

CITY OF SAINT PETER HOT SHEET



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MAKES ME WONDER (BY CITY ADMINISTRATOR TODD PRAFKE)

About a week or two ago the Council held one of its quarterly Goal Sessions. These long meetings, generally 6 to 8 hours in length, are used for a couple

of primary purposes. One is to really drill down deep into topics in a more conversational and discussive way which allows for brainstorming and deeper thought. Another use is the opportunity to think about things from the 50,000 foot level; to be able to look up from the dash board and look forward, thinking critically about the community and what the City can do to help make our community great and livable, and desirable.

These meetings take a lot of time and energy in preparation and work afterwards. This time the Council discussed many big picture issues including the Hospital, its' money, and if, and how, expansion should take place. We discussed the big picture of the City's finances and interconnectivity of the various funds and what level reserves should be at. The Council discussed housing and growth and what is right for the community. If you want to see what they talked about you can check it out on our website at <http://www.saintpetermn.gov/sites/default/files/meetings-agendas-packets/CITY%20COUNCIL%20GOAL%20SESSION%20FEBRUARY%2029%2C%202016.pdf>.

At the next Council meeting there will be a short written report so you can get a sense about the activities the Council discussed at the goal session and the priorities they set for the next time frame. Will you check it out? It makes me wonder.....

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME – Did you remember that daylight savings time begins this weekend? It's

time to "spring forward" and change our clocks ahead by one hour on Sunday morning!

It's also a great time to change the batteries in our smoke detectors. Smoke detectors save lives — but only when they work. The Minnesota State Fire Marshal reminds us that home fires are one of the most common emergencies Americans face



and that surviving any emergency begins with a plan. A home fire safety plan should include installing and testing smoke alarms in every bedroom and on each level of the home, testing them monthly and replacing batteries annually. Small children should be taught how to react to night fires, and practicing family fire drills will assure that everyone knows how to get outside from any room in the house. For more information on fire safety resources please visit the Minnesota Safety Council website at <http://www.minnesotasafetycouncil.org/family/fire.cf>. And don't forget to change the batteries in your carbon monoxide detectors also!



PARK CLOSURES –

Although it has been unseasonably warm weather, City staff would like to remind everyone that the parks are not officially open yet. May 1st is the official opening

date and that's when the restroom facilities are opened to the public. The weather can still dip below freezing and the May 1st date was

established to prevent damage to water pipes if the parks are opened too early in the spring.

So, as you plan your trip to the neighborhood park, remember that the restrooms are not yet open.

PETS OF THE WEEK – The “Pets of the Week” include two little dogs and some wonderful cats.



Alfalfa is a male wire hair Terrier cross and he is approximately three years old. This little boy loves to give kisses and his adoption fee is

\$155.

Ginger is a long hair Chihuahua female dog. She is approximately one year old and her adoption fee is also \$155.



The lovely Ah-Coo is an approximately one year old Flame point Siamese cat. Her adoption fee is \$135.

Emily is a domestic short hair black/white female cat. Her adoption fee is \$135.



Bear is the youngest of the group and this little boy is a domestic long hair cat who is approximately four months old. His adoption fee is also \$135.

If your family can provide a forever home to any of these great pets, or if you can help any of the animals in the pound find a forever home, please contact Community Service Officer Janet Ireland at the Police Department at 931-1550, or Alaina at Kind Veterinary Clinic at 931-4700. All animals are spayed/neutered and up-to-date on vaccinations before being adopted out.



MAPLE TREES – NOT FOR SYRUP – A couple of years ago some folks in town tapped City owned maple trees in an attempt to collect sap to make maple

syrup. At that time, we published an article in the Hot Sheet to remind folks that the maple trees located on the City owned boulevards and in City parks are not allowed to be tapped for syrup making. It appears the sap might be running already so we wanted to again publish this

reminder that residents are not allowed to tap these trees.

If you have maple trees on your own private property, feel free to try this activity, but remember the City owned trees are off limits! Thanks for your cooperation.

(It's also important to note that residents are not allowed to nail into trees to post flyers or other items and not allowed to cut down or otherwise trim trees on the City owned boulevard. If you have a tree that is in need of trimming, please contact the City Forester at the Public Works Department at 934-0670.)

SPRING SAFETY TIPS – Warmer weather means more families and groups outside enjoying that weather. That means kids on bikes and skateboards, dogs being walked, strollers being pushed, and all kinds of activities on the sidewalks and roadways that haven't been there for months.

And it's up to all of us to keep everyone safe. Here are a few tips that might help do that...

- Teach your children to always wear a helmet when biking and teach them the rules of the road.
- Adults please remember to follow those same rules of the road whether you're in your car or on a bike.
- Walk on sidewalks if there are ones available.
- Follow the speed limits and make sure you come to a complete stop at stop signs.
- Keep your pets leashed and under control when you are walking to prevent them from darting out into traffic or rushing other pedestrians and dogs.
- Pick up after your dog. Although it's not strictly a safety issue, no one wants to walk in fresh dog droppings!
- Remind children not to talk to strangers and NEVER to get in a car with a stranger.
- Keep your bikes locked safely away in the garage when not in use, or chained to a sturdy structure to prevent theft.
- Remember to keep your doors and windows locked when you aren't home. And remember to make sure your garage door closes all the way when you leave the house.
- Remove valuables from your vehicle or at least keep them out of sight. No need to tempt a thief.
- Peddlers and solicitors start up in earnest each spring and summer. If someone comes to your door trying to sell something, ask to see their

peddler permit from the City. If they aren't a company with a permanent fixed location in Saint Peter, they are required to have a peddler's permit to go door-to-door in a residential area....no matter what they claim! If they don't have one, feel free to contact the Police Department at 931-1550 and an Officer will check them out.

HOT SHEET HIATUS – The Hot Sheet will not be published the week of March 16th as the editor attends training, but will resume on March 23rd.

PARK RESERVATIONS: Do you have a family reunion planned for this summer? How about an outdoor wedding? Maybe a company picnic? The shelters in Minnesota Square Park, the Mill Pond area of Riverside Park and Gorman Park can be reserved for your event by contacting the Recreation and Leisure Services Department. The fee is \$40.00 for residents of Saint Peter or \$52 for non-residents. (There may be additional fees if alcohol is involved in your event.) For more information please contact the Recreation and Leisure Services Department at 934-0667 or www.saintpetermn.gov/recreation.

HELP WANTED – The City of Saint Peter is currently accepting applications for the following positions:

- **GROUNDSKEEPER** - in the Parks Section of the Department of Public Works. 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 with the City; possession of an American Heart Association Certification as a Basic Rescuer or obtain within six months. Desirable qualifications: knowledge of materials, methods, and practices used in the maintenance and care of parks recreational facilities; knowledge of the care of plants, trees, and shrubs; knowledge of OSHA regulations and safety precautions; knowledge of equipment and its operation to perform related tasks in parks maintenance. **NOTICE:** The successful candidate must complete and pass a pre-employment physical and drug test and is subject to post-accident, random, reasonable suspicion, return to duty, and follow-

up drug and alcohol testing required by federal regulations. Starting pay \$17.15 per hour. Applicants are required to complete a City of Saint Peter 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 Wednesday, March 30, 2016. Faxed, e-mailed, or late applications will not be accepted. Interviews will be conducted Thursday, April 14, 2016. AA/EOE.

- **MARKETING INTERNSHIP** - The City of Saint Peter is seeking a marketing student to work as an intern for development of a marketing campaign related to recycling and refuse reduction. The successful candidate will develop and present a full marketing plan during the term of the internship which is expected to last between three and six weeks. The intern will be paid a stipend for this work in addition to any school credits that may be available through your university. Some work will be required to be done at City Hall in Saint Peter; however flexibility will also be provided for the intern to work remotely. If you are interested in this opportunity, please submit a resume by no later than March 11, 2016 to:

City of Saint Peter
Attn: City Administrator Todd Prafke
227 South Front Street
Saint Peter, Minnesota 56082

Should you have any questions about this information, please don't hesitate to contact the City Administrator's Office at (507)934-0663.

- **SEASONAL POSITIONS**- The City of Saint Peter is accepting applications for seasonal positions for the 2016 summer season in the Public Works and Recreation and Leisure Services Departments. Applications are available online on the City's website at <http://www.saintpetermn.gov/news/summer-seasonal-employment-applications>, or from the City Administrator's office between the hours of 8 am–Noon and 1–5 pm at 227 South Front Street, or by calling 507-934-0663. Completed applications must be received by the City Administrator's Office by 5 pm on Friday, April 1, 2016. Faxed 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 or visit the City's website at www.saintpetermn.gov.

Monday	March 14	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Monday	March 21	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Monday	March 21	7:00 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Tuesday	March 22		CITY OFFICES CLOSED UNTIL 1:30 pm STAFF TRAINING
Thursday	March 24	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
Friday	March 25	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau
Monday	March 28	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	March 29	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission
Wednesday	March 30	12:00 noon	Hospital Commission
Monday	April 4	3:30 p.m.	Housing and Redevelopment Authority
Monday	April 4	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop Session
Tuesday	April 5	6:00 p.m.	Board of Appeal and Equalization
Thursday	April 7	5:30 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission
Monday	April 11	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Monday	April 18	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Monday	April 18	7:00 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Friday	April 22	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau
Monday	April 25	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	April 26	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission
Wednesday	April 27	12:20 p.m.	Hospital Commission
Thursday	April 28	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority