

CITY OF SAINT PETER HOT SHEET



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DOWNTOWN SNOW REMOVAL TONIGHT - City crews will be removing snow downtown beginning after 2:00 a.m. tonight (December 1st). Please move vehicles off the street as vehicles left parked in the snow removal areas will be towed at the owner's expense.

Residents living in the downtown area may park in any of the City parking lots listed below:

- Lot #1 – located south of City Hall at 227 South Front Street
- Lot #2 – located west of the CenturyLink building at 100 Nassau Street
- Lot #3 – 100 block of Nassau Street (behind Godfather's Pizza and Arrow Ace Hardware)
- Lot #4 – 200 block of Park Row (west of the south bound alley) can be accessed from Park Row

For questions on this snow removal, please contact the Department of Public Works at 507-934-0670.

TASTE OF WINTER - Well, we survived the first major taste of winter. City crews continue to clean up (see article above) and things went pretty well for most folks. Here are a few reminders to help get us through the winter.

Property owners are responsible for removing snow and ice from the full width of sidewalks (including handicap ramps) within 24 hours of any snowfall. For those that don't clear the walks, City crews may be dispatched and the charge (minimum

of \$75 through the end of the year and \$100 starting on January 1st), will be billed to the property owner.

As usual, there are always some folks who, for whatever reason, don't move their vehicles from the street when plowable snow occurs. Crews are then

forced to plow around the vehicle leaving a massive amount of shoveling for the owner to access their vehicle. If you are one of those folks, please take steps now to find an off-street place to park this winter.

When the roadways are clear of vehicles, crews can plow right to the curb and the process not only yields better results, but can be done faster which saves taxpayer money!

Winter winds can also play havoc as snow drifts into places it shouldn't...like near your gas meter or furnace exhaust. Keeping these areas clear of snow will keep you and your family safe. Remember to be cautious with

the shovel when clearing near the gas meter.

If you haven't already done so, signing up for the free community notification system through www.nixle.com is a great way to find out if the City has declared a snow emergency. It's FREE, easy to sign up and gives you the option of how you want notices (email or text or both). Nixle notices are the fastest way to hear about snow emergencies.

Not ready for Nixle? You can also call the City's information line at 507-934-0675 prompt #1. You can call it at anytime, but remember that snow emergencies may be called at any time before 5:00 p.m. and will take effect at midnight.



SMART SALTING - Keeping our sidewalks, driveways, and roads clear during the winter often means reaching for the shovel and deicing salt. Although salt is effective at eliminating snow and ice, it is a permanent pollution that impacts our water resources. When snow and ice melts, the runoff carries the salt to wetlands, lakes, streams and ponds.

Did you know it only takes one teaspoon of salt in five gallons of water to exceed water quality standards for chloride and create harmful conditions for freshwater fish, insects, and plants? There is no economically feasible way to remove chloride from water so preventing chloride contamination is critical. Chloride from deicing is one of the largest contributors to a growing salty water problem in Minnesota. It is also important to properly store and cover deicing salt when not being used. Proper storage techniques help protect salt from entering the stormwater and nature's elements.

Here are five tips to be "salt smart".

- Shovel first. Clear all snow from driveways and sidewalks before it turns to ice. Salt should only be used after the snow is removed and only in areas needed for safety.
- Size down. More salt does not mean more melting. A 12-ounce coffee mug of salt should be enough for a 20-ft driveway or about 10 sidewalk squares.
- Spread. Distribute salt evenly, not in clumps.
- Sweep. If you see leftover salt on the ground after the ice melts, then you've used too much. Sweep up and collect leftover salt to keep it out of our rivers and streams.
- Switch. Rock salt stops working if the temperature is below 15°. When temperatures drop that low, switch to sand for traction or choose a different deicer formulated for colder temperatures.

Preventing pollution of stormwater is everyone's responsibility!



CITY COUNCIL MEETING – The City Council meeting on November 28, 2022 included tabling of an action to modify the City Code related to MS4 regulations; adoption of an updated drug/alcohol policy for

Minnesota River Valley Transit employees; adoption of the 2023 municipal fee schedule; acceptance of the Park Row Feasibility study and calling for a public hearing on the proposed improvement project funding by assessments for December 12th.

The next regular City Council meeting will be Monday, December 12, 2022, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Governors' Room of the Community Center.

Please note that this will be the last City Council meeting of 2022.

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

PARK ROW IMPROVEMENT PROJECT INFORMATIONAL MEETING – The City will host an informational open house event on the proposed 2023 Park Row Street & Utility Improvement Project on Wednesday, December 7, 2022, between 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. in the Saint Peter Community Center – Room 217. The project is for improvements along Park Row from South Third Street to South Washington Avenue.

The proposed project will include the reconstruction of storm sewer catch basins, storm sewer pipe between catch basins and manholes, sanitary sewer services that are not currently PVC, water services that are less than 5-feet deep and subject to freezing, reconstruction of curb and gutter, pedestrian ramps, and portions of main line sidewalk. A new bituminous roadway surface will also be installed with construction is expected to start in late spring/early summer of 2023.

SANTA ALREADY? - Those who don't like to mention Christmas before Thanksgiving may be disappointed in this article, but when Santa is coming to town on a big red fire truck, you may forgive us for jumping the gun.

Santa will once again be touring the community on the back of a fire truck to spread holiday cheer to young and old alike. Mark your calendars for Saturday, December 10th because that's the night Santa arrives although with Santa's very busy pre-Christmas schedule, the fine details of his visit have yet to be sorted out. Parents are encouraged to follow the City's

Facebook post at <https://www.facebook.com/CityofSaintPeter> as the date draws closer for more information on the time and routes.

An important note about this event...Santa's elves will be following close behind the big rig collecting

donations for the local food shelf. As you can imagine, this time of year is especially difficult for those without a sufficient food supply and every little bit helps. Please gather your donations before you hear the fire struck sirens nearing your neighborhood and be at the curb when the truck passes by for the elves to accept your donation.

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

- **PART-TIME RECREATION LEADER** - in the Recreation and Leisure Services Department. The Recreation Leader assists, conducts, leads, and evaluates programs, projects and special events and facilities. **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** 16 or older with a valid Minnesota non-provisional driver's license. Afternoon, evening and weekend hours, including holidays. \$11.50 per hour. Applicants must complete a City of Saint Peter application available online at www.saintpetermn.gov/365/employment or from the City Administrator's office at 227 South Front Street. Deadline for receipt of completed applications by the City Administrator's office is 5:00 pm on September 16, 2022. Faxed/late applications not accepted. AA/EEO
- **PART-TIME MECHANIC ASSISTANT** – Starting at \$19.47-\$23.08 per hour! Minimum qualifications include high school diploma or equivalent; completion of technical school program in mechanics or equivalent course work; one year demonstrated experience as a mechanic; possession of valid driver's license; possession of American Heart Association Certification as a Basic Rescuer for cardiopulmonary resuscitation and emergency cardiac care within six months of employment. Desired qualifications include: possession of a valid Minnesota Class A Driver's License with Air Brake Endorsement and Tanker Endorsement; demonstrated truck driving and equipment operation experience; current Minnesota Department of Transportation Vehicle Certification; demonstrated knowledge of practices, methods, tools, and materials used in maintenance and repair of vehicles and equipment; demonstrated knowledge of operating characteristics of internal combustion engines and mechanical components;

demonstrated knowledge and experience in repair and maintenance of diesel and gasoline engines; demonstrated knowledge and experience in use of computer-based engine diagnostic equipment; demonstrated knowledge and experience in personal computer use; demonstrated knowledge and experience in pump maintenance; demonstrated knowledge of operating characteristics and servicing of heavy trucks and other equipment; demonstrated knowledge of traffic laws and regulations governing truck and equipment operation; demonstrated knowledge of OSHA regulations and safety precautions of the trade. **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 is \$19.47- \$23.08 per hour. Applicants are required to complete a City of Saint Peter application form available in the City Administrator's Office, 227 South Front Street, Saint Peter, Minnesota 56082-2538, by calling (507) 934-0663 or www.saintpetermn.gov/365/employment.

Applications accepted until filled. Faxed applications will not be accepted. 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.

Qualified applicants will be contacted for an interview within one week of application submissions. Position will remain open until filled. AA/EOE

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 or call the City at 507-934-0663.

Please note that the upcoming holidays may impact the City's advisory board and commission meetings. If you are interested in attending a meeting, please contact the City to ensure the meeting date or time has not been changed due to a holiday. Thank you.

Thursday	December 1	5:30 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission
Friday	December 2	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitor Bureau
Monday	December 5	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop*
*This is the last City Council workshop of the year.			
Monday	December 12	3:30 p.m.	Housing and Redevelopment Authority
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Thursday	December 22	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
Friday	December 23	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau Cancelled!
Monday	December 26		CITY OFFICES CLOSED – CHRISTMAS
Tuesday	December 27	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission
Wednesday	December 28	12:30 p.m.	Hospital Commission
Monday	January 2		CITY OFFICES CLOSED – NEW YEAR'S