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ELECTION RECAP – Regular Hot Sheet readers will no doubt expect to find some election statistics in this week's edition, but with lots left to do related to the election, it will be next week before we have more information to provide on voter turnout in St. Peter.

If you are looking for actual returns for each candidate and race, check out the Secretary of State's website at <https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/election-results>.



CENSUS 2020 – It's official. The U.S. Census Bureau has completed the process for collection of information and will now move on to compiling that information, sending it out to all the different jurisdictions (after Congress sees it first),

and eventually to redistricting which will happen in St. Peter in 2022.

According to the MN We Count Committee through the State Demographer's Office, "The good news is that Minnesota finished with the number 1 overall self-response rate with 75.1% of Minnesota households responding to the census on their own. This is a full 1% above our 2010 self-response rate and 2.7% above 2nd place Washington State and, more importantly, 2.9% above 3rd place Wisconsin."

Minnesota was the only state in the country to receive such a high rating and Saint Peter contributed to that number one rating. Saint Peter had a 78% voluntary response rate but it wasn't quite as good as North Mankato, our habitual census nemesis, which recorded a whopping 84% response rate.

One of the most important things to come out of the Census will be whether Minnesota retains our all

of our congressional seats. Minnesota's population hasn't been growing at the rate of some other states which puts us at risk of losing a congressional seat. That's definitely something to watch as Census numbers are released.

Thank you to the members of the City's Complete Count Committee: Queen Booker, Colleen Jacks, Tami Skinner, Abdi Matan, Edi Thorstenson, Gabriela Roemhildt, Mohammed Abdulkadir, and Connor Winter. These folks were instrumental in getting the word out to St. Peter and we appreciate their assistance.

VETERAN'S DAY CLOSURES –

All non-emergency City offices will be closed on November 11th in recognition of the Veteran's Day holiday. The Library is also closed by the Community Center will be open normal hours.

Minnesota River Valley Transit will operate on its normal schedule on Veteran's Day.



TEMPORARY DOG PARK CLOSURE – The City's newest dog park, located at 1125 North Swift Street, has become a popular destination for pet owners. That's terrific, but the heavy use by really excited dogs has led to the need for some turf maintenance at the park. On November 12th, the park will be closed while Public Works provides for turf maintenance.

For more information on this work or the dog park itself, please contact Public Works at 507-934-0670.

P.A.W.S. WALK RECAP– On behalf of the hundreds of animals helped each year by the generous participants of the annual PAWS walk....Thank you!

PAWS would not be as successful a program as it has become without the participants, sponsors, and volunteers that made the 20th Annual PAWS walk a success. It's folks like you that make St. Peter such a special place to live.



Even though it was a bit chilly, this year's walk raised \$5,200 to help care for the pound animals giving them a second chance at life!

Top fundraisers this year were Matthew Bennett and Danielle Wilking-Strom.

A special thanks also goes out to premier sponsors Kind Veterinary Clinic and McDonald's of St. Peter. They really went above and beyond again this year.

Thanks also to sponsors Jaroff Industries, Pioneer Bank, First National Bank, Swine Vet Center, Brandt Law Office, Pepsi of Mankato, Blue Buffalo, South Point Financial Credit Union, Jay Zander State Farm, St. Peter Do It Best Lumber, River Rock Coffee, Diamond Dust Bakery & Coffee Shop, Godfather's Pizza, Cheese & Pie Mongers, Her Happy Place, AmericInn, and Erin Krensky Mark Animal Health.



CURBSIDE LEAF COLLECTION – Collection for properties north of Broadway Avenue began on November 2nd. Please help the crews by remembering these collection guidelines:

- Place leaves parallel and adjacent to the curb on the lawn within six-feet (6') of the curb line.
- Do not put leaves in the street, on a tarp, under a tarp, or in bags.
- Do not include grass clippings with the leaves.
- Do not include animal waste with the leaves.
- Place brush and leaves away from curbs, light poles, mailboxes, signs, trees, posts, utility boxes/pedestals, etc
- Don't park on the street in front of the yard waste until pick-up is complete (if possible, allow fifty feet [50'] either side of the pile so the tractor pulling a trailer with vacuum hose has enough room to collect the material).
- If you live on a dead-end street, place material on the curb in front of the house, not on the dead-end.
- If you live on a corner lot it is possible that one side will be picked up before the other as the trucks run north to south and then east to west to be more efficient in the collection process. If

you want all your leaves picked up at the same time place your piles on the same side of the street.

- If you hire a lawn service company to remove leaves and grass clippings, make sure to share this information with them.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING – The City Council meeting of October 26, 2020 included a public hearing and action regarding a petition to modify the City Code related to gateway regulations; a public hearing and action to consider an assessment project to improve the portion of North Third Street from West St. Julien Street to 1,000' to the north and Center and McLeod Streets; approval of the 2021-2022 Water and Wastewater fund budgets; and closed sessions as authorized in State Statute to consider an offer to purchase City owned land at 1830 Freeman Drive and to discuss union contract negotiations with the International Union of Operating Engineers Local No. 70 (Utilities). Approval of development and Tax Increment Financing agreements for North Traverse Green Subdivision was removed from the agenda while final details continue to be sorted out.

The next regular City Council meeting will be Monday, November 9th beginning at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held electronically as authorized under Minnesota Statutes 13.021. For log-in information, please visit the City's website. The log-in information will be at the bottom of the meeting agenda page which will be available under the "meetings and minutes" section of the homepage the Friday before the Council meeting.

HELP WANTED – The City of Saint Peter is now taking applications for the following position:

- **ASSISTANT LIBRARY SUPERVISOR** - in the Recreation and Leisure Services Department. This position assists, conducts, leads and evaluates programs, projects special events, and facilities. Minimum qualifications: two or more years post-secondary education in areas such as child care, youth development, marketing, education, library sciences, media or similar fields; two years demonstrated experience in activity programming, activity or event planning or a combination of education and experience that provides equivalent knowledge, skills and abilities; personal computer knowledge and experience; valid driver's license; experience working with the public. **DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS:** Bachelor's degree in Education, Media or Library Sciences or equivalent; two or more years demonstrated

public library experience in a patron service related or youth related position; demonstrated experience in library operations, media resources or related field; demonstrated ability to provide youth programming and services; demonstrated grant writing and grant administration experience; public library experience in patron service related or youth related position; advanced education in library operations, media resources or related field; and demonstrated ability to provide children's programming and services. Wage range \$17.04-\$18.08 per hour. Applicants must complete a City application available from the City Administrator's Office at 227 South Front Street, Saint Peter, Minnesota 56082, by calling the Office at (507)934-0663, by email to barbaral@saintpetermn.gov, or online at <https://www.saintpetermn.gov/365/Employment>. Applicants must also review/return the supplemental information provided along with the job application. Completed applications must be received by City Administrator's office by 5:00 p.m. on November 6, 2020. Faxed and/or late applications will not be accepted. AA/EOE

- **POLICE PATROL OFFICER** - The City of Saint Peter Police Civil Service Commission is currently accepting applications to establish an eligibility ranking for the position of Police Patrol Officer. We currently have one immediate opening. Applicants must meet the minimum qualifications: a two year degree in Law Enforcement from a P.O.S.T. accredited college or vocational school; Possession of a valid Minnesota P.O.S.T. board license or eligibility to immediately receive a P.O.S.T. board license; possession of, or eligible for a Minnesota Class d Driver's license; and satisfactory results on recruitment instruments designated by the Police Civil Service Commission, such as oral examinations, written examinations, physical

and psychological examinations. Desired qualifications include: four year Bachelor's Degree in law enforcement or related field; experience in working with a law enforcement agency; and specialized training or certificate in a law enforcement related field; customer service people oriented employment history. Probationary pay rate has been established at \$28.40/hr. The City of Saint Peter offers very competitive health benefits. Applications may be obtained at, and must be submitted along with a cover letter and résumé, to the Saint Peter Police Civil Service Commission, c/o Saint Peter Police Department, 207 South Front Street, Saint Peter, MN 56082, (507)931-1550, by 5:00 p.m., Friday, November 27, 2020. Faxed and/or late applications will not be accepted. AA/EOE (Sorry, but online application for this position is not yet available.)

- **PART-TIME LIBRARY CIRCULATION CLERK** – in the St. Peter Library. The City of Saint Peter is currently accepting applications for a positive, energetic person to provide great customer service as part-time **CIRCULATION CLERK**. Minimum qualifications: Experience working with the public in a customer service setting. Desired qualifications: Experience in provision of library services; ability to operate a PC and use internet and related programs including on-line cataloging system. Up to 19 hours per week (M-F) mainly afternoon/evening hours with some Saturdays mornings). Wage \$11.70/hour. Applicants are required to complete a City application form which is available in the City Administrator's office at 227 South Front Street; by calling (507) 934-0663; or online at <https://www.saintpetermn.gov/365/Employment>. Completed applications must be received by the City Administrator's office by 5:00 pm November 20, 2020. Faxed and/or late applications will not be accepted. AA/EEO

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.

Thursday	November 5	5:30 p.m.	Planning Commission
Monday	November 9	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	November 10	5:30 p.m.	Library Board
Wednesday	November 11		VETERAN'S DAY LEGAL HOLIDAY -



City Offices Closed

Monday	November 16	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Monday	November 16	7:00 p.m.	Tree Advisory Board
Monday	November 16	7:30 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Thursday	November 19	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
Monday	November 23	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	November 24	12:30 p.m.	Hospital Commission
Tuesday	November 24	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission
Thursday - Friday	November 26 - November 27		CITY OFFICES CLOSED—THANKSGIVING
Monday	November 30	3:00 p.m.	City Council Goal Session
Thursday	December 3	5:30 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission
Friday	December 4	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau (This meeting replaces both the November and December meetings for the Tourism Bureau.)
Monday	December 7	3:30 p.m.	Housing and Redevelopment Authority
Monday	December 7	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Monday	December 14	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	December 22	12:30 p.m.	Hospital Commission
Thursday- Friday	December 24- December 25	12:00 noon - all day 	LEGAL HOLIDAY – CHRISTMAS CITY OFFICES CLOSED
Tuesday	December 29	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission
Friday	January 1		LEGAL HOLIDAY – NEW YEAR'S DAY City Offices Closed