

CITY OF SAINT PETER HOT SHEET



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CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS – Action taken by the City Council at the regular meeting of November 10, 2014 included approval of modifications to the position description for Public Works Director; approval of a 3.2 Off Sale Beer License for Shopko; and approval of a closed session for discussion of union negotiations with the Utilities, Streets, and Parks Unions.

The next regular meeting of the City Council will be Monday, November 24th 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.



MISSING FLAGS - Oh say can you see.....missing flags?! The strong winds over the weekend caused several of the City's flags that were put up in the downtown area for Veteran's Day to

blow away. We have already had one turned in to the City and are asking the public's help to find the others. If you see a loose American flag, or a flag that is attached to a 6-7' pole with a silver ball on top, please give us a call at City Hall (934-0663) and we'll send someone out to collect it. Or, if you can drop it off at City Hall (227 South Front Street) that would be really helpful. Thank you!

HIGHWAY 169 OPENING – The Minnesota Department of Transportation has issued a press release about the reopening of Highway 169 in Saint Peter. Here's what they sent....

U.S. Highway 169 motorists and St. Peter residents should notice changes in the median at

the intersections with St. Julien Street and Highway 22 with the completion of the Highway 169 flood mitigation project late next week (Nov. 14), weather permitting. Reduced Conflict Intersections (RCIs) – intersections with raised islands, special left turn lanes and U-turns – have been built to improve safety at these intersections.

Highway 169 motorists will not experience changes in access to St. Julien Street or Highway 22. However, motorists on the side streets will need to turn right to make a left or cross the highway.

Motorists approaching U.S. Highway 169 from St. Julien or Highway 22 are prohibited from making left turns or from crossing traffic; instead they are required to turn right onto the highway, merge to the far left lane and then make a U-turn at the designated median opening.

“National studies have shown a 70% reduction in fatalities and a 42% reduction in injury crashes when intersections are converted to RCIs,” said Scott Thompson, MnDOT traffic engineer. “A large reason for the crash reduction is that drivers on the side street only need to focus on one direction of expressway traffic at a time, versus trying to cross four-plus lanes of traffic in one movement.”

As the name implies, RCIs with U-turns reduce the number of possible vehicle conflict points at a typical four-lane divided highway intersection from 42 to only 24. Additionally, RCIs turn the T-bone type of crash that would have normally resulted in serious injuries or fatalities at a traditional expressway intersection into less severe sideswipe crashes.

“Both the St. Julien Street and Highway 22 intersections had been experiencing an above average number of crashes. The new RCIs will help to reduce the frequency and severity of crashes” explained Thompson.

RCI's create less delay and fewer crashes than a stop light and cost only a fraction of an interchange.

Other RCI's in Minnesota have resulted in reducing crashes even more dramatically than the national studies. The Mankato MnDOT office is currently working with the city of Le Sueur and Le Sueur County to build a similar intersection on Highway 169 at Le Sueur County Road 28 near the Cambria Plant to accommodate future growth.

RCI's are a component of the state's Toward Zero Deaths initiative—a multi-agency effort to create a culture for which traffic fatalities and serious injuries are no longer acceptable through the integrated application of education, engineering, enforcement, and emergency medical and trauma services.

Find more information and a video at <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/d7/projects/floodmitigation/>

constructively to the problem of illegal activity in rental housing. The CFMH program has yielded benefits in other communities such as increased demand for rental units, a safer environment, and a decrease in calls for public safety services.



Owners of rental housing in Saint Peter are encouraged to become certified as a Crime-Free Multi-Housing property. To become certified, property owners must first attend a full day of training.

The next available session will be held on December 16, 2014 beginning at 8:00 a.m. through 4:30 p.m. at the Verizon Wireless Center in Mankato. Information on the other actions to be taken to be certified is covered during the training. Online registration is available on the City of Mankato's website at <http://www.ci.mankato.mn.us> or you can contact Officer Arpin at the Saint Peter Police Department (931-1550) for a registration form.



A PET OF THE WEEK – The Saint Peter Police Department is seeking adoptive forever families for a pound full of kittens and cats.

Sherlock is a 12 week old male orange tabby; Pesto is a 10 week old female torti; and Bonnie and Clyde are beautiful 6 week old long haired kittens.



The adoption fee for each of these kittens is \$100 which includes their first round of vaccinations and the spay/neuter surgery.



If you can help any of the animals in the pound find a forever home, please contact the Community Service Officer at the Police Department (931-1550), or Alaina at Kind Veterinary Clinic at 931-4700. All animals are spayed/neutered and up-to-date on vaccinations before being adopted out.



CRIME FREE MULTI-HOUSING (CFMH) TRAINING OPPORTUNITY - Illegal activity on rental properties is a problem for law-abiding residents, property management, and the community. The Crime Free Multi-Housing (CFMH) Program is a collaborative effort between the cities of Mankato, St. Peter, Waseca, and Madelia, and the owners and managers of rental property to respond

DAY CARE WOES? Can't find day care for your children? Thinking of starting your own home-based day care business? Worried about the upfront costs of getting licensed?

Based on the work of a Child Care Study Group, the City of Saint Peter is pleased to announce a pilot program to help home-based day cares get started. The City Council has agreed to waive the City's fire safety inspection fee for home based day cares as well as to pay the County's day care licensing fee for the first ten (10) applicants through 2015. That's an almost \$200 savings to help encourage the start of new home based day cares in Saint Peter!

To be eligible for this program, business owners must meet the following criteria:

- Proposed license location must be for a home based business located within the City limits.
- The applicant must have the ability to enroll a minimum of two infants.
- The applicant must complete all application paperwork for both County and City based inspections.
- The applicant must respond to data requests related to enrollment, rates and other data which may be requested from time to time by the City.



To start a home based day care in Saint Peter, and to participate in this program, please contact Nicollet County Child Care Licenser Kristina Guth at (507)386-4517.

ELECTION RESULTS - The voting is over and now the final paperwork commences. Turnout in Saint Peter was about the same as statewide, but was definitely lower than the usual turnout percentages in Saint Peter which is usually in the high 80's-low 90's. Unofficial turnout numbers (these numbers don't include those who voted by absentee) were as follows:

	<u>% voting</u>	<u># voting</u>
W1 P1	50.5%	806
W1 P2	53.4%	902
W2 P1	51.6%	616
W2 P2	50.9%	735

Overall the turnout in all four precincts was 51%. Did you know that Minnesota is one of the very few states that allow Election Day registration? That benefited a total of 577 individuals in Saint Peter who registered to vote on Election Day.

OPEN GYM - The monthly calendar for scheduled Open Gym at the Community Center is available

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	November 12	6:00 p.m.	Library Board
Monday	November 17	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Thursday	November 20	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau (This is rescheduled from the regular meeting date of November 21 st)
Monday	November 24	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	November 25	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission
Wednesday	November 26	12:00 noon	Hospital Commission
Thursday-Friday	November 27- November 28		THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY – City offices closed
Monday	December 1	3:30 p.m.	Housing and Redevelopment Authority
Monday	December 1	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop Session
Tuesday	December 2	12:00 – 2:00 p.m.	CITY OFFICES CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING
Wednesday	December 3	5:30 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission
Monday	December 8	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting

on-line at www.saintpetermn.gov/recreation. Copies of the printed schedule may also be picked up at the Recreation and Leisure Services Department at the Community Center. The Recreation Hotline, (934-0070), also lists open gym hours. For the remainder of this week, open gym will be from 3-5 p.m. on Wednesday, November 5 – Friday, November 7th and Saturday, November 8th from 1 - 4 p.m. For more information on open gym please contact the Recreation and Leisure Services Department at 934-0667.

MEETING CHANGE NOTICES - The regular Library Board meeting in November has been rescheduled to Wednesday, November 12th at 6:00 p.m. For more information on Library Board meetings, please contact the Recreation and Leisure Services Department at 934-0667.

The regular Tourism and Visitors Bureau meeting of November 21st has been rescheduled to Thursday, November 20th at 8:00 a.m. For more information on Tourism Bureau meetings please contact the Chamber of Commerce at 934-3400.

Tuesday	December 9	6:00 p.m.		Library Board Meeting
Monday	December 15	3:00 p.m.		City Council Goal Session
Wednesday	December 17	TBD		Hospital Commission Budget Workshop
Wednesday Friday	December 23- December 26 th	12:00 noon - weekend		CITY OFFICES CLOSED—CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
Tuesday	December 30	12:00 noon		Hospital Commission
Thursday	January 1			CITY OFFICES CLOSED – NEW YEAR'S

