WELLHEAD PROTECTION PLAN - The City Council will conduct a public hearing on a proposed second amendment to the City’s Wellhead Protection Plan on Monday, July 27, 2020 at approximately 7:00 p.m. in the Senior Center of the Saint Peter Community Center at 600 South Fifth Street. The amended Wellhead Protection Plan is designed to continue the City’s efforts to prevent human-caused contamination from entering the public water supply wells.

As provided for in M.S. 13D.021, City Council meetings may be conducted by telephone or other electronic means. In addition to being open to the public in the meeting room, the hearing will be accessible electronically by GoToMeeting software available at no charge (link below) or by calling as indicated below. Here is the information necessary to access the hearing electronically:

From your computer, tablet or smartphone:
https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/591790045
From your phone: (Toll Free): 1 866 899 4679 - One-touch: tel:+18668994679,,591790045#
Access Code: 591-790-045

Such persons as desire to be heard with reference to the amendment will be heard at this meeting.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING LOCATION CHANGE – As provided for in State Statute during the state-wide emergency declaration, the City Council has gone to a hybrid (in-person and virtual) meeting system for the near future. In order to ensure social distancing regulations can be adhered to for those who wish to appear in person, meetings and workshops of the City Council will be held in the Senior Center at the Community Center (600 South Fifth Street) until further notice. For more information on City Council meetings, please contact the City Administrator’s office at 507-934-0663.

PEDDLERS NEED PERMITS - Beware of door to door salespeople without permits from the City. Summer is the time of year when we see a dramatic increase in the number of people going door to door in residential areas trying to sell everything from magazine subscriptions to boxes of Tide detergent. We know you’re laughing, but it really happened last year.

Please be advised that anyone without a permanent and fixed business in Saint Peter is prohibited from going door to door in residential areas without a permit from the City. The permits are required so the City can do a background investigation on the person and/or company to ensure they are a legitimate business and that they have the appropriate insurance/bonds to help recover monetary losses by residents who may choose to purchase from them.

If someone comes knocking on your door trying to sell you something, ask to see their permit. If they can't produce one, don't open your door to them and NEVER let them in your home. They may try and tell you that they don't need a City permit because they are licensed by the State or the USDA or some other entity, but that's not true. City permits ARE required unless they are already a business with a fixed location in Saint Peter.
There are certain exceptions to the permit rule... girl scouts/boy scouts, religious organization, etc.... and the language about the exceptions can be found in Saint Peter City Code Section 34-26 which is available on the City's website. If you still aren't sure if they are actually permitted to be selling door to door, call City Hall (934-0663 or afterhours 931-1550) to verify.

And finally, if an unlicensed peddler stops at your home, please call the Police Department to report it (931-1550). Give the best description you can of the person and their vehicle and the direction they were going when they left your home. That will help Officers find the individuals who will either make sure they apply for the appropriate permit, or escort them out of the community.

**HERITAGE PRESERVATION DISTRICT** - In 1989, the City Council adopted the heritage preservation ordinance to preserve and promote the natural beauty and distinctive historic character of the oldest parts of the City's downtown, which is so intimately connected with the history and life of the City and to maintain and promote the charm and atmosphere of an integrated shopping, living, entertainment, and recreation area for visitors and residents.

At that time, the Council also established the Heritage Preservation District. The District begins at Broadway Avenue and continues down both sides of Minnesota Avenue to Mulberry Street; continuing along the north side of Mulberry Street and then north to include the properties on the west side of Third Street to Nassau.

The ordinance requires that any construction, demolition, maintenance, repair, alteration, modification and painting of buildings, signs, graphics, visual displays, outdoor furniture, or fixtures on any heritage preservation property be first considered by the Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC).

Essentially, any activity undertaken which alters the exterior appearance of the historic structure must be reviewed and approved by the HPC following the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings.

Heritage Preservation Commission members are recommended by the Mayor and appointed by the City Council. The Commission convenes monthly to review and consider proposed projects. For more information about the heritage preservation regulations or the HPC, please contact the Community Development Department at 507-934-0661.

**HIGH UTILITY BILLS?** – If your utility bill is creeping up as the summer warms and your grass needs a little sprinkling, here's something that might help you cut your utility bill. One of the biggest expenses on City utility bills is the wastewater fee which is directly tied to the number of gallons of water used by a customer.

This expense is even greater for customers who have not had an irrigation meter installed on their homes. Irrigation meters are separate utility meters that monitor the usage of water that does not go down the City's wastewater system - outside uses like watering the lawn, washing the car, watering the garden, etc.... With an irrigation meter, the only charges the homeowner pays for this outside water use is the water cost. That can result in significant savings to the homeowner if you use a lot of outside water. Another plus is that during winter months, when outside water isn't used, customers don't pay a base charge for the irrigation meter.

So, how do you get an irrigation meter? The first step is to apply for one at the Building Department at City Hall. The cost is $25. Then you'll need a plumber to install the meter. The cost for that depends on your plumber and what work is needed in your home to install the meter. (The homeowner is responsible for the plumbing costs.) From that point on, any water used from outside faucets will not be charged wastewater fees. If you would like more information on how irrigation meters work, please contact the Public Works Department at 934-0670.

**REDUCING ENERGY COSTS** - Summer heat is finally upon us and with nothing but 90° days in the foreseeable future, here are some ways you can save energy costs and keep your utility bills lower:

- Be a speedy chef...
- Nothing is more energy efficient for cooking than your microwave. It uses two-thirds less energy than your stove.
- Push a button to wash your dishes. Surprise! Your dishwasher uses less water than washing dishes by hand.
Run your dishwasher only when it is fully loaded and turn off the dry cycle to air dry dishes to save even more.

- Fill up the fridge. Having lots of food in your fridge keeps it from warming up too fast when the door is open so your fridge doesn’t have to work as hard to stay cool.

Cutting back unnecessary energy use is an easy way to reduce energy consumption while saving money. Here are some additional suggestions you can do at home, at absolutely no cost to you.

- Do your laundry efficiently by using the warm or cold water setting for washing clothes. Always use cold water to rinse clothes.
- Turn up your thermostat. Set your thermostat to 78° when you’re home and 85° or off when you are away. Using ceiling or room fans allows you to set the thermostat higher because the air movement will cool the room.
- Use your appliances wisely. Avoid running appliances during peak hours.
- Line dry clothes whenever you can. If you have to use the dryer, make sure to dry loads back to back. Run full loads, use the moisture-sensing setting and clean the lint trap after each use.
- Eliminate wasted energy. Turn off appliances, lights and equipment when not in use.
- Unplug electronic devices and chargers when they aren’t in use. Most new electronics use electricity even when switched “off.” Turn computers and printers off at the power strip.
- Unplug or recycle that spare refrigerator in the garage if you don’t really need it. This will save you up to $150 per year!

And for some inexpensive energy solutions, how about trying these ideas?

- Replace furnace/air conditioner filters. Dirty filters restrict airflow and can cause the system to run longer, resulting in increased energy use. Replace filters monthly for maximum benefit.
- Plug your home’s leaks. Weather-strip, seal, and caulk leaky doors and windows and install foam gaskets behind outlet covers.
- Choose ENERGY STAR® products. Buy ENERGY STAR® certified table lamps and light fixtures, and replace incandescent light bulbs that are used more than two hours per day with ENERGY STAR® LED. For example, install LED bulbs in a porch light if left on overnight. And remember, there may be rebate funds available if you purchase energy star products including CFL bulbs.
- Install an ENERGY STAR® programmable thermostat.

And finally, are you planning to do some remodeling soon? Time to replace old appliances? Consider these energy efficiency suggestions when you make purchases.

- Install a whole house fan. A whole house fan is permanently installed in the attic and draws cool air into your home through the windows while forcing hot air out through your attic vents. Use after sundown when the outside temperature drops below 80° and in the early morning to cool the house and help reduce air conditioning use.
- Solar control window film applied to existing glass in windows and doors is an effective method to reduce peak demand during hot months and conserve energy anytime air conditioning might be required. In addition to the energy management benefits, the use of these films can also reduce exposure to ultraviolet radiation and reduce glare.
- Invest in a new air-conditioning unit. If your air conditioner is on the way out, buy an ENERGY STAR® air conditioner. Even if you currently have an energy star model, today’s AC units are much more efficient than older models.
- Install window shading, patio covers, awnings, and solar window screens to shade your home from the sun. For additional future savings, use strategically planted trees, shrubs and vines to shade the home.
- Seal ducts. Leaking ductwork accounts for 25% of cooling costs in an average home, so have ducts tested and have any leaks or restrictions repaired by a qualified contractor. Note: duct cleaning is not the same as duct sealing.
- Replace refrigerators with an ENERGY STAR® model. Refrigerators with a top or bottom freezer design can save an additional 2-3% on bills compared to a side-by-side design.
- Increase attic insulation. If your existing insulation level is R-19 or less, consider insulating your attic to at least R-30.
• Install ENERGY STAR® windows. If your windows are due for replacement, ENERGY
STAR® windows can make your house more comfortable year-round.

Also please note that you may be eligible for rebates, tax breaks, federal stimulus funds or other financial incentives to help you afford some of these improvements. Talk to a tax professional to see if anything is available for you.

**POOL IS OPEN** - The Roy T. Lindenberg Memorial Outdoor Pool is now open. 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](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 has reopened to the public. 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.

**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:

**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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