SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK!

Minnesota's "Severe Weather Awareness Week" is underway with the state-wide tornado drills scheduled for Thursday, April 7th. On April 7th outdoor warning sirens and NOAA weather radios will sound at both 1:45 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. in a simulated tornado warning. (You may also have noticed that the regular "first of the month" test was conducted at 1:00 p.m. this afternoon!)

During these drills, families and businesses are encouraged to conduct their own mini preparedness drill and to talk about what to do in the event of a real emergency. One of the things to discuss with family and co-workers is the terms used when advisories are issued:

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.

There is no all clear siren, so it's wise to take a battery powered radio with you to the shelter so you can monitor when it is safe to emerge. More information on these topics is available on the Minnesota Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management website at https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/hsem/weather-awareness-preparedness/Pages/severe-weather-awareness-week-program.aspx.

Summertime is meant for enjoying outdoor activities, but if you hear thunder, that means lightning is close enough to put you in danger so remember the motto...."When it Roars, Go Indoors!" Lightning is one of the top storm-related killers in the United States and when thunderstorms are
in the area and you hear thunder, it’s time to get indoors and stay there for thirty minutes after the last roar of thunder.

If you would like more information about severe storm preparedness, please call the Saint Peter Police Department (931-1550) or Nicollet County Emergency Management (934-7874). The severe weather information contained in today’s Hot Sheet includes information from the Minnesota Division of Homeland Security website.

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING** – The City Council meeting on March 28, 2022 included approval of a request to subordinate a City mortgage for the property at 424 South Fourth Street; award of bid for the 2022 Street Seal Coat and Fog Seal Project to Allied Blacktopping; authorization to purchase a new front mounted street sweeper from RDO Equipment; approval for Bolton and Menk, Inc. to provide project engineering for a project to extend Clark Street and utilities to serve a new multi-family housing project in Traverse Green Subdivision; and a closed session to discuss union contract negotiations with Law Enforcement Labor Services Local #241 (Communications Technicians).

Mayor Nowell also proclaimed March 29, 2022, as “Vietnam Veteran’s Day” in Saint Peter.

The next regular City Council meeting will be Monday, April 11, 2022, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Copies of the meeting agendas can be found the Friday before meetings on the City’s website (https://www.saintpetermn.gov/AgendaCenter).

**MNDOT PROJECT OPEN HOUSE** – The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) will conduct an open house on Monday, April 11th from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. in the St. Peter Room to answer questions and provide more information about a project that will reconstruct the intersections of Highway 169 where the roadway meets Highways 22 and 99 on the south end of the community. Following the open house, there will be a public hearing on the project during the regular City Council meeting (7:00 p.m. in the Governors’ Room of the Community Center).

MnDOT will reconstruct the intersections of Highway 169 with Highways 22 and 99 to improve the pavement condition, intersection safety, and traffic flow on the south side of St. Peter. With input from the City of Saint Peter, residents and businesses, and other project stakeholders, MnDOT developed concepts and arrived at a layout for 2023 construction.

If you are unable to attend the open house, please feel free to visit the MnDOT website at mndot.gov/d7/projects/Highways169-22-99 to learn more about the project. In addition, as the project progresses, follow MnDOT on their Facebook page and Twitter account for up-to-date information.

MnDOT invites and encourages participation by all. If you need an ASL, foreign language interpreter, or other reasonable accommodation, or need documents in an alternative format (such as braille or large print), please email your request to Janet Miller at adarequest.dot@state.mn.us or call 651-366-4720.

**SAINT PETER UTILITIES NATIONAL RECOGNITION** - The City’s Municipal Utility has received national recognition for achieving exceptional electric reliability in 2021. The recognition comes from the American Public Power Association (APPA), a trade group that represents more than 2,000 not-for-profit, community-owned electric utilities.

APPA helps electric utilities track power outage and restoration data through its subscription-based eReliability Tracker service. Once per year, APPA’s Reliability Team compares this data to national statistics tracked by the U.S. Energy Information Administration for all types of electric utilities.

“Once again, public power utilities have demonstrated their commitment to providing highly reliable power to their customers,” said Alex Hofmann, APPA’s Vice President of Technical and Operations Services. “We commend these utilities for their hard work when it comes to keeping the lights on in their communities.”

Nationwide, the average public power customer has their lights out for less than half the amount of time that customers of other types of utilities do.

“We are proud to receive this recognition. It is a testament to the hard work of all our staff and the commitment our City Council has demonstrated to ensure that we keep the City of Saint Peter powered,” said Pete Moulton, Public Works Director at City of Saint Peter.

Moulton also stated, “In Saint Peter we take pride in keeping the lights on. Our customers deserve the best and most efficient utility system, and our City Council makes that happen by funding improvements to help our customers. In return, a utility system is in place that assures a dependable and reliable system”

**LICENSED TREE WORKERS** - Are you in the market for tree trimming or removal? Before you hire a contractor, please make sure they are licensed by the City.
Any contactor who offers tree and bush trimming and/or removal services must be licensed by the City. Why you ask?

When a tree worker is licensed, the City has done the background investigation on the company. We ensure they have insurance in case they drop the tree on your house. We ensure they are a real company and not just a scam. We do what is needed to protect you and your property.

So, who is licensed? Head to the City’s website (https://www.saintpetermn.gov/BusinessDirectoryII.aspx?lngBusinessCategoryID=22) to see the list of licensed tree workers and then find the company you want to do business with. (Remember to check back after May 1st when these businesses need to renew their license for the coming season.)

SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM
REGISTRATION –
Registration for summer recreation programs begins this Friday, April 1st at 8:00 a.m.

This is your chance to register children and adults for a variety of activities such as youth sports, camps, swim lessons, nature programs and so much more. Quick and easy registration can be done via the City’s website (Recreation Page) at www.saintpetermn.gov or, if you have questions, by calling the Recreation and Leisure Services Office at 507-934-0667.

SPRING HYDRANT FLUSHING - The semi-annual flushing of the City’s 625 fire hydrants is underway. This process could temporarily make water cloudy so please check your water before doing laundry.

Water Utility crews do this work twice a year to get fresh water running through the hydrants and to do flow testing. Work is done overnight (8:00 p.m. – 6:00 a.m.) to minimize the impact on residents.

Why is this work so important?
- Flushing helps improve water quality by removing residue from the main pipe system, which helps keep our water clear.
- It’s important for fire safety and to benefit the City’s fire rating. Testing flow levels helps ensure adequate pumping to the City’s fire tanker. Ensuring adequate pumping capabilities also helps keep fire insurance costs lower for all property owners.
- There is also an economic development benefit to hydrant flushing. Making accurate flow information available to prospective businesses and industries help these firms make decisions about locating in Saint Peter.

For questions about water quality or the hydrant flushing work, please contact the Public Works Department at 507-934-0670.

MUNICIPAL CAMPGROUND RESERVATIONS - Camping season is right around the corner! Reservations for the 2022 camping season at Riverside Park - Mill Pond Municipal Campground begins Friday, April 1st at 8:00 a.m. To reserve your campsite please visit the City of Saint Peter website Recreation Page or call 507-934-0667.

Here’s a bit of information about the City’s campground…
- The campground is open May 6th - October 30th
- 11 Electricals sites - $30.00 per night
- 5 Non-electrical sites - $20.00 per night
- Located within the 120-acre Riverside Park on the banks of the Minnesota River
- Boat ramp
- Heated restrooms
- Canoe landing
- Fishing pond
- Trails

Also, for a great aerial map of the campground, please visit the City’s website at https://www.saintpetermn.gov/490/Camping and scroll to the bottom of the page.

REDISTRICTING PROCESS – THE FINAL STEP – Hot Sheet readers may remember that on March 14th the City Council adopted new Ward boundaries as part of the state-wide redistricting process.

The final step in the process is for Nicollet County to adopt their Commissioner districts based on the changes made by the cities and townships in Nicollet County earlier in the process.

If you would like to review the County’s options for redistricting of the Commissioner districts, please visit their website at https://mn-nicolletcounty.civicplus.com/856/8541/Nicollet-County-Redistricting-Plan?activeLiveTab=widgets

BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION MEETING –
The City Council will meet as the Board of Appeal and Equalization on Tuesday, April 19th beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Governors’ Room of the Community Center.

This is the annual opportunity for property owners to challenge the assessed valuation of their property
as assigned by the Nicollet County Assessor's office. (Please note...this is not an opportunity to challenge the amount of property taxes paid.) If you are interested in appearing before the Board, please contact the Nicollet County Assessor to make an appointment.

Property owners who fail to appeal to the local Board may forfeit their right to appeal to the County Board.

HELP WANTED - The City of Saint Peter is currently accepting applications for several positions. Applications are available through the City's website (www.saintpetermn.gov/365/employment). Important note....once you have completed the online application, save it to your computer with a new title, and then email or deliver it as shown on the front page of the application. The following positions are now open:

- **POLICE PATROL OFFICER** - City of Saint Peter. $32.84-$40.30/hr, plus educational incentives and longevity steps at 8 years and 20 years of service. Qualified candidates could begin as lateral transfers at top pay rate. $1,500 sign-on bonus; 40 hours banked sick leave; 40 hours banked vacation leave. Minimum Qualifications: Two-year degree in Law Enforcement from a P.O.S.T. accredited college or vocational school; or three years' experience as a police officer or working in a related field such as Probation or Corrections; Possession of a valid Minnesota P.O.S.T. board license or eligibility to immediately receive a P.O.S.T. board license; possession of, or eligible for a Minnesota Class D Drivers' license within 30 days of employment. City application form required along with cover letter and resume. Contact Saint Peter Police Department at 207 South Front Street, by calling (507)931-1550 or from the City of Saint Peter website at https://www.saintpetermn.gov/365/employment. Open until filled. AA/EOE

- **PART-TIME BUILDING SUPERVISOR** - at the Saint Peter Community Center. Evenings and weekends. Minimum qualifications include High school diploma or equivalent; CPR and First Aid training or ability to be certified within six months of employment; and Experience working with the public. Desirable qualifications include Experience in building maintenance functions.

$13.28 per hour. Applicants must complete a City of Saint Peter application available from the City Administrator’s Office at 227 South Front Street, Saint Peter, Minnesota 56082-2538, by calling (507)934-0663 or online at www.saintpetermn.gov/365/employment. Completed applications must be received by the City Administrator’s Office no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 6, 2022. Faxed and/or late applications will not be accepted. AA/EOE

- **PART-TIME BUS DRIVER** - The City of Saint Peter is currently accepting applications for the position of Part-time Bus Drivers for the Minnesota River Valley Transit system. This position will work various shifts including day, night and occasional weekends. This position works primarily in Saint Peter. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Must have a valid driver's license to begin and a State of Minnesota CDL minimum of Class C Driver's License with passenger endorsement within thirty (30) days of employment (PLEASE NOTE - Minnesota River Valley Transit will help all new drivers train for the license test); High school diploma or equivalent. DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS: Experience working with the public; experience operating two-way radio/phones; training in vehicle mechanics; previous bus driving experience. Starting wage $17.56 per hour. Applicants must complete a City application form which is available in the City Administrator’s office at 227 South Front Street, 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. This position will remain open until filled and qualified applicants will be offered an interview within one week of submission of application. **NOTE:** The successful candidates for this position will be required to successfully complete and pass a pre-employment drug test. The position is also subject to post-accident, random, reasonable suspicion, return to duty, and follow-up drug and alcohol testing required by USDOT 49 CFR Part 655 (Federal Transit Administration) and USDOT 49 CFR Part 40. In addition, successful candidates for this position must have a vehicle driving record which is clear of revocations, suspensions and cancellations for the past three (3) years. Applicants may be required to submit to a criminal background check and be clear of convictions for crimes or anticipatory crimes (as defined in M.S. 609.17 and 609.175) within the previous fifteen (15) years. AA/EEO
PART-TIME TRANSIT SUPPORT SPECIALIST (DISPATCHER)— for Minnesota River Valley Transit system. (Dispatcher) This position will work mostly late afternoon, evening and weekend hours. Transit Support Specialists assist Minnesota River Valley Transit riders in scheduling rides, directing drivers to stops and pick-ups, providing clerical support for Transit Operations and Compliance Managers, and operating dispatching software. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: High school diploma or equivalent; demonstrated experience working with the public; demonstrated ability to operate a personal computer; ability to read, write, and speak the English language; and ability to answer multi-line phone system. DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS: Experience operating a two-way radio/phone, 1+ year experience in an office setting, 1+ year experience in a municipal or other transportation system providing logistical support for moving people or materials, demonstrated ability to read and navigate a map, 1+ year experience with dispatching or vehicle routing software and hardware, 1+ year experience using social media such as Facebook or Twitter. Starting wage: $17.56 per hour. Applicants are required to submit a City application form available online at 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. This position will remain open until filled, but don’t delay in submitting an application if interested. Applications for these seasonal positions are available online at www.saintpetermn.gov/365/employment.

SEASONAL POSITIONS — The following seasonal positions at the Public Works and Recreation and Leisure Services Departments are now open. NOTE: #1-A condition of employment for all Public Works seasonal positions shall be successful completion of a background investigation and pre-employment drug test. Employees will be subject to post-accident, random, reasonable suspicion, return to duty, and follow-up drug and alcohol testing. Must be at least 15 years of age for listed positions unless noted differently. These positions will remain open for application until filled, but don’t delay in submitting an application if interested. Applications for these seasonal positions are available online at www.saintpetermn.gov/365/employment.

- PUBLIC WORKS SEASONAL LABORER: Duties include a variety of manual labor tasks associated with the care, maintenance, and cleaning of City facilities and equipment including, but not limited to, painting, washing, mowing, weeding, digging, cleaning and organizing; planting, trimming, and removal of trees and shrubs and mowing and trimming facilities. 40 hours/week. Applicants must possess a minimum valid Class C or D driver’s license. Minimum age: 18. $11.75/hour

- TREE WORKER: Duties include work involving maintenance of City’s urban forest including tree planting and felling, tree trimming and pruning, stump grinding and site restoration, maintenance of plants, tree nursery and new trees; tree inventory and completing reports. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: High school diploma or GED; Valid Class C or D driver’s license; Possession of an American Heart Certification as a Basic Rescuer for cardiopulmonary resuscitation and emergency cardiac care or the ability to obtain within six months of employment with the City; Demonstrated related experience in tree maintenance. DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS: Demonstrated knowledge in the operation a woodchipper, aerial lift truck, skid steer, chainsaw and stump grinder; Demonstrated experience and education in landscaping, arboriculture, forestry; International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) certification; Tree Inspector certification; Demonstrated knowledge of basic plant maintenance; Ability to speak conversational Somali or Spanish. 26 weeks per week April – October limited to 900 hours. Minimum age: 18. $13.75/hour
- **LANDSCAPE GARDENER**: Duties include work involving gardening, landscape maintenance, general maintenance of planters, flowerbeds, maintenance of parks, right-of-way, and other recreational facilities. **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS**: High school diploma or GED equivalent; Valid Class C or D driver's license; Possession of an American Heart Certification as a Basic Rescuer for cardiopulmonary resuscitation and emergency cardiac care or the ability to obtain within six months of employment with the City; Demonstrated experience in landscape gardening. **DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS**: Demonstrated experience in any of the following: grounds keeping and/or tree maintenance; Master Gardener certification; Demonstrated knowledge of public horticulture or landscape design; Minnesota Non-Commercial Pesticide Applicator License; Minnesota Tree Inspector Certification; Demonstrated knowledge of OSHA rules, regulations and safety requirements of the trade; Ability to speak conversational Somali or Spanish. 26 weeks April – October limited to 900 hours. Minimum age: 18. $13.75/hour

- **PARK RANGER**: Duties include providing assistance at community events, recreational facilities, and maintenance activities; assuring park grounds and structures are neat and clean; assist citizens using City facilities, oversee entrance to Swift Street tree and grass clippings drop off site, assist with ball field maintenance during tournaments and weekend play. **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS**: High School diploma or GED equivalent; Valid Class C or D driver's license; Possession of an American Heart Certification as a Basic Rescuer for cardiopulmonary resuscitation and emergency cardiac care or the ability to obtain within six months of employment with the City; Demonstrated experience in landscape gardening. **DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS**: Demonstrated ability to deal with the public; Demonstrated problem solving abilities; Demonstrated communication skills related to City operations; Demonstrated knowledge and experience in park maintenance; Ability to speak conversational Somali or Spanish. May 1 to October 31 including weekdays, weeknights, holidays, and weekends. Must pass pre-employment drug test; subject to post-accident, random, reasonable suspicion, return to duty, and follow-up drug and alcohol testing required by federal regulations. Minimum age: 18. $13.75/hour

- **HEAD LIFEGUARDS**: Duties include supervision of aquatics personnel, pool patrons, and pool facility. Must have three years of lifeguard experience. Current WSI, LGT, First Aid and CPR certificates required. Strong leadership background. Minimum age: 18. $13.00/hour

- **LIFEGUARD/WSI**: Duties include teaching swim lessons and supervision of swimmers. Some maintenance. Full, part-time and substitute positions. Current WSI, LGT, First Aid and CPR Certificates required. $12.15/hour

- **LIFEGUARD (without WSI)**: Duties include supervision of swimmers and some maintenance. Full, part-time and substitute positions. Current LGT, First Aid & CPR Certificates required. $11.75/hour

- **OUTDOOR POOL CASHIER**: Duties include collection of pool fees, light bookkeeping, some maintenance, and strong public relations skills. Part-time. $9.50/hour

- **RECREATION COORDINATOR**: Train and supervise staff, organize, and implement summer sports programs (youth and adult) as well as mobile recreation program (Exploration Recreation). Need strong organizational, motivational, planning and leadership skills. Valid Class C or D driver's license is required. Experience with school age children. Minimum age: 18, 35–40 hours/week. Mid May–mid/end of August. $12.50/hour

- **RECREATION LEADERS**: Responsibilities include implementing youth summer recreation and sports programs and special events. Previous experience working with youth desired. Strong leadership and organizational skills required. Valid Class C or D driver’s license.
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