POLICE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY – Mayor Zieman has proclaimed May 15th as “Police Officer Memorial Day” and next week (May 12th-18th) as “Police Officer Week” in the United States.

This special time is an observance in the United States 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 holiday 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.

MAKE ME WONDER (BY CITY ADMINISTRATOR TODD PRAFKE) – “I never heard about that”…. Is a phrase I hear spoken to me almost on a weekly basis. Whenever I hear that phrase I often try to ask and then analyze what we can do to get information out.

One of the challenges I see is that the din of information in our lives is so loud its hard to figure out what we need for my daily lives and what is simply information chaff. We at the City put out good quality information in a number of different formats. There is often much to tell, so much in fact, that the difference between transparency and invisibility becomes blurred by the sheer amount of things we seemingly need to know.

I know that I cannot make you know something and while we try very hard to be transparent and not be invisible, there is no way for me to give you information in such a way that you will know everything you need or want to know about the City. You have higher priorities for the information you just have to know like your mom’s birthday, your boss’s phone number, your next dentist appointment, and that is how it should be.

The HOT SHEET is a great example of what we do. While other cities put out a newsletter maybe once a month or twice a year, we distribute a weekly newsletter straight to your email box (if you have asked for it). We put notices in your utility bill. We maintain a website with Council packets (the same packet Councilmembers get before a meeting) and minutes. We put information on Facebook and Twitter and I do a video blog on YouTube. We publish notices not only on our website, but also in the local paper.

In addition to all that, the Saint Peter Herald covers just about every City Council meeting and it is rare when the front page of the Herald doesn’t include a story about what the City Council is doing. We are on the radio with Pete Steiner at KTOE and KNUJ, both stations providing nice coverage of Saint Peter activities.

City staff make presentations and are part of Lions, Rotary, Silver Seniors and Chamber of Commerce functions among many others. We respond to emails and phone calls. Our Council
meetings are on Cable TV and even on YouTube. You can even attend a Council meeting in person and still people ask me questions about all sorts of things at church, at Family Fresh, at the gas station, and at ball games just to name a few.

So let me help you know more about the City. If you have an idea about how we might be able to get information out let me know, but in the meantime, if you are going to take one or two steps to know more, this is what I would recommend…..sign up to get the Hot Sheet emailed to you. Email barbaral@saintpetermn.gov and we'll get you on the subscription list. “Like” us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/CityofSaintPeter or check out our website at www.saintpetermn.gov, or even subscribe to the local newspaper. Do you want to know more? Then feel free to give me a call at 934-0663.

Will you try one of these easy and cheap opportunities to know more? It makes me wonder….

SUMMER HOURS - The Library and Community Center will have modified hours during the summer as follows:

Community Center building hours starting in May shall be:
- Monday – Friday, 6 am to 8 pm
- Saturdays, 9 am to 4 pm
- Sundays – Closed except for approved reservations.

Hours at the Saint Peter Public Library from June 2–August 25.
- Monday – Thursday, 10 am to 8 pm
- Fridays, 10 am to 5 pm
- Saturdays, 9 am to 1 pm
- Sundays, CLOSED

If you have any questions, or would like to inquire about room rentals, please contact the Recreation and Leisure Services Department by calling 934-0667 or emailing jenh@saintpetermn.gov. Hours are also listed on the City website.

BIKE SAFETY RODEO – Yee-haw! It’s time for the fourth annual Bike Safety rodeo sponsored by Saint Peter Police Department and River's Edge Hospital and Clinic.

This year’s event takes place Saturday, May 18th from 10:30 am. – 12:30 p.m. at the River's Edge Hospital and Clinic Hospital parking lot.

There will be free bike licensing, free bike helmets for kids 17 and younger (quantities are limited and will be provided on a first come/first serve basis), a bike safety course, lots of free fun stuff, training on bike maintenance, free lunch and fun for the entire family. Hope to see you there!

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP - At its Monday evening work session the Saint Peter City Council engaged in a wide ranging discussion on matters topical to the Police Department.

The discussion began with a presentation by the commander of the MN River Valley Violent Crime Enforcement Team. Member agencies are Mankato DPS, Blue Earth County Sheriff, Saint Peter Police Department, North Mankato Police Department, Nicollet County Sheriff, Saint James Police Department, Watonwan County Sheriff, Fairmont Police Department, Martin County Sheriff.

The team began as the “MN River Valley Drug Task Force”, but is now tasked with not only the investigation of drug enforcement, but also violent crimes, especially those involving firearms.

The Commander provided information about current illegal drug trends in our area of responsibility. Methamphetamine remains the primary drug being distributed in our area. Methamphetamine begins its journey to Minnesota from Mexico and there is so much of this extremely addictive drug flowing into the country it has driven the price down.

Discussion with the Commander also covered many other drugs also prevalent in our area. We have seen a few drug overdoses caused by heroin laced with fentanyl although we are not seeing as many heroin cases as the metro area is.

Council discussion included information on the statistic of crime and disorder complaints in Saint Peter continuing to be static or provide a downward trend. SPPD has implemented National Incident Based Records System (NIBRS). This is a record keeping initiative required by the FBI Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS). Minnesota is one of the last states to initiate NIBRS with a requirement that all departments participate by 2021. About 5% of Minnesota police agencies have implemented NIBRS the benefits of which include:

- Provides greater specificity in reporting offenses. Not only does NIBRS look at all of the offenses within an incident, but it also looks at many more offenses than the traditional SRS does. NIBRS collects data for 52 offenses, plus 10 additional offenses for which only arrests are reported. SRS counts limited data for 10 offenses and 20 additional crimes for which only arrests are reported.
Collects more detailed information, including incident date and time, whether reported offenses were attempted or completed, expanded victim types, relationships of victims to offenders and offenses, demographic details, location data, property descriptions, drug types and quantities, the offender’s suspected use of drugs or alcohol, the involvement of gang activity, and whether a computer was used in the commission of the crime.

Helps give context to specific crime problems such as drug/narcotics and sex offenses, as well as modern crime issues like animal cruelty, identity theft, and computer hacking.

Provides greater analytic flexibility. Through NIBRS, data users can see many more facets of crime, as well as relationships and connections among these facets, than SRS provides.

The City Council also had a brief discussion about any work being done concerning body-worn video cameras. We also discussed the priority of crime prevention and continuing efforts to implement an additional school resource officer.

FOOD WASTE COMPOST PROGRAM - The City of Saint Peter is happy to announce the creation of a Food Waste “Green” Composting program. Starting June 3, 2019, the City will offer drop-off site Food Waste Composting to residential customers at two locations where specially signed containers will be provided:

- The current yard waste compost facility just off North Swift Street adjacent to the National Guard Armory.
- The overflow parking area of Jefferson Fields.

This great program comes at no additional cost for City residential refuse customers and has the added benefit of possibly reducing the size of your refuse curbie to save additional money too.

The program is easy….

- Send an email to sallyv@saintpetermn.gov indicating your name, property address and phone number. In return you’ll receive a code that allows you to open the food waste compost dumpster at the collection site. Remember that code. We are asking for sign up and using the code so that we can communicate with you about future changes in the system, challenges we face, and amount of use. Our hope is to get a group of great users that can then help spread the word about the environmental and financial benefits of food waste composting.

- Once you’ve received your code, begin dropping off allowed food waste at either site. The containers are available 24-7, but remember, the site doesn’t accept food in plastic bags. If you need to put the food waste in something, local retailers have compostable bags available for purchase.

- Then, once your food waste is in the container, simply lock it back up and that’s it!

By offering this program, the City hopes to reduce waste going to the incinerator for waste to energy, see the use of these materials go to better environmental purposes, and, hopefully in the future, save a few dollars on overall disposal costs; not to mention making the world a better place for gosh sakes!

The list of acceptable products for food waste is shown below and included in a flyer in May utility bills:

![Food Waste Composting Flyer](https://www.epa.gov/recycle/composting-home#home)

But not every type of product is accepted at this time. Some of the items we aren’t able to accept include the following:

For more information on food composting, please check out this link for tips and tricks on the benefits of composting and look for more information from the City on backyard food waste composters: [https://www.epa.gov/recycle/composting-home#home](https://www.epa.gov/recycle/composting-home#home).
**HOUSE NUMBERS REQUIRED** -
The Minnesota Fire Code, which has been adopted by
the City Council, requires
addressing of homes and
businesses. The Code
requires new and existing
buildings to have address
numbers that are visible from
the street, in contrasting colors
to the house/business colors, and a minimum of
four inches (4”) tall. This helps emergency services
like police, fire, and ambulance, can find a location
quickly. If your home or business doesn’t meet
these requirements, please take action now to
rectify the situation.

And for newer residents who might be transplants
from southern states, please note the City does
NOT allow address numbers to be painted on
curbs. Not only is it not allowed, but it could be
dangerous in the winter months when the curbs are
covered with snow and emergency responders
can’t see the address.

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

- **PART-TIME BUS DRIVER** - for the Minnesota
  River Valley Transit system. Successful
candidates for this position must have, at a
minimum, a High school diploma or equivalent
and a valid State of Minnesota CDL minimum of
Class C Driver’s License with passenger
endorsement. Candidates will have thirty (30)
days from the date of employment to obtain the
required driver’s license and the City will help the
new employee train for the license test. Candidates who possess the following desired
experience or education will qualify for additional
points towards an interview: previous experience
working with the public; training in vehicle
mechanics; experience operating a two-way
radio/phone; and prior bus driving experience.
Starting wage $16.23 per hour. Applicants are
required to complete a City application form
which is available in 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 by
5:00 p.m. May 23, 2019. Faxed, emailed,
and/or late applications will not be accepted.

**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.

- **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. 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. A condition of
employment 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 18 years of age for Public
Works positions. Applications for this position
are available from the City Administrator’s
Office at 227 South Front Street, or by calling
(507)934-0663 or by email at
barbaral@saintpetermn.gov.

- **ELECTRIC SUPERINTENDENT** - in the
Department of Public Works. Responsibilities
include but are not limited to planning,
coordinating, directing, and monitoring the
operation of the Electric Utility; planning and
supervising construction of the
electrical generation and
distribution system; setting
priorities to deal with
emergencies; coordinating
activities with other divisions,
departments, and organizations; assisting with
planning, design, and construction of projects;
evaluate need for and prepare specifications for
materials and equipment; maintain operating
records; prepare specifications for electric utility
services, equipment, and materials; prepare
reports as requested; assist in annual budget
preparations; set quality standards for work to
be performed; set priorities. Minimum qualifications: high school degree and satisfactory completion of a technical school program for lineman electricians and completion of a recognized apprenticeship in electrical line work, including eight years of responsible experience in electrical distribution systems. An additional five years of experience may be substituted for technical training. Possession of, or ability to obtain, a State of Minnesota Lineman Electrician License issued by the State Board of Electricity. Possession of a valid State of Minnesota Class A Driver's License with air brake endorsement or ability to obtain such within one month of the date of employment with the City. NOTICE: The successful candidate must complete and pass a pre-employment drug test and is subject to post-accident, random, reasonable suspicion, return to duty, and follow-up drug and alcohol testing. Starting salary $91,120.00 to $96,320.00 per year. Applicants must complete a City application form available in the City Administrator’s Office, 227 South Front Street, Saint Peter, Minnesota 56082-2538 or by calling (507) 931-0663. Completed applications must be received by the City Administrator’s Office no later than 5:00 P.M., Wednesday, June 19, 2019. Faxed, e-mailed, or late application will not be accepted.

**CITY MEETING CALENDAR** – For questions on meeting dates/times, please contact the City Administrator’s Office at 934-0663. Full calendar available at www.saintpetermn.gov.

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