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CITY COUNCIL FILING – The filing period for City Council positions has closed and the following candidates will be vying for office at the November 5, 2013 general election:



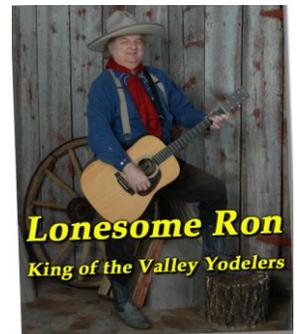
NAME	POSITION
Timothy Strand	Mayor
Joel Brinker	Mayor
Roger Parras	Council Ward I
Susan Carlin	Council Ward I
Stephen C. Grams	Council Ward II
David B. McGuire	Council Ward II
Russell Nachreiner	Council Ward II

CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS – Action taken by the City Council at the regular meeting of August 12, 2013 included a public hearing and subsequent action to approve the design layout for the Minnesota Department of Transportation Highway 169 flood mitigation project; approval of Change Order #1 for the 2013 North Third Street Improvement Project; clarification of the property description of the two parcels being sold to SWMHP Park Row Crossing LLC for the new Park Row Crossing housing development; approval for unbudgeted repairs to the fire station roof; and approval for City assistance for the Rock Bend Folk Festival.

The next regular meeting of the City Council will be Monday, August 26th 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. A copy of the City Council packet is also available before each meeting on the City's website at <http://www.saintpetermn.gov/city-council-minutes-agendas-packets>.

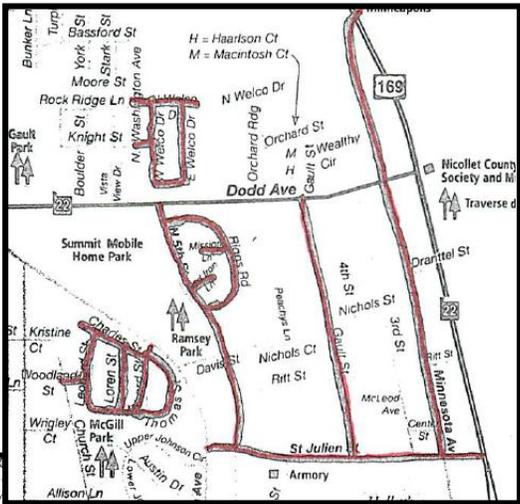
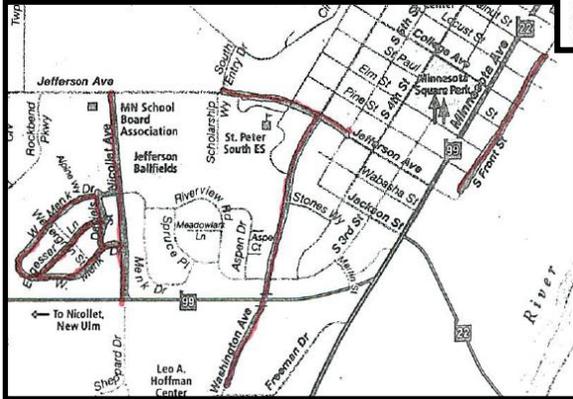
RECREATION PROGRAM UPDATES – Here are some updates from the City's Recreation and Leisure Services Department...

- The Fall brochure for the City's Recreation and Leisure Services programs and School District #508 Community Education programs will be mailed out this coming Friday, August 16th. Be sure to check out the wide variety of enrichment classes, youth and adult activities and information that is presented in this seasonal brochure. Find out about the tenth annual Halloween Fun Run, cooking classes at the Saint Peter Food Co-op, youth football, volleyball and basketball programs, senior dances, Early Childhood Family Education offerings, Girls on the Run program, aquatics offerings at the High School indoor pool and much more. The brochure will also be available online at www.saintpetermn.gov/recreation.
- The Roy T. Lindenburg outdoor pool will be closing Saturday, August 24th. Spend some time soaking up the sun and dipping in the water before the pool closes for the season!
- Spend time with Lonesome Ron at the Saint Peter Public Library on Thursday, August 22nd at 6 p.m. for an event called "Cowboy Life in Story and Song." Learn America's history through song as "Lonesome Ron" performs music of the great America cattle drives, outlaw ballads and songs from the Civil War.



For more information about Recreation programs or activities, please call the Recreation and Leisure Services Department at 934-0667 or visit the City's website using the link shown above.

SEAL COAT PROJECT – Weather permitting, the annual seal coating project will have begun on Tuesday (August 13th). Work was planned to begin on South Front Street before moving to Nicollet Avenue and the Nicollet Meadows subdivision. Jefferson Avenue and South Washington Avenue are next on the schedule before the whole process moves to the north



end of town. The areas to be seal coated are shown on the maps shown here.

While seal coating is being done, “no parking” restrictions will be put in place on the roadways being worked on. This no parking restriction will only last a short time and once the red rock is placed on the street, parking and driving on the roadway can resume. Residents are asked to move vehicles from these roadways to prevent the need to tow the cars.

For more information on the seal coating program, please contact the Public Works Department at 934-0670.

VIP PROGRAM - Perhaps you saw them carrying banners in the Saint Peter Fourth of July parade. Maybe one of them handed you a food drive flyer the last time you were at the grocery store. Have you noticed them walking dogs around the Mill Pond? Have you seen youth in turquoise shirts with the letters “VIP” scrawled across the back? Very Important Person? Important, yes, but we know them as our Volunteers in the Park.

The Recreation and Leisure Services Department welcomes youth ages 10 and up from Saint Peter and the surrounding area to engage in voluntary community service throughout the summer months. The VIP program teaches youth the importance of community service, develops leadership and teamwork skills, and



provides mentoring opportunities by offering volunteer positions with various community programs and local businesses.

Some of the activities that VIP’s help with include:

- Working in the Police Department’s Pound Pals program
- Carrying groceries for seniors at Family Fresh Market on senior discount day
- Serving as swimming lesson assistants and selling concessions at the outdoor pool
- Job shadowing/mentoring at Godfather’s Pizza
- Operating lemonade stands that benefit local charities of the VIP’s choosing
- Assisting seniors with food carry-out at the Nutrition Assistance Program at the Senior Center
- Washing police squad cars
- Ushering at summer theater performances and other Community Education events
- Distributing refreshments at senior dances (hosted by the Senior Center)
- Helping out at Read & Feed by reading to children and cleaning up
- Decorating and setting up for the Relay for Life event
- Carrying banners for the Chamber of Commerce during the 4th of July parade
- Partnering with the Chamber of Commerce to put on the Vikings tailgating event

This summer over 70 active VIPs participated with an estimated 4,000 total hours spent volunteering and their efforts raised \$558.33 for local charities.

In appreciation for their hard work throughout the summer, VIPs can participate in special VIP-only events like attending a movie night, visiting the zoo, taking a trip to a water park and attending a professional baseball game.



SURPLUS PROPERTY AUCTION – The City of Saint Peter is offering for sale a white, four door

2001 Pontiac Grand Prix. This is a DUI seized vehicle with automatic transmission. Tire tread is approximately 30% on all four tires. AM/FM CD, power windows and locks, power seat, A/C (not working). Left side tires were flat. Rust on rocker panels, brakes rusted and grinding, needs battery, will start with jump. Mileage: 110,385.

The vehicle is being offered for public sale through the State of Minnesota Department of Administration online auction at www.minnbid.org. Bidding on this vehicle will close on August 21st.

BUILDING PERMIT INFO - The City's Building Department has been busy so far this year. Here's an update on building permits that have been issued this year. From January 1st to July 31st a total of 351 building permits have been issued with a total valuation of \$8,280,872.16. The number and types of permits included:

- 6 new commercial buildings
- 44 commercial remodel projects
- 11 new homes
- 290 are for remodels, roofing, siding, garages, decks, replacement windows, doors, water heaters, furnace and air conditioner units, and rentals.

The total valuation does not include any permits with flat fees such as residential siding, roofing, water heater and furnaces and air conditioner replacements.

For more information on building permits, please contact the Building Department at 934-0662.

NIGHT TO UNITE THANK YOU - Police Officer David Arpin, who also serves as the Night to Unite Coordinator, extends his thanks to everyone who attended the fifth Annual Night to Unite event at Veterans' Memorial Park on August 6th and to all those who were event sponsors and/or donated door prizes for the event.

Night to Unite in 2014 will take place on August 5th. Residents interested in coordinating a neighborhood Night to Unite event in 2014 should contact Officer Arpin at the Police Department (931-1550) for more information and to register the event.



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,

still unadopted....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.

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

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 a cab or other 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.

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.”

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

- **PART-TIME BUILDING SUPERVISOR** - in the Recreation and Leisure Services Department. The Building Supervisor supervises the Community Center and performs light custodial duties. Minimum qualifications: High School diploma or equivalent; formal CPR and First Aid training or ability to be certified within six months of employment; experience working with the public. Desired qualifications: Experience in building maintenance functions; formal CPR and First Aid certification. This position requires night and weekend work. Beginning wage \$8.25/hour. Applicants are required to complete a City application form available in the City Administrator's office at

227 South Front Street between the hours of 8 a.m. - 12 noon and 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. or by calling (507)934-0663. Completed applications must be returned no later than 5 pm, August 23, 2013. Faxed, emailed and/or late applications will not be accepted.

- **PART-TIME LIBRARY CIRCULATION CLERK** – in the Recreation and Leisure Services Department. Minimum qualifications: Experience working with public in customer service setting. Desired qualifications: Experience in provision of library services; ability to operate a PC and use internet and related programs including on-line cataloging system. Up to 13 hours per week. (M-F days plus some Saturdays.) Wage \$7.84/hour. Applicants are required to complete City application form available in the City Administrator's office at 227 South Front Street between the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon and 1-5:00 p.m. or by calling (507)934-0663. Completed applications must be received by the City Administrator's office by 5:00 pm on August 23, 2013. Faxed, late, and/or emailed applications will not be accepted. 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 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