SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION – Following the passing of Congressman Jim Hagedorn, a special primary election has been called for Tuesday, May 24th for all voters in Congressional District 1. This special primary election will ask voters to narrow down the list of candidates to one candidate from each political party for the regular primary ballot. The winner in August will fill the vacant seat through January 3, 2023.

As with all primary elections, there will be several columns on the ballot, each representing one of the major political parties in Minnesota, but each voter is only allowed for vote for ONE candidate on the entire ballot. Election Judges will be on hand to remind each voter of that.

Voting hours and locations are the same as always….7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. with voters in both Ward 1 precincts casting their ballot at the National Guard Amory (1120 North Swift Street) and voters in both precincts of Ward 2 voting at the Community Center (Precinct 1 voters entering through Door “A” and Precinct 2 voters entering through Door “B”).

If you choose to vote by absentee ballot, you can do so now at the Property and Public Services Department at the Nicollet County Government Center (501 South Minnesota Avenue). Absentee ballots are available through May 23rd.

This special primary election is the last election before the State-wide redistricting action goes into effect.

DOG PARK IMPROVEMENTS – A portion of the Thompson Dog Park located on the 1100 block of North Swift Street, will be a construction zone beginning May 19th. A new 10’ shelter is planned for the small dog area which will necessitate closure of this portion of the park for about four weeks. The larger fenced in area (large dogs) will remain open during construction. For those with questions, please contact the Public Works Department at 507-934-0670.

BATTLE OF THE BADGES BLOOD DRIVE – How would you like to do something for those in need; something that won’t cost you a single dollar? Donate blood!

The Saint Peter Police Department is once again sponsoring a “Battle of the Badges” blood drive. This annual event will take place at the Senior Center (Room #219) in the Community Center, at 600 South Fifth Street on Thursday, May 19th between the hours of 1-7:00 p.m.

While this event is a lighthearted competition between the different local law enforcement agencies, the need for blood is serious. According to the Red Cross, “Every two seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood. It is essential for surgeries, cancer treatment, chronic illnesses, and traumatic injuries. Whether a patient receives whole blood, red cells, platelets or plasma, this lifesaving care starts with one person making a generous donation.”

That’s a whole lot of donations needed across the country and for those with rare blood types, the need is even greater. If you are able, won’t you consider donating during the Battle Of The Badges?
HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION – Spring is a great time to get rid of all the junk and clutter that has clogged up our basements, garages and sheds and you don’t have to go far to dispose of any hazardous materials you need to get rid of. Tri-County Solid Waste will be offering a household hazardous waste collection on Saturday, June 18th from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the City of Saint Peter wastewater treatment facility located at 400 West St. Julien Street. Details are included on the flyer shown here.

AMERICANS AND THE HOLOCAUST – The St. Peter Public Library has been fortunate enough to be selected to host a traveling exhibition that examines Americans’ responses to Nazism, war, and genocide in Europe during the 1930s and 1940s. What did Americans know, and what more could have been done? The exhibition, from the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C., also presents stories of individual Americans, some of whom took actions that went against the grain at the time, daring to rescue Jews from Europe.

Opening night of the exhibit is Monday, May 23rd, from 5:00-7:00 pm. Marian Broida, Gustavus Adolphus College, will emcee the event as visitors listen to a string quartet while experiencing the exhibit.

The exhibit, which will run through June 30th, will be open to the public during normal Library business Monday-Thursday from 10 am - 8pm, Fridays from 10 am - 5pm, and Saturdays from 9 am – 1 pm


CITY COUNCIL MEETING – The City Council meeting on May 9, 2022 included award of several bids for the 2022 Fire Station Project; approval for issuance of Temporary General Obligation Sales Tax Revenue bonds to provide short-term construction financing for the Fire Station Project until the long-term USDA funding is provided; approval of a development agreement with St. Peter Land LLC for development of a 67-unit multi-family housing complex in North Traverse Green Subdivision 2nd Addition; a public hearing and subsequent action to modify Tax Increment Financing District No. 1-20 and authorize execution of a Tax Increment Financing development agreement with St. Peter Investors, LLC; adoption of a resolution authorizing future bond proceeds to reimburse the City for expenses related to certain equipment and the construction of Phase 2 Clark Street Project; approval for River’s Edge Hospital to purchase a portable x-ray system; approval for City assistance for a Gustavus Adolphus College alumni/community event; and approval for City assistance for the Chamber of Commerce’s Fourth of July events.

The next regular City Council meeting will be Monday, May 23, 2022, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Governors’ Room of the Community Center.

Council agendas are available beginning the Friday before meetings on the City’s website (https://www.saintpetermn.gov/AgendaCenter).

POLICE OFFICERS MEMORIAL WEEK – Mayor Nowell has proclaimed this week (through May 21st) as “Police Officer Memorial Week” in St. Peter. It goes hand in hand with May 15th which was “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 15th 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 15th 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 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.

2021 CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT - The United State Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requires public water suppliers to send out information regarding the quality of the water provided to the public (customers). The City does this on an annual basis by the issuance of a Consumer Confidence Report (CCR).

The CCR summarizes information regarding the sources used (i.e., rivers, or aquifers) to obtain our water supply and of any detected contaminates. Educational information is also included along with information on the City’s compliance with State and Federal regulations.

The Saint Peter Water Utility 2020 CCR is now available for public review at http://www.saintpetermn.gov/289/Water. No access to the internet? A paper copy will be mailed to residents upon request. Please call the Public Works Department at 507-934-0670 to make such a request.

RAIN BARREL REBATES – During the period May 15th – July 15th, City utility customers who purchase a 45-gallon or 50-gallon rain barrel from Ace Hardware are eligible for a rebate of $25. At the time of purchase, a rebate form will be filled out at the store and provided to the City.

Purchasing one of the qualifying barrels entitles the utility customer to receive a $25 rebate on their utility bill. Rebates are available to the first 50 qualified purchasers and there is a limit of two rebates per household.

Why rain barrels?

- Rainwater is great for gardens, houseplants, washing vehicles, window washing, and other household chores.
- It's a great way to store water for use on a sunny day.
- Rain barrels prevent stormwater from polluting neighboring waters by keeping it where it falls.
- Recycling rainwater reduces personal energy consumption by using less treated water.
- Rain barrels help reduce erosion and increase water quality.
- Rain barrels reduce stress on the municipal storm drain and sewer systems making it easy to have a positive impact on the environment.

If you are interested in using a rain barrel and receiving a rebate, don't delay. Only the first 50 qualified customers will receive a rebate.

CAT LICENSES NOW PAST DUE – The deadline for renewal of cat licenses is over. Cat owners who still have not renewed their cat’s license will now be charged an increased fee ($10 for spayed/neutered or $30 for unaltered cats).

If you have not yet licensed your cat, 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 for those who have not purchased the license. Police citations are the next step for those who have not complied by June 1, 2022.

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? 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. Burning anything else, including wet wood, will most likely annoy your neighbors and lead to a visit by Officers. Only natural (untreated) wood is allowed to be burned in fire pits.

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 allows each of us to enjoy those long summer nights!

### Curbside Furniture/Appliance Collection

Is your basement or garage cluttered with unwanted furniture or appliances? Then May 24th is a day you’ll want to remember as the City will provide a curbside collection of unwanted furniture and appliances.

To participate you’ll need to register your items and pay the fee at the Finance Department at 227 South Front Street. Deadline for registration and payment is 5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 20th.

Special note - if you set your items curbside before the collection date and someone takes them, no refunds will be given. Items must be curbside by 7:30 AM on Tuesday, May 24th, and will be collected rain or shine. The fees listed below include sales tax.

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### Bike Rodeo

For the seventh straight year, River’s Edge Hospital and the St. Peter Police Department will be hosting the annual Bike Safety Rodeo on Saturday, May 21st from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at the River’s Edge Hospital south parking lot.

At the Bike Rodeo, kids ages 0-17 will receive a free bike helmet and learn to navigate the rules of the road on a bike safety course.

Representatives from Nicollet County Health and Human Services, St. Peter Recreation Department, and the City’s Public Library will also be there with information on their summer programs.

But that’s not all! The St. Peter Fire Department will have a fire truck on site and Johnson Racing Team is bringing two sprint cars for kids young and old to check out.

The 2022 Bike Rodeo is a rain or shine event and in the event of rain, the event will be limited to distribution of bicycle helmets at the Gault Park Shelter, located adjacent to the Hospital at 1901 North Sunrise Drive.

The Bike Rodeo is made possible with funds from the St. Peter Tourism and Visitor Bureau, the St. Peter Masons and the Carl and Verna Schmidt Foundation.
HELP WANTED - The City of Saint Peter is accepting applications for several positions. For applications, or for more information, please visit 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 open:

- **INFRASTRUCTURE TECHNICIAN** - in the Stormwater Utility of the Department of Public Works. Candidates for this position will spend the majority of their time working outdoors. Major duties include locating water, sewer, and stormwater lines, cleaning stormwater collection systems, checking and repairing stormwater sump basins and downstream defenders, raising manholes and recording information on the City’s geographic information system (GIS). This position works closely with contractors and property owners in observing construction practices and work performed in the right-of-way and on private property. **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** high school diploma or equivalent; Possession of a valid State of Minnesota Class A driver’s license with Air Brake Endorsement and Tanker Endorsement, or to obtain within six months of the date of employment with the City; Possession of Erosion/Sediment Control Inspector/Installer Certificate or the ability to obtain within six months of the date of employment with the City; Possession of the Erosion/Sediment Control Site Management Certificate or the ability to obtain within six months of the date of employment with the City; Knowledge of “as-built” records, ability to read blueprints, maps, specifications used by contractors in the field of construction; and Possession of an American Heart Association Certification as a Basic Rescuer for cardiopulmonary resuscitation and emergency cardiac care or obtain within six months of the date of employment with the City. Starting salary $22.90 to $35.36 per hour. Applicants are required to complete a City of Saint Peter application form (www.saintpetermn.gov/365/Employment) or in the City Administrator’s Office 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 Wednesday, June 22, 2022. Faxed or late applications will not be accepted. Interviews will be conducted on Wednesday, June 29, 2022. AA/EOE

- **WATER RESOURCES SUPERINTENDENT** - in the Department of Public Works. Minimum qualifications include high school diploma or equivalent; four years of responsible experience in operation of Class A, B, or C system facility or similar sized industrial facility; possession of a State of Minnesota Class C Water Supply System Operator Certificate or ability to obtain within six months of date of employment with City; possession of State of Minnesota Class C Wastewater Treatment Facility Operator Certificate or ability to obtain within six months of date of employment with City; possession of a valid driver’s license upon beginning employment and possession of a valid State of Minnesota driver’s license within one month of employment with the City. Desirable qualifications: Demonstrated knowledge of: methods, materials, and tools use in construction, operation, and maintenance of water wells, distribution, and treatment systems; wastewater collection and treatment systems, stormwater collection systems, detention, and treatment; Demonstrated knowledge of the principles, practices and equipment used in testing water, wastewater, and stormwater; Demonstrated knowledge of Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) systems; Demonstrated experience in supervision of more than three employees for more than three years; Demonstrated knowledge of applicable regulatory codes; Demonstrated ability to read and interpret engineering plans and specifications; Demonstrated knowledge of OSHA regulations and municipal safety policies; Demonstrated knowledge of computer operations; Demonstrated knowledge of laboratory certification procedures; B.S. degree in engineering, public administration or related field; possession of State of Minnesota Type IV Waste Facility Operator Certificate; Possession of State of Minnesota Class B Water Supply System Operator Certificate; Possession of Minnesota Class A Wastewater Treatment Facility Operator Certificate; Possession of Minnesota Class B Wastewater Treatment Facility Operator Certificate. Starting salary $87,600 to $101,040. A full job description and required application packet is available from the City Administrator’s Office, 227 South Front Street, Saint Peter, Minnesota 56082-2538 or 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. Tuesday, May 31, 2022. Interviews to be conducted Monday, June 6, 2022. Faxcd or late applications will not be accepted. AA/EOE

- **POLICE PATROL OFFICER**—$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. For more information, or for an application, please visit [www.saintpetermn.gov/365/Employment](http://www.saintpetermn.gov/365/Employment). Open until filled. AA/EOE

- **PART-TIME METER READER** - in the Finance Department. Minimum qualifications: high school diploma or equivalent; experience working with the public; and valid Class D driver’s license. Desired qualifications: record keeping experience and previous meter reading experience. Position works from the 7th of the month to the 15th of the month (Monday – Friday) and then back for rechecks as needed the following week; with occasional hours scheduled during the month for final read outs. Meter Readers must work in all weather conditions. $15.90/hour. Applicants are required to complete a City application form available from City Administrator’s office (227 South Front Street), by calling (507)934-0663, or online at [www.saintpetermn.gov/365/employment](http://www.saintpetermn.gov/365/employment). Qualified applicants will be contacted for an interview within one week of application submissions. Position will remain open until filled. AA/EOE

- **PART-TIME BUILDING SUPERVISOR**—at the Saint Peter Community Center. Evenings and weekends. For an application or for more information please visit [www.saintpetermn.gov/365/employment](http://www.saintpetermn.gov/365/employment).

- **PART-TIME BUS DRIVER** - for the Minnesota River Valley Transit system. This position will work various shifts including day, nights and occasional weekends. This position works primarily in Saint Peter. For an application or for more information please visit [https://www.saintpetermn.gov/365/employment](https://www.saintpetermn.gov/365/employment).

- **PART-TIME TRANSIT SUPPORT SPECIALIST (Dispatcher)**— for Minnesota River Valley Transit system. (Dispatcher). This position will work mostly late afternoon, evening and weekend hours. For an application, or for more information [www.saintpetermn.gov/365/employment](http://www.saintpetermn.gov/365/employment).

- **SEASONAL POSITIONS** – The following seasonal positions at the Public Works and Recreation and Leisure Services Departments remain open: Applications and additional information on each of these positions are available online at [www.saintpetermn.gov/365/employment](http://www.saintpetermn.gov/365/employment).
  - PUBLIC WORKS SEASONAL LABORER
  - TREE WORKER
  - LANDSCAPE GARDENER
  - PARK RANGER
  - LIFEGUARD/WSI
  - LIFEGUARD (without WSI)
  - RECREATION COORDINATOR
  - RECREATION LEADERS

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**CITY MEETING CALENDAR** – ***PLEASE NOTE…Meeting dates and times may change due to unforeseen circumstances. For up-to-date information on meetings please visit the City’s website at [www.saintpetermn.gov](http://www.saintpetermn.gov) or call the City at 507-934-0663.**

- **Monday** May 23 7:00 p.m. City Council Meeting
- **Tuesday** May 24 SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION DAY
- **Wednesday** May 25 12:30 p.m. Hospital Commission
- **Thursday** May 26 12:00 p.m. Economic Development Authority
- **Friday** May 27 8:00 a.m. Tourism and Visitors Bureau
- **Monday** May 30 MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY – City offices Closed

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