

# CITY OF SAINT PETER HOT SHEET



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**MAKES ME WONDER (BY CITY ADMINISTRATOR TODD PRAFKE – Roads, development and the future...** A lot of time is spent in these areas by the City, and a lot of money too. With

flood mitigation changes that are going to occur in 2014 on Highway 169, it has become even more clear that advanced planning, the ability to be nimble, and to have positive relationships with other jurisdictions, including MnDOT and Nicollet County, are important if we are to do things efficiently and cost effectively.

We have lots to do and some changes that need to take place along Highway 169 and the intersections from Union Street to Highway 22. Watch for more information here and, if you have questions, give Public Works Director Giesking (934-0670) or Community Development Director Wille (934-0661) or myself (934-0663) a call.

We will be starting neighborhood meetings in the near future so you can get a close up look and contribute your thoughts and ideas as we continue to work through the planning process.

Do roads matter to you and your business? Do you have ideas that we can use as we continue to plan? Will you share them with us? It makes me wonder.....



**SUMMER STREET MAINTENANCE -** The City provides an annual allocation from the general fund for a street maintenance program to keep City roadways in good driving condition. The 2013 street maintenance program, which was recently approved by the City Council, will begin in the next few weeks.

Some of the maintenance work that is done on an annual basis includes crack sealing joints in the road surface so water doesn't penetrate to the gravel base; seal coating (114 blocks) which uses a binder of asphalt emulsion covered with a quartzite stone to give the streets a new surface which helps prevent water penetration; and full-depth patching which consists of cutting out portions of roadway with substantial cracking and replacing those with new 2"-3" deep sections of asphalt.

As the summer progresses, residents will begin to see these various maintenance activities occur throughout the community. Some will be performed by City staff and some will be done by other contractors. Because much of this work will impact, and possibly inconvenience, drivers as well as home owners, information on the work will be provided to the public via the City's website ([www.saintpetermn.gov](http://www.saintpetermn.gov)), the *Hot Sheet*, and the City's Facebook page at (<https://www.facebook.com/CityofSaintPeter>).

The public is asked to be patient as this work progresses, to slow driving speeds and to stay far enough back from the construction workers to keep everyone safe.

For more information on street maintenance efforts, please feel free to contact the Public Works Department at 934-0670.

## SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM PROTECTION-

During the past few years, City staff has been working on the large pumps at the Main Lift Station located at Highway 169 and Union Street. Pumps are inspected annually and we often find that they have been partially plugged with baby wipes. (Yes, we said baby wipes!)



While most manufacturing companies have been knowingly marketing these products as "flushable",

baby wipes cause a great deal of problems in the main sewer line and in the large sewage pumps.

**Please do not flush these materials down the toilet!**

Once the materials are in the sanitary sewer, the wipes form a ball and grow in size, binding to each other. Sometimes the combined materials will cause a blockage in the private lateral line (which the homeowner must pay to remove), but it will most certainly cause major issues once the wipes continue down the main sewer line to the City's lift station leading to expensive repairs. Last year, the City spent over \$40,000 in repairs to wastewater pumps. These expenditures result in increased rates for all of us.

So, be kind to our sewer system and please dispose of baby wipes in the garbage instead of down the toilet!



**ANIMALS SEEKING HOMES** – The City is looking for a new permanent home for Twister, a female tortoiseshell cat approximately 5-6 months old. Although this isn't a very good picture, this is a very nice cat!

Another animal looking for a new home is Chica. This is a female poodle cross dog. She is about 10 months old and will definitely need grooming. Her adoption fee is \$155.00 which includes her spay/neuter surgery and all of the first round of vaccinations.



The adoption fee includes her spay surgery and all of the first round of vaccinations. Can you find room in your family to make this cutie a forever family member? If you would like to adopt Twister or Chica or one of the other pound animals, please contact CSO Meyer at the Police Department (931-1550) or Alaina at Kind Veterinary Clinic (931-4700) during regular business hours.

**BIKE RECYCLING** – On May 18<sup>th</sup>, one of the options offered for local residents during the hazardous materials collection was recycling old or unwanted bicycles. Key City Bikes was the collection company (they recycle old bikes and donate them to the needy), and they indicated sixty (60) bikes were brought in for collection that day. That's a higher number than the previous year and means

dozens of area children will have a bike they couldn't otherwise afford thanks to Saint Peter's generous donors!

**CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS** – Action taken by the City Council at the regular meeting of May 28, 2013 included a public hearing and subsequent action to establish a housing Tax Increment Financing District No. 1-19 at the site of the former hospital/nursing home property and the parking lot to the south; approval for execution of a library services agreement with the Traverse des Sioux Library system; approval for purchase of a residential lot on North Fifth Street that will become the site of the new connecting roadway from North Fifth Street to the new Washington Avenue link; authorization for the homeowner on North Fifth Street to lease back the property for a period of time and to purchase from the City another lot further north on North Fifth Street; approval for the unbudgeted purchases of a display projector and replacement computers at the library (computer purchases funded by a donation from the Ted Moline estate); and approval for modification of the loan terms for a revolving loan provided to MSLH Real Estate Management to extend the balloon payment date by twenty-four (24) months.



The next regular meeting of the City Council will be Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup> 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 Council packet is also available on the City's website at <http://www.saintpetermn.gov/city-council-minutes-agendas-packets>

**HUGE HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION SUCCESS!!**

– Tri-County Solid Waste Director Al Christensen has passed on the following information regarding the recent household hazardous waste collection event at the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant.....



*"Congratulations to the residents of Saint Peter and the surrounding area as we had a great turnout on May 18<sup>th</sup>! We had 348 people participate. We collected over 6,000 pounds of oil paint and over 8,000 pounds of latex paint. 3,100 pounds of herbicides, pesticides and garden chemicals were brought in. 1,200 pounds of fuels & flammables were collected, 8 pounds of mercury, 1,385 pounds of aerosols were brought in, and 2,080 pounds of miscellaneous chemicals were also collected. We also collected 478 fluorescent bulbs and CFLs.*

Getting rid of old or unused household hazardous waste materials makes our garages, basements and neighborhoods a safer place to live. A big thanks to Todd Prafke and the City of Saint Peter staff for all of their help in making this a very successful collection and to our Blue Earth County Partner which owns and operates our Regional HHW Facility where these materials get processed.”

“The appliance and electronics collection was also a big success. We had 219 participants, mostly

from the city of Saint Peter. We collected 188 appliances and over 5 tons of electronics that day. A BIG thanks to Nicollet County Environmental Services Director Mandy Landkamer and her staff who sponsored this collection event. If you have any follow up needs regarding these collections please call Al at 507-381-9196.”

Saint Peter is quite a bit cleaner and safer thanks to all those who participated. Way to go!

**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	June 10	5:00 p.m.	Human Rights Commission
Monday	June 10	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	June 11	5:30 p.m.	Library Board
Monday	June 17	5:30 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Monday	June 17	7:00 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Monday	June 24	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	June 24	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission
Wednesday	June 25	12:00 p.m.	Hospital Commission
Thursday	June 26	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
Friday	June 27	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau
Monday	July 1	3:30 p.m.	Housing and Redevelopment Authority
Monday	July 1	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Tuesday	July 2	5:30 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission
Thursday	July 4		CITY OFFICES CLOSED – 4 <sup>th</sup> of July Holiday
Monday	July 8	5:00 p.m.	Human Rights Commission
Monday	July 8	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	July 9	6:00 p.m.	Library Board
Monday	July 15	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Monday	July 22	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Thursday	July 25	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
Friday	July 26	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau

Monday	July 29	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Tuesday- Tuesday	July 30- August 13		CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE FILING PERIOD
Tuesday	July 30	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission
Wednesday	July 31	12:00 noon	Hospital Commission