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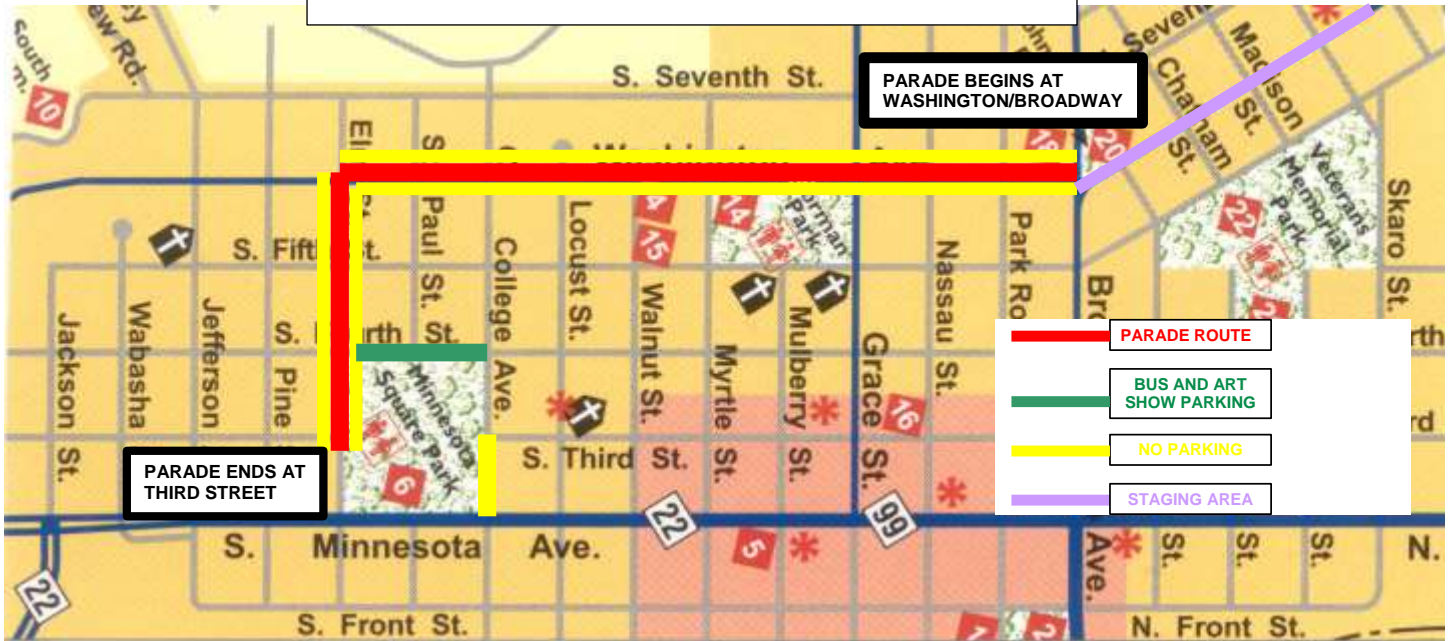


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ST. PETER 4TH OF JULY PARADE



FOURTH OF JULY FESTIVITIES – SAINT Peter's annual Independence Day celebration, **which is organized entirely by the Chamber of Commerce (not the City)**, will take place on...you guessed it...the Fourth of July! Activities begin with a parade down South Washington Avenue at 10:00 a.m. followed by a picnic, water slide, entertainment and other activities in Minnesota Square Park before closing out the evening with fireworks at the Nicollet County Fairgrounds at approximately 10:00 p.m. For more information on the activities, please contact the Chamber of Commerce at 507-934-3400.



left at home during the Fourth of July festivities in the park. People with animals will be asked to leave the park and/or may be cited. So please leave Fido at home where he will probably be happier anyway! (Just for future reference, the only City Park that allows pets is the official dog park on Highway 99 east.)



LEGAL HOLIDAY CLOSURES – All non-emergency City offices will be closed on the Fourth of July. In addition, the Community Center will be closed through the Fourth of July weekend and will reopen on Monday, July 7th; however the Library will be open on Saturday, July 5th.



DOGS AND THE FOURTH: Dog owners are reminded that dogs (and other pets) are not allowed in Minnesota Square Park at any time and should be

FIREWORKS SAFETY TIPS - Fireworks and celebrations seem to go together, especially during the

Fourth of July. Firework celebrations can result in serious burns and eye injuries or even death. Before your family celebrates this year, make sure everyone knows about fireworks safety.

If not handled properly, fireworks can cause burns and eye injuries in children and adults. The best thing you can do to protect your child is not to use any fireworks at home - period. Attend public fireworks displays and leave the pyrotechnics to the professionals. Here are some tips that might save someone you love from injury or worse....

- Children should never play with fireworks. Things like firecrackers, rockets, and sparklers are just too dangerous. If you give your child a sparkler, make sure your child keeps it outside and away from their face, clothing, and hair. Sparklers can reach 1,800° Fahrenheit (982° Celsius) - hot enough to melt gold.

- Buy only legal fireworks (legal fireworks have a label with the manufacturer's name and directions; illegal ones are unlabeled), and store them in a cool, dry place. Illegal fireworks usually go by the names M-80, M100, blockbuster, or quarter pounder. These explosives were banned in 1966, but still account for many fireworks injuries.

- Never try to make your own fireworks.
- Always use fireworks outside and have a bucket of water and a hose or a fire extinguisher nearby in case of accidents.
- Steer clear of others - fireworks have been known to backfire or shoot off in the wrong direction. Never throw or point fireworks at someone, even in jest.
- Don't hold fireworks in your hand or have any part of your body over them while lighting. Wear some sort of eye protection, and avoid carrying fireworks in your pocket - the friction could set them off.

- Point fireworks away from homes, and keep away from brush, leaves, and flammable substances. The National Fire Protection Association estimates that local fire departments respond to more than 50,000 fires caused by fireworks each year.
- Light one firework at a time (not in glass or metal containers), and **never** relight a dud.
- Don't allow your child to pick up pieces of fireworks after an event. Some may still be ignited and can explode at any time.

EXAMPLES OF FIREWORKS THAT ARE NOW LEGAL TO SELL, POSSESS AND USE BY THE PUBLIC ON OR AFTER APRIL 30, 2002 AS PERMITTED BY MINNESOTA STATUTE 624.20 (C):	EXAMPLES OF FIREWORKS THAT CONTINUE TO BE ILLEGAL TO SELL POSSESS AND USE, EXCEPT AS PERMITTED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTE 624.20
<p>Wire or wood sparklers of not more than 100 grams of mixture per item</p> <p>Other sparkling items which are nonexplosive and nonaerial and contain 75 grams or less of chemical mixture per tube or a total of 500 grams or less for multiple tubes and include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Cylindrical fountain</u> Upon ignition, a shower of colored sparks or smoke and sometimes a whistling effect is produced. • <u>Cone Fountain</u> The effect is the same as that of a cylindrical fountain. When more than 1 cone is mounted on a common base, total pyrotechnic composition may not exceed 500 grams • <u>Illuminating Torch</u> • <u>Wheel</u> - Pyrotechnic device intended to be attached to a post or tree by means of a nail or string. Upon ignition, the wheel revolves, producing a shower of color and sparks and, sometimes, a whistling effect • <u>Ground Spinner</u> - Small device venting out an orifice usually on the side of the tube. Similar in operation to a wheel but intended to be placed flat on the ground and ignited. The rapidly spinning device produces a shower of sparks and color. • <u>Flitter Sparkler</u> - Narrow paper tube attached to a stick or wire that produces color and sparks upon ignition. The paper at one end of the tube is ignited to make the device function. • <u>Flash/Strobe</u> - Emit a bright light <p>Novelty items such as snakes and glow worms, smoke devices, or trick noisemakers which include paper streamers, party poppers, string poppers, snappers, and drop pops, each consisting of not more than twenty-five hundredths grains of explosive mixture.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Any fireworks that are explosive</u> • <u>Any fireworks that are aerial</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Firecrackers (any size) • Ladyfingers • Sky rockets • Bottle rockets • Missile type rockets • Helicopters, aerial spinners, planes, UFOs • Roman Candles • Mines or shells (heavy cardboard or paper tube(s) attached to a base - upon ignition stars, balls or reports are propelled into the air) • Chasers • Parachutes • 1.3G Display (special or class B) Fireworks • Aerial shells • Theatrical pyrotechnics (see Minn. Stat. 624.20 to 624.25) <p>Basically, any fireworks listed above are still not legal for public sale, possession or use, except with a permit and by a certified operator according to Minnesota Statute 624.20. (i.e. these fireworks are still not legal unless a permit has been issued by the local jurisdiction and they are used by a state certified operator)</p>

- Soak all fireworks in a bucket of water before throwing them in the trash can.
- Think about your pet. Animals have sensitive ears and can be extremely frightened or stressed on the Fourth of July. Keep your pet indoors to reduce the risk that the pet will run loose or get injured.

If someone is injured by fireworks, immediately go to a doctor or hospital. If an eye injury occurs, don't touch or rub it, as this may cause even more damage. Also, don't flush the eye out with water or attempt to put any ointment on it. Instead, cut out the bottom of a paper

cup, place it around the eye, and immediately seek medical attention - your eyesight may depend on it.

If it's a burn, remove clothing from the burned area and run cool, not cold, water over the burn (do not use ice). Call your doctor immediately.

Even if you have legal fireworks, **NO FIREWORKS ARE ALLOWED ON PUBLIC PROPERTY** including parks, streets, alleys, government property or school property and to purchase fireworks, a person has to be at least 18 years of age. The penalty is pretty stiff for violations of fireworks regulations and could lead to imprisonment for anywhere from 90-365 days and/or payment of a fine of \$700-\$3,000,

(depending on the amount of fireworks involved). For more information on the laws regarding fireworks and “what’s legal, what’s not”, please visit the State Fire Marshal website at www.fire.state.mn.us/fireworksinfo.html or call the Police Department at 931-1550. You can also check out this safety video from the State Fire Marshal...

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PmT8Q-h5kvc&list=UUtlLz5GmDkDHIaAaVIPLYRnQ&feature=share>

Fireworks are meant to be enjoyed, but you'll enjoy them much more knowing your family is safe. Take extra precautions this Fourth of July and your holiday will be a blast!

MOSQUITO SPRAYING - City staff will be spraying for mosquitoes at Minnesota Square Park between 5:00-5:30 am on July 4th in preparation for Fourth of July activities. The spray is a contact type pesticide used to control adult mosquitoes and is safe for use around recreational and residential areas such as athletic fields, parks, and campsites.



Spraying will also be done in and around the parking lot at First National Bank for the July 5th All School Reunion events.

Questions about mosquito spraying? Please contact the Public Works Department at 934-0670.



OH SAY CAN YOU SEE....OUR MISSING FLAGS? – Several of the United States flags that are put up on the streetlight poles along Highway 169 in the downtown

area disappeared during the last strong wind storms in June. One of the four missing flags was found in a window well of the Nicollet Hotel building and we hope that the other missing ones are still downtown somewhere also.

The flags are attached to an approximately 4' long silver pole with a silver ball on the top. If you have seen any of the missing flags, or if you find one, would you please give us a shout at the Public Works Department (507-934-0670)? Thank you!



MAKES ME WONDER (BY CITY ADMINISTRATOR TODD PRAFKE – *Have you seen this?* This is a link to the City of Saint Peter's YouTube channel.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWK7-GhXlmDfaSTNs7yvwgw> While it is mostly populated with video blogs from my office, in the future I think we will have other informative stuff on there too. We will put links on it from Facebook or our website at www.saintpetermn.gov to let you know something new is there, but maybe, if you have a moment, please check out one of the video blogs and let us know what you think.

Do I have a face for radio? It makes me wonder....

RAIN BARREL REBATES – The clock is ticking if you are interested in participating in the City's rain barrel rebate program. **July 15th is the firm deadline** for purchase of a qualifying rain barrel.

Rain water is great for gardens, houseplants, car washing, window washing, and other household chores. It also provides a good source of water during droughts and saves utility customers money by lowering the monthly water bill. Use of rainwater for these tasks also reduces stress on the City's storm drain and sewer systems.

Here's how the rebate program works....City utility customers may purchase a 45-48 gallon rain barrel or rain barrel diverter and parts kit from one of four local vendors.....Arrow Ace Hardware, Mary's Flowers, St. Peter Greenhouse and Floral, or Traverse des Sioux Garden Center. At the time of purchase, a rebate form will be filled out at the store and the form will be provided to the City for processing. Purchase of one of the qualifying barrels entitles the utility customer to either a \$25 rebate on their utility bill or a \$10 rebate on the utility bill for purchase of a rain barrel diverter and parts kit.

And a couple of things to note....some property owners might have to hire someone to attach the rain barrel to their downspout.



The vendors should be able to put you in touch with someone who provides this service. (City employees are not allowed to recommend someone to perform this service.) Also, property owners who are part of a homeowners association will want to check to make sure the association bylaws allow rain barrels.

Rebates will be available to the first 50 qualified purchasers and there is a limit of two rebates per household.

RIVER'S EDGE HOSPITAL AND CLINIC HOSPITALIST PROGRAM - River's Edge Hospital and Clinic has implemented a "Hospitalist" program to offer more cohesive care to patients. Hospitalists are specialty trained Internal Medicine physicians responsible for care and treatment during the patient's hospital stay.



“By having a hospitalist program at River's Edge Hospital, we are able to provide continuity of care for higher acuity of patients,” said George Rohrich, CEO of River's Edge Hospital and Clinic. “Because one of the Hospitalist's from our team of 3-4 physicians will be staying on-site 24/7, this allows us to care for our patients within seconds.”

Hospitalists coordinate communication between all of the physicians involved in the patient's care, including primary/family care physicians and other specialists. If a patient comes to the Emergency Department (ED), the Hospitalist will consult with the ED Physician to allow care for more medically complex patients without automatically transferring them to other medical facilities outside the community.

The Hospitalist will make rounds on patients multiple times during the day and is available by cell phone or email to patients and family members with any questions or concerns even after discharge and prior to seeing their primary care physician. The Hospitalist Program offers consistency and continuity in patient care and has been recognized by a national hospital accrediting agency as a best practice in patient safety.

For more information on this program, please contact River's Edge Hospital and Clinic at 931-2200.



ATTENTION LEAD FEET! - EXTRA SPEED PATROLS IN JULY - Summertime sees an increase in temperatures, as well as an increase in speeding motorists. The Saint Peter Police

Department and the Nicollet County Sheriff's Office are conducting increased speed patrols, July 6th–21st, as part of a statewide speed enforcement effort. The campaign aims to combat a leading factor in deadly traffic crashes. The enforcement and education effort is coordinated by the Minnesota Department of Public Safety Office of Traffic Safety.

Another safety concern in July is the record-high number of motorcyclists on the road. Nicollet

County Deputy Thelemann says a major factor in rider deaths are unsafe speeds — more than half of all motorcycle crashes are single-vehicle events in which the rider loses control of the bike and runs off the road or crashes. He cautions motorists to look twice for riders — especially at intersections — because motorcycles are smaller, their speeds and distance can be harder to gauge.

Extra speed enforcement and education efforts are a part of the Department of Public Safety Office of Traffic Safety *Toward Zero Deaths* traffic safety initiative. A primary vision of the *TZD* program is to create a safe driving culture in Minnesota in which motorists support a goal of zero road fatalities by practicing and promoting safe and smart driving behavior. *TZD* focuses on the application of four strategic areas to reduce crashes — education, enforcement, engineering and emergency trauma response.

VOTER PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE – If you are an unregistered voter, or if you have moved since the last election, you will need to register to vote.

The deadline for pre-registration for the August 12th primary election is Tuesday, July 22nd. When you consider the long lines on Election Day, pre-registration is the simplest and quickest way to register.

Voter registration cards are available at the Nicollet County Auditor/Treasurer's office, or on the Secretary of State's website at <http://www.sos.state.mn.us>.

If you miss the deadline for pre-registration, you can also register at the polls on Election Day. For more information on Election Day registration, visit the City's website at <http://www.saintpetermn.gov/elections>.



HOUSING AUTHORITY MEETING CANCELLATION – the Housing and Redevelopment Authority meeting normally scheduled for July 7th has been cancelled. The next regular meeting will be August 4th at 3:30 p.m. at Parkview Manor (1010 South Fourth Street).

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.

Friday	July 4		LEGAL HOLIDAY – FOURTH OF JULY City offices closed
Monday	July 7	3:30 p.m.	Housing/Redevelopment Authority CANCELLED!
Monday	July 7	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Tuesday	July 8	6:00 p.m.	Library Board
Monday	July 14	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Monday	July 21	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Monday	July 21	7:00 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Thursday	July 22	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
Friday	July 23	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitor's Bureau
Monday	July 28	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	July 29	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission
Wednesday	July 30	12:00 noon	Hospital Commission
Monday	August 4	3:30 p.m.	Housing and Redevelopment Authority
Monday	August 4	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Tuesday	August 5	5:30 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission
Monday	August 11	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	August 12		PRIMARY ELECTION DAY –
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