

CITY OF SAINT PETER HOT SHEET



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MAKES ME WONDER (BY CITY ADMINISTRATOR TODD PRAFKE) – A few editions of the Hot Sheet back, I asked readers to let me know what they “care” about. I promised to share

the results and here they are as submitted...

- I read the Hot Sheet and am sending info on what I care about as a member of this community. I care that I feel safe in this community. Nothing matters to me more than my family especially the welfare of my parents and my daughter. The fact that I can trust, to some degree, that my child is safe when she is at the bowling alley or at Arby's with her friends, is an amazing feeling. She now has her DL so often she is out and about in town with her friends. So thanks to the City of St Peter for keeping us all safe from harm.
- Quality of life.
- Sustainability—water, energy, green spaces.
- As I age and my lifestyle changes I learned that I care about different things. We are currently raising a family and care about providing a safe home environment with outdoor activities, while having the opportunity to work, shop and entertain locally. I care about maintenance and sustainability of the natural areas in St. Peter, Haslett natural area and areas along the river.
- I care about Lake Hallet and protecting it.
- Maintain good, knowledgeable, dedicated, resourceful open-minded City staff. I think we should do the following:
 - Continue to improve child care availability
 - Entice hotel development
 - Build a fieldhouse/ice rink/community wellness center on the "triangle" across

from the new high school. Bring in something every weekend (conventions, basketball tournaments, hockey tournaments, etc...) to stir up business in town from the outside.

This is all great stuff and I really thank you for your thoughts and ideas. As you can see, with the smallish sample size there is no one direction that this all points to other than to continue to make our community better in a bunch of areas. After all... better is better.

So does this stimulate other ideas of things you care about? It makes me wonder.....

INTERNET CRIMES - The FBI has an internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) that accepts online Internet crime complaints from either the actual victim or from a third party to the complainant. They can best process your complaint if they receive accurate and complete information from you. Therefore, they request that you provide the following information when filing a complaint:



- Your name
- Your mailing address
- Your telephone number
- The name, address, telephone number, and Web address, if available, of the individual or organization you believe defrauded you.
- Specific details on how, why, and when you believe you were defrauded.
- Any other relevant information you believe is necessary to support your complaint.

The web site for reporting a crime is:

<http://www.ic3.gov/complaint/splash.aspx>.

SOLAR SYSTEM INSTALLATIONS - If you are thinking of installing a residential Solar Photovoltaic (PV)

power system or solar panels at your home, please be aware there are Building Codes that need to be addressed as follows:



1. The layout of the panels installed on your roof need to provide access around the roof for the Fire Department. Keep the panels three feet away for the ridge, valleys, and roof edges.
2. Rooftop units need to be installed to withstand a 90 MPH wind load and not interfere with the attic ventilation. Some older homes may need to add to the roof truss system to support the added weight.
3. Also, the system must comply with the City's Electric Utility Generation Policies. They can be found on the City's website at www.saintpetermn.gov/electric near the bottom of the page.

If you have any questions on installation of solar panels, please call the Building Department at 507-934-0662.



SPRING CLEANING – City staff from all departments have been hard at work the past week cleaning out decades of old records and documents based on the adopted records retention schedule. The schedule follows State Statutes that outline what has to be saved, for how long, and what can be disposed of either by shredding (for private/confidential information) or recycling (for public information). Some materials are considered permanent records and those will be retained by the City or provided to the Nicollet County Historical Society at a later date.

As you can see from the photo above, well over 250 boxes were securely shredded and 10-15 curbsies of materials were recycled.

CITY PROVIDES HIGH-QUALITY DRINKING WATER - The City of Saint Peter has a goal to provide residents with high-quality, safe, reliable drinking water that meets every federal and state water

quality requirement and we are happy to report that our drinking water is safe!



The United States Congress and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) require all community systems to annually report on the quality of the drinking water provided. This report, prepared by the City of Saint Peter Utility, contains information about the water source, treatment, consumer demand, contaminants detected and other information of interest, covers the period from January 1 to December 31, 2015.

Results of the report can be found on the City's website at.....

<http://www.saintpetermn.gov/sites/default/files/documents/public-works/Consumer%20Confidence%20Report%2015%20City.pdf>

This report is meant to advance the public's understanding of drinking water and heighten awareness of the need to protect precious water resources. It answers common questions people have about Saint Peter's water.

For more information on the City's drinking water please contact the Public Works Department at 934-0670.

LIBRARY/COMMUNITY CENTER SUMMER HOURS - Hours at the Saint Peter Public Library from June 4th–August 27th will be as follows:

- Monday – Thursday, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
- Fridays, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Saturdays, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Please note that Saturday hours will be revised during the summer months.

Community Center building hours will also change for the summer during the period June 1 through Labor Day weekend.

- Monday – Friday, 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Saturdays, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- Sundays – Closed except for approved reservations.

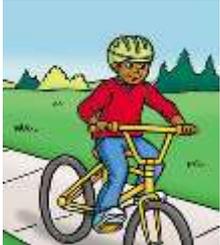
If you have any questions, or would like to inquire about room rentals, please contact the Recreation and Leisure Services Department in Suite 200 of the Community Center by calling 934-0667 or emailing jenh@saintpetermn.gov. Hours are also listed on the City's website at www.saintpetermn.gov/communitycenter.

KEEPING YOUR FAMILY SAFE THIS SUMMER – Summer is full of fun activities...graduations, vacations, kids at the pool, picnics, bonfires, etc... But it can also be dangerous if you don't take some

preventative steps and stay aware of what's happening around you.

So what can you do to keep your family and property safe this summer? Here's a list that might come in handy...

- Personal safety – With more people out and about during the summer months, drivers and pedestrians alike need to stay vigilant about other folks on the road. Whether it is children walking or biking, skateboarders, rollerbladers, or others, we need to share



the road and drive responsibly. Of course this means everyone wearing their seat belt at all times...or wearing a helmet if you are biking or using alternative personal transportation. But it also

means keeping your eyes on the road and watching for kids, balls, pets, or other obstacles that might suddenly appear in the road from between parked cars.

- Your kids have heard it before, but it can't be said enough....with all those kids out and about during the day, remind them to not talk to strangers and never to get in a vehicle with someone they don't know.
- Safety in the water....According to SafeKids, in 2006 more than 3,700 kids younger than 5 years old were injured in near-drowning incidents, and every year, more than 830 kids ages 14 and younger die due to unintentional drowning. It should go without saying but we'll say it anyway: Never leave kids alone near the pool or at the lake, no matter what their ages or swim capabilities are. Parents can and should take precautions around home pools, in addition to closely supervising kids while they swim. Installing fencing around pools, at least 5-feet high, all the way around and with a self-closing, self-latching gate, can prevent 50 to 90 percent of accidental drowning incidents. Pool and gate alarms -- they alert you to when the pool water becomes agitated and when the gate is opened -- add another layer of protection. And don't think the blow up or kiddie pools are safe either as children can drown in just a few inches of water. Keep your eye on your kids at all times when they are near the water.
- It only takes 10 minutes for a car to heat up by 19 degrees. Every so often, we hear news stories of parents forgetting infants or

leaving a sleeping toddler in the car, and tragedies that ensue. Never leave a child alone in a car, even for a minute. Degrees can be deceiving.

Fatalities can occur at temperatures as low as the mid-50s because a vehicle heats up so quickly.



Children are at a great risk for heat stroke because their bodies heat up three to five times faster than an adult's does. Cracking a window? Not a solution. Some advanced technologies are still being developed that may help prevent heat stroke deaths in vehicles, but nothing has been proven effective yet. And don't leave your pets along in a car either. If you think children get overheated quickly imagine how quickly it can happen to a pet with a fur coat on!

- Summer is also a time for peddlers and solicitors to start their rounds in residential areas. In Saint Peter, peddlers/solicitors who don't have a fixed and permanent location in Saint Peter have to obtain a license from the City of Saint Peter before going door-to-door in a residential neighborhood. Many of these folks will tell you that they aren't required to be licensed or that their "boss" has their license, but if they are going door to door in a residential neighborhood, each peddler will be required to carry their own license from the City with their own name on it. We require these licenses so that we can do a background check on them to try and weed out those who might be unscrupulous and to ensure that they are bonded. This helps anyone who is scammed by a peddler recoup some of their loss. If they don't have a license from the City, don't buy from them. And...as with everyone who comes to your door, you are under NO obligation to let them in your home or to answer their questions. If you feel uncomfortable there probably is a reason to feel that way. If someone does come to your door trying to sell you something and they can't produce their license from the City, please call the Police Department at 931-1550. Be prepared to provide a good description of the person,

what they were selling, any vehicle they might be driving, and which direction they went so that our Officers can deal with them.

- Summer is also a time when personal property thefts increase. Whether it is an unlocked window or door, an open garage door, or unlocked doors on a vehicle, summer is a pretty good time for these crimes of opportunity to increase. The Police Department recommends that even if you are in your home, you lock all doors, including the door between the garage and the interior of your home. Keep your windows securely locked when you are away from home. Keep the exterior of your home well-lit and use motion sensitive lights when possible. Let a trusted neighbor know when you will be on vacation and ask them to keep an eye out on your property if they can. Stop mail and newspaper deliveries while on vacation and if you will be gone for an extended time, arrange for someone to mow your lawn while you are away so the house looks lived in. Invest in a couple of timers to turn lights on and off while you are on vacation. Every little deterrent that you can add makes a thief think twice about striking your property.

Some of this information is provided by the CDC and other children safety organizations. There are many, many more tips we could provide here, but this is a good start for having a safe and healthy summer.

SMMPA ADDS LARGE-SCALE SOLAR

Southern Minnesota Municipal Power Agency, (of which the



City of Saint Peter is a member), has signed an agreement with Lemond Solar Center, LLC, a subsidiary of Coronal Development Services, to buy all electricity generated over 20 years from a 5 MW solar photovoltaic array that will be built, owned and operated by Lemond Solar Center, LLC. The project will be sited on approximately 40 acres near Owatonna, one of SMMPA's Member communities. Electricity from the Lemond Solar Center, planned to be operational by late June 2017 will be used by SMMPA as a general power resource.

"SMMPA and our Members have been looking forward to having a large stake in solar to expand our already significant renewable energy portfolio, and we thank everyone who worked hard on this

project to get us to this point," said Dave Geshwind, SMMPA's Executive Director and CEO.

"Coronal is thrilled to partner with SMMPA and the Owatonna community on this exciting project," added Ben J. Alingh, Senior Project Developer for Coronal Development Services. "We commend SMMPA for taking a leadership role on an energy procurement strategy that is both environmentally and economically sound."

According to Coronal, once operational the Lemond Solar Center will produce enough electricity to meet the needs of approximately 775 homes per year.

SMMPA provides electricity and related services to 18 municipally operated utilities, mostly in south-central and southeastern Minnesota. For more information about SMMPA, please visit www.smmpa.com.

HOSPITAL 5 STAR RATING – River's Edge Hospital recently has been given a 5-star rating for patient experience from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Hospital Compare Initiative. The rating is based on survey data on patient experience collected by CMS from all hospitals.

"This recognition is the result of focused effort by the entire staff who has worked hard to make patient experience world class," said George Rohrich, Chief Executive Officer at River's Edge Hospital and Clinic. "It validates the success of their work and gives us more energy and enthusiasm."

Star rankings for patient experience were first released in 2014. In 2015 River's Edge Hospital and Clinic received four stars for both reporting periods. The report released on May 4 states that 3,544 hospitals in the U.S. were rated and 168 of those received 5 stars. In April 2015, 251 hospitals received 5-stars.

Data is gathered from the Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers Survey (HCAHPS) that is sent out to patients following their discharge from River's Edge. The survey consists of 32 questions and the Hospital Compare rankings are comprised of 11 measures that include communication with nurses, communication with doctors, pain management, discharge information, cleanliness of the hospital and overall rating of the hospital.

River's Edge Hospital was above the Minnesota average for all 11 measures. For more information on the Hospital Compare rankings, please visit www.medicare.gov/hospitalcompare.

River's Edge Hospital and Clinic provides a wide range of healthcare services, combining state-of-the-art technology with compassionate care,

collaboration, integrity and stewardship. Find more information on the Hospital's website at www.rehc.org.

CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS – Action taken by the City Council on May 9, 2016 included a public hearing and subsequent action to consider annexation of a portion of the Gustavus Adolphus College arboretum and the road right-of-way of Gardner Road; approval of a façade renovation revolving loan for Mary Cammack dba Playing Possum; modification to the Hospital Policies; approval of the process for registering the title to lots in Traverse Green Subdivision; adoption of lot prices for Traverse Green Subdivision; establishment of a funding source for speculative home development

in Traverse Green Subdivision; approval of a request to vacate a portion of an alley in Skaro and Evenson's Subdivision; authorization to initiate the process for recruitment of a new Fire Chief; and a closed session to discuss negotiations related to the sale of City owned land (wastewater treatment ponds).

The next City Council meeting is May 23, 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.

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	May 23	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Wednesday	May 25	12:30 p.m.	Hospital Commission
Thursday	May 26	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
Friday	May 27	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau
Monday	May 30		MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY – LEGAL HOLIDAY - City offices closed
Tuesday	May 31	3:00 p.m.	City Council Goal Session
Thursday	June 2	5:30 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission
Monday	June 6	3:30 p.m.	Housing and Redevelopment Authority
Monday	June 6	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Monday	June 13	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Monday	June 20	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Monday	June 20	7:00 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Wednesday	June 22	12:30 p.m.	Hospital Commission
Thursday	June 23	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
Friday	June 24	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau
Monday	June 27	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	June 28	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission