

CITY OF SAINT PETER HOT SHEET



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MAKES ME WONDER (BY CITY ADMINISTRATOR TODD PRAFKE) – Housing and growth are issues currently being discussed within our community. A while back I saw an article

in the Minneapolis Star Tribune (<http://www.startribune.com/data-reveals-sharp-divide-between-twin-cities-rest-of-the-state/360017421/>) that provided some data about housing and growth.

It was interesting to see the data from the state presented in this way and it allowed me, for a minute or two, to take a bigger picture look at what is going on with us.

I think there is a great question in whether or not we should grow. Is it really a good thing to grow? As I look at the story and move my cursor across the counties with no growth or negative growth, I start to trace my travels. Which of those counties have I been to? Some of those I have lived in. It makes me wonder whether there is really a choice in that matter...do we really have much control over it at all?

It does come down to choices about what you want to have happen knowing that we really don't have as much control over growth as we might like to think. I know for sure that some of the places I love are going backwards and it makes me very sad; not from the numbers standpoint, but from the perspective of when I stop in or travel through those communities they are not what they used to be and not what they aspire to be.

How lucky are we to be able to think about whether growth is good or not? As the map shows, many don't even get to think about it as their choices have been lost.

It makes me wonder.....



SPECIAL FLAG FLYING OVER CITY HALL – At the August 22nd City Council meeting, American Legion Post #37 Commander Ron Haugen and several members of the Legion presented the City Council with an American flag that was flown over the US Capital on August 10, 2016.

The flag was symbolic of the 40+ flags that the American Legion donates to the City of Saint Peter each year to fly on poles in City parks and in front of City buildings. These generous donations have been made by the American Legion for several decades to help further patriotism within our community.

The Legion requested that this special flag be flown at City Hall. With that in mind, the flag will be placed on the flag pole at City Hall (227 South Front Street) this coming weekend in recognition of the September 11th observances. The flag will be lowered to half-staff as required by Federal law and in memory of the thousands who lost their lives on September 11, 2001.

The members of the City Council and City staff thank all the members of Saint Peter American Legion Post #37 for their continued generosity to this community and to their work to promote patriotism in all.



VOTER REGISTRATION - Are you new to the voting process? Have you moved since the last time you voted? Has it been more than four years

since you last cast a ballot? Not sure if you are registered or not?

If so, you might want to think about pre-registering to vote for the November 8th General Election and/or double checking your registration.

Voters in Minnesota have the option of registering on Election Day, but with large crowds expected to turn out for this year's Presidential Election, voters are encouraged to pre-register to vote so you don't have to stand in another lengthy. You can do so online at <http://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/register-to-vote> or you can fill out a voter registration application at the Nicollet County Public Services office at the Government Center (501 South Minnesota Avenue).

The Secretary of State's website also offers voters the ability to check their registration. Entering your name, birthdate and address will bring up your voting information including whether or not you are registered and if you are, where you vote. It's an easy tool to use and could save a lot of standing in line on Election Day.

Remember, if you have moved and/or changed your name since the last time you voted, you must re-register and it's easiest to do it before Election Day.

Pre-registration is available only until 5:00 p.m. on October 18th.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS - Absentee ballots for the November 8, 2016 General Election will be available from the Nicollet County Public Services office at the Nicollet County Government Center (501 South Minnesota Avenue). Following a law change a couple of years ago voters no longer have to have a reason for voting by absentee ballot.

Voters will have to complete an absentee ballot application form and the form can be accessed online at <http://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/other-ways-to-vote>. If the form is completed online, absentee ballots will be mailed to the voter.

Voters can also complete an application form in person at the Government Center and following receipt of the application, the voter will be provided with the absentee ballot to complete and turn in. If ballots are not yet available when you apply, one will be sent to you when they become available.

Questions about absentee voting? Please contact the Nicollet County Public Services Office at the Government Center.

PET OF THE WEEK – This week's Pet of the Week is once again "Boo". He is a one year old male tuxedo cat with shiny black and white short fur.

He is smart as a whip, very active, and loves to cuddle when he is not playing. He's already been neutered and is up to date



on vaccinations. His adoption fee is only \$25 and he would make a terrific addition to any active family. This low adoption fee is possible due to contributions by Providing Animals With Shelter (P.A.W.S.)

Please help find a loving and warm home for not only this handsome cat, but all the other dogs, cats, and kittens that end up in the pound. For more information, or to meet this great cat, please contact Community Service Officer Ireland at the Police Department (931-1550) or Alaina at Kind Veterinary Clinic (931-4700) during regular business hours.

****PLEASE NOTE...The pound is full and we need all animal lovers to spread the word about the wonderful cats and kittens that are available for adoption. This time of year may local shelters are full and, like the Saint Peter Pound, are providing discounts on adoption fees for the wonderful animals waiting for their permanent homes. If you can welcome one of the pound animals into your family, please stop down to Kind Veterinary Clinic and meet some of the animals today!*

RECYCLING IN THE PARKS - Visitors to certain Saint Peter parks now have an opportunity to make the world a bit better by recycling!

Minnesota Square, Gorman and Gault Parks are now outfitted with the gold topped recycling containers.

The following items are recyclable:

- Plastic #1 - #7 including milk juice cartons. (Plastic bags and foam products are NOT accepted.)
- Glass Bottles/Jars – Please don't break bottles and jars. (Window glass, drinking glasses, light bulbs, and ceramics are NOT accepted.)
- Metal Beverage and Food Cans
- Paper and Cardboard
- Paper from newspapers, magazines, junk mail, dry non-coated food paper box board, and small flat pieces of corrugated cardboard box material are all accepted.

It's important to only put recycling in the gold topped containers as any trash in the recycling container will contaminate the entire container and it won't be recyclable.

Recycling a portion of the waste generated in parks helps save the City (taxpayers) money and it's good for the environment too!



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	September 12	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	September 13	6:00 p.m.	Library Board
Monday	September 19	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Monday	September 19	7:00 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Thursday	September 22	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
Friday	September 23	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau
Monday	September 26	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	September 27	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission
Wednesday	September 28	12:30 p.m.	Hospital Commission
Monday	October 3	3:30 p.m.	Housing and Redevelopment Authority
Monday	October 3	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Tuesday	October 4	until 1:30 p.m.	CITY OFFICES CLOSED – staff training
Thursday	October 6	5:30 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission
Monday	October 10	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	October 11	5:30 p.m.	Library Board
Monday	October 17	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Monday	October 17	7:00 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Tuesday	October 18		DEADLINE FOR VOTER PRE-REGISTRATION
Monday	October 24	7:00 p.m.	City Council meeting
Tuesday	October 25	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission
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