

CITY OF SAINT PETER HOT SHEET



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MAKES ME WONDER (BY CITY ADMINISTRATOR TODD PRAFKE) - *Vital living and livability indexing.....*

Many of you read from time to time about some organizations that have come out and said this city or that city is the best

for something. Or this city is the most livable community for seniors as designated by the "XXX" Group of America.

It is cool to get that type of recognition or honor, but I am not always very sure how the group picked its "Best City".

So we started on a little experiment with a Gustavus political science class. We asked them to develop a "Livability Index" for us. What should that index have on it? Does desired livability include the number of parks we have per person? Is it the quality of our streets? Is it our average age? Is it the number of hospital beds per person? Could it be the number of burglaries per 1,000 people? Maybe the number of stolen bicycles?

Well maybe not that last one but what exactly makes our community livable? That's a great question.

Maybe you can help me in the effort by emailing me at barbaral@saintpetermn.gov and letting me know what you think is something we can use or a measure that you think leads to a livable community. Will you send me your ideal measurement?

It makes me wonder.....



SNOW IS COMING! – If you haven't heard, significant snowfall is predicted to start sometime today and continue overnight and our plow drivers are ready to go to

make streets safe.

To make snow removal more efficient and effective, please move all vehicles off the roadways to allow plow drivers to remove the expected heavy, wet snow more efficiently.

And please don't forget to keep those shovels handy and get sidewalks cleared within 24 hours of the snowfall. Sidewalk clearance is required to be done the entire width of the sidewalk and if you are a corner property you are also responsible for clearing the entire handicap access.



TORNADO ANNIVERSARY – It has come around every year since 1998 and next week (March 29th), will once again be the anniversary of the tornado. If you are new to the community, you might want

to google the story, but suffice it to say, on March 29, 1998 and in the days and weeks that followed, the city of Saint Peter received a lot of help from neighboring cities and counties, first responders from all parts of Minnesota and neighboring states, volunteers, insurance company representatives, the League of Minnesota Cities staff, and those in our own community who were not in the storm's path. It may be a dark part of our community's history, but it also serves as a nice reminder that there are many good people ready to lend a hand in a time of need.

And as we look ahead towards Severe Weather Awareness Week (which takes place April 11th-15th), keep an eye on the Hot Sheet for more information on how to keep your family safe during the upcoming storm season.

PET ADOPTION – Spring is the time of year for baby chicks and ducks and rabbits. Sometimes the Easter Bunny even delivers these little pets as Easter surprises. (Those of us of a certain age may remember the



local Ben Franklin store selling these pets at Easter time and their fur/feathers were actually dyed pinks, greens, blues, and other spring colors! Imagine what PETA would do with that scenario today!)

But before you decide that a holiday is a good time to buy a cute little pet for your kids, please remember that those animals grow up and become a lifetime commitment.

If you are in the market for a new family pet, please consider adopting a homeless animal through Providing Animals With Shelter (PAWS) in Saint Peter, or use one of the neighboring rescue organizations. There are many, many pets of all shapes, sizes, ages, breeds, and species, that are in need of a “fur”ever home and while they might not be the cute little baby animal you were originally considering, oftentimes these pets will be the best companions your family could ever ask for. And don’t dismiss the older pets. While their life span might be a bit shorter, you won’t have the hassle of bad habits and potty accidents. You’ll get a calmer pet that still has playfulness and lots of love to give.

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.

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

- **GROUNDKEEPER** - 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.

- 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.

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