

CITY OF SAINT PETER HOT SHEET



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MAKES ME WONDER (BY CITY ADMINISTRATOR TODD PRAFKE) – I saw a Facebook post about my lack of video blogs over the last month or so. You know, that's a good point. I have not done it on a

very regular basis and I will get back to them in the next week or so.

The point made me think about how you get your information about the City. We do a number of things to get the word out and I continue to want to hear what works for you.

Here are some of the ways we push information out there....Hot Sheet, Facebook, press releases, direct visits to groups or organizations, neighborhood meetings like for street projects, utility bill insert flyer, website, SPPA (public access where Council meetings are cablecast), not to mention the folks that write, call or email us.

Which of these works best for you? What one do you find the most useful? Is there one that we could/should put more energy into or maybe get rid of?

Let me know your thoughts on this. What will you tell me? It makes me wonder....

FREE MAGNET CORRECTION – Many residents of Saint Peter received a mailing from a private company called C&C Magnet in the last week or so. The mailing contained a large magnet with advertising from local retailers and some phone numbers. The City is unsure where the company got its' information, but residents are asked to note that **the phone number listed on the magnet for City Hall is incorrect.**

The correct general number for the City of Saint Peter is 934-4840. However, the City also has direct dial numbers residents are encouraged to

call to reach specific Departments and those numbers are:

- City Administrator 934-0663
- Community Development 934-0661
- Building 934-0662
- Finance 934-0664
- Recreation and Leisure Services 934-0667
- Public Works 934-0670
- Police (non-emergency) 931-1550
- Library 934-7420
- Transit 934-0668

I AM THEODORE - This special little kitten is Theodore and he is seeking a forever home. Theodore and his brothers Alvin and Simon were all placed in the pound at the same time. Alvin and Simon were adopted right away, but Theodore is still in the pound....maybe because he is not "perfect".



You see, Theodore has what is called a "degloved lip". Although it is not life threatening and won't require any special care, his mouth is slightly different and we will always be able to see his gums because of it. But that doesn't stop him from playing and purring and snuggling and he is a wonderful kitten.

There is someone out there who will look past this slight imperfection and see Theodore for the wonderful little guy he is. Will that be you? Will yours be the family that will give this little guy a forever home?

If so, please contact CSO Meyer at the Police Department (931-1550) or Alaina at Kind Veterinary

Clinic (931-4700) for more information on adopting Theodore or any of the pound animals.

EXTRA DWI PATROLS - Planning ahead for a sober ride now might be a good choice as the Saint Peter Police Department, along with other area law enforcement agencies, plan to crack down on drunk drivers during a stepped-up statewide and nationwide DWI enforcement effort, August 16th–September 2nd. The statewide campaign is coordinated by the Minnesota Department of Public Safety (DPS) Office of Traffic Safety.

Each year in Minnesota, nearly 30,000 motorists are arrested for DWI — there were 166 arrests in Nicollet County in 2012. During the last three years (2010–2012), 336 people were killed in drunken driving crashes in Minnesota with 104 of those killed in 2012 alone. In Nicollet County during the last three years, drunk driving resulted in 2 deaths.

“Drinking and driving is always a bad idea, so the best course of action is to plan ahead for a sober ride,” says Saint Peter Officer Jay Link. “Enforcement periods like this serve as a reminder to those who still don’t realize the risks and dangers of driving drunk.”

A DWI offense can result in loss of license for up to a year, thousands in costs and possible jail time. Repeat DWI offenders, as well as first-time offenders arrested at 0.16 and above alcohol-concentration level, must use ignition interlock in order to regain legal driving privileges, or face at least one year without a driver’s license. Offenders with three or more offenses are required to use interlock for three to six years, or they will never regain driving privileges.

Here are some tips to prevent drunk driving:

- Plan for a safe ride — designate a sober driver, use cab/public transportation or stay at the location of the celebration.
- Offer to be a designated driver, or be available to pick up a loved one anytime, anywhere.
- Buckle up — the best defense against a drunk driver.
- Report drunk driving — call 911 when witnessing impaired driving behavior. Be prepared to provide location, license plate number and observed dangerous behavior.

Law enforcement is also encouraging seat belt use during the campaign. Each year 75% of drinking drivers killed are also not belted. Minnesota’s primary seat belt law requires drivers



and passengers in all seating positions, including the back seat, to be buckled up or in the correct child restraint. Law enforcement will stop and ticket unbelted drivers and passengers.

The enhanced DWI enforcement campaign is a component of the state’s Toward Zero Death (TZD) 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.

MORE SURPLUS PROPERTY– The City is offering additional surplus movie theater equipment for sale on the State of Minnesota online auction website (www.minnbid.org). Available for bid at this time through 11:30 a.m. on August 13th are several stereo components from the movie theater including the following:

- 2 - QSC Audio Products Professional Stereo Amplifier Model 1400
- 2 - QSC Audio Products Professional Stereo Amplifier Model MX 1500A
- 1 - Smart Music Distribution Amplifier Model DA226
- 1 - Ultra Stereo Projection Booth Monitor (6 channel) CM Series
- 1 - Ultra Stereo 35MM Stereo Processor Model JSX 1000
- 1 - Dolby Laboratories Digital Film Sound Processor Model DA20

HOSPITAL HONOR – River’s Edge Hospital and Clinic was recognized by UCare for delivering high-quality care to UCare’s Medicaid members during UCare’s fifth annual “Salute to Excellence” event held at the University of Minnesota on June 18th. According to Hospital CEO Colleen Spike, “UCare recognizes clinics and care systems for outstanding work based on measurable quality-of-health criteria tied to early detection, preventative care and care for people with chronic conditions.”

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION MEETING CANCELLED – The August 12th regular meeting of the Human Rights Commission has been cancelled. The next regular meeting is scheduled for September 9th.

CITY COUNCIL FILING – The filing period for City Council positions is open through Tuesday, August 13th in the City Administrator’s Office at City



Hall from 8 am – 12:00 noon and 1-5 pm Monday-Friday. Cost to file is \$2.

Positions that will be up for election include Mayor (2 year term), Councilmember Ward I (4 year term/2 seats open) and Councilmember Ward II (4 year term/1 seat open).

Candidates who have already filed include the following:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>
Roger Parras	Council Ward I
Stephen C. Grams	Council Ward II
David B. McGuire	Council Ward II
Timothy Strand	Mayor
Joel Brinker	Mayor

To qualify for election, a candidate for City Council must be eligible to vote in Minnesota; have not filed for the same or any other office at the upcoming general election; be 21 years of age or more on assuming office; and have maintained residence in the district to be represented for at least 30 days before the general election. The general election will be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2013.

Persons with questions regarding the election or filing for office are encouraged to call the City Administrator's office at 934-0663.

HIGHWAY 169 INFORMATION MEETING – The Minnesota Department of Transportation has scheduled a public information event on the Highway 169 project. Here is info from MnDOT about the event.....

“Businesses and residents are encouraged to review plans for changes to access on Highway 169 on the north end of Saint Peter. An open house is set for Monday, August 12 from 5 to 6 p.m. in the Senior Center at the Saint Peter Community Center.

The open house is scheduled prior to the Saint Peter City Council meeting which begins at 7 p.m. and during which an official hearing on the Highway 169 project will take place.

Staff from the Minnesota Department of Transportation plan to make safety improvements at intersections along Highway 169 in 2014. The intersections with St. Julien Street and Highway 22 are targeted for revisions because they have above average crash rates. Safety improvements are also planned that impact intersections with Union Street, Ritt Street and Dranttel Street.



2014 is also the year when MnDOT plans to resurface the southbound lanes of Highway 169 and raise two miles of flood-prone roadway between Saint Peter and Le Sueur. MnDOT has similar plans for Highway 169 from Mankato to Saint Peter in 2016. For more information on the flood mitigation projects visit www.dot.state.mn.us/d7/projects/floodmitigation/.

To request an ASL or foreign language interpreter or other reasonable accommodation, call Janet Miller at 651-366-4720 or 1-800-657-3774 (Greater Minnesota); 711 or 1-800-627-3529 (Minnesota Relay). You may also send an e-mail to janet.rae.miller@state.mn.us.”

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

- **WASTEWATER OPERATOR** - Minimum qualifications include a high school diploma or equivalent; possession of a State of Minnesota Wastewater Treatment Facility Operator Certificate or to obtain within one year of the date of employment with the City; possession of a State of Minnesota Type IV Biosolids Operator or ability to obtain within one year of the date of employment with the City; possession of a valid driver's license - State of Minnesota Class A driver's license with Air Brake Endorsement and Tanker Endorsement or ability to obtain within six months of the date of employment with the City; possession of an American Heart Association Certification as a Basic Rescuer or ability to obtain within six months. Desirable qualifications: Satisfactory completion of a technical school program related to wastewater systems operations; up to six years of responsible experience as a wastewater system operator with at least two years' experience in the operation of a Class A, B, or C system or facility, or similar industrial facility; knowledge of the principles, practices, chemicals, and equipment used in wastewater treatment, biosolids treatment and disposal, and pumping operations; ability to perform a wide variety of tests on raw and treated wastewater, raw and treated bio-solids; knowledge of the principles of plumbing and hydraulics; knowledge of and ability to operate Supervisory Control And Data Acquisition (SCADA) system; knowledge of the functions and service requirements of mechanical equipment and machinery; knowledge of OSHA regulations and safety precautions of the trade; demonstrated ability to operate a variety of wastewater plant pumping, treatment, and control equipment, biosolids treatment and

disposal equipment; demonstrated ability to diagnose problems under emergency conditions and take corrective action; knowledge and experience in the operation of equipment including but not limited to backhoes, dump trucks, jet rodder machine, tanker trucks, main line TV cameras, and line locators. NOTICE: The successful candidate must complete and pass a pre-employment physical and drug test and is subject to post-accident, random, reasonable suspicion, return to duty, and follow-up drug and alcohol testing required by federal regulations. Starting pay range \$17.18 - \$26.61 per hour. Applicants are

required to complete a City of Saint Peter application form available in the City Administrator's Office, 227 South Front Street, Saint Peter, Minnesota 56082-2538 or by calling (507) 934-0663. Completed applications must be received by the City Administrator's Office no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 21, 2013. Faxed applications will not be accepted. Interviews will be conducted September 4, 2013. AA/EEO

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 12	5:00 p.m.	Human Rights Commission CANCELLED!
Monday	August 12	5:00 – 6:00 p.m.	Highway 169 Flood Mitigation Project Info Event
Monday	August 12	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Monday	August 19	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Monday	August 19	7:00 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Thursday	August 22	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
Friday	August 23	8:00 p.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau
Monday	August 26	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	August 27	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission
Wednesday	August 28	12:00 noon	Hospital Commission
Monday	September 2		LABOR DAY HOLIDAY – City Offices Closed
Tuesday	September 3	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop Session
Tuesday	September 3		Planning and Zoning Commission – this meeting may be rescheduled
Monday	September 9	5:00 p.m.	Human Rights Commission
Monday	September 9	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	September 10	6:00 p.m.	Library Board
Monday	September 16	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Monday	September 16	7:00 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Tuesday	September 17		CITY OFFICES CLOSED UNTIL 1:30 P.M.

Monday	September 23	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Tuesday	September 24	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission
Wednesday	September 25	12:00 noon	Hospital Commission
Thursday	September 26	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
Friday	September 27	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau
Monday	September 30	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop