POOL IS OPENING! - The Roy T. Lindenberg Memorial Outdoor Pool will open for the season Friday, July 3rd. Things will be different this year in order to comply with the Minnesota Department of Health guidelines and the public is asked to comply with all the regulations to ensure the pool remains open. Hours will be:

Open Swim hours:
Monday-Friday: 1:00-3:00 p.m. & 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Saturday-Sunday: 1:00-4:00 p.m. & 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Wading Pool (Free):
Monday-Friday:
1:00-3:00 p.m.
4:00-6:00 p.m.
6:30-8:30 p.m.
Saturday-Sunday
1:00-4:00 p.m. & 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Please click on the link below for Open Swim Reservation and Swim Lesson Registration: https://secure.rec1.com/MN/stpeter-mn/catalog or by calling 507-934-0667.

To meet Minnesota Department of Health Guideline for opening pools we have adapted and changed some rules and procedures with safety in mind as shown below:

• No children under the age of 12 will be admitted without an adult (18 or older).
• All patrons will undergo a health screening at entry.
• We recommend all patrons wear masks on the pool deck, in locker rooms and at the concession area. No masks will be allowed in the water however.
• There will be no refunds for pool closures due to weather or emergency maintenance.

• Capacity levels will be limited to 125 for the main and diving pools and 10 for the wading pool.
• Reservations will be available for Open Swim 48 hours prior to open swim time and close 30 minutes before open swim starts. Walk-ups will be accepted if not at capacity.
• There will be no pool passes this summer and open swim admission is $3.00 per person.
• Scholarships may be available and for those interested, please contact the Recreation and Leisure Services Department at 934-0667.
• Please come dressed in your swimsuit if possible to reduce the need and amount of time spent in locker rooms.

Let’s all work together to ensure a safe and fun summer at the pool!

COMMUNITY CENTER WALKING TRACK – The walking track at the Community Center reopened to the public on June 30th. Walking track hours are Monday-Friday 6:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. with the exception of Tuesday mornings track will open at 10:00 a.m. (Closed 6am-10am for deep cleaning).

Track users MUST keep six feet (6’) apart at all times, cover coughs and sneezes, and please refrain for touching surfaces.

For questions please call the Recreation Office at 507-934-0667.

FOURTH OF JULY – In case you haven’t heard, the Saint Peter Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors has made the decision to cancel all of the activities connected to this year’s Fourth of July celebration due to COVID-19. That means no parade, no community picnic in Minnesota Square Park and no fireworks.
This year would have marked the 50th anniversary of this community-wide celebration; a cancellation many longtime Saint Peter residents were unable to recall happening previously.

Also cancelled was the All School Reunion which had been planned to piggyback on the Fourth of July weekend. No official word has been passed down from the reunion organizers on whether that will be rescheduled for 2021 or not.

**Fireworks Safety Tips** - Fireworks and celebrations seem to go together, especially during the Fourth of July, but firework celebrations can result in serious burns and eye injuries or even death. Before your family celebrates this year, make sure everyone knows about fireworks safety.

If not handled properly, fireworks can cause burns and eye injuries in children and adults. Here are some tips that might save someone you love from injury or worse….

- Children should never play with fireworks. Things like firecrackers, rockets, and sparklers are just too dangerous. If you give your child a sparkler, make sure the child keeps it outside and away from their face, clothing, and hair. Sparklers can reach 1,800° Fahrenheit (982° Celsius) - hot enough to melt gold.
- Buy only legal fireworks and store them in a cool, dry place. Legal fireworks have a label with the manufacturer’s name and directions; illegal ones are usually, but not always, unlabeled.
- Never try to make your own fireworks.
- Always use fireworks outside and have a bucket of water and a hose or a fire extinguisher nearby in case of accidents.
- Steer clear of others - fireworks have been known to backfire or shoot off in the wrong direction. Never throw or point fireworks at someone, even in jest.
- Don’t hold fireworks in your hand or have any part of your body over them while lighting. Wear some sort of eye protection and avoid carrying fireworks in your pocket - the friction could set them off.
- Point fireworks away from homes and keep away from brush, leaves, and flammable substances. The National Fire Protection Association estimates that local fire departments respond to more than 50,000 fires caused by fireworks each year.
- Light one firework at a time (not in glass or metal containers), and never relight a dud.
- Don’t allow your child to pick up pieces of fireworks after an event. Some may still be ignited and can explode at any time.
- Soak all fireworks in a bucket of water before throwing them in the trash can.
- Think about your pet. Animals have sensitive ears and can be extremely frightened or stressed on the Fourth of July. Keep your pet indoors to reduce the risk that the pet will run loose or get injured.

If someone is injured by fireworks, get them immediately to a doctor or hospital. If an eye injury occurs, don’t touch or rub it, as this may cause even more damage. Also, don’t flush the eye out with water or attempt to put any ointment on it. Instead, cut out the bottom of a paper cup, place it around the eye, and immediately seek medical attention - your eyesight may depend on it.

If it's a burn, remove clothing from the burned area and run cool, not cold, water over the burn (do not use ice). Call your doctor immediately.

Even if you have legal fireworks, **NO FIREWORKS ARE ALLOWED ON PUBLIC PROPERTY** including parks, streets, alleys, government property or school property and to purchase fireworks, a person has to be at least 18 years of age. The penalty is pretty stiff for violations of fireworks regulations and could lead to imprisonment for anywhere from 90-365 days and/or payment of a fine of $700-$3,000, (depending on the amount of fireworks involved). For more information on the laws regarding fireworks and “what’s legal, what’s not”, please visit the State Fire Marshal website at [www.fire.state.mn.us/fireworksinfo.html](http://www.fire.state.mn.us/fireworksinfo.html) or call the Police Department at 931-1550. You can also check out this safety video from the State Fire Marshal…

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PmT8Q-h5kvc&list=UUItLz5GmDkDHlAIaVIPYRnQ&feature=share](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PmT8Q-h5kvc&list=UUItLz5GmDkDHlAIaVIPYRnQ&feature=share)

Fireworks are meant to be enjoyed, but you'll enjoy them much more knowing your family is safe. Take extra precautions this Fourth of July and your holiday will be a blast!
FOURTH OF JULY CLOSURES – This year the Fourth of July falls on a Saturday which makes Friday, July 3rd the official holiday for City employees. That means all non-emergency City offices will be closed that day. Regular office hours will resume on Monday, July 6th.

The holiday will also impact Minnesota River Valley Transit, the Library and the Community Center as follows:

- Minnesota River Valley Transit will operate under normal hours on Friday, but will be closed on Saturday, July 4th.
- The public library and the entire Community Center, including all tenant offices and the daycare operations in the lower level, will be closed on both Friday, July 3rd and Saturday July 4th.

POLLING PLACE CHANGE – AGAIN! – It’s painful to have to do this again, but on June 29th we received word that the National Guard Armory, home to voters in Ward 1, is unexpectedly unavailable for the August 11th primary election.

The City Council met in an emergency session (necessitated by a July 1st Statutory deadline to make changes to polling places) on June 30th to formally relocate the Ward 1 polling place to Johnson Hall at the Fairgrounds.

This was only possible thanks to the flexibility of the Nicollet County Fair Board and the previous decision to cancel the County Fair which is normally held in August. Our thanks to the Fair Board for their quick agreement to let us use the building.

As happened the last time we had to relocate this polling place, written notice of the change will be sent to every registered voter in Ward 1 and the City will continue to remind voters of the change.

Following the August primary, staff will recommend we reverse course and go back to the Armory for the big presidential election in November.

One final reminder…..if you want to avoid your polling place this year due to expected long lines and COVID-19 restrictions, you should apply for an absentee ballot. The process is safe, secure and has been used across Minnesota for decades.

Applications can be made at the Nicollet County Government Center where you can apply and immediately receive your ballot. Can’t get to the Government Center? It’s just as easy to apply online at the Secretary of State’s website at https://mnvotes.sos.state.mn.us/ABRegistration/ABRegistrationStep1.aspx. Online applicants will receive their ballot in the mail and you won’t even have to leave your house to vote.

HELP WANTED – The City of Saint Peter is now accepting applications for the following part-time position:

- PART-TIME UTILITY METER READER - in the Finance Department. Minimum qualifications: high school diploma or equivalent; experience working with the public; and valid Class D driver’s license. Desired qualifications: record keeping experience and previous meter reading experience. Position works full days over the first two weeks of each month. Meter Readers must work in all weather conditions. $15.02 per hour with 50% health insurance benefit. Applicants are required to complete a City application form available on the City’s website at www.saintpetermn.gov or from the City Administrator’s office at 227 South Front Street (507)934-0663. Completed applications must be received by the City Administrator’s Office by 5:00 pm, July 17, 2020. Faxed and/or late applications will not be accepted. AA/EOE

CITY MEETING CALENDAR – ***PLEASE NOTE*** Until further notice, City meetings may be conducted electronically as authorized under Minnesota Statutes 13D.021. Log-in information for meetings being held either virtually or as a hybrid virtual/in-person will be included at the bottom of the agenda page. Agendas are all posted on the City’s website at www.saintpetermn.gov.

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