

CITY OF SAINT PETER HOT SHEET



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*Public Works Director
Candidates "Meet and
Greet" Event*

Please join City staff and Councilmembers in an opportunity for the public to meet the candidates for the City's Public Works Director position

Wednesday, January 21st
4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Senior Center at the Community Center
600 South Fifth Street

Light refreshments will be served.

Hope to see you there!

more information on City Council meetings, please contact the City Administrator's office at 934-0663. Copies of the Council packet are also available on the City's website at www.saintpetermn.gov/city.

MAKES ME WONDER (BY CITY ADMINISTRATOR TODD PRAFKE) - *Listen to the music....* "Downtown things will be great when you go downtown, no finer place for sure; downtown everything is waiting for you."



Do those words ring a bell? Do you see the white go-go boots? If you are older than I am, you might remember the song by Petula Clark. Now that you have read this, you can hear it in your head I bet. If not, here is a link to hear and see her sing. <http://www.bing.com/videos/results.aspx?q=petula+clark+downtown&form=MSNNWS&mkt=en-us&scope=&pq=petula+clark+downtown&sc=8-21&sp=-1&q=petula+clark+downtown&sk=#view=detail&mid=DF803C8C3B42B64FFB8CDF803C8C3B42B64FFB8C> I hear her singing every time the Council visits about its priorities for the downtown. Here is the list the Council established a few years back which I think outlines their hopes and thoughts and what they support in the downtown:

DOWNTOWN PRIORITIES*:

- Promote projects that improve or are sympathetic to the historic scale and nature of the downtown.
- Business development that promotes a mix of niche retail, food/beverage and entertainment. Promotion of office uses in upper floors is valuable to retail trade in the downtown.

CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS – Action taken by the City Council at the regular meeting of January 12, 2015 included decertification of Tax Increment Financing District No. 1-12; approval for renewal of the City of Nicollet building inspection services contract; approval for purchase of an annual supply of biosolids polymers; ferric chloride; and caustic soda for operation of the water and wastewater plants; and appointment of Robert Vose of Kennedy and Graven as Special City Attorney for renewal of the City's cable television franchise agreements.

The next regular meeting of the City Council will be Monday, January 26th at 7:00 p.m. in the Governors' Room of the Community Center. For

- Building enhancements that are not only historically sympathetic. This should be done while promoting upper floor housing or living in the downtown. This will enhance use of businesses by creating density. This should be done while striving to maintain retail or service businesses on the lower floors of buildings.
- Promote uses, events, activities that set the downtown as a place of destination.
- Use arts and cultural activities to promote the use of downtown as a destination.
- Continue to provide EDA dollars to build and upgrade buildings in the downtown.

*This statement was last discussed in December but was last modified in July of 2007.

I think it is important to know that the Council actively thinks about and discusses the downtown. It is a place where we have all made a tremendous investment and a place that is important to the fabric of a community like Saint Peter and our small town feel.

Downtown, no finer place for sure...can you hear Petula sing it? Do any of you still own a pair of those white boots? It makes me wonder.....

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE – The regular monthly meeting date/time of the Planning and Zoning Commission has been changed. The new monthly meeting will be on the first Wednesday of each month beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Governors’ Room of the Community Center. For more information on Planning Commission meetings, please contact the Community Development Department at 934-0661.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS – Absentee ballots for the March 10th special election to consider the School District #508 referendum question will be available from the Nicollet County Auditor/Treasurer’s office beginning February 6th during regular business hours. Many voters may remember that the Legislature changed the absentee voting laws in 2014



and voters no longer need to provide a reason for choosing to vote by absentee.

Applications for absentee ballots can be printed from the Secretary of State’s website at <https://mnvotes.sos.state.mn.us/ABRegistration/ABRegistrationStep1.aspx>.

RECYCLING DROP OFF SITES – Residents of Saint Peter can now use two different recycling sites in addition to the curbside recycling offered by the City.

The Tri-County Solid Waste office has provided the existing site located in the parking lot of the Nicollet County Public Works building at 1700 Sunrise Drive for a number of years. Tri-County recently announced the addition of a second site at the City of Saint Peter’s yard waste drop off site located at the southwest corner of the North Swift Street/West St. Julien Street intersection.

The following items will be accepted at both of these sites:

- Newspaper - daily, Sunday papers, Shoppers and magazines
- Corrugated Cardboard - boxes should be broken down
- Plastic - look for the #1 & 2’s only, must have neck or handle
- Cans - aluminum or tin, aluminum pie tins also accepted
- Glass - bottles and jars only; clear, brown and green



Residents are asked to ensure that the following items are **not** placed in the recycling containers:

- Window glass
- 5 gallon plastic pails
- Plastic bags
- Plastic toys
- Pizza boxes
- Aerosol cans
- Ceramics
- Hazardous waste
- Demolition/construction materials
- Garbage

For questions about these recycling services, please contact Tri-County Solid Waste at 507-381-9196.

TRANSIT ROUTE CHANGES - Beginning January 19th the Saint Peter Transit Route bus will no longer make hourly stops at Maplewood Apartments (1320 North Fifth Street) or at River Rock Coffee. Passengers wishing to be picked up at either of those locations ma call 934-6070 and request an off route pick-up by the Route bus.

In the event that a customer calls for a ride from River Rock Coffee, the Route bus will stop there at about 20 minutes after the hour and for Maplewood Apartments, the bus will stop at about 40 minutes past the hour. This change will allow for the flexibility needed by the drivers to pick up and drop off nearly anywhere downtown or on the north end of town. Questions? Please contact the Transit Office at 934-0668.

ADVISORY BOARD VACANCIES – Can you volunteer an hour or so a month to help the City Council plan our community’s future? The City Council is seeking Saint Peter residents to serve on advisory boards and commissions. This volunteer work usually requires one monthly meeting of 1-2 hours in length. The groups serve as advisors to the City Council on a number of issues like parks, economic development, heritage preservation, civil service, library, and others.

Vacancies currently exist on the Heritage Preservation Commission, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and Tourism and Visitors Bureau.

To qualify for appointment, candidates must live within the corporate limits of Saint Peter and commit to making the monthly meetings for the duration of the term. (Most terms are three years in length.)

To apply or for more information, please contact the City Administrator’s Office at City Hall, email barbaral@saintpetermn.gov, or call (507)934-0663. All candidates must complete an application card to be considered.

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.

Wednesday	January 21	9:30-10:30 a.m.	Public Works Department Closed
Thursday	January 22	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
Friday	January 23	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau
Monday	January 26	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	January 27	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission
Wednesday	January 28	12:00 noon	Hospital Commission
Monday	February 2	3:30 p.m.	Housing and Redevelopment Authority
Monday	February 2	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Tuesday	February 3	5:30 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission
Monday	February 9	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	February 10	6:00 p.m.	Library Board
Monday	February 16		LEGAL HOLIDAY – President’s Day City Offices Closed
Tuesday	February 17	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Tuesday	February 17	7:00 p.m.	Parks Board
Monday	February 23	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	February 24	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission
Wednesday	February 25	12:00 noon	Hospital Commission
Thursday	February 26	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority

Friday

February 27

8:00 a.m.

Tourism and Visitors Bureau