

CITY OF SAINT PETER HOT SHEET



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CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS – Action taken by the City Council on October 24, 2016 included initiation of the process for assessment of unpaid utility bills and miscellaneous charges; adoption of an updated bias/hate crime response plan; approval for assignment of the cable television franchise agreement from Crystal Communications to Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services, Inc.; approval of a request by the Chamber of Commerce for City assistance for the Halloween Fun Run; and approval of modifications to the City's donation acceptance policy.

The next City Council meeting is November 14, 2016 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.

PARKS CLOSING SOON - All of the City's parks facilities will close for the season on November 4th. Between now and then the parks restroom facilities will be locked at 7:00 p.m. to prevent vandalism which tends to increase around Halloween.

Closing the park activities include closing and winterizing the bathrooms and drinking fountains. As part of this work the fountain (aerator) in the Mill Pond has already been turned off and it will be removed from the pond in the very near future.

This work is done to prevent damage to pipes and fixtures that occur when the weather is colder. The facilities are also closed before Halloween to prevent vandalism. Please note that closing of these facilities could occur sooner should the weather become much colder.

Should you have any questions about closing the parks facilities, please contact the Public Works Department at 934-0670.

CITY WORKSHOP CANCELLED – The October 31st workshop of the City Council has been cancelled. The next meeting of the Council will be a goal session scheduled for 3:00 p.m. on November 7th. The goal session will be held in the Governors' Room of the Community Center. A copy of the agenda for the goal session will be available on the City's website (www.saintpetermn.gov) the Friday before.



FIREFIGHTERS NEEDED – The City of Saint Peter is currently accepting applications for the position of **VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER** in the Fire Department. Up to three (3) Firefighters will be hired. Minimum qualifications: High school diploma/GED; at least 18 years of age; reside within a six (6) minute response time from the Fire Station; possess a valid driver's license; and

ability to read and write the English language. Successful candidates must also pass pre-employment physical, drug and alcohol tests. **An open house for interested candidates and their significant others will be held on Tuesday, November 15, 2016 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the Fire Station (227 West Mulberry Street).** This event will provide an opportunity for prospective candidates to learn what is involved in service as a Volunteer Firefighter and for family members to ask questions.

Successful candidates will begin service January 1, 2017 and will be required to successfully complete required Firefighter schooling within one year. Applicants are required to complete a City application form which is available in the City Administrator's office at 227 South Front Street or by calling (507)934-0663. Complete position descriptions for Firefighters are also available in the City Administrator's office. Completed applications must be received by the City Administrator's office by 5:00 p.m. on November 18, 2016. Faxed, emailed and/or late applications will not be accepted. AA/EEO

CURBIE PLACEMENT REMINDER -

Residents are reminded that recycling and garbage curbies are to be placed behind the curb, on the



boulevard, on recycling day. Unfortunately property owners continue to place their curbies in the roadway versus on the boulevard and this creates dangerous driving conditions. Pedestrians walking in the roadway or those on bikes must be further out into the street to pass the curbies and that puts them in more danger.

Keeping curbies on the boulevard will also allow the City's street sweeping activities and snow plowing to take place without having areas that the trucks have to go around.

So PLEASE.....keep your recycling and garbage curbies on the boulevard and out of the roadway to prevent dangerous driving situations.

Thank you for your cooperation.

CITY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM - It won't be long before snow starts falling. Want to know when a snow emergency has been declared? Want to be informed of emergencies? Need to know when area roadways have been closed? Then it's time to sign up for the City's community notification system....Nixle!

Nixle is a community oriented notification system that is used by the City to provide alerts, advisory notices and other community information. Residents must sign up at www.nixle.com to be part of the system. Residents will be able to receive notices from City departments including the City Administrator's Office and the Police Department. Individuals decide which department(s) you wish to receive notices from.

Notification is done by text messages, e-mail messages or both. Again, it's totally up to each individual to decide how you want to be notified through the system and how you wish to receive the information.

Nixle doesn't take the place of other forms of communication the City uses. It's simply an additional avenue for staff to get information out to residents. Best of all.....it's free for both you and the City!

So, why not sign up at www.nixle.com and click on "SIGN UP NOW" and start getting messages today!

Questions about Nixle? Please contact the City Administrator's office at 934-0663 or visit the Nixle website for additional information.

(P.S. You don't have to be a Saint Peter resident to sign up for Nixle. If you work in Saint Peter and need to know when bridges are closed, or when a snow emergency has been declared, or other information, please feel free to sign up.)



HALLOWEEN SAFETY - In the next couple of weeks Saint Peter children will engage in one of the most treasured traditions of childhood....Trick of Treating! And while this wholesome, family activity brings back

memories of our own childhoods, things have gotten a bit more risky for kids these days and children have be wiser and more aware of their surroundings to be safe on Halloween. Here are some McGruff safety tips everyone in the family should be reminded of....

- Never, ever go into a stranger's house while trick or treating.
- Only ring the door of homes with lights on.
- Only cross streets at designated intersections.
- Never cross the street from between two parked cars. Drivers can't see little ones when they dart out from between a car. Only cross at designated intersections.
- Wear makeup instead of masks which can obstruct a child's vision. That will make it easier for the children to cross intersections and go up and down stairs.
- Keep costumes short to prevent trips, falls and other bumps in the night.
- Carry a flashlight or glow-stick with you. It will help prevent the little ones from tripping over unseen obstacles in lawns and gives drivers a chance to see everyone from further away.



- Costumes may be highly flammable. Make sure to keep dresses or capes far away from any lit jack-o-lanterns on the steps of the homes you visit.
- Teach children not to sample their treats until they are home and Mom and Dad can look through the candy first. Unopened candies or other treats that are in original wrappers are the best bet.
- If you are an older kid or young teen, and going out with friends, make sure that your parents know where you are going and who you are going with.
- Homeowners can prepare for their trick or treaters by turning on exterior lights, removing objects from yards that might present a hazard and making sure that pumpkins are lit with glow-sticks or other non-flammable sources.

And one more request....certain areas of the community are having underground utilities installed. They might not be done by Halloween so if you live in one of these construction areas, please turn on some extra lights to make sure the little goblins don't get hurt.

LAST MINUTE ELECTION REMINDERS – The general election is just days away. For those who still have election questions here's some info that may help:



- Absentee Voting - Don't feel like going to the polls on Election Day but still want to vote? Voters in Minnesota now have the option of voting by absentee without having to give a reason.

Previously voters had to state one of several reasons allowed under Statute for voting by absentee. But recent legislative action has eliminated the need to give a reason for voting absentee and now anyone can do so. Absentee ballots are available from the Nicollet County Public Services Department (501 South Minnesota Avenue) during regular business hours and on Saturday, November 5th from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Absentee voting will continue until 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 7th. Voters will need to fill out an absentee ballot application which can be obtained either from the Public Services Office or online at [ABSENTEE APPLICATION](#). All absentee ballots must be received by the Auditor-Treasurer by Election Day or the ballots won't be counted.

- Where do I vote? - If you are unsure where you polling place is, check out the Secretary of State's polling place finder at [PRECINCT FINDER](#). Not only will it provide info on the ward and precinct a voter resides in, but it provides maps to the polling place as well as information on what is on your particular ballot.
- Voting Hours – Polls open on Tuesday, November 8th beginning at 7:00 a.m. and continue until 8:00 p.m. Lines tend to be the longest first thing in the morning and between 4-6 pm.
- Campaign Materials – Campaign materials like buttons, flyers, t-shirts and the like are not allowed in the polling place on Election Day.



Under State law, the parking lots of the two City polling places (Community Center and Armory), are

considered part of the polling place and as such voters should note that if your vehicle contains a bumper sticker or other campaign material, you are not allowed to park in the parking lot. Feel free to park on the street however.

- How do I register to vote? In Minnesota voters are allowed to register at the polls on Election Day. You will be required to provide one or more of the acceptable proofs of residence. That information is available on the following website: [PROOF OF RESIDENCE](#). Election Judges will be standing by in each polling place to help you register.
- Other voting questions? If you still have questions about the voting process, please contact the City Administrator's Office at 934-0663.

WHERE DO COLLEGE STUDENTS VOTE? - Are you a Gustavus student and you don't know where to vote for the November 8th general election? College students in Minnesota are allowed to vote in their hometowns either through absentee voting or by driving home on Election Day to cast a ballot...OR... students may also choose to consider their college address as their home for voting purposes. (Keep in mind that it must be one or the other....you aren't allowed to vote in both places!)

This chart shows where a Gustavus student would vote in Saint Peter if they live in college controlled housing. If students are not already registered to vote, they must bring their student ID to the polls on Election Day and they may use that ID

WHERE DO I VOTE?
GUSTAVUS HOUSING - WHERE DO I VOTE?
 Polls open from 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

WARD 2, PRECINCT 1
 (East Community Center - Door A)
 COLLEGE VIEW APARTMENTS
 CARLSON INTERNATIONAL CENTER
 GIBBS HALL
 LUNDORF HOUSE
 NORDLUS HALL
 NORTH HALL
 PITTMAN HALL
 PRASURE NEW HALL
 PRESIDENT'S RESIDENCE
 RUSTGROW HALL
 SJOGSTRÖM HOUSE
 SCHNE HALL
 SORRENSEN HALL
 SOUTHWEST HALL
 SWEDISH HOUSE
 SWEN HALL

WARD 2, PRECINCT 2
 (East Community Center - Door B)
 ADOLPHSON HOUSE
 ARBOR VIEW APARTMENTS
 JOHNSON HOUSE
 PETERSON HOUSE
 TEN-GARNE HOUSE
 WALSH HOUSE

WARD 1 PRECINCT 2 (ARMORY)
 CHAPEL VIEW

If you have changed dorms or even dorm rooms since you last voted (even if it was last year), you need to re-register to vote. Your address for voting purposes is Gustavus, Dorm Name and Room Number. **(Students are not allowed to use 800 West College Avenue as their address for voting purposes!)**

All voters living in Ward 2 vote at the Saint Peter Community Center located at 802 South Park Street.
 All voters living in Ward 1 vote at the National Guard Armory located at 1120 North Swift Street.

For questions on voting, please contact the City Administrator's office (934-0663) or the County Auditor's office (934-7896) or go to the Secretary of State's website at <http://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections/index.cfm>

Gustavus Adolphus College students who live off-campus may locate their polling place through the Secretary of State's precinct finder at <http://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections>

along with the housing list Gustavus provides election officials as their proof of residence. Students who have changed dorms or even dorm rooms since the last time they voted, MUST re-register to vote. Also please note that for voting purposes in Saint Peter, students must use their dorm name and room number as their address. Students are not allowed to use 800 West College Avenue as their voting address because it doesn't provide enough information regarding which precinct they actually live in.

Students who live off-campus must follow the same voter registration and proof of residence regulations as non-students and can find their polling places using the Secretary of State's precinct finder at [PRECINCT FINDER](#).

Questions on this information? Please don't hesitate to contact the City Administrator's Office at 934-0663.

CURBSIDE LEAF COLLECTION - Leaves and grass clipping collection for properties located south of Broadway Avenue began on Monday, October 24th. Collection for properties located north of Broadway Avenue will begin at 7:00 am on Monday, November 7th.

Leaves must be placed within six feet (6') of the curb line and should be parallel to the curb. Please do not put the materials in the street or in bags and do not include animal wastes with the leaves. Do not place leaves or grass clippings by trees, posts, etc. and please do not park in front of the materials until pick-up is complete.

The collection process takes a long time to complete, (it took five weeks in 2015), and in order to complete the process before it snows, crews sometimes have to start before all the leaves have fallen. To be fair to all, the crews rotate which end of the community they start on each year.

For those living on a corner lot, please note that it is possible that one side of your property will be picked up before the other as the trucks run north to south and then east to west to be more efficient in the collection process. If you want your materials collected on the same day, please make sure to place the materials on the same side of your lot. There is no alley collection.

Crews only go through an area once; so if your yard waste is not out by the dates and times mentioned above it will not be picked up but can be taken to the City's yard waste drop-off site located at the intersection of North Swift Street and West St. Julien Street.

If you have questions about this collection process, please contact the Public Works Department at 934-0670.

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.

Wednesday	October 26	12:30 p.m.	Hospital Commission
Thursday	October 27	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
Friday	October 28	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitor's Bureau
Monday	October 31	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop CANCELLED!
Tuesday	November 1	5:30 p.m.	Library Board
Monday	November 7	3:00 p.m.	City Council Goal Session
Tuesday	November 8		ELECTION DAY



Friday	November 11		VETERAN'S DAY HOLIDAY – City Offices Closed
Monday	November 14	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Friday	November 18	8:00 a.m.	Rescheduled Tourism Bureau Meeting* (*Rescheduled due to regular date being the date after Thanksgiving.)
Monday	November 21	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop Session
Monday	November 21	7:00 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Wednesday	November 23	12:30 p.m.	Hospital Commission
Thursday- Friday	November 24 - November 25		THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY – City Offices Closed
Monday	November 28	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	November 29	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission

Please note that due to the upcoming holiday season, some meetings may be rescheduled. Please contact the City Administrator's office (934-0663) for up-to-date meeting information.