

# CITY OF SAINT PETER HOT SHEET



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**MAKES ME WONDER (BY CITY ADMINISTRATOR TODD PRAFKE –** *Again with the Hospital...Another bigger article appeared not to long ago in a statewide paper and it was not so much about us*

(River's Edge Hospital and Clinic) as it was about the gobbling up of smaller hospitals by bigger organizations.

This is not a new phenomenon in the health care industry or any other industry for that matter, but it poses a unique challenge for us in Saint Peter in that in the early 2000's we decided as a community to support the building of a new hospital. So many things have changed since that time and the rules for how everything works will continue to change in this industry.

It has to. We as a society cannot continue to fund health care on the trend line we are currently on. My hope and my goal is that we, our hospital, is not only one of the most efficient ways to deliver health care, but that it is of the highest quality.

That said, we are not going to be doing brain surgery at River's Edge and we shouldn't, but there are so many things we do so, so well. (If you want a list I can send that to you.)

Our infection numbers are among the lowest of anyone anywhere. Our ability to provide the personal treatment that is needed is better than anywhere in our region. Our people are your friends and neighbors and your outcome matters to them on a professional and personal level.

These are the things that continue to make our Hospital a place that you should feel good about. These are the reasons to ask for care here, close to home, with people you might know in surroundings that support the whole person, body, mind and spirit. The right services right here at home.

Will you choose us when in need? It makes me wonder.....

**CITY CLOSURES –** All non-emergency City offices will be closed as follows:

- Wednesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> – Until 1:30 p.m. for staff training.
- Monday, February 18<sup>th</sup> – President's Day holiday.
- The walking track at the Community Center will also be closed on Election Day – February 12<sup>th</sup>.



**SPECIAL ELECTION –** Polls open at 7:00 a.m. for the February 12<sup>th</sup> special election and the City's regular polling places at the Armory and Community Center will be used.

If you have any questions on the special election, please contact the City Administrator's office at 934-0663 or [barbaral@saintpetermn.gov](mailto:barbaral@saintpetermn.gov).

**HOSPITAL CEO SELECTION MEETING INVITATION –**

The City Council and Hospital Commission would like to invite the Saint Peter community to take part in the process to select a new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for River's Edge Hospital and Clinic. On February 21<sup>st</sup>, an open meeting will take place at the Hospital to gather thoughts and input from the community on the traits a new CEO should possess.

The meeting will be held at in the Helen White Conference Center at the Hospital on Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup> beginning at 7:00 pm.

As a part of the pre-search process, the meeting was scheduled to solicit ideas from the Saint Peter community about the "best candidate". What does the "best candidate" look like? What should be the highest priorities as we look to bring a new Hospital

CEO to River's Edge? Should the ideal candidate have a Healthcare Administration degree or maybe a Master's degree in Business Administration? Maybe a Medical Doctor or someone with additional clinic management experience should be recruited? Should they be required to live in our area?

This meeting will be an organized discussion about candidate personal traits, characteristics and experiences. What you tell City and Hospital officials will shape how the position is advertised and how the resumes that are received are evaluated.

If you are interested in the future of health care services in Saint Peter, we hope you can attend the meeting!

**WEBSITE UPGRADE** – The City's website ([www.saintpetermn.gov](http://www.saintpetermn.gov)) has been remodeled, revamped, and redone to provide even more information to residents and the public. Why not check it out and let us know what you think?

**WINTER HOME SAFETY TIPS** – Some folks really enjoy winter, but whether you agree or not, it is likely far from over. Here are some tips to help keep you safe in your home this winter.

- If you use a portable heating device make sure it is listed by UL, ETL or CSA so you know it is safe. Keep the heater away from combustibles and place the equipment on a firm, sturdy, flat surface so it doesn't get knocked over. Remember when leaving the room or going to sleep, to be sure to turn off or unplug the unit.
- If you have a fireplace, make sure to keep the fireplace screen securely in place to prevent sparks from flying back into the room.
- Do some routine inspections and maintenance, such as changing furnace filters monthly, keeping snow from vents and outside gas and water meters, and check your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors monthly.
- Keep an emergency kit handy; stock it with flashlights, a portable radio, extra batteries, and some nonperishable foods. Keep your kit some place easy to find even in the dark.
- If you light candles, make sure to keep them away from combustibles like paper, wood, plastic and fabrics like curtains or decorations. Anything placed closer than two feet from the flame could be a danger. Never leave candles unattended.
- If you have bedrooms in the basement or the lower level of your home be sure to keep snow cleared from the front of the window or the



window well so the window can be opened if you need to get out fast.

- Keep sidewalks clear of snow and ice. Not only will it be easier for you to get around, but it is helpful to prevent slips and falls by visitors to your home. And your mail carrier would appreciate it too!
- Don't blow or plow snow into the roadway. Many homeowners want to remove as much snow as possible from their driveways so they turn their snowblower chute to blow the snow away from their property and into the road. Blowing/plowing snow into the roadway is against the law and creates a danger for motorists and pedestrians.
- Never use the stove or oven as a heat source for your home.
- If you need to remove snow from your roof, do so from the ground or hire a licensed contractor to do it for you. Using a roof rake, homeowners are often able to remove several feet of snow from the edge of the roof while standing safely on the ground. Roofs are dangerous places to stand even in dry weather. Don't tempt fate trying to do work on your roof in winter weather!

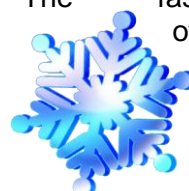
Using a little common sense can go a long way in staying safe in your home throughout the winter season.

**Sidewalk Clearance Regulations:** The public is reminded that snow and ice must to be cleared

from the entire width of sidewalks within 24 hours of a snowfall. This regulation includes not only residential sidewalks, but commercial and industrial properties as well. It is also necessary to keep the sidewalk cleared from blowback/drift of snow. Once the City has cleared all City owned sidewalks, crews are dispatched to clear private walks which are in violation of the ordinance. The charge to the property owner if the City clears the walk? \$65 per hour with a \$65 minimum! (If you are going to be out of town for a few days during the snow season, please remember to make arrangements for someone to care for your walk.)

**Snow Emergency Notification:** We haven't had a snow emergency yet this winter season, but none of us want to be the last to know about the declaration and risk getting a ticket for illegal parking.

The fastest and easiest way to be notified of a snow emergency is to sign up for the Nixle community notification



system. The City uses Nixle to announce snow emergencies and it's the fastest, easiest, "pick the way you want to be notified" way to know when a snow emergency has been declared. You'll need computer access, then go to [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com) and follow the prompts to set up your completely free account. As part of the set up, you decide if you want notices by email or text message or both...whatever works best for you and your family.

But, if you don't have email or text messaging you'll still need to find out when a snow emergency has been declared and you can do so with one phone call to the City's information line at 934-

0675. If a snow emergency has been declared you will be provided with the rules and regulations that must be followed. Notices of snow emergencies are also provided to local media outlets.

Thanks for your cooperation!

**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](http://www.saintpetermn.gov).

Monday	February 11	5:00 p.m.	Human Rights Commission
Monday	February 11	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>February 12</b>		<b>SPECIAL ELECTION DAY</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>February 13</b>		<b>CITY OFFICES CLOSED UNTIL 1:30 for staff training</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>February 18</b>		<b>LEGAL HOLIDAY – PRESIDENT'S DAY City Offices Closed</b>
Tuesday	February 19	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Tuesday	February 19	7:00 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Tuesday	February 19	7:00 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission
Friday	February 22	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau
Monday	February 25	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	February 25	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission
Wednesday	February 27	12:00 noon	Hospital Commission
Thursday	February 28	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
Monday	March 4	3:30 p.m.	Housing and Redevelopment Authority
Monday	March 4	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Tuesday	March 5	5:30 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission
Monday	March 11	5:00 p.m.	Human Rights Commission
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