RENTAL LICENSES DUE – The City’s Building Department is currently accepting applications for residential rental property licenses for the period 2022-2023. Properties licensed prior to the December 31, 2021 deadline will avoid the $36 per unit penalty charge. Landlords must be licensed by December 31st, but will have until March 31st to have the property inspected.

Applications for rental licenses are available on the City’s website at https://www.saintpetermn.gov/204/Rental-Information-Application or from the Building Department at City Hall. (Please remember that if you come into the office, masks are required of everyone regardless of vaccination status and masks will be required of all participants when the inspections are being done.)

THANKSGIVING CLOSURES – All non-emergency City offices, including the public Library, will be closed on Thursday-Friday (November 25-26th) for the Thanksgiving Day holiday.

The Community Center will be closed and Minnesota River Valley Transit buses will be out of service on Thanksgiving Day (November 25th).

HOLIDAY LIGHT REBATES - With the holidays just around the corner it’s time to start thinking about lights and decorations!

This holiday season the City of Saint Peter is once again offering electric customers rebates of up to $12 for each plug-in LED string or decoration of energy-efficient LED holiday lighting purchased through the end of the year. Here’s what you can earn:

- Up to 99 LED lamps = $3 rebate
- 100-199 LED lamps = $6 rebate
- 200-299 LED lamps = $9 rebate
- 300 or more LED Lamps = $12 rebate

LED lighting uses up to 90% less electricity than regular holiday lighting and lasts up to ten times longer saving a typical household up to $50 during the holiday season.

While the financial savings alone are a big draw, LED holiday lights offer other benefits like making Saint Peter a little greener and being cool to the touch which reduces the risk of fire and personal injury.

Rebate coupons and additional information can be found at www.SaveEnergyInSaintPeter.com and at some retailers.

Please note the City is NOT accepting Christmas lights for recycling, but free recycling is available through Arrow Hardware in Saint Peter.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING – The City Council meeting of November 8, 2021 included a public hearing and subsequent action to assess unpaid utility charges; a public hearing and subsequent action to assess unpaid miscellaneous charges; canvassing of the 2021 election results; authorization for execution of a lease for Community Center room #110 by Kid’s Corner; adoption of a resolution of support for an application to the Department of Employment and Economic Development Small Cities Development Program to fund repairs at Parkview Manor; approval of a soft drink license for Smolders Cigar Emporium; and a closed session to discuss union contract negotiations with the Utilities, Streets, and Police Officer unions.

The next regular City Council meeting will be Monday, November 22, 2021 beginning at 7:00 p.m.
in the Governors' Room of the Community Center. Copies of the agenda will be available from the City's website the Friday before the meeting.

WHAT'S NEXT FOR THE SALES TAX? — Saint Peter voters overwhelmingly approved implementation of a one-half percent local option sales tax. So what comes next?

There are several steps before the tax will actually be implemented - some at the City Council level and some at the Minnesota Department of Revenue level — and that means you won't be paying sales tax for a few more months.

As we work through the process with the State, we'll do our best to keep the Saint Peter community informed through the Hot Sheet, Council actions, and the City's social media pages so keep checking back for more information.

When the tax is ready to be implemented, vendors will be notified. Look for that notification sometime in early 2022. Until then, planning for design and ultimately construction of the new fire station continues. It will be a wonderful, and much needed, addition to the City.

CITY COUNCIL ADVISORY BOARDS — Did you know the City Council maintains ten different volunteer boards and commissions? Members of these boards work to provide advice to the City Council on any number of issues including parks, library services, recreation programming, economic development, and planning.

If you have ever thought about helping guide the future of the Saint Peter community, maybe it's time you considered applying for one of the boards. Applications are now being accepted for positions to begin in January, 2022 for the following boards:

- Civil Service Commission
- Heritage Preservation Commission
- Tourism and Visitors Bureau
- Planning and Zoning Commission
- Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Additional information on each board (meeting date/time, responsibilities of the board and terms) are available on the City's website and you can find an application at https://www.saintpetermn.gov/DocumentCenter/View/1158/ADVISORY-BOARD-APPLICATION?bidId=

To be eligible for appointment, candidates must reside within the corporate limits of the City of Saint Peter and must make a commitment to making the meeting dates and times.

FALL LEAF COLLECTION CONTINUES - City Crews will continue to pick up leaves through Wednesday, November 24th. Property owners who don't want to wait are still able to utilize the City's yard waste drop off site located at the southwest intersection of North Swift/West St. Julien Streets. The site is open 24/7 year round for those who have the orange permit. If you don't have a permit, or if you are not a resident of the corporate limits of Saint Peter, permits are available at the Public Works Department building (405 West St. Julien Street) or at the Finance Department at City Hall (227 South Front Street).

The curbside collection and the drop-off site are both funded by the Environmental Services fee on City utility bills.

For further questions feel free to call Public Works at 507-934-0670.

TOURISM AND VISITORS BUREAU MEETINGS — Due to conflicts with both the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, the Tourism Board has changed its upcoming meeting schedule.

The November 26th meeting is being rescheduled for December 3rd and the regularly scheduled meeting in December has been cancelled.

For more information on Tourism meetings, please visit the City's website at https://www.saintpetermn.gov/354/Tourism-Visitors-Bureau.

SNOW IS COMING, ARE YOU READY? Snow will be here before we know it and as most homeowners know, being caught off guard is not a good thing. Whether it be a snow blower that won't start or not being able to find a shovel, it's always best to be prepared.

That's the way with snow removal regulations for the City also. The City
is prepared to help all residents get around whether they are driving or on foot. Unfortunately that means we have regulations in place that not everyone will comply with or like.

One of those regulations relates to removal of snow and ice from sidewalks and handicap ramps within 24 hours of a snowfall. Doing so allows those with mobility challenges or those who must walk all winter to easily get to and from their destination without having to walk in the roadway. It helps your newspaper delivery person, your mail carrier, our Meter Readers, and kids walking to and from school. Shoveling is hard work but following the rules is important and when City crews are done clearing City sidewalks, they will turn their attention to other sidewalks that haven’t been cleared. What’s the cost if the City has to do the work for you? A minimum of $75 per hour!

Rules are also in place in the rare event a snow emergency is declared. If a declaration is made, there is no parking on any snow emergency route (they are signed) for 48 hours after the declaration even if the roadway has been plowed curb to curb. Beginning at 12 midnight, for two days, there is no parking on residential streets from midnight until 7 am even if the street has been plowed curb-to-curb. Beginning at 2 am, for two days, there is no parking on downtown streets from 7 am until 6 am even if the street has been plowed curb-to-curb. More details about these rules can be found on the City’s website at https://www.saintpetermn.gov/274/Snow-Emergency-Rules.

Early preparation is the key to avoiding any penalties associated with sidewalks that aren’t cleared or parking on streets during a snow emergency. If you can’t shovel your sidewalk, please hire someone now. If you don’t have off-street parking, please find it now. You’ll thank yourself later.

WHO YOU GONNA’ CALL?
Maybe the theme from “Ghostbusters” is running through your head with that question, but if you are relatively new to Saint Peter you may not know who to call at the City for answers. Here’s a cheat sheet for future reference:

Police/Fire/EMERGENCY  931-1550 or 911
- Parking tickets
- Safety programs/classes
- Animal impound

General City information
- City Council meetings and Board schedules
- City Code Information
- Public Information Requests
- Employment

Community Development  934-0661
- Economic Development
- Zoning
- Planning
- Heritage Preservation
- Signage
- Business licensing
- Animal Licensing

Building  934-0662
- Building permits
- Building inspections
- Rental inspections/licensing

Finance  934-0664
- Utility payments (billing)
- Refuse (garbage) collection concerns/questions
- Accounts Payable
- New Utility Account Customer information
- Trash bag sales
- Billing questions
- Public Access television

Public Works  934-0670
- Electric service construction/repair/outages
- Water service construction/repair
- Wastewater service construction/repair
- Stormwater
- Environmental services/yard waste drop off site
- Streets
- Parks
- Forestry

Recreation and Leisure Services  934-0667
- Program registration
- Youth and adult activities
- Park shelter/campground reservations
- Community Center Room Reservations

Recreation Hotline  934-0070
- Cancellations
- Youth Center information
- Senior Center information (934-7434)
- Warming house hours
- Swimming pool hours

City Information Line  934-0675
- Snow emergency notices
- Electric outages

City Administrator  934-0663
**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](http://www.saintpetermn.gov).

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