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**POLICE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY** – May 15<sup>th</sup> is “Police Officer Memorial Day” in the United States. This special time is an observance that pays tribute to the local, state, and Federal peace officers who have died in the line of duty. The Memorial Day takes place on May 15<sup>th</sup> each year, and Police Week is the calendar week in which the Memorial Day occurs.

The day of remembering was created on October 1, 1961, when Congress asked the President to designate May 15<sup>th</sup> to honor peace officers. John F. Kennedy signed the bill into law on October 1, 1962. The Proclamation signed by President John F. Kennedy stated in part....”*To pay tribute to the law*

*enforcement officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country and to voice our appreciation for all those who currently serve on the front lines of the battle*

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YOU**

*against crime, the Congress, by a joint resolution approved October 1, 1962 (75 Stat.676), has authorized and requested the President to designate May 15 of each year as "Peace Officers Memorial Day," and the week in which it falls as "National Police Week" and by Public Law 103-322 (36 U.S.C. 175) has requested that the flag be flown at half-staff on Peace Officers' Memorial Day."*

Saint Peter residents are encouraged to recognize and thank our local Police Officers for their commitment to keeping us all safe as we honor their sacrifices on Police Officer Memorial Day.

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING** – The City Council meeting of May 10, 2021 included approval of a license to use City owned right-of-way by Pearson Automotive,

Inc. on North Third Street; approval of equipment purchases by River's Edge Hospital exceeding \$50,000 in value; award of the bid for the 2021 Minnesota Square Park North Plaza Project to Pember Construction; approval for transfer of property to ILI Agave, LLC to correct setback issues created after turn back of State Highway 169 property to the City in 1999 which made the property at 814 North Minnesota Avenue non-conforming; and closed sessions to discuss lease of the former wastewater treatment ponds and sale of City property in the North Industrial Park.

Mayor Zieman also proclaimed May 15<sup>th</sup> as “Police Officer Memorial Day” and May 9-16<sup>th</sup> as “Police Officer Memorial Week”.

The next regular City Council meeting will be Monday, May 24, 2021 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.

**DOG LICENSES NOW PAST DUE** – The deadline for renewal of dog licenses is now past. For those pet owners who still have not renewed their dog's license, the fee has now increased to \$10 for spayed/neutered or \$30 for unaltered dogs.



If you have not yet licensed your dog please contact the Community Development Department (507-934-0661) at City Hall to apply now. A current rabies certificate must be presented before the license renewal is issued.

The clock is ticking to avoid a citation and those who have not purchased the license by June 1, 2021 may receive a Police citation.



**BACKYARD FIRES** – Picture this....a cool summer night when the mosquitos haven't yet hatched. A tray of s'more ingredients ready to go. A stack of firewood so fresh you can smell the sawdust and you're ready to put match to kindling.

But are you really ready?

Before you start your traditional recreational fire, give a little thought to how to keep you and your guests safe and how to protect your neighbors from a cloud of smoky soot.

First and foremost it's important to make sure your fire is completely contained inside a solid fire ring. It can be built of cinder blocks or metal or anything else that isn't flammable as long as it will contain the fire.

Is your pit far enough from things that could burst into flames if an errant spark flies out into the night? Your pit must be at least 25' from anything that could go up in flames.

Where is the closest fire extinguisher or hose with running water? Not only is this a good idea, but State law requires you to have one of these tools at your fingertips to extinguish the fire. Could you get to the hose fast enough in the event the fire gets out of control or worse yet, if someone gets too near the flames?

Have you considered what you are burning in your fire pit? Wet wood is going to smoke...a lot...and most likely really annoy your neighbors. Only natural (untreated) wood is allowed to be burned in fire pits. If you are the type who is trying to save money by burning all your garbage or construction materials in your pit, think again. Only natural wood is acceptable.

Remember that Minnesota Statute defines a campfire as: "...a fire set for cooking, warming, or ceremonial purposes, which is not more than three feet in diameter by three feet high, and has had the ground five feet from the base of the fire cleared of all combustible material." Police Officers can and will

order fires that exceed this size to be extinguished and if you don't know, they get a LOT of complaint calls about backyard fires year round.

It's also important to remember that sound carries. Loud voices, sometimes made louder as the night progresses and music is turned up, can be very disruptive to others in the neighborhood. Try to avoid neighbor's complaints by keeping the volume down as the night goes on.

This article wouldn't be complete without an additional word of warning. Before disposing of the ash left behind by your recreational fire, please make sure that not a single spark remains. Although the debris may look like there is no fire, embers could still be burning underneath and disposing of the materials before they are completely cold could ignite a fire when you least expect it.

Being respectful of your neighbors by adhering to the rules about what can and can't be done allows each of us to enjoy those long summer nights!



**FURNITURE/APPLIANCE CURBSIDE COLLECTION** – If you have unwanted furniture or appliances to dispose of the City has a relatively inexpensive curbside option for two collections:

- **Wednesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, Curbside Furniture Pick Up** – You

must register and pay in advance for the collection by 5:00 p.m. on May 21<sup>st</sup>. Registration is at the City's Finance Department at City Hall, 227 South Front Street. 21<sup>st</sup>. Furniture must be put out by Tuesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> even if it's raining. Fees for this collection, including sales tax, are as follows:

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 Rugs/Area Rugs	\$32.93
Bed Frame	\$21.95		

- **Appliances - Wednesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> -** \$25.00 per appliance. As with the furniture collection, residents must pre-register and pre-pay at City Hall in the Finance Department (227 South Front Street) by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup>. The

registered appliances must be at curbside by 8 a.m. on June 2<sup>nd</sup> or the fee will be forfeited.

For questions about these collections, please contact the Finance Department at 507-934-0664.

Nicollet County also has some other options for St. Peter residents to dispose of things they no longer need. Here is a list provided by them that might help:



- Mobile collections are posted on the recycling & solid waste page (toward the bottom) - <https://www.co.nicollet.mn.us/338/Recycling-Solid-Waste>
- The hours for the household hazardous waste facility can be found here: <https://www.blueearthcountymn.gov/373/Household-Hazardous-Waste-HHW-Facility>
- Tri-County's webpage has information on collections in the other two counties - <https://www.co.nicollet.mn.us/180/Tri-County-Solid-Waste>
- Green Tech coupon (posted on Tri-County's page – link above) - \$5 per item coupon that is good through Dec. 31, 2021

**PETS AND PARKS** – After a flurry of complaints about dog waste littering popular City parks, here is yet another reminder for pet owners.



Pets are not allowed on the grounds of any City park or playground unless the park is designated by resolution of the City Council as allowing pets. Areas where pets are allowed include: Riverside Park, Riverside Park Extension, Traverse des Sioux Park; McGill Park, Hallett's Pond (on the trail only); Public Conservancy Area in Nicollet Meadows 2 Subdivision (directly west of Jefferson Park); and the two designated dog parks.

While dogs are allowed in these specific parks, the dogs must be leashed and under control of the owner, vaccinated, licensed and the owners must abide by all other animal control regulations.

**BIKE RODEO RETURNS** - It's back! After a one-year break due to the COVID-19 pandemic, River's Edge Hospital and the St. Peter Police Department will once again host the annual Bike Safety Rodeo.

The event is set to take place on Saturday, May 22 from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at the River's Edge Hospital south parking lot. Stephanie Holden, Chief

Experience Officer at River's Edge Hospital and Janet Ireland, Saint Peter Police Community Service Officer, have been working on plans to host a safe event, keeping all COVID-19 best practices at the forefront.

"The pandemic got a lot of people out on bikes last year and we felt it was important to make sure the kids in our surrounding communities have what they need to be safe when they're riding," Ireland said.

At the Bike Rodeo, children ages 0-17 will receive a free bike helmet. Additionally, there will be a bike safety course set up with officers on hand to help kids learn the rules of the road. Representatives from Nicollet County Public Health and St. Peter Community Center will have tables set up with program information for families to pick up.

The event will be held outside and River's Edge Hospital asks that everyone in attendance practice social distancing and wear a mask.

"It is important to us to keep the community healthy in every way we can. We expect many to attend the event and social distancing and mask wearing is an important piece of the success of the event," Holden said.

The 2021 Bike Rodeo is a rain or shine event. In the event of rain, the event will move to the park shelter at Gault Park, located at 1901 North Sunrise Drive, where bike helmets will be given out. The Bike Rodeo is made possible with funds from the St. Peter Tourism and Visitor Bureau and the Carl and Verna Schmidt Foundation.

River's Edge Hospital & the St. Peter Police Department are proud to present the

# 6th Annual Bike Safety Rodeo

**Saturday, May 22**  
**10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**  
**River's Edge Hospital south parking lot**

**FREE bike helmets for kids 0-17\***

Bike Safety Course | FREE bicycle licensing  
St. Peter Rec Department |  
Nicollet County Health & Human Services  
\*Helmets given on first come basis. Limited supply available.

**RIVER'S EDGE HOSPITAL-ST.PETER**  
1900 North Sunrise Drive | 507-939-2200  
www.reh.org

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\*In the event of inclement weather, helmet distribution will take place at the Gault Park Shelter across from River's Edge Hospital

This program is made possible with funds provided by the St. Peter Tourism and Visitors Bureau and The Carl and Verna Schmidt Foundation.

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**HELP WANTED** – The City of Saint Peter is currently accepting applications for the following positions

- **WASTEWATER OPERATOR** - in the Department of Public Works. Minimum qualifications include a high school diploma or equivalent; possession of a State of Minnesota Wastewater Treatment Facility Operator Certificate or ability to obtain within one year of the date of employment with the City; possession of a State of Minnesota Type IV Biosolids Operator or ability to obtain within one year of the

date of employment with the City; possession of a valid State of Minnesota Class A driver's license with Air Brake Endorsement and Tanker Endorsement or ability to obtain within six months of the date of employment with the City; possession of an American Heart Association Certification as a Basic Rescuer for cardiopulmonary resuscitation and emergency cardiac care or ability to obtain within six months. Desirable qualifications: Satisfactory completion of a technical school program related to wastewater systems operations; up to six years of responsible experience as a wastewater system operator with at least two years' experience in the operation of a Class A, B, or C system or facility, or similar industrial facility; knowledge of the principles, practices, chemicals, and equipment used in wastewater treatment, biosolids treatment and disposal, and pumping operations; ability to perform a wide variety of tests on raw and treated wastewater, raw and treated bio-solids; knowledge of the principles of plumbing and hydraulics; knowledge of and ability to operate Supervisory Control And Data Acquisition (SCADA) system; knowledge of the functions and service requirements of mechanical equipment and machinery; knowledge of OSHA regulations and safety precautions of the trade; demonstrated ability to operate a variety of wastewater plant pumping, treatment, and control equipment, biosolids treatment and disposal equipment; demonstrated ability to diagnose problems under emergency conditions and take corrective action; knowledge and experience in the operation of equipment including but not limited to backhoes, dump trucks, jet rodder machine, tanker trucks, main line TV cameras, and line locators. NOTICE: The successful candidate

must complete and pass a pre-employment physical and drug test and is subject to post-accident, random, reasonable suspicion, return to duty, and follow-up drug and alcohol testing required by federal regulations. Pay range \$21.34 - \$23.60 per hour. Applicants are required to complete a City of Saint Peter application form available on line at <https://www.saintpetermn.gov/365/Employment> or from the City Administrator's Office, 227 South Front Street, Saint Peter, Minnesota 56082-2538 or by calling (507) 934-0663. Completed applications must be received by the City Administrator's Office no later than **5:00 p.m. on May 27, 2021**. Faxed and/or late applications will not be accepted. Interviews will be conducted Thursday, June 10, 2021. AA/EEO

- **PT CIRCULATION CLERK** - in the Recreation and Leisure Services Department (Library). Seeking positive, energetic applicants to provide great customer service. 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 15 hours per week with a flexible schedule including day and evening hours available. Wage \$11.93/hour. Applications are available online on the City's website at [www.saintpetermn.gov/365/employment](http://www.saintpetermn.gov/365/employment); from the City Administrator's office at 227 South Front Street, or by calling (507) 934-0663. Completed applications must be received by the City Administrator's office **by 5:00 p.m. May 20, 2021**. 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](http://www.saintpetermn.gov).

Monday	May 17	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Monday	May 17	7:00 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Monday	May 24	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	May 25	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission
Wednesday	May 26	12:30 p.m.	Hospital Commission

Thursday	May 27	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
Friday	May 28	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau
Monday	May 31		MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY – City offices closed
Tuesday	June 1		5:30 p.m.
Thursday	June 3	5:30 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission
Monday	June 7	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Monday	June 14	3:30 p.m.	Housing and Redevelopment Authority
Monday	June 14	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Monday	June 21	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Wednesday	June 23	12:30 p.m.	Hospital Commission
Thursday	June 24	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
Friday	June 25	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau
Monday	June 28	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	June 29	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission