

CITY OF SAINT PETER HOT SHEET



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CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS – ACTION taken by the City Council at the regular meeting of May 27, 2014 included authorization for execution of a “memorandum of understanding” with School District #508 for provision of certain youth programs; initiation of a “hazardous building” action for the property at 214 South Minnesota Avenue; and a closed session to discuss land purchase negotiations for 213 West Nassau Street. Action on adoption of a resolution of support for Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership’s project to purchase and make repairs to the Maplewood Apartments was tabled.

The next regular meeting of the City Council will be Monday, June 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 SUMMER READING

PROGRAM – “Let’s Read Under the Big Top” Summer Reading Program begins Tuesday, June 3 with *Clowning Around with the Rec Staff* from

6-7 p.m. Come to the Library and pick up a program of activities occurring throughout the Library, Community Center, and outdoor patio area. While you are UNDER THE BIG TOP, expect the unexpected; you’ll never know what surprises there might be in store for you! (Children need to be accompanied by an adult.)

SAINT PETER FAMILY READ AT THE LIBRARY – Step right up to this year’s family read, “The Show Must Go On” by Kate Klise. Registration is required for

this program. Please register at the Library check out desk. Be one of the first twenty (20) families to register and receive a free copy of the book along with a family activity guide filled with activities you can do at home. Join us!

OUTDOOR POOL OPENING – The Roy T. Lindenberg Memorial Outdoor Swimming Pool will open at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 7th. There will be free admission all day. Opening day schedule includes Open Swim from 1–6 p.m. and Family Swim from 6:15–8:15 p.m. The wading pool is free of charge all summer long. Passes can be purchased in advance at the Recreation Department in the Community Center or at the pool beginning opening day.



Register for Red Cross Swim lessons at the Recreation and Leisure Services Department or at www.saintpetermn.gov/recreation.

For pool information, swim lesson cancellations and pool closings information, please call the pool at 934-3951 or the Recreation Hotline at 934-0070. Information on pool rates, hours, and policies is available from the Recreation and Leisure Services Department, on the City of Saint Peter website, and at the pool. Questions? Please call (934-0667) or email jenh@saintpetermn.gov.

CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT – As part of the Consumer Confidence rules of the United States



Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the City is required to send out information about our water quality to the public. This is done by issuance of a Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) which summarizes information regarding the sources for City water (i.e. rivers and aquifers) and any detected contaminants, as well as providing compliance and educational materials.

The City's 2013 report is now available in the lobby at City Hall (227 South Front Street) or the Public Works Department (405 West St. Julien Street), or electronically from the City's website at http://www.saintpetermn.gov/Water_Consumer_Confidence_Report.pdf.

For more information on the 2013 report, please contact the Public Works Department at 934-0670.

LIBRARY BOARD MEETING CHANGE – The Library Board meeting regularly scheduled for June 10th has been rescheduled for Tuesday, July 22nd at 5:30 p.m. For more information on Library Board meetings, please contact the Recreation and Leisure Services Department at 934-0667.

ROUTE BUS FARES – The Saint Peter City Council recently approved a discounted fare on the ROUTE bus for students ages 5 to 17. Beginning on June 9th and ending August 29th, students in that age group may ride the ROUTE bus for a \$1.00 cash fare. The ROUTE bus deviates up to two blocks from the path between scheduled stops to pick up or drop off passengers. This means that passengers may be picked up and dropped off at stops that are not on the schedule such as Jefferson Fields, the swimming pool or Gault Park.

A passenger wishing to be picked up at a location other than a scheduled stop simply needs to call 934-6070 and request the ROUTE bus pick up at their location. Once on the bus the passenger should tell the Driver where he or she wishes to go, if it is not already a scheduled stop.

The City hopes the discounted fare will assist parents with their transportation needs over the summer and also encourage those who do not already use public transit to give it a try.

Please call Transit Coordinator Wayne Albers at 934-0668 with any questions concerning how the transit system can best serve your needs.

ELECTRIC RATE INCREASES – The City Council has passed a rate increase of \$.0024 per kilowatt hour for Large Commercial and industrial classification electric customers. The increase is effective with bills due on August 15th. (Residential and small commercial customers aren't affected by this rate change.)

To identify which classification of rate payer your business is, please refer to your utility bill or contact the City's Finance Department at 934-0664.

SUMMER SAFETY TIPS – Summer vacations are right around the corner. Here are some safety tips to keep the whole family safe this summer:

- Swimming – Limit swimming activities to the City's outdoor pool where Lifeguards are on duty to keep everyone safe. Never swim alone and never leave children unattended while swimming. If children can't swim, make sure they are wearing a lifejacket when participating in all water-related sports or activities. Avoid "floaties" (inflatable floating aids), which offer a false sense of security; they do not substitute for lifejackets. If your child doesn't know how to swim, enroll him or her in American Red Cross sanctioned swimming lessons.



- Recognize the signs if someone is drowning. The wild flailing and screaming that you see in the movies? Unfortunately, you won't often get those cues. People are too busy to scream; they're trying to breathe. Their mouths begin sinking underwater, so they can't call out. They won't wave for help; their arms instinctively push downwards to help propel their bodies higher above the surface. Watch for glassy or unfocused eyes, hyperventilation or gasping, hair over the face, or head too low in the water. Instinctively, drowning people remain upright and forget to kick in order to stay afloat—remind them to kick, or (if possible) to relax and float on their back. They often have only 20-60 seconds before submersion, unless rescued.

- Keep your doors and windows locked – Many residential and vehicle thefts occur in homes or cars that were left unlocked. Keeping your property securely locked helps deter would-be thieves who are looking for easy pickings. Keep your garage door down when not in the garage and if you have to leave something of value in your vehicle, make sure it is kept out of sight. Remove keys from the ignition (even when the vehicle is in the garage) and lock the door between the garage and the main part of your



home. And keep those doors locked while you are home too. We spend a lot of time in the back yard during the summer months and it's easy for a thief to walk in the home from an unlocked front door when the family is out back.

- Never leave a child alone in the car. Aside from abduction dangers, in the summertime, car temperatures can soar very quickly -- even if it the temperature isn't ridiculously hot. Even with the windows down, a car can get very warm, very fast. Best bet; take your child with you, even if you are going into a store for just a minute. (And remember the same rules for pets. Leave them at home rather than risk leaving them alone in a scalding hot vehicle.)
- If you are headed to a place where you know there will be lots of crowds, review some ground rules before you get there. Make sure your child knows what to do in case you get separated or lost from one another. Teach him to look for a person who can help them like a uniformed police officer, park worker or even a mother with children. Pick a spot upon your arrival and designate it as your meeting place in case someone gets lost.
- Children who are home from school may be left alone more hours than they are during the school year. Make sure their internet use is monitored and they know the dos and don'ts about providing personal information over the internet.
- Make sure your children know not to open the hopefully locked door of your home to strangers.
- Bike safety is an important part of summer. Always wear your helmet and obey bike traffic laws....stopping at stop signs, signaling turns, riding with traffic, etc.... Make sure your bike is the proper fit; oversized bikes are particularly hazardous for children. Use reflectors and lights when riding at night.
- Teach children not to cross roadways in the middle of the road or from between two parked vehicles. They are small enough that drivers might not see them crossing in these unexpected areas.
- When vacation time rolls around, don't post your plans on Facebook and make sure your children refrain from doing so also. You never know which of your "friends" has a "friend" who might see it and turn out to be a thief while you are gone. Save your social media posts for when you come back.
 - Set indoor lights on timers.



- Ask a trusted neighbor to pick up your newspaper or mail (or stop delivery of these items while you are gone).
- Arrange for someone to mow your lawn while you are away.
- Wear sunscreen if you are going to be outside, even on cloudy days. Burns can happen in just a few minutes and have lifetime consequences.
 - Picnics and barbecues can be fun for the whole family, but keep your food safe. Cook meat thoroughly and avoid cross-contamination by using separate plates for raw meats and the final product. Use a meat thermometer to check doneness. Ground beef should reach an internal temp of 160⁰. Keep food stored in a cool and dry place and remember a full cooler is colder than a half-empty one. Summertime is also a time for lots of mayo based salads. Make sure that these products stay cold and promptly refrigerate leftovers or throw them away.
- **Pet Safety...**It's equally important to keep our pets safe during the hot summer months.
 - Provide a shady spot for your pet to rest when outdoors; doghouses can trap heat and get really uncomfortable. Don't overexpose them to hot sand or asphalt which can burn their paws.
 - If you own a dog with a short- or flat-face, which can't pant as effectively as long-jawed dogs, make sure to provide it with a cool indoor space.
 - Ensure the pet's vaccinations are up-to-date since your pet will probably spend more time outdoors and in contact with other animals.
 - Keep pets away from chemically-treated lawns, as well as toxic plants and flowers.
 - Use a vet-recommended preventive to keep parasites like fleas, ticks, and mosquitoes at bay.
 - Provide water and a regular shower (or dousing with a hose). Or buy a shallow children's pool and let your dog use it to cool off.
 - If your dog is outdoors most summer days, try putting a large chunk of ice in the pet's water dish to help keep the water cool.

- Don't force your pet to swim and never leave it unattended in the water. Some dogs are not natural swimmers.
- Be on the lookout for heatstroke: heavy panting, quick or labored breathing, bright red tongue and gums that may be dry to the touch, woozy movements. If your pet is experiencing these systems, call your Vet immediately for assistance and directions on how to safely lower the pet's temperature. Heat stroke can



be just as deadly for pets as it is for people and these symptoms require immediate attention.

- Don't ignore your daily walks, but if need be, change the time so that you are walking in the cooler early morning or late evening hours. (Great idea for people too!) And remember to always leash your pet when leaving your property. This protects not only the public, but also

protects your pet.

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	May 28	12:00 noon	Hospital Commission
Thursday	May 29	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
Monday	June 2	3:30 p.m.	Housing and Redevelopment Authority
Monday	June 2	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Tuesday	June 3	5:30 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission
Monday	June 9	5:00 p.m.	Human Rights Commission (may be cancelled)
Monday	June 9	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	June 10	6:00 p.m.	Library Board (rescheduled for July 22 at 5:30 p.m.)
Monday	June 16	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Monday	June 21	7:00 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Monday	June 23	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	June 24	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission
Wednesday	June 25	12:00 noon	Hospital Commission
Thursday	June 26	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
Friday	June 27	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau
Monday	June 30	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop