CITY COUNCIL MEETING – The City Council meeting of June 14, 2021 included final acceptance of the Building Automation System Upgrades At the Broadway Generation Plant Project; award of the bid for the 2021 Clark Street Utility and Street Improvements Project; authorization for execution of a License To Use City Right-Of-Way with Guentzel Holdings; approval of a request by the Chamber of Commerce for City Assistance on the Fourth of July events; and approval for a Tobacco license for Smolder Cigar Emporium.

The next regular City Council meeting will be Monday, June 28, 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.

ELECTRIC LOAD MANAGEMENT - The City of Saint Peter requires all electric utility customers with newly installed or replacement central air conditioning, to participate in the electric load management program. This program helps reduce costs and is normally only used during the hottest days of the summer.

Participants have a load control unit installed on central air conditioning units. When the electric demand is high the City will cycle the air conditioner and in exchange participants receive a four dollar credit on electric bills during the months of May-September.

When load conditions indicate approaching peak demand for electricity, a signal is sent to the load control unit (three different types are shown here) to turn off the air conditioner for fifteen minutes. During this period, a red light appears on the control unit. After the fifteen minute period the air conditioner returns to service and a yellow light appears on the control unit. This process will continue throughout the high energy demand period. When the air conditioner is off the indoor temperature should only increase one to two degrees.

So why is this done? The charges you pay are based on charges from the City’s electric provider. When electric usage peaks, the City’s costs go up and those costs are then passed on to electric customers. By preventing new peak levels, costs are kept as low as possible which helps not only the City, but customers are well.

For more information on the load management program, please call the Public Works Department at 507-934-0670 or visit the City’s website at https://www.saintpetermn.gov/226/Electric.

CHIEF OF POLICE APPOINTMENT – The City Council has taken action to appoint longtime St. Peter Police Detective Matthew Grochow as the new Chief of Police.

Grochow has been with the Saint Peter Police Department since 1991. He participated in the Police Explorer program while still in school, volunteered for the Police Reserves, and then was
appointed in numerous positions in the Police Department including Dispatchers, Community Service Officer, Patrol Officer and Detective.

Grochow has a Bachelor's degree in Law Enforcement from Minnesota State University Mankato and he is expected to be sworn in as Chief of Police in early July.

**P E D D L E R ' S  N E E D  P E R M I T S**—Summer is a hot (no pun intended) time of the year for Peddler's to go door to door, but peddler's need permits issued by the City Council. The permit allows the applicant to go door-to-door in a residential area to peddle certain goods and services. Do you know what to do if a Peddler appears at your door?

First rule is...and it's the most important one...just because they have a permit from the City does not mean you have to buy from them or let them in your homes. It's up to each individual property owner to make that decision, but if you are going to let a peddler in your home, please make sure to ask to see their permit from the City first. Here's a photo of what it looks like. (Note....Solicitors and Peddlers are issued the same permit.)

If they tell you they don't need to be licensed, they are wrong. If they tell you that someone else in the group is carrying the license, they are not complying with the regulations. Each person going door-to-door must carry their own permit with their name written plainly on the permit. In addition, the permit will be signed with original signatures by both the Chief of Police and the City Administrator.

Next, if someone does come to your door and won't or can't show you a permit, it's time to become suspicious. The laws requiring peddlers to be permitted are common throughout the United States and reputable companies know to stop in at City Hall to become licensed. It's the other folks you should be wary of.

Unlicensed peddlers should be reported to the Police Department by calling 931-1550. Provide as much information as possible including a description of the person, what they were wearing, what vehicle they were driving, what direction they headed, what they were trying to sell you, etc.... Officers will track them down, check to see if they are permitted, and if not, escort them out of town or down to City Hall to follow the rules.

The City doesn't license Peddler's for the fun of it. We do so to ensure that the individual is legitimate and to help prevent any fraud being perpetrated upon Saint Peter residents. Each individual going door-to-door in a residential area undergoes a background investigation first and then must provide a bond that can be used to recoup any losses suffered by residents related to transactions with the company.

Finally, if you have any questions about Peddlers at your door, pick up the phone and call the Police Department at 931-1550 before purchasing anything. They will have a list of all those who are permitted.

**T O T  T I M E  A T  T H E  P O O L**—"NEW" this summer is Tot Time at the Pool. This new program is designed for children up to six (6) years of age who are accompanied by an adult for a splashing good time in the main lap pool. The program will help your youngster get comfortable in the water.

Tot Time will be held on Mondays and Fridays in June and July from 10-11:30 am at the outdoor pool.

Cost is $3 per child (Adults are free) and **PRE-REGISTRATION is required.** You can register either online at https://secure.rec1.com/MN/stpeter-mn/catalog or by calling the Recreation Office at 507-934-0687.

Mondays will include special splash and story time with a snack at 10:30 am.

Here are some other things to note about this program:

- Pool passes do not apply.
- Pool toys and floatables are allowed.
- The concession stand not available during this time.
- A parent or responsible adult (18 years or older) is required to be in the pool with the child(ren) at all times.
- A lifeguard will be on duty during this time.

**S E V E R E  W E A T H E R  R E M I N D E R S**—Summer is grilling, travel, the pool, and...severe weather. We haven't been in the path of anything yet, but odds are at some point this summer, St. Peter will be included in a warning of some kind. Does your family know what to do in the event of severe weather?
Tornado/Severe Thunderstorm "WATCH" means that conditions are favorable for the development of tornadoes or severe thunderstorms. When a watch is issued for Nicollet County, pay close attention to the weather and make sure that everyone in your family knows the correct action to take if the weather gets worse.

Tornado/Severe Thunderstorm "WARNING" means a tornado or severe thunderstorm has been reported or is indicated by weather radar. Warning information includes the tornado or storm's location, direction and speed. If the warning is issued for our portion of Nicollet County, TAKE SHELTER IMMEDIATELY.

Warning sirens are tested year round on the first Wednesday of each month at 1:00 p.m. to assure that the sirens will work in the event of an actual emergency. If you hear the steady tone of a siren at any other time, it means that severe weather has been sighted in our area and you should take shelter immediately.

When an actual emergency is declared there will be no all clear signal. Take a battery powered radio with you to the shelter so you can monitor when it is safe to emerge.

Another threat that can occur is lightning. If you hear thunder that means lightning is close enough to put you in danger so remember the motto... "When it Roars, Go Indoors!

Silent Drowning – There have been several drownings in Minnesota in the last week or so. With more people flocking to pool complexes and area lakes for relief from the heat wave, it's a good time to repeat an annual warning about "silent" drowning.

You know how in the movies people who are drowning thrash around and cry out for help? They wave their arms above their head trying to signal someone on shore to see them or draw the attention of a lifeguard. They flail desperately and scream for help, again and again. Unfortunately that picture is what many of us have in our minds when we think of drowning. But it's not real life.

Drowning isn't loud – it's silent. It's quick and deadly and unless you're a trained professional you may miss the signs of drowning all together. Drowning victims are using so much energy and air to keep alive, they don't have the ability to call for help. As they struggle to stay above the water, their lungs may already be filling with water before they slip silently beneath the surface. While we might expect them to wave their arms in the air to attract help, in reality, their natural instinct will be to keep those arms moving trying to stay above water.

In the last couple of years, a public safety spot on television outlined the dangers of "silent" drowning. It begins with a little girl in a swimming pool while a group of adults are visiting on the pool deck behind her. No one is watching her. She starts... "Hi, in a minute, I'm going to drown. My Mom thinks Dad is watching me. Dad thinks Mom is watching me, but actually no one is watching me...." It's really an impactful message. If you'd like to watch, here's the link. https://abbeyshope.org/video-gallery/

According to experts, unless the victim is rescued from the water, they have anywhere from 20 – 60 seconds before full submersion will occur and then this becomes an extremely dangerous and lifesaving scenario no one ever wants to experience.
Lifeguards know the warning signs of drowning but to untrained eyes this is not what most think drowning looks like, which is even scarier.

Did you know that young children have what is called a diving reflex? If a toddler falls in the water, they have a natural instinct to hold their breath and sink. They won’t fight for the surface; they don’t splash and scream. When they slip under the surface, especially among a crowd of people, they can easily go unnoticed because drowning is silent.

Children, young children in particular, are noisy swimmers. Have you ever been at a pool when children aren’t splashing or playing loudly? It’s a terrifying sound when they’re quiet and by the time you’ve noticed the lack of sound, it might be too late.

Here are the real signs of drowning (for both adults and children) every person should watch for:

- **Head tilted back**: The victim will tilt their head back to attempt to get air and breathe.
- **Mouth at water level**: A drowning victim is trying to keep their mouth at water level to get air but has no time to yell for help because they are barely able to take in air. The mouth will bob up for air and back down under the water.
- **No waiving or hailing for help**: Nature instinctively forces victims to extend their arms laterally and press down on the water. Pressing down on the surface of the water permits drowning people to leverage their bodies so they can lift their mouths out of the water to breathe.
- **Eyes appear glassy/empty**
- **Bodies stay upright in the water**: The victim will stay upright in the water because of the lateral arm pressing, but there is usually no supporting kick.

In the event of a near drowning incident for your family, do you know how to give a child CPR? One in three parents don’t, but it’s essential to have training for not only water saving and near-drowning resuscitation, but also for accidents, suffocation, smoke inhalation, electric injuries, SIDS (possible sudden infant death syndrome), and other medical issues. The American Red Cross offers CPR classes on a regular basis. If you’re not trained in CPR, it might be something to consider.

City’s outdoor pool, it’s up to each of us to know what to look for and possibly save a life.


(Note....Abbey’s Hope is a foundation started by the family of Minnesota native Abbey Taylor. The six year old girl died from injuries suffered in a horrible swimming pool accident in 2007. The Foundation now works to promote water safety both here in Minnesota and around the world.)

**ILLEGAL DUMPING** – One of the lesser known laws in Saint Peter has to do with illegal dumping. Most people think of this as disposing of old tires in ditches, or dumping a broken refrigerator in a wooded area. That’s part of it, but it is also illegal to dump or place garbage in another person’s garbage container.

As everyone does know, each property owner pays to have garbage hauled away. Whether you are a home owner or own a business, the cost to dispose of garbage adds up.

Yet there are some people in the community, or maybe they come from other communities, who illegally toss their garbage in someone else’s containers. If you see someone illegally dumping garbage or other unwanted materials in a dumpster or container that is not theirs, please get a good description of the person and their vehicle and call the Police Department at 931-1550.

One more law that you may not know about....it’s also illegal to dig through someone’s recycling and take out materials like aluminum cans once that recycling container has been set out for collection.

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

- **MAINTENANCE SUPERINTENDENT** - in the Department of Public Works. Minimum qualifications include a High school diploma or equivalent; Associates degree in construction, construction management, or Public Works operations or equivalent. Five years of experience in a related field may be substituted for an equivalent. Possession of a valid driver’s license; and demonstrated proficiency using Microsoft Word and Excel software. Desirable qualifications include: more...
than five years of experience in construction, construction management, and/or Public Works operations; demonstrated personnel supervision experience of greater than one year; demonstrated experience in assisting in the preparation of budgets and monitoring of expenditures; demonstrated knowledge of approved methods, materials, and tools used in the construction, maintenance, and cleaning of streets, other public rights-of-way, parks, structures, and recreational facilities; municipal forestry operations; environmental services operation; heavy and light equipment operations; operating characteristics and servicing of equipment; traffic laws and regulations and regulations governing equipment operations; applicable regulatory codes and laws related to Public Works departmental operations - demonstrated ability to read and interpret engineering and landscaping plans and specifications; demonstrated knowledge of pavement management and planning practices; demonstrated knowledge of parks and forestry operations; demonstrated knowledge of OSHA regulations and safety policy; demonstrated knowledge of Federal and State vehicle operation regulations. 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. Salary range $75,402 - $79,994/year. Applicants are required to complete a City of Saint Peter application form available on the City's website at www.saintpetermn.gov/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 July 8, 2021. Faxed and/or late applications will not be accepted. Interviews will be conducted Thursday, July 22, 2021. 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.

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