ELECTION JUDGES – The last time you voted did you notice the nice man or woman that helped you through the process? Did you wonder how you could get that temporary job? Those people are Election Judges, and they work for the City of Saint Peter. While we just finished up a special primary election, we have already turned our attention to recruiting for Election Judges to serve during the August 9th primary and the November 8th general elections.

To be eligible for appointment as an election judge, a candidate must be:

- Eligible to vote in the State of Minnesota
- Affiliated with a major political party
- Able to read, write and speak English
- Appointed by the City Council
- Trained and currently certified as an election judge

An election judge cannot be:

- A candidate in that election (i.e., be running for an office on the ballot used in that precinct)
- The husband, wife, parent, step relative, child, brother, or sister of a candidate or another judge in the same precinct
- A challenger

Did you know that high school students can also be appointed as Election Judges? High school students aged 16 and 17 can be Trainee Judges and we love to work with them. (Students 18 and over can serve as full-fledged judges.) Students must be in good academic standing and have permission from their school and parents. Trainee judges perform most of the same duties as the adult judges except those requiring judges of different political affiliations and, like the adults, are paid for their service.

But it’s not as simple as just applying and being appointed. All Election Judges must attend a mandatory training session before the election. This almost three-hour training is required by the State and without it, Judges are unable to serve.

So how do you apply? Please contact the City Administrator’s office by email (barbaral@saintpetermn.gov) to request an application, or visit the City’s website at www.saintpetermn.gov/365/Employment. The deadline to apply is coming up quickly so please don’t delay!

DID YOU LOCK YOUR CAR? – If you are not in the habit of locking your car doors you may be missing items and not even know it. A recent rash of thefts from unlocked vehicles has resulted in several arrests of juveniles including three as recently as last night. The Police Department has recovered many stolen items, but as people fail to notice their car was broken into, the owners of many of these items have not been identified. If you are missing property please contact the Police Department at 507-931-1550 (or 207 South Front Street) and, if you have a Ring doorbell or similar camera technology, please review...
your footage and if you see something suspicious, please call the Police Department.

Summer tends to see an uptick in residential and personal property thefts; many of which could be prevented by property owners taking a bit more care. Lock your car doors and before exiting the vehicle, remove valuable items like cameras, phones, wallets and purses. Unless you are in the garage, keep your garage door shut even when you are home or working in your yard. Lock the door between your garage and the interior of your home. Install motion lights on the outside of your home.

Saint Peter Officers are ready and willing to help solve crime, but they would prefer to stop it before it happens, and they need each of us to do our part. For more crime prevention tips, please contact the Police Department.

**POOL HOURS** – School is out, and the Roy T. Lindenberg Memorial Outdoor Pool is the place to be for the summer. The pool offers a variety of amenities and programs throughout the summer including a lap pool with wibit, high and low diving boards, drop slide, wading pool, daily open swims, swim lessons, tot time, lap swimming, and more. Make sure to check the City of Saint Peter website, www.saintpetermn.gov/368/Outdoor-Pool, or the Recreation and Leisure Services Facebook page for the latest information on the pool. Also don't forget to get our family pool pass for the summer, which is available for only $45!

There are all kinds of fun options for fun at the pool including Open Swim which is available Mondays-Thursdays from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. or 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. and Fridays-Sundays from noon - 7:00 p.m.

Do you have younger kids in the family? Check out the wading pool which is open from 12:00 - 7:00 p.m. each day.

**COMMUNITY CENTER SUMMER HOURS** – Summer means changes to the building hours at the Community Center. Effective immediately building hours will be

- Mondays-Fridays - 6:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- Saturdays - 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- Sundays - Closed

These hours are subject to change around observed holidays. For more information, please contact the Recreation and Leisure Services Department at 507-934-0667.

**EXPLORATION RECREATION** – This popular program is back for another summer of free fun for everyone! Throughout the summer the City’s Recreation and Leisure Services Department will be providing FREE recreational programs in neighborhood parks!

Exploration Recreation staff will set up games, sports, arts, crafts, books and more for the youth and teens to enjoy. The staff will arrive and leave at the scheduled times and is not responsible for any youth or teens after the vehicle and staff exit the park.

In order to have an emergency contact should something happen during the activity, parents are asked to register their children for this program at https://www.saintpetermn.gov/424/Exploration-Recreation-and-the-Library

Exploration Recreation locations through August 18th are as follows:

- Mondays - North Elementary (1-2:30 p.m.), Gorman Park (3-4:30 p.m.)
- Tuesdays - Gault Park* (9-10:30 a.m.), Middle School (11-12:30 p.m.), MN Square Park (2-3:30 p.m.)
- Wednesdays - Gorman Park (9-10:30 a.m.), Check Website for Special Locations** (11-12:30 p.m.), Veteran’s Park Outdoor Pool (2-3:30 p.m.)
- Thursdays - Ramsey Park* (9-10:30 a.m.), North Elementary (11-12:30 p.m.), Gault Park (2-3:30 p.m.)

*Traveling Book Mobile will be at these sites each week.


**WILD ANIMALS** - – Whether it’s due to warmer weather, high river levels, new construction, the easy availability of food left out by humans, or a combination of things, many residents are reporting sightings of wildlife within the City limits that are not normally spotted.

Raccoons, foxes, opossums, and coyotes have all been reported recently and as with most wildlife, these species are typically afraid of and will avoid contact with humans. It’s easy to blame illness or being rabid when you see these animals in an urban area, but human encroachment is often more likely to blame.

There are ways you can help deter wild animals from taking up residence on your property. Do not leave a water source or food (including dog/cat food)
outside. Store refuse in a securely closed plastic or metal container and avoid accumulation of debris and trash in the yard that could provide refuge for wildlife.

Wild animals need the same things we do - food, water, and shelter. By eliminating your property as a source of those things, the animal will wander on and go back to its' natural habitat.

Neither the City (Police) nor the Department of Natural Resources provide animal removal services although the City does have live traps that may be loaned out if available for residents who wish to remove an animal from their property. If you feel you must remove an animal, property owners are encouraged to contact and hire the services of a professional animal removal service rather than attempting the maneuver yourself.

If you witness an animal in distress (appears sick or is exhibiting odd behavior such as loss of body control, excessive salivation, or unusual friendliness), please feel free to contact the Police Department (507)931-1550 for guidance.

**WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE LIBRARY?** – These days the Public Library is the place to be and because Library staff hope to entice everyone into the Library this summer, we hope you'll review the offerings highlighted below, beginning with a really prestigious exhibit.

- The Saint Peter Public Library is one of 50 U.S. libraries selected by the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and the American Library Association to host the *Americans and the Holocaust* traveling exhibition. The exhibition, on view at the library from May 23 – June 30, examines the motives, pressures, and fears that shaped Americans’ responses to Nazism, war, and genocide from 1933-1945. *Americans and the Holocaust* explores four main questions: what did Americans know, did Americans help Jewish refugees, why did Americans go to war, and how did Americans respond to the Holocaust? We hope that the exhibition and our corresponding programs provoke new questions and reflections, both in regard to the history and our roles and responsibilities today. After experiencing the exhibit, we hope the community continues to engage with the history and, as always, read more books! We are proud to bring this exhibition to the St. Peter community look forward to the conversations it will spark. The exhibit is available during open hours (Mon-Thu 10 - 8pm, Fri 10 - 5pm, Sat 9-1pm). Other special programs are being presented in conjunction with the exhibit as follows:

- The Nurenburg Trials with historian Michel Eckers - Wed., June 8, 6pm, SPCC Room #219,
- Ideologies of Hate: Then and Now, a discussion with local experts and activists, outdoors in the Gorman Park Shelter on Monday. June 13, 4-6pm
- **Wednesday June 22, 10:30 a.m.** Intro to Judaism with Marian Broida, outdoors in the Gorman Park Shelter
- Movie Series, Library Meeting Room
  - Wednesday, June 15, 6:00 pm The Book Thief
  - Wednesday, June 22, 1pm Saul & Ruby's Holocaust Survivor’s Band
  - Wednesday, June 29, 1pm Denial
- **Summer Reading Program Monday, Jun. 6 – Saturday, Aug. 6** - Oceans of Possibilities! Every child, preschooler, school ager, teen or teen is sure to enjoy this summer's reading program! Activities are FREE and take place in the library unless otherwise noted.
  - Free Family Events! - See the calendar of events posted on the library website ([www.saintpetermn.gov/library](http://www.saintpetermn.gov/library)) or pick up a calendar at the library.
  - **READING LOG** - To participate, sign up at the library and pick up a reading log to track your reading all summer long!

**BIKE RODEO ROUNDUP** - The 7th Annual Bike Safety Rodeo presented by River's Edge Hospital and the St. Peter Police Department took place at River's Edge Hospital on May 21st. The event was a great success and volunteers fitted new helmets for 132 area kids.

Also in attendance were representatives from the Police Department, Fire Department, Library and Recreation Departments as well as Nicollet County Health and Human Services, Smallest Cog Bike Shop, PRF Bicycles, Johnson Team Racing and the Greater Mankato Bike and Walk Advocates who did the bike safety course.

The event is made possible with funding from the St. Peter Tourism and Visitor’s Bureau, St. Peter Masons, and the Carl and Verna Schmidt Foundation.
### CITY MEETING CALENDAR

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**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.

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