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HOT SHEET



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PRIMARY ELECTION TURNOUT – Thank you to everyone who came out to vote at yesterday's primary election. As expected the vast majority of voters participating in the August 11th primary election cast their ballots by absentee making it a quiet day at the polls for the City's Election Judges.

With final absentee voting numbers still being tallied, St. Peter had an approximately 20% turnout for the primary. This is down from the 24-26% turnout we normally experience during a State primary, but with only one race on the ballot, maybe not unexpected. Of the 6,516 registered voters in St. Peter, 473 people cast their ballot in person while the remainder of those who voted submitted absentee ballots.

Next week's Hot Sheet will include final voting tallies, including absentee ballots. As you may know, absentee voting was changed slightly to accommodate a higher number of expected absentee voters due to COVID-19. For this year's elections, absentee ballots postmarked by Election Day and received within two days of the election will still be counted. That means final voting numbers for St. Peter will not be available until at least August 14th. Check back next week for final numbers.

CURBSIDE APPLIANCE/FURNITURE PICK-UP – The City has organized separate curbside appliance and furniture collection days for St. Peter residents. There are charges for both services which must be

paid in the Finance Department at City Hall before the end of business on Friday, August 21st. Here are the details on each collection.

Appliances - \$25 per appliance, pickup day is Tuesday, August 25th. Appliances must be curbside by 8 a.m. on the collection date or the fee is forfeited.

Furniture – Cost varies from \$21.95 up to \$76.83 depending on type of furniture (see related chart). Collection day is Thursday, August 27th. **Items must be curbside TWO DAYS in advance of the collection so if there is any potential COVID-19 exposure it will be gone by collection day.**

STORMWATER WATCH - An illicit discharge is defined as "any discharge into a municipal storm sewer system that is not composed entirely of stormwater". Some of these pollutants are car wash, wastewater,



gas or motor oil, grass clippings, household cleaners, paints, pesticides, pet waste, solvents, and weed killer. Sometimes these pollutants are carried through the storm drainage

system by rain, wind, or improper disposal into the Minnesota River. This can result in serious health and water quality problems. In addition, wildlife and the overall appearance of the river are adversely affected by illicit discharges.

FEE INCLUDES SALES TAX

Sofa	\$32.93	Misc. (door, bookshelf, table, etc.)	\$21.95
Mattress or Box Spring	\$49.39	Cabinet	\$32.93
Chair (each)	\$21.95	Dresser	\$27.44
Recliners	\$32.93	Headboard/Footboard	\$21.95
Hide-a-Bed	\$76.83	Futon Mattress	\$49.39
Love Seat	\$32.93	Carpet Rolls/Area Rugs	\$32.93
Bed Frame	\$21.95		

Reporting will, in great part, rely on participation from the public. Residents who observe illegal dumping or observe pollutants within waterways or storm sewers should contact the Public Works Department at 934-0670 or use the “Report an Illicit Discharge” email address located on the City’s website in the Stormwater section. This program cannot succeed without strong public participation.

WE’RE MISSING 2,600 PEOPLE! – You won’t see any of them on the back of a milk carton, but this might be the biggest missing person case in St. Peter history!

Now that got your attention didn’t it? What’s all this about? The 2020 Census of course. As of August 3rd, St. Peter’s response rate is only 76.2%. Using rough numbers, that’s 2,607 people (from a population of 11,000) that aren’t yet counted. So where did all those people go?



Getting responses is tough enough when the country is healthy, but in the midst of COVID-19 things have gotten even more difficult. People have a lot on their minds including worries about their health, jobs and everything in between, but COVID-19 is a perfect example of why the Census is so important.

Census data has been used throughout the pandemic to determine hospital needs, testing strategies, and even distribution of PPE’s. Without accurate data from the Census, response to something like this pandemic could easily be misconfigured. And when you consider that the next Census won’t happen until 2030, that’s a long ten years the country could be at risk.

So, we have a challenge for all of you St. Peter. For the next month or so, please ask everyone you know if they have completed their 2020 Census response and ask them to ask people they know. If they have, give them a smile and a virtual fist bump and if they haven’t, encourage them to do so right away. It’s easy to respond online, by phone or mail and more info is available at the 2020 Census website... <https://2020census.gov/en/ways-to-respond.html>.

So let’s all work together to find those 2,600 St. Peterites and get them counted!

STREET PAINTING WORK – The Public Works crew will be painting stripes, parking stalls, sidewalk crossings and intersection markings throughout the month of August. Please be extra careful in and around these areas as traffic may be restricted to

one lane and intersections may be a little more difficult to traverse until the paint dries and the safety cones are removed.



Help us keep City crews safe by obeying signage, taking alternative routes when work is going on, slowing down and avoiding driving distractions.

SEAL COATING PROJECT - Pearson Brothers of Hanover, Minnesota, is moving quickly on this year’s seal coating project. The City has worked with this contractor for a number of years and as the contractor works together with City staff, seal coating happens quickly before the crews move on to the next area even with the rain showers this morning.

“No parking” signs will be put up along the work route and during this time residents are asked to park their vehicles elsewhere. The road will be completely closed while the materials are being placed but as soon as the rock is in place vehicles and traffic are once again allowed on the route.

Seal coating is a process where a tacky oil is placed across the entire width of street and then small rocks are placed on top of the oil. That material is allowed to settle for a few days before crews return and sweep up the excess rock.

Seal coating is done on each street in approximately five year rotations to help eliminate penetration of water under the street surface. This significantly extends the life of the road surface and in the long run, saves every tax payer money. The streets being sealed this year are listed below.


- South Third Street – South Washington to Mulberry
- Martin Street
- South Fourth Street – Broadway to South Third Street
- Stones Way
- South Fifth Street – Broadway to Wabasha Street
- South Seventh Street – South Elementary to Broadway
- Park Row – South Third Street to Dead End
- Nassau Street – South Third Street to High School Parking Lot
- Grace Street – South Third Street to Gustavus Entrance
- Sunrise Drive – Grace Street to Broadway

- Mulberry Street – South Third Street to South Fifth Street
- Myrtle Street
- Walnut Street – Minnesota Avenue to South Washington Avenue
- Locust Street – Minnesota Avenue to South Washington Avenue
- Locust Street – Cul-de-sac
- College Avenue – Minnesota Avenue to South Fourth Street
- College Avenue – South Fourth Street to South Seventh Street
- St. Paul Street – South Fourth Street to South Seventh Street
- Elm Street – Minnesota Avenue to South Seventh Street

- Pine Street – Minnesota Avenue to South Seventh Street
- Jefferson Avenue – Minnesota Avenue to South Seventh Street
- Wabasha Street
- Jackson Street

Please use caution on these streets and watch for workers. The parking on these streets will be limited for this process. None of the streets will be closed, but will have sealant and pea rock on them. City crews will be coming through with the street sweeper and picking up after the street has been sealed. If you have any further questions please contact Public Works at 507-934-0670.

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.

Monday	August 17	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Monday	August 17	7:00 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Monday	August 24	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	August 25	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission
Wednesday	August 26	12:30 p.m.	Hospital Commission
Thursday	August 27	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
Friday	August 28	8:00 p.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau
Monday	August 31	3:00 p.m.	City Council Goal Session
Thursday	September 3	5:30 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission
Monday	September 7		LABOR DAY HOLIDAY – City offices closed
Tuesday	September 8	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Tuesday	September 8	5:30 p.m.	Library Board (may be rescheduled)
Monday	September 14	3:30 p.m.	Housing and Redevelopment Authority
Monday	September 14	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Monday	September 21	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Wednesday	September 23	12:30 p.m.	Hospital Commission

Thursday	September 24	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
Friday	September 25	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau
Monday	September 28	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	September 29	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission