

CITY OF SAINT PETER HOT SHEET



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DETOUR CHANGES - Most people already know that the detour of Highway 169 traffic onto Broadway Avenue in Saint Peter has begun and there have been a lot of near misses at the intersections at Sunrise and Washington.

MnDOT has reviewed the concerns expressed by so many St. Peter residents and have issued a press release about changes that will occur **TODAY (August 13th)**. Here is an excerpt from that press release...

"Motorists are advised to watch for additional stop situations on the Highway 169 detour between St. Peter and Le Sueur beginning later today (Aug. 13) and to expect additional delays as MnDOT makes adjustments to improve safety along the route.

The detour, which includes Broadway Avenue in St. Peter, Nicollet County Road 20 and Sibley County Road 8, was the concern of many local citizens and the site of a fatal crash yesterday.

MnDOT officials have reviewed the detour and will be changing a number of intersections today including:

- *Broadway and Washington – restore 4-way stop*
- *Broadway and Sunrise – restore 4-way stop*
- *Broadway/County Road 5 and Nicollet County Road 20 – restore stop signs at County Road 20; Broadway traffic does not stop*
- *County Road 20 and County Road 15 – Closure for County Road 15 at County Road 20*
- *County Road 20 and Highway 22 – create 4-way stop with additional signing and rumble strips*
- *County Road 20 north of St. Peter – place message boards alerting traffic of hidden entrances with 45 mph speed advisory*

Speeding was a significant concern with the initial detour. Additional signing and law enforcement will

be added and the additional stop signs will also slow traffic in town.

The detour is expected to be removed by September 2 and was installed to allow the contractor to accelerate the project to complete by this fall."

These changes are great, but it does not eliminate the need for every driver to use extreme caution in and around the detour area. Stay within the posted speed limits, remember to stop for pedestrians in the crosswalk, and be alert to new directional and regulatory signage along the detour route.

Stay safe Saint Peter!

CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS – Action taken by the City Council at the regular meeting of August 11th included authorizing creation of a part-time Payroll Clerk position in the Finance Department; approval for submission of two grant applications to the State of Minnesota for funding a portion of the operation and capital purchase budget of the Transit system in 2015; and acceptance of a proposal for sanitary sewer work on the interceptor sewer.

The next regular meeting of the City Council will be Monday, August 25th 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.

NIGHT TO UNITE - Saint Peter's 6th Annual Night to Unite was a huge success. This year not only did the Police Department team up with the Saint Peter Recreation Department and swimming pool staff, but non-perishable food items were also collected for the Saint Peter Area Food Shelf during the event. The Saint Peter Kiwanis sold hot dogs, chips and pop and there were over 300 attendees

who stopped to register for door prizes including the grand prizes of a pair of Twins tickets to the Twins vs. Cleveland game in August and a fresh water pearl necklace with a sterling silver clasp.

Creative Playplace had fun activities for the really young attendees and pool staff and VIP's provided games for the older kids. Hot 96.7 FM provided the music and sound system for the drawings.

It's all about neighbors joining together. The 2015 Night to Unite event is already scheduled for August 4, 2015. See you there!

GUARDS DO GOOD! We all know the good the National Guard does in Minnesota and around the world, but they also are spreading their good work right here in our own community.

On Saturday, August 9th the TREEmendous playground in Gorman Park was covered with camouflage as a portion of the unit from G Company 134BSB Army National Guard took time during their drill weekend to do



some community service. The Soldiers wanted to find a way to thank the Saint Peter community for the support we have given them and their families in the last year.



The soldiers started weeding, removing landscape fabric and staining and another group of the Soldier volunteers will complete the spruce up project in September. Thanks to the men and women of G Company for donating their time to the Saint Peter community!



PRIMARY ELECTION – Another primary election is in the books and turnout in Saint Peter, like many areas in Minnesota, was dismally low. Here's the numbers...

PRECINCT	# REGISTERED	ACTUAL VOTERS	%
1-1	1,572	145	9%
1-2	1,667	142	8%
2-1	1,691	62	3%
2-2	1,466	151	10%
TOTALS	6,396	500	7%

WOWBRARY! - The Saint Peter Public Library is excited to offer patrons a great new way to learn about and enjoy the new acquisitions of books, movies, and music as well as to keep informed about Library activities and special events.

Through this free offering called Wowbrary, Library patrons can:

- Sign up to receive weekly emails that detail the newest items available at the Saint Peter Public Library
- Find out whether an item they are interested in is checked out or not
- Place a hold on items of interest
- Do it all from the convenience of their home, work, or school computer.

Residents will be amazed to see how many great new titles the Library has acquired which can be reserved and borrowed for free with just a library card!

Please go to www.wowbrary.org to sign up and learn more.

OUTDOOR POOL NEWS - Please note the change in schedule at the outdoor pool for Thursday and Friday, August 21-22. The main pool/pit will be closed both days from 1–4:15 p.m. and re-open from 4:30–8:15 p.m. for a special open swim. With many pool staff involved in fall sports at high school or college, we are not able to open during the afternoon hours on those two days.

On Saturday/Sunday, August 23-24 and Saturday/Sunday Aug. 30-31 the pool will be open regular hours.

The pool will close for the season at the end of the day on Sunday, August 31st.

For more pool information, swim lesson cancellations and pool closing, please call the pool at 934-3951, or the Recreation Hotline at 934-0070. Pool rates, hours, and policy information is available at the Recreation office, on the City's website (www.saintpetermn.gov), or at the pool. Please call (934-0667) or email (jenh@saintpetermn.gov) the Recreation office with any questions.

COMMUNITY CENTER/LABOR DAY WEEKEND CLOSURE – The Community Center will be closed over the Labor Day weekend, Saturday, August 30th through Monday, September 1st. Regular (non-summer) Community Center hours start Tuesday, September 2nd. Regular building hours are Monday through Friday: 6 a.m. – 10 p.m., Saturday: 8 a.m.–8 p.m., and Sundays 12 noon–8 p.m.

HELP WANTED – The City of Saint Peter is currently accepting applications for the following positions:

- **ELECTION JUDGES** – for November general Election only. To be eligible for appointment as an Election Judge, a candidate must be:
 - eligible to vote in the State of Minnesota; and
 - affiliated with a major political party; and
 - able to read, write and speak English; and
 - appointed by the City Council; and
 - trained and currently certified as an Election Judge.



An Election Judge cannot be:

- a candidate in that election (i.e. be running for an office on the ballot used in that precinct); or
- the husband, wife, parent, step relative, child, brother, or sister of a candidate or another Judge in the same precinct; or

- a challenger.

All Judges must attend a mandatory training session before the election and are paid at the rate of \$8.75 per hour for their service. Most Judges work all day on Election Day and State law does allow individuals who serve as Judges to take time off from work. If you would like to be considered for appointment as an Election Judge for the November general election, or for more information on how you can serve your community in this way, please contact the City Administrator's office at 934-0663 or send an e-mail to barbaral@saintpetermn.gov.

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.

Monday	August 18	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop Session
Friday	August 22	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau
Tuesday	August 26	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission
Wednesday	August 27	12:00 noon	Hospital Commission
Thursday	August 28	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
Monday	September 1		LABOR DAY HOLIDAY – City Offices Closed
Tuesday	September 2	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop Session
Tuesday	September 2	5:30 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission
Monday	September 8	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	September 9	6:00 p.m.	Library Board
Monday	September 15	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop Session
Monday	September 22	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Wednesday	September 24	12:00 noon	Hospital Commission
Thursday	September 25	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
Friday	September 26	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau

Monday	September 29	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop Session
Tuesday	September 30	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission