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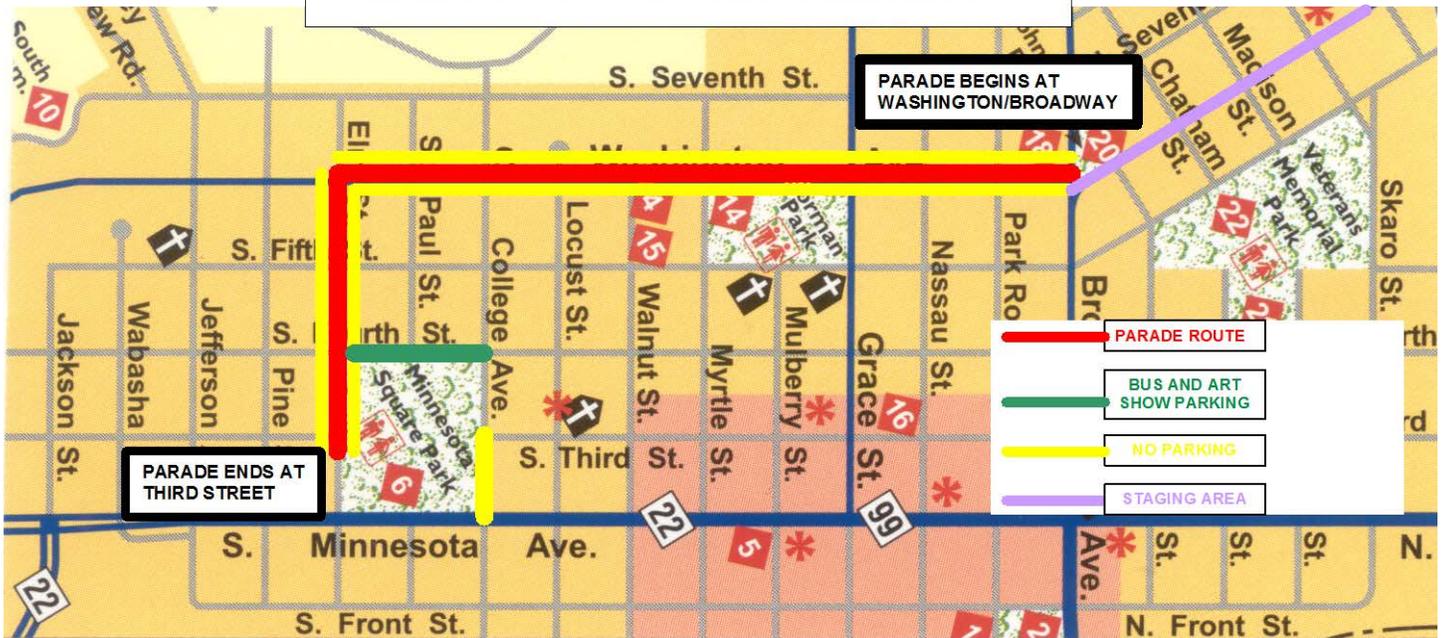


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ST. PETER 4TH OF JULY PARADE



FOURTH OF JULY FESTIVITIES – Saint Peter's annual Independence Day celebration, **which is organized entirely by the Chamber of Commerce (not the City)**, will take place on...you guessed it...the Fourth of July! Activities begin with a parade down South Washington Avenue at 10:00 a.m. followed by a picnic, water slide, entertainment and other activities in Minnesota Square Park before closing out the evening with fireworks at the Nicollet County Fairgrounds at approximately 10:00 p.m. For more information on the activities, please contact the Chamber of Commerce at 507-934-3400.



DOGS AND THE FOURTH: Dog owners are reminded that dogs (and other pets) are not

allowed in Minnesota Square Park at any time and should be left at home during the Fourth of July festivities in the park. People with animals will be asked to leave the park and/or may be cited. So please leave Fido at home where he will probably be happier anyway! (Just for future reference, the only City Park that allows pets is the official dog park on Highway 99 east and on the road surrounding the Mill Pond if the dog is leashed.)



FOURTH OF JULY CLOSURES – The list below shows closures of City offices related to the Fourth of July:

- All non-emergency City offices will be closed on July 3rd
- Community Center – closed July 3rd and 4th

- Transit – closed July 4th
- Library – closed July 3rd and 4th
- Police Department – open 24-7!



FIREWORKS SAFETY TIPS - Fireworks and celebrations seem to go together, especially during the Fourth of July. Firework celebrations can result in serious burns and eye injuries or even death. Before your family celebrates this year, make

sure everyone knows about fireworks safety.

If not handled properly, fireworks can cause burns and eye injuries in children and adults. The best thing you can do to protect your child is not to use any fireworks at home - period. Attend public fireworks displays and leave the pyrotechnics to the professionals. Here are some tips that might save someone you love from injury or worse....

- Children should never play with fireworks. Things like firecrackers, rockets, and sparklers are just too dangerous. If you give your child a sparkler, make sure your child keeps it outside and away from their face, clothing, and hair. Sparklers can reach 1,800° Fahrenheit (982° Celsius) - hot enough to melt gold.



- Buy only legal fireworks (legal fireworks have a label with the manufacturer's name and directions; illegal ones are unlabeled), and store them in a cool, dry place. Illegal fireworks usually go by the names M-80, M100, blockbuster, or quarter pounder. These explosives were banned in 1966, but still account for many fireworks injuries.
- Never try to make your own fireworks.
- Always use fireworks outside and have a bucket of water and a hose or a fire extinguisher nearby in case of accidents.
- Steer clear of others - fireworks have been known to backfire or shoot off in the wrong direction. Never throw or point fireworks at someone, even in jest.
- Don't hold fireworks in your hand or have any part of your body over them while lighting. Wear some sort of eye protection, and avoid carrying fireworks in your pocket - the friction could set them off.
- Point fireworks away from homes, and keep away from brush, leaves, and flammable

substances. The National Fire Protection Association estimates that local fire departments respond to more than 50,000 fires caused by fireworks each year.

- Light one firework at a time (not in glass or metal containers), and **never** relight a dud.
- Don't allow your child to pick up pieces of fireworks after an event. Some may still be ignited and can explode at any time.
- Soak all fireworks in a bucket of water before throwing them in the trash can.
- Think about your pet. Animals have sensitive ears and can be extremely frightened or stressed on the Fourth of July. Keep your pet indoors to reduce the risk that the pet will run loose or get injured.



If someone is injured by fireworks, immediately go to a doctor or hospital. If an eye injury occurs, don't touch or rub it, as this may cause even more damage. Also, don't flush the eye out with water or attempt to put any ointment on it. Instead, cut out

EXAMPLES OF FIREWORKS THAT ARE NOW LEGAL TO SELL, POSSESS AND USE BY THE PUBLIC ON OR AFTER APRIL 30, 2002 AS PERMITTED BY MINNESOTA STATUTE 624.20 (C):	EXAMPLES OF FIREWORKS THAT CONTINUE TO BE ILLEGAL TO SELL POSSESS AND USE, EXCEPT AS PERMITTED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTE 624.20
<p>Wire or wood sparklers of not more than 100 grams of mixture per item</p> <p>Other sparkling items which are nonexplosive and nonaerial and contain 75 grams or less of chemical mixture per tube or a total of 500 grams or less for multiple tubes and include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Cylindrical fountain</u> Upon ignition, a shower of colored sparks or smoke and sometimes a whistling effect is produced. • <u>Cone Fountain</u> The effect is the same as that of a cylindrical fountain. When more than 1 cone is mounted on a common base, total pyrotechnic composition may not exceed 500 grams • <u>Illuminating Torch</u> • <u>Wheel</u> - Pyrotechnic device intended to be attached to a post or tree by means of a nail or string. Upon ignition, the wheel revolves, producing a shower of color and sparks and, sometimes, a whistling effect • <u>Ground Spinner</u> - Small device venting out an orifice usually on the side of the tube. Similar in operation to a wheel but intended to be placed flat on the ground and ignited. The rapidly spinning device produces a shower of sparks and color. • <u>Flitter Sparkler</u> - Narrow paper tube attached to a stick or wire that produces color and sparks upon ignition. The paper at one end of the tube is ignited to make the device function. • <u>Flash/Stroke</u> - Emit a bright light <p>Novelty items such as snakes and glow worms, smoke devices, or trick noisemakers which include paper streamers, party poppers, string poppers, snappers, and drop pops, each consisting of not more than twenty-five hundredths grains of explosive mixture.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Any fireworks that are explosive</u> • <u>Any fireworks that are aerial</u> • Firecrackers (any size) • Ladyfingers • Sky rockets • Bottle rockets • Missile type rockets • Helicopters, aerial spinners, planes, UFOs • Roman Candles • Mines or shells (heavy cardboard or paper tube(s) attached to a base – upon ignition stars, balls or reports are propelled into the air) • Chasers • Parachutes • 1.3G Display (special or class B) Fireworks • Aerial shells • Theatrical pyrotechnics (see Minn. Stat. 624.20 to 624.25) <p>Basically, any fireworks listed above are still not legal for public sale, possession or use, except with a permit and by a certified operator according to Minnesota Statute 624.20. (i.e. these fireworks are still not legal unless a permit has been issued by the local jurisdiction and they are used by a state certified operator)</p>

the bottom of a paper cup, place it around the eye, and immediately seek medical attention - your eyesight may depend on it.

If it's a burn, remove clothing from the burned area and run cool, not cold, water over the burn (do not use ice). Call your doctor immediately.

Even if you have legal fireworks, **NO FIREWORKS ARE ALLOWED ON PUBLIC PROPERTY** including parks, streets, alleys, government property or school property and to purchase fireworks, a person has to be at least 18 years of age. The penalty is pretty stiff for violations of fireworks regulations and could lead to imprisonment for anywhere from 90-365 days and/or payment of a fine of \$700-\$3,000, (depending on the amount of fireworks involved). For more information on the laws regarding fireworks and "what's legal, what's not", please visit the State Fire Marshal website at www.fire.state.mn.us/fireworksinfo.html or call the Police Department at 931-1550. You can also check out this safety video from the State Fire Marshal...

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PmT8Q-h5kvc&list=UUtlLz5GmDkDHIAaVIPLYRnQ&feature=share>

Fireworks are meant to be enjoyed, but you'll enjoy them much more knowing your family is safe. Take extra precautions this Fourth of July and your holiday will be a blast!

MOSQUITO SPRAYING - City staff will be spraying for mosquitoes at Minnesota Square Park between 5:00-5:30 am on July 4th in preparation for Fourth of July activities. The spray is a contact type pesticide used to control adult mosquitoes and is safe for use around recreational and residential areas such as athletic fields, parks, and campsites.



Questions about mosquito spraying? Please contact the Public Works Department at 934-0670.

HOT SHEET HIATUS – The Hot Sheet is going on vacation! There will be no Hot Sheet published the weeks of July 15, 22, or 29th.



CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE FILING

– The filing period for seats on the City Council will open at 8:00 a.m., Tuesday, July 28, 2015 and will close at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 11, 2015. The Election will be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2015 to elect a Mayor, one Councilmember from

Ward I (North Ward) and two City Councilmembers from Ward II (South Ward). The terms of:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>TERM</u>
Timothy Strand	Mayor	2 yrs.
Jeff Brand	Council Ward I	4 yrs.
John Kvamme	Council Ward II	4 yrs.
Chuck Zieman	Council Ward II	4 yrs.

expire on December 31, 2015.

Any person wishing to file for City offices may do so at the City Administrator's office in the Municipal Building, 227 South Front Street between the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. The filing fee is \$5.00. Persons with questions regarding the election are encouraged to call the City Administrator's office at 934-0663.



MAKES ME WONDER (BY CITY ADMINISTRATOR TODD PRAFKE)

– One rainy morning a week or so ago I was driving south on Highway 169 from about the DQ to my office. As I drove, I noticed the

fantastic growth that the trees along the boulevard seem to have made this year. It is not just that they are taller, but it is also that they are so much fuller.

The flowers downtown are looking great for this early in the season (only being out a few weeks) and the median is starting to jump back to life. It is beautiful and noticed by so many people.

Over the last week or two I have been to a number of different locations in the State and when people hear I am from Saint Peter, the number of compliments I hear about the trees, medians, and flowers is fantastic. I also hear about local businesses that are frequented by the folks from outside of our community and on a few occasions I hear about their emotional attachment to our community.

How great is that? People that I have never met before come up to me and discuss why they think Saint Peter is so great. Sometimes when we see it every day, we lose track of what a really special place this is. Not just for the flowers or the trees, but really for the people that live and work here. Do you see it? It makes me wonder.....

YOUTH CENTER COORDINATOR - The City of Saint Peter is looking for a part-time Coordinator (12½ hours per week) for The Third Floor Youth Center beginning September 2015. The Third Floor is located at North Intermediate School and serves

youth in grades 3 through 6 Monday through Friday from 3-5 p.m. The Coordinator is responsible for the operation of the youth center including scheduling and supervising Gustavus Adolphus College work study students. The hiring process for this position is different than other City positions and if you are interested please contact Recreation and Leisure Services Director Timmerman at jane@saintpetermn.gov or 507-934-0667.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM – “Every Hero Has a Story” is the theme is this summer’s reading program at the Public Library. Upcoming programs include Gallimaufry, an interactive children-focused music program on Wednesday, July 8th at 1 p.m. and the Minnesota Center for Book Arts-Comic Book Heroes on Thursday, July 9th (10 a.m. for ages 6-10 and 1 p.m. for ages 11-16). Both programs are free of charge. For more information on the summer reading program, please contact the Library at 934-7420.

CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS – Action taken by the City Council at the regular meeting of June 22, 2015 included a public hearing on annexation of School District #508 owned property for the new High School; presentation by the City’s Auditor of the 2014 audit of the City’s finances and formal acceptance of the audit results; approval for annexation of the School District #508 owned land as well as the City owned land for the new City park; approval of a request by the Chamber of Commerce for City assistance for the Fourth of July celebration; approval of two new Tree Worker licenses; appointment of a Special City Attorney

(Kathleen Brennan) to negotiate electric service territory issues on behalf of the City; and approval of a renewal Memorandum of Understanding with School District #508 for City provision of certain programs for Community Education.

The next regular meeting of the City Council will be Monday, July 13th 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.

HELP WANTED – The City of Saint Peter is now accepting applications for the following position:

- **PART-TIME BUS DRIVER** in the Finance Department. **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** High school diploma or equivalent; possession of valid State of Minnesota Drivers’ license. **DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS:** Experience working with the public; experience operating two-way radio/phones; training in vehicle mechanics; previous bus driving experience. Starting wage \$14.48 per hour. Applicants are required to complete City application form available in the City Administrator’s office at 227 South Front Street between the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon and 1-5 p.m. or by calling (507)934-0663. Completed applications must be received by the City Administrator’s Office by 5:00 p.m. July 24, 2015. Faxed, emailed, and/or late applications will not be accepted. AA/EEO

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.

Friday	July 3		CITY OFFICES CLOSED – FOURTH OF JULY HOLIDAY
Monday	July 6	3:30 p.m.	Housing and Redevelopment Authority
Monday	July 6	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop Session
Monday	July 13	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	July 14	5:30 p.m.	Library Board Meeting
Thursday	July 16	5:30 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission
Monday	July 20	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Monday	July 20	7:00 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Thursday	July 23	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
Friday	July 24	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau
Monday	July 27	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	July 28	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission
Tuesday - Tuesday	July 28- August 11	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	City Council Filing Period
Wednesday	July 29	12:00 noon	Hospital Commission
Monday	August 3	3:30 p.m.	Housing and Redevelopment Authority
Monday	August 3	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Thursday	August 6	5:30 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission
Monday	August 10	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	August 11	5:30 p.m.	Library Board
Monday	August 17	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Monday	August 17	7:00 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Monday	August 24	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	August 25	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission
Wednesday	August 26	12:00 noon	Hospital Commission
Thursday	August 27	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
Friday	August 28	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau
Monday	August 31	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop Session