DEPENDABLE PUBLIC POWER - The City is proud to be a publicly owned power provider and providing reliable power is something the entire City Council and utility staff take pride in.

Providing dependable service and sustaining a reasonable cost are two issues we all work hard at maintaining and while customers may not think about it, organizations that deal with public power do.

We are proud to say the City of Saint Peter Electric Utility has been recognized as a Reliable Public Power Provider (RP3) by the American Public Power Association. This designation demonstrates the value and reliability of the City’s electric system to our community. Our staff works hard to continually review operations in order to ensure we are implementing industry standards and best practices measured by three industry standards: "SAIDI" – the time in minutes a customer is without power in a calendar year; "CAIDI" – the time an outage lasts before power is restored (in minutes); and "SAIFI" – the percentage change of experiencing an outage during the year.

There’s a lot of information on the charts shown here (and you will most definitely need to change your monitor settings to read it all, but here are a few key stats and how the City’s Electric Utility stacks up against the national averages.
RECREATION PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT – The City's Recreation and Leisure Services Department is pleased to present the following program:

HEALTHY LIVING FOR YOUR BRAIN AND BODY: Tips from the Latest Research - An education program presented by the Alzheimer's Association, Minnesota-North Dakota Chapter.

For centuries, we've known that the health of the brain and the body are connected. But now, science is able to provide insights into how to make lifestyle choices that may help you keep your brain and body healthy as you age. Join us to learn about research in the areas of diet and nutrition, exercise, cognitive activity and social engagement, and use hands-on tools to help you incorporate these recommendations into a plan for healthy aging. This event will take place on Thursday, June 24th at 11 a.m. in the Saint Peter Community Center Rm. 219. This program is free, but registration is preferred. Please call 507-934-0667 for more information or to register.

MINNESOTA SQUARE PARK PROJECT – In the next few months, and beginning as early as the next couple of weeks, work will begin on a project called the Minnesota Square Park North Plaza Project. This project will involve construction of a plaza on the College Avenue side of the park where it intersects with South Third Street.

During the next couple of months grading work will begin along with removal of trees and installation of the St. Peter Freemasons Picnic Shelter. The trees that are removed will either be replanted in a different area of the park, or if replanting is not an option, new trees will be planted in their place.

While some of this project will begin soon, the majority will be done after July 4th. Not only did that construction schedule result in slightly lower bids for the work, but it will also accommodate two of the parks biggest community events – Fourth of July and Rock Bend Folk Festival.

The proposed changes are part of the Parks Master Plan that has been adopted by the City Council. For further information on this project, please contact the Public Works Department at 507-934-0670.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING – The City Council meeting of May 24, 2021 included public hearings and subsequent action on a petition to rezone property at 1445 and 1473 North Third Street, a petition to vacate an alley and a petition to annex property owned by Gustavus/Weelborg/Calvary Cemetery; adoption of stormwater rate increases for 2021 and 2022; approval of a request for City assistance for the St. Peter Ambassador's Bluesfest; and closed sessions to discuss requests to lease/buy the former wastewater treatment ponds and a request to purchase Municipal Parking Lot #5 (southwest corner of the Highway 169/West Grace Street intersection).

The Council also returned to open session to take action to allow execution of an agreement that would provide Old Town Development LLC a six month exclusive window for purchase of the Municipal Parking Lot #5 property.

The next regular City Council meeting will be Monday, June 7, 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.

OUTDOOR POOL IS OPENING - Pool season officially begins this Saturday, May 29th at the Roy T. Lindberg Memorial Pool located at 300 North Fourth Street on the east side of Veteran’s Memorial Park. Some of the pool features you can expect to enjoy are a lap pool with an inflatable Wibit play structure and basketball hoop, a diving well with a low and high board and a drop slide, and a free wading pool open to ages 6 and under that are accompanied by a responsible supervisor 18 years of age or older.

So when is all this available?

**Open Swim** - $3.00 per time for ages 5 and up. Children must be at least 10 years old in order to be admitted to the main pool without an adult or a responsible supervisor. Ages 0—9 must have an adult or supervisor (age 18 or older) in the water and within an arms’ reach of the child at all times with or without an approved lifejacket. FREE for ages four or younger when accompanied by a paying adult or responsible supervisor age 18 or older.

- Mon - Thurs 12:00 - 4:15 p.m.
- Tues and Thurs 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
- Fridays 12:00 - 7:30 p.m.
  (Unless make-up swim lessons)
- Sat and Sun 12:00 - 7:30 p.m

**Wading Pool**
- Mon – Thurs 12:00 - 7:00 p.m.
- Sat and Sun 12:00 - 7:30 p.m

*Please note – hours of operation are subject to change based on swim lesson schedules.
Please check the City’s website for the most up to date open swim schedules.
https://www.saintpetermn.gov/368/Outdoor-Pool

There are so many different affordable opportunities to cool off with us this summer whether it be open swim, swim lessons, lap swim, or a private pool rental. The most affordable and best value for the summer is the Family Pool Pass that covers up to six family members for only $40.

Additional season pass options and the Family Pool Pass are available to purchase by visiting the City of Saint Peter website at https://www.saintpetermn.gov/368/Outdoor-Pool.

Make sure to get your pass today.

The City's pool is an outdoor facility and as such, there are times when weather and other factors force us to close for a period at a time or sometimes even the day. The pool will close when:

- When the outdoor temperature falls below 65 degrees Fahrenheit.
- When lightning is sighted or the weather is threatening.
  - When the pool closes for weather, staff will re-assess conditions at two hour intervals and if weather permits, the pool will re-open. Please check back at 2:00, 4:00 and 6:00 p.m.
- The Pool may close for the remainder of a scheduled open swim when there are fewer than 15 people in the pool.
- And finally, the Pool may close when there is need for maintenance or emergency action or repairs.

For information on cancellations and/or pool closings, please call the Recreation Hotline at 507-934-0070, visit the City's Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/CityofSaintPeter or call the Recreation Office at 507-934-0667.

**SOLAR CHOICE** - Community solar is a way to benefit from solar without installing it on individual rooftops or properties and the City has developed a program called "Solar Choice" that can help residents participate. It's an easy way to join the solar movement at a level of price certainty by locking in the cost of a portion of future energy usage. While only 25% of rooftops are suitable for solar installations, Solarchoice community solar provides an equitable way to allow those who want solar to get it without impacting those who do not.

The Solarchoice Community Solar Program is ideal for any Saint Peter residential electric customer who does not want to install their own solar array, but still wants to support solar energy. Instead of putting panels on individual roofs, utility customers can "buy" a share of a larger community solar garden with thousands of panels. Residential utility customers can subscribe to a portion of the energy produced by one or more panels in the community solar garden along with many other residents who share a commitment to renewable energy.

Subscribers receive a credit on their monthly bills for the solar electricity generated based on the number of panel subscriptions they purchased. Residential customers can purchase one-half of a panel, a full panel, or multiple panels of solar power in an amount up to 50% of their average monthly electric usage.

The average residential solar system offsets about 100,000 pounds of carbon dioxide (CO2) in 20 years. That is the equivalent of driving a car for 100,000 miles. The generation of one kWh of electricity emits 1.588 pounds of CO2 based on a Minnesota average. If we use 10,000 kWh/year, that's 15,888 pounds of CO2.

Solar panels convert sunlight into direct current (DC) electricity throughout the day, then convert the DC electricity generated into alternation current (AC) electricity. Solar is one step in the right direction.

For more information on how you can participate in SolarChoice, check out this link: https://www.saintpetermn.gov/212/Community-Solar-Program.

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**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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