

CITY OF SAINT PETER HOT SHEET



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2013-2014 DOG LICENSES NOW AVAILABLE – Dog license tags for the 2013-2014 period are now available from the Community Development Department at City Hall. Cost for the license is \$5 if the dog is spayed/neutered or \$25 if the animal is unaltered. Proof of a current rabies vaccination is required before a license will

be issued.

All dogs and dogs aged six months and older are required to be licensed by the City. Dog owners who don't apply for their license before the April 30th deadline will be assessed a late penalty in addition to the license cost. If you have questions about animal licensing, please contact the Community Development Department at 934-0661.

PAVILION TASK FORCE UPDATE - It has now been about two or three months since the Mayor's Pavilion Task Force ended their work and made recommendation to the City Council about the future of the Minnesota Square Park pavilion.

Although you may not have heard a lot about it since that time, work is ongoing in the search for money to help make this project become a reality. During the month of February, with help from some staff and interns, additional funding research will be done and applications for grants, including State assistance, will be sought.

If you want more information or have ideas for funding sources for this project, please call the City Administrator's office at 934-0663 or send an email to barbaral@saintpetermn.gov.

CITY COUNCIL SEEKS ADVISORY BOARD VOLUNTEERS - The City Council is looking for Saint Peter residents who are interested in volunteering

some of their time to serve on a City Council advisory board or commission. Positions are currently open on the following boards:

- Civil Service Commission
- Heritage Preservation Commission
- Library Board
- Human Rights Commission
- Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
- Tourism and Visitors Bureau

The Mayor makes recommendations to the full City Council for appointments to the various boards so if you live within the corporate limits of the City of Saint Peter, have a desire to volunteer some of your time to help shape the future of our community, and can commit one evening a month to doing so, please contact the City Administrator's Office at barbaral@saintpetermn.gov or 934-0663 for an application form.



PETS OF THE WEEK – The Saint Peter Police Department is seeking a new adoptive family for Midnight, an adult, male, dark gray, tiger stripe cat and Pooka, an approximately 8 month old male gray kitten.

These cats, and others, are available for adoption from the Saint Peter Animal Pound and are part of the Valentine's Day Cat sale. Either of these boys can be adopted for only \$30 which includes the neuter surgery and all first vaccinations.

If you can help any of the animals in the pound find a forever home, please contact Community Service Officer Malinda Meyer at the Police Department at 931-1550, or Alaina at Kind Veterinary Clinic at 931-4700. All animals are spayed/neutered and up-to-date on vaccinations before being adopted out.

SUMMER EMPLOYMENT: Looking for a summer job? Need to earn some extra cash before college? The City of Saint Peter will begin the recruitment process for summer employment **in the next few weeks**, however until the positions are officially "open", no applications will be distributed.

Positions will be available in the Recreation and Leisure Services Department and in the Public Works Department. (Candidates for positions in Public Works must be at least 18 years of age.) When the process is officially open, an advertisement will appear in the *Saint Peter Herald*, be posted on the legal notices bulletin board at City Hall and be included in the *Hot Sheet*. At that time, applicants will be able to download an application form from the City's website at www.saintpetermn.gov or pick up an application from the City Administrator's office.



VOTING – Important facts to know about the upcoming primary election...

- Absentee ballots for the primary election on Tuesday, January 29th are now available from the Nicollet County Auditor-Treasurer's office during regular office hours and on the Saturday before the primary election from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- Polling places open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m.
- Voters in Saint Peter cast their ballots at the National Guard Armory (1120 North Swift Street) for Ward 1 Precincts 1 and 2; or Community Center (600 South Fifth Street) for Ward 2 Precincts 1 and 2.
- Don't know where you vote? Check out the Secretary of State's precinct finder at <http://pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us/>.
- Don't know if you are registered to vote? You can find out before election day at <https://mnvotes.sos.state.mn.us/VoterStatus.aspx>.

For additional information on voting in Saint Peter, please contact the City Administrator's Office at 934-0663 or barbaral@saintpetermn.gov.

Park Shelter Reservations - Have a family reunion planned for this summer? How about a company picnic? Wouldn't it be nice to have one of the different park shelters in Saint Peter all to yourselves in case of inclement weather? You can reserve one today by calling the Recreation and Leisure Services Department at 934-0667. Shelters go fast so don't delay!

ELECTRIC COSTS - Phantom electric loads, vampire power, and wall warts are all names for the same thing – electrical devices that operate 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, even when consumers think these devices are turned off. For example, even when not in use, a DVD player still pulls current from the outlet to keep the clock running and to be available for use with the remote control. Other examples include cordless phones, televisions, digital clocks and stereo systems that get their power through a transformer cube that plugs into a wall. Yes, even the ever popular game systems like Play Station still use electricity when they are turned off. In fact, the average U.S. household has more than 25 phantom loads and these phantom loads can drive up electrical costs an average of five percent. Just unplugging some things that aren't in use might help lower your bill each month.

DOG SAFETY - Police Department Community Service Officer Meyer would like to remind pet owners of the rules and regulations regarding shelters that are provided for outside dogs. Minnesota State Statutes clearly define the minimum standards for a dog shelter as follows:

- Shelter shall be:
 - Moisture proof and windproof.
 - Of suitable size for the dog and to allow retention of body heat.
 - Made of durable materials with a solid, moisture-proof floor or a floor raised at least two inches (2") from the ground.
 - Between November 1-March 31st, the structure must also have a windbreak at the entrance.
 - The structure shall be provided with a sufficient quantity of suitable bedding material consisting of hay, straw, cedar shavings, blankets, or the equivalent to provide insulation and protection against cold and dampness and promote retention of body heat.



Pet owners who do not provide sufficient shelter for their outdoor dogs may be cited by the Police Department.

One more suggestion...frigid temps means water dishes for outdoor dogs will freeze. Make your dog has a good supply of water even with the colder temps.

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.

Thursday	January 24	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
Friday	January 25	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau
Monday	January 28	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	January 29	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission (Meeting cancelled due to primary election)
Tuesday	January 29		SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION DAY
Wednesday	January 30	12:00 noon	Hospital and Nursing Home Commission
Monday	February 4	3:30 p.m.	Housing and Redevelopment Authority
Monday	February 4	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Tuesday	February 5	5:30 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission
Monday	February 11	5:00 p.m.	Human Rights Commission
Monday	February 11	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	February 12		SPECIAL ELECTION DAY
Tuesday	February 12	6:00 p.m.	Library Board (Meeting must be rescheduled due to special election)
Wednesday	February 13		CITY OFFICES CLOSED UNTIL 1:30 for staff training
Monday	February 18		LEGAL HOLIDAY – PRESIDENT'S DAY City Offices Closed
Tuesday	February 19	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Tuesday	February 19	7:00 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
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