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POLICE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY –

Today is "Police Officer Memorial Day" which happens right in the middle of "Police Officer Week" in the

United States.

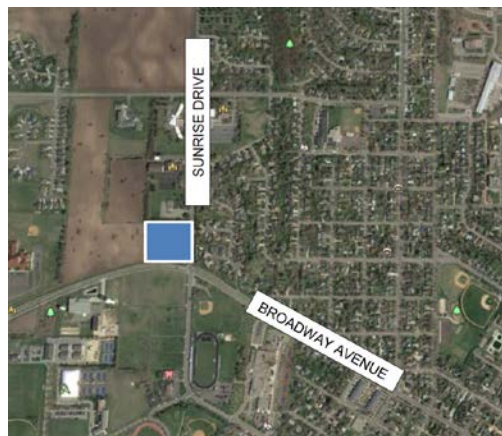
This special time is an observance in the United States that pays tribute to the local, state, and Federal peace officers who have died in the line of duty. The Memorial Day takes place on May 15th each year, and Police Week is the calendar week in which the Memorial Day occurs.

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.

CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS – Action at the City Council meeting held on May 13, 2019 included award of the bid for \$1,350,000 in general obligation tax increment bonds for the Minnesota Square Park pavilion project to Northland Securities working with Hometown Bank; approval of a central business district accessibility loan of \$25,000 for the owners of the Flame Bar for construction of a handicap accessible restroom; modifications to the drug and alcohol testing policy for bus drivers; establishment of a Fire Hall Project Building Committee; and a closed session and subsequent action on negotiations for purchase of land for the future fire hall.

The next regular City Council meeting, will be Tuesday, May 28th beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Governors' Room of the Community Center.



FIRE HALL SITE APPROVED –

The City Council has authorized execution of a purchase agreement with Leo Hoffmann Center LLP for land to be used for a future fire hall. The property is located at the northwest corner of the intersection of West Broadway Avenue and Sunrise Drive.

The site was one of the top five recommended as part of a location study conducted by Five Bugles Design. Five Bugles has also completed a space needs study that will be used in design of a project if the Council moves forward with construction of a new building.

Requests for proposals for Construction Manager at Risk services are also being received for this project; however, there currently is no construction timeline established and funding has not yet been secured for construction of a new facility.



MAKES ME WONDER (BY CITY ADMINISTRATOR TODD PRAFKE)

What do you see... Over the next 6 to 9 months the City will be launching an updated website. Our current one is

about 12 years old and just like lots of things using technology, it's time for an upgrade in the current software which will no longer be supported and, well, you probably know the drill.

One of the things we're planning includes new photographs on the website and that got us thinking about how people see our community and what images represent our community. That got me thinking about how others see Saint Peter. Do you see it the way that I do with parks and streets and curbs and wastewater plants and fire trucks and police cars and hospitals? And even if you do see those things, do you see them in the same way I do?

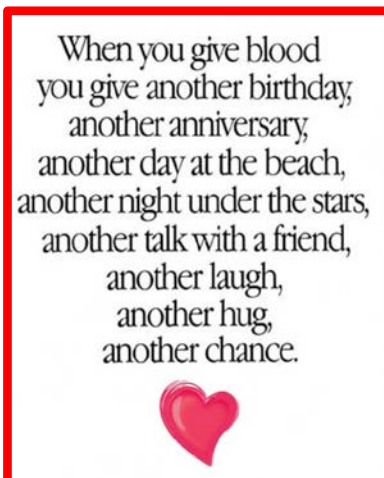
So I'm curious....what do you see in our community? What image or images represent Saint Peter to you?

I'd love to see your photos and I'd love to know how you see Saint Peter. Will you send me a picture or two that represents what Saint Peter is to you? Now if you send me a picture remember that we might use it on our website so you're really giving up the rights to claim it, but if we use it, we'll sure make sure to try and send you a letter of thanks for showing us what Saint Peter looks like to you.

It makes me wonder...

BATTLE OF THE BADGE BLOOD DRIVE RESULTS – Were you one of the dozens that participated in last week's Battle of the Badge blood drive for the American Red Cross? If so, many thanks for your donation!

This year the battle ended in a tie. And while that might be like kissing your sister, both the St. Peter Police Department and the Nicollet County Sheriff's Office appreciates all who come out to support them in their efforts to collect much needed blood donations. Thanks also to the Minnesota State Patrol and our very own Fire Department both organizations which also had a



When you give blood
you give another birthday,
another anniversary,
another day at the beach,
another night under the stars,
another talk with a friend,
another laugh,
another hug,
another chance.



strong backing. A total of 34 units were collected which is just two short of the goal for this drive with 35 scheduled donors, 11 no shows, and 12 walk-ins. Five prospective donors unable to donate for various reasons.

On behalf of all those who need blood, thank you all!

SUMMER READING PROGRAM - Come to the park to celebrate the start of the Library's summer reading program. There will be a drone demonstration, kites in the park, bounce house, rocket launching hosted by Boy Scouts, Star Wars characters, and more! Kids can also sign up for the summer reading program, pick up a calendar and reading log, and check out all there is to offer at the Library this summer! The event is Monday, June 3rd from 1-3 p.m., on the Community Center patio and is free to all ages.

The summer reading program runs through August 9th. Every preschooler, school ager, tween and teen is sure to enjoy this summer's program! The theme this summer is A UNIVERSE OF STORIES.

New this year, there will be adult programming too! Reading activities are FREE and take place at the Saint Peter Public Library unless otherwise noted.

In addition to the summer reading program, the Library is offering a whole host of activities:

- **FREE FAMILY EVENTS** - See the calendar of events posted on the Library website (www.saintpetermn.gov/Library) or pick up one at the Library. There is something for everyone!
- **STORYTIMES** - Guest storytime readers will be at the Library most Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. Check out Evening Storytimes with Annie on Wednesdays at 6 pm!
- **READING ROCKET** - To participate, pick up reading rocket and a special prize at the Library to track your activities all summer long!
- **TEEN PROGRAM** - Those going into grades six and up will receive scratch-off tickets when they check out books. One in three tickets is a winner! There are big winners in each category and non-winning tickets go into a drawing for a grand prize.

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!

POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESENTATION - 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.

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,



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.

Wednesday	May 15		POLICE OFFICER MEMORIAL DAY
Thursday	May 16	5:30 p.m.	Board of Appeals
Monday	May 20	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Monday	May 20	7:00 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Wednesday	May 22	12:30 p.m.	Hospital Commission
Thursday	May 23	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
Friday	May 24	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau
Monday	May 27		MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY – City offices closed
Tuesday	May 28	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Meeting (location to be determined)
Tuesday	May 28	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Monday	June 3	3:30 p.m.	Housing and Redevelopment Authority
Monday	June 3	7:00 p.m.	City Council Workshop session
Thursday	June 6		CURBSIDE FURNITURE AND APPLIANCE COLLECTION
Thursday	June 6	5:30 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission
Monday	June 10	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	June 11	5:30 p.m.	Library Board
Monday	June 17	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Monday	June 24	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	June 25	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission
Wednesday	June 26	12:30 p.m.	Hospital Commission
Thursday	June 27	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
Friday	June 28	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau