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**CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS** – Action taken by the City Council at the regular meeting of January 26, 2015 included approval for execution of an updated joint powers agreement with the Minnesota River Valley Drug Task Force; retaining electrical engineers DeWild Grant Reckert and Associates Company to provide mapping of the City’s electric utility system; and approval for modifications to extend the balloon payments on revolving loans previously provided to Exceed Packaging and Chippewa Packaging.

The next regular meeting of the City Council will be Monday, February 9th 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 934-0663. Copies of the Council packet are also available on the City’s website at www.saintpetermn.gov/city.

**LIBRARY NEWS** - The Saint Peter Public Library, along with other libraries in the Traverse des Sioux library system, is switching to a new software system. This is a part of the “e-library card catalog” that patrons use on home computers to search for library items. Library users will notice the difference when using the online catalog.

Staff has been preparing and training to work with this new software. However, as with anything new, some kinks and challenges are expected so additional training for staff on the new system will take place at noon on Saturday, February 7th. That means the Library will be closing at noon that day.

Patrons are asked to be patient as staff continues to learn the way around this new system.

**OPEN GYM** - The monthly calendar for scheduled Open Gym at the Community Center can be found on-line at www.saintpetermn.gov/recreation or printed copies can be picked up at the Recreation and Leisure Services Department at the Community Center (600 South Fifth Street).

The City’s “Recreation Hotline”, 507-934-0070, also lists open gym hours. Open gym is free to the public, There are a couple of rules participants are expected follow:

- Street shoes are not allowed. Participants must wear soft soled shoes (non-marking) or socks.
- Courteous behavior towards staff and other program participants is expected.
- Fighting, arguing and profanity will not be tolerated.
- Gym users may not loiter in or around the facility during open gym.

Questions about Open Gym? Please contact the City’s Recreation and Leisure Services Department at 934-0667.

**SIDEWALK CLEARANCE** – A reminder to Saint Peter property owners to keep sidewalks clear of snow and blowback/drifting snow. Yesterday’s snow was pretty easy to shovel because it was so light. But that means that if the winds pick up, that snow may redeposit and drift back over previously cleared sidewalks and property owners will need to be vigilant about keeping the walks cleared.

As a reminder, if the sidewalk is not cleared within 24 hours of a snowfall, City crews may be dispatched to do the work with a minimum charge to the property owner of $75!

**WINTERFEST MEDALLION HUNT** – A word of caution for all of you Winterfest medallion hunters.
hunters…please don’t damage City property! The medallion will not be in a location that requires anyone to be in a restricted area, climb over fences, or dig up the earth.

Remember a couple of years back when the tennis court backstops at Minnesota Square Park were damaged by over eager hunters? We hope to prevent anything like that from happening again.

Winterfest is a program sponsored by the Saint Peter Area Chamber of Commerce. All questions related to Winterfest and the medallion hunt should be directed to the Chamber at 934-3400. More information on the schedule of activities for Winterfest is available on the Chamber’s website at http://www.stpeterchamber.com/-winterfest

Have fun searching and good luck to all!

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE – The regular monthly meeting date/time of the Planning and Zoning Commission has been changed. The new monthly meeting schedule 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.

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.
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