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BUSINESS FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Are you a St. Peter business owner negatively impacted by COVID-19 restrictions? Help may be available.

As part of a special City Council meeting on December 7th, the Council took action to create a financial assistance program for St. Peter hospitality businesses (cocktail lounge, fitness/health clubs, restaurants, club/lodge, and public assembly) which have been hard hit by COVID-19 restrictions. As part of this program, businesses may be eligible for up to $10,000 in loan funds of which 65% will ultimately become a grant with no need for repayment.

In another action at the same special meeting, the COVID-19 Micro Loan program, which ended in August, was re-established. Fifty-seven businesses took advantage of that loan program earlier this year and benefited when the loans of up to $10,000 were converted to grants using a large portion of the City's Federal CARES Act allocation. With the conversion, $450,000 was returned to the City's revolving loan fund leading to the Economic Development Authority and City Council both agreeing to reopen the micro loan program and once again offer up to $10,000 in loans for eligible businesses. (Please note, these will strictly be loans with repayment required beginning in January, 2022 at the rate of $100 per month.)

If you are a St. Peter business owner interested in this assistance, please contact the Community Development Director by calling 507-934-0651 or by email at russw@saintpetermn.gov for more information.

HOT SHEET SCHEDULE – This is the last Hot Sheet of 2020, but don’t fret. Information will continue to be distributed via the City’s website (www.saintpetermn.gov); Facebook page www.facebook.com/cityofstpeter; or, if you follow us on Twitter @CityofStPeter.

COVID-19 SANTA VISIT – COVID-19 has taken away one of the most beloved Christmas traditions – the annual visit with Santa Claus. But the men and women of the St. Peter Fire Department have your family covered!

Gather your little ones and head outside to see Santa escorted by the St. Peter Fire Department this Saturday, December 12th between the hours of 5:00-7:00 p.m. Santa and his Firefighter helpers will cover the City's residential areas bringing good will and holiday cheer to all.

As with any visit from Santa, he can’t be everywhere at once, so two different sets of Fire trucks will escort him through the north and south ends of the community. (Parents let’s keep that little detail under our hats!)

Santa is big on giving and hopes you will join him by making a food or cash donation to the local food shelf during his visit.

(Maps for both routes can be found at the end of this Hot Sheet.)

CELTIC YULETIDE - Saint Peter Recreation and Leisure Services Celtic Yuletide program will be made available to everyone on YouTube. Enjoy this festive program from the comfort and safety of your own home. Please access https://youtu.be/l6Ec0--71us on Thursday, December 10th at 2 p.m.
(the concert link will go live at 1:55). Once you’ve viewed the concert, please complete the online survey available in the information section. This information is gathered as part of the grant funding requirement for this program.

Questions? Please contact the Recreation and Leisure Services Department at 507-934-0667.

**FREE FLU SHOT CLINIC** — Do you still need a flu shot? Free vaccinations will be offered on Thursday, December 17th from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in the Senior Center at the Community Center (600 block of South Washington Avenue). Enter through Door “B”. (Doors are identified in the transom above the door.)

While pre-registration is not required, participants are encouraged to complete a registration form prior to arriving. To get your form, please call 507-934-0667 or email gabriellar@saipnterim.gov.

The flu shots are available to all ages.

**CITY ADVISORY BOARDS** — Have you ever wondered how cool it would be give the City Council advice on topics like the Hospital, Library, parks, civil service issues, heritage preservation, tourism or planning and zoning? The City Council has numerous advisory boards and commissions that frequently need members.

Vacancies currently exist on the Hospital Commission and the Planning and Zoning Commission. In January there will also be vacancies on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, Heritage Preservation Commission and the Library Board. Vacancies also do occasionally pop up during the year.

Terms on these boards range from three to five years; most boards meet on a monthly basis (at varying times); and the City Council carefully considers the board’s recommendations before taking action.

To quality for appointment, a candidate must live within the corporate limits of the City of Saint Peter, commit to completing the full term and making the regularly scheduled meetings.

So how do you apply? Contact the City Administrator’s office at barbraral@saipnterim.gov or call 507-934-0663 for an application.

To find out more about the various advisory boards, please check out the City’s website at [Commissions & Boards](#) | Saint Peter, MN.

**THIN ICE WARNINGS** — The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has issued its annual thin ice warning. Folks in Minnesota have heard it on an annual basis for years, but it’s a caution worth repeating. No ice is ever 100% safe and that includes ice on the Minnesota River and the Mill Pond as well as the various storm water retention basins that are scattered around the community. For more information on how you can be safe on the ice, please visit the DNR’s website [Ice Safety](#) | Minnesota DNR (state.mn.us).

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING** — The City Council meeting of November 23, 2020 included a public hearing and subsequent action to approve the vacation of the west one-half of the east-west alley in Block 44, Skaro and Evenson’s Subdivision; adoption of the 2021-2022 budgets for the Electric and Environmental Services Funds; designation of 2021 election polling places; approval for assignment of the development and Tax Increment Financing agreements with Growth Holdings, Inc. for the property at 1123 South Minnesota Avenue; approval for purchase of a new snow blower, mower, and tool cat all of which will be funded by the 2021 Equipment Certificate; acceptance of a proposal from Bolton and Menk, Inc. to prepare an Environmental Protection Agency mandated engineering report on the City’s water system; approval of a Tree Worker license; and a closed session to discuss an offer to purchase the City-owned land at 101 North Front Street.

The next regular City Council meeting will be Monday, December 14th 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:

- **FULL-TIME BUS DRIVER** driving for the Minnesota River Valley Transit. Days, nights and occasional weekends in Saint Peter. Successful
candidates for this position must have, at a minimum, a High school diploma or equivalent and a valid State of Minnesota CDL minimum of Class C Driver's License with passenger endorsement. Candidates will have thirty days from the date of employment to obtain the required driver's license and Minnesota River Valley Transit will help the new employee train for the license test. $16.72 per hour. All applicants must complete a City application form which is available from the City Administrator's office at 227 South Front Street or 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 p.m. on December 10, 2020. Faxed and/or late applications will not be accepted. For more information go to www.saintpetermn.gov/city AA/EEO

- **PART-TIME BUS DRIVER** driving for the Minnesota River Valley Transit. Days, nights and occasional weekends in Saint Peter. Successful candidates for this position must have, at a minimum, a High school diploma or equivalent and a valid State of Minnesota CDL minimum of Class C Driver’s License with passenger endorsement. Candidates will have thirty days from the date of employment to obtain the required driver’s license and the City will help the new employee train for the license test. $16.72 per hour. All applicants must complete a City application form which is available from the City Administrator’s office at 227 South Front Street or 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 p.m. on December 10, 2020. Faxed and/or late applications will not be accepted. For more information go to www.saintpetermn.gov/city AA/EEO

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**CITY MEETING CALENDAR**

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### **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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The upcoming holiday season may impact meeting dates and times. Members of the public who wish to participate in a public meeting are encouraged to contact the appropriate department prior to the meeting to confirm the meeting details.
SANTA'S SOUTH ROUTE