 4th
- Transit – closed July 4th
- Police Department – open 24-7!
- The City Council workshop of Monday, July 3rd has been cancelled.

Regular office hours will resume on Wednesday morning.

CRACK SEALING WORK BEGINS - The City's annual crack sealing work began on June 26th. This work is done to prevent seepage of moisture under the roadway surface. Just like holes in your roof, moisture that gets underneath the top surface can cause a myriad of expensive problems. Crack sealing works to prevent moisture from getting under the asphalt surface which helps extend the life of the roadway and saves all of us money.

During the crack sealing process, high pressure air is sprayed into cracks in the roadway to clean all debris from the crack. The contractor then applies a liquid sealant that is then covered by a toilet paper like material to keep the sealant in place. The work is being done by an outside contractor in the following areas in the order shown:

- Department of Public Works lot
- Traverse des Sioux Museum lot
- Wastewater Treatment Facility lot
- Broadway Generation and Water Treatment Plant lots
- Pool Lot
- Fire Department lot and alley
- Alley - Chestnut Street to Broadway Avenue
- Alley - Broadway Avenue to Park Row
- Police Department and Frontage Road
- City Lot 3 and alley - Park Row to Nassau Street
- City Lot 2 and alley – Nassau Street to Grace Street
- Alley – Grace Street to Mulberry Street
- City Lot 4 and alley – Nassau Street to Park Row
- Swift Street – North Minnesota Avenue to dead end east
- Chestnut Street – North Minnesota Avenue to North Front Street
- Old Minnesota Avenue – Center Street to North Highway 169
- Lincoln Drive
- Traverse Road

Temporary road restrictions may be put in place while the work is done, but the process moves quickly and little inconvenience to motorists is expected.

Residents are asked to use extreme caution as these contractors work in the roadway and to try and avoid the areas until the work is completed.

For more information on the crack sealing process, please contact Public Works at 934-0670.

RECYCLING CHANGES – The City is pleased to announce that starting July 10, 2017, the curbside

recycling program is expanding to collect recyclables every week!

All recyclables must be placed in the container curb-side by no later than 7:00 a.m. each week. Materials that may be recycled include glass, cans, plastics, paper and cardboard. The materials do not need to be separated.



Recycling is not only good for the environment, but it also keeps costs down which is good for all of our customers!. For more information on recycling with the City of Saint Peter, please visit our website at www.saintpetermn.gov/single-sort-residential-recycling.

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

- **PART-TIME METER READER** – In the Finance Department. Minimum qualifications: high

school diploma or equivalent; experience working with the public; and valid Class D driver’s license. Desired qualifications: record keeping experience and previous meter reading experience. Position works full days over the first two weeks of each month. Meter Readers must work in all weather conditions. \$13.81 per hour with health insurance. Applicants are required to complete a City application form available in the City Administrator’s office at 227 South Front Street between the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. or by calling (507)934-0663. Completed applications must be received by the City Administrator’s Office by 5:00 pm, July 14, 2017. Faxed, emailed and/or late applications will not be accepted. 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.

Wednesday	June 28	12:30 p.m.	Hospital Commission
Monday	July 3	3:30 p.m.	Housing and Redevelopment Authority
Monday	July 3	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop Session – CANCELLED!
Tuesday	July 4		FOURTH OF JULY HOLIDAY – City offices closed
Thursday	July 6	5:30 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission
Monday	July 10	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	July 11	5:30 p.m.	Library Board
Monday	July 17	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Monday	July 17	7:00 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Monday	July 24	7:00 p.m.	City Council meeting
Tuesday	July 25	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission
Wednesday	July 26	12:30 p.m.	Hospital Commission
Thursday	July 27	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
Friday	July 28	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau
Monday	July 31	3:00 p.m.	City Council Goal Session

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