

CITY OF SAINT PETER HOT SHEET



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HALLOWEEN FUN RUN UPDATE!!!! The Saint Peter Chamber of Commerce has stepped up to the challenge and will be taking over administration of the Halloween Fun Run. Chamber President Ed Lee told local reporters

that the Fun run is right in the Chamber's wheelhouse and they are happy to be the new Fun Run organizers.

For those wishing to register for the race, please check out the Fun Run website and/or Facebook page as both will now be part of the Chambers' efforts and registration should open soon.

It's still too early to tell what other parts of the Fun Run activities the Chamber will include this year, but more information will be available from the Chamber in the near future.



MAKES ME WONDER (BY CITY ADMINISTRATOR TODD PRAFKE) – Last time at the City Council Goal Session... The Council, as many of you know, holds Goal Sessions about once

every three months. At these meetings they do lots of things including pondering about the big picture of the City's work; thinking about how they can serve you better and drilling down on topics that they see as important to the broader community and how the City impacts those.

But one of the most important things they do is review their position on the 50,000 foot mission of the City. Over the past few years this review has been titled the not very catchy, "Things of Vital

Importance". The list has tended to be things the Council is setting a strategic priority on. Over those same last couple of years it has not changed all that much. At their last Goal Session it did, however change. That change is maybe more a signal of the feeling that they have moved towards and think that those priorities are "well in hand", maybe not solved, but that the City has done what needs to be done to help ensure the strategic needs are being met. So just for comparison purposes, here is the old version of the Vital Things:

ITEMS OF VITAL IMPORTANCE

- Exceptional schools
- Thriving business community
- Available early childhood care and educational opportunities
- Affordable housing
- Plan for changing demographics

Here is the new version:

ITEMS OF VITAL IMPORTANCE

- Community that treats all people like neighbors
- Proactive housing solutions
- Availability of quality health care
- Thriving business community
- Action on the changes in our demographics
- Aesthetically distinctive
- Improved Sustainability
- Available early childhood care and educational opportunities and Exceptional Schools

Remember this is their first swing at a new version so it may get word smithed again or tweaked a bit. I think it pretty well matches what they see as their strategic vision priorities for our community...an understanding of the importance of civility in our community and treating all with respect...an inclusion of health care.. but I think it is even more than that. It's continuing to make Saint Peter even more special in how we work, but also how we look while continuing to know that what we have done to clean up wastewater, stormwater and provide for better sustainability can go even further.

Do you see these things too? Do you see the City taking actions toward these strategic priorities? I know the Council and I hope you do, but it still makes me wonder.....

PARK NAMING PROCESS - In an effort to solicit additional public input on the naming of two future City parks, the City is offering an additional chance for public input and to win a gift.

Both parks are under construction with the first being located directly north of the new High School (the school is being constructed just off Broadway Avenue on the western edge of Saint Peter). The second park is located in the new Traverse Green Subdivision which is being constructed north of Traverse Road near its intersection with Nicolet Avenue.

The contest will be open August 17th through September 1st. Participants will be able to provide their park name idea via:

- Email at barbaral@saintpetermn.gov
- Regular mail at City Hall, Attn: City Administrator's Office, 227 South Front Street, Saint Peter MN 56082 – must be received by September 1st
- Drop off at City Hall (either in the City Administrator's office or in the utility bill drop box near the flag pole – be sure it is labeled "Park Name Contest")
- Drop off at Chamber of Commerce (101 South Front Street, Saint Peter)

Submissions must include:

- Which park you have a name idea for by identifying either **Broadway Park** or **Traverse Road Park**.
- Your name and contact info including an email address if you have one and a phone number. (Remember we will need to contact you if you win.)
- Suggested park name. (Don't forget this part!)
- A short narrative indicating why the submitted name should be chosen. (Without this your name idea will not be considered.

The story behind the name can be just as important as the name itself.)

A select committee will be established to review the name ideas and recommend 5 of the submittals for each park to the Park and Recreation Advisory Board which shall recommend the top two or three ideas for each park location to the City Council.

The chance to submit names will start on August 17th and be open until the end of business on September 1st.

The winning participant will be given a gift and some great recognition in the HOT SHEET. If the Council selects a park name that has multiple submitters the winner of the gift will be determined by placing each submitters name in a hat and the Mayor or a Councilmember will pull out one name. All the winning submitters will be recognized in the HOT SHEET, but only the one pulled from the hat will receive the gift.

For questions about this process, please feel free to call the City Administrator's office at 507-934-0663.

POOL CLOSING FOR SEASON – Get your last splashes in by 8 p.m. on Saturday, August 20th! The City's outdoor pool will be closing for the season after Family Swim. Thank you for a wonderful summer!



ELECTION JUDGES NEEDED – The City of Saint Peter is seeking additional Election Judges to work during the November 8th general election. Election Judges are paid \$10 per hour and will work either 6:00 a.m. – approximately 8:30 p.m. or 5:30 p.m. until counting is completed which may be as late as 2:00 a.m.

To qualify as an Election Judge, individuals must:

- Submit an Election Judge application available from the City Administrator's Office.
- State an affiliation with one of the major political parties recognized by the State of Minnesota. For this year, that means either Democrat or Republican.
- Attend a three hour mandatory training session that will take place October 5, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.
- Be eligible to vote in the State of Minnesota; and be able to read, write and speak English.
- An Election Judge cannot be a candidate in that election (i.e. be running for an office on the ballot used in that precinct); or the husband, wife, parent, step relative, child, brother, or

sister of a candidate or another judge in the same precinct; or a challenger.

- Able to understand sometimes complex regulations and procedures
- Able to sit for extended periods of time. Election days are very long and this year's general election day will be super hectic with few breaks.
- Dependable. We need people who will show up on Election Day and be on time.
- Judges have to be able to work with all types of people and in sometimes challenging situations.

And, if you are employed, State law (M.S. 204B.195) allows individuals to be absent from work to serve as an Election Judge without penalty.

Being an Election Judge can be very challenging, but it is also very rewarding and if you think you meet the criteria outlined and wish to be considered for appointment as an Election Judge, please submit an application by no later than September 23, 2016. Applications are available in the City Administrator's Office at (507)934-0663, by email at barbaral@saintpetermn.gov, or at City Hall (227 South Front Street).

COUNCIL ACTIONS – Action taken by the City Council at their regular meeting on August 8, 2016 included adoption of a resolution showing intent to work with the City of Le Sueur on forming a joint transit system and appointing Councilmembers to serve on a steering committee for that project; approval for execution of a contract with Gustavus for provision of transit services for students; approval for execution of a renewal contract with the Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association to provide safety training services for City staff; approval of a request for City assistance for the Rock Bend Folk Festival; approval of modified guidelines for the Historic Loan program; and authorization for purchase of a transit bus.

- The next City Council meeting is August 22, 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 <http://www.saintpetermn.gov/city-council-minutes-agendas-packets>.

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.

Thursday	August 18	5:30 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission
Monday	August 22	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Wednesday	August 24	12:30 p.m.	Hospital Commission
Thursday	August 25	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
Friday	August 26	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitor's Bureau
Monday	August 29	3:00 p.m.	City Council Goal Session
Tuesday	August 30	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission
Thursday	September 1	5:30 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission
Monday	September 5		LEGAL HOLIDAY – LABOR DAY City offices closed
Tuesday	September 6	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Monday	September 12	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	September 13	6:00 p.m.	Library Board
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