

CITY OF SAINT PETER HOT SHEET



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CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS – Action at the City Council meeting held on October 14, 2019 included changes to the City Code related to the definitions of different types of day care establishments; designating City-owned property directly west of the wastewater treatment plant as a future dog park; establishing a grant program for central business district property owners to make their property more accessible; awarding bid for \$457,000 in equipment certificates to Pioneer Bank; adoption of job descriptions for two Recreation and Leisure Services positions; final acceptance of the T.H. Reconstruction Project; approval of a request for assistance from the Chamber of Commerce for the Halloween Fun run; and a closed session to discuss Parks Union negotiations.

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



MAKES ME WONDER (BY CITY ADMINISTRATOR TODD PRAFKE) – *Who cares....Blah Blah Blah*. In our world filled with so much divisiveness it seems everyone cares about everything yet no one is

listening to each other. Sometimes it's hard to know who cares and even harder to figure out what they care about. If your household is like mine there is hardly enough time between work, kid activities, helping parents, and occasionally cleaning the bathrooms, to care about much else.

As I think about the future and as my thoughts start to crystalize, I plan to write about some of those thoughts. As we look to improve the quality of life in our community we need to answer this question: What do we care about?

Here are some of the big picture things the Council cares about: good schools, a vibrant business community, available day care, affordable housing, planning for changing demographics, and

helping young families and their kids. Do you care about one of these things? Do you care about something different? It could be a big thing or a little thing but whether little or big, if we care about it we should spend our time and resources on it shouldn't we?

I would love to know what you care about and would really like to hear from you. Send the one city or community thing you care about most. Send that thing, that phrase, or that one word. What do you care about here in Saint Peter?

I plan to read all the submittals and compile a list of what you told me you care about. I will publish the list in a future HOT SHEET and maybe we can talk about some of those things too. Please send your thoughts to barbaral@saintpetermn.gov.

Do you care? I know you do but what do you care about? It makes me wonder...

FUTURE DOG PARK

– The City Council's recent action to designate approximately 1.5 acres of City-owned land immediately to the west of the wastewater treatment plant as a dog park means dog owners in St.



Peter will soon have another option for exercising their pets.

Unlike the current dog park which is frequently closed due to flooding of the Minnesota River, the new site will not only never flood (fingers crossed), but is more convenient due to it's location within the city.

The River Valley Dog Park Association is raising funds for necessary fencing, water service to the site, and other amenities. Once a certain fundraising threshold is met and the donations

turned over to the City, the Council is expected to authorize purchases necessary to get the park up and running. This work is expected in spring, 2020.

FALL YARD WASTE COLLECTION – The annual leaf and grass clipping collection begins soon. The process, which is done using a vacuum hose, will begin at 7:00 a.m. on Monday, October 21st for properties **north of Broadway Avenue**. Collection for properties **south of Broadway** begins at 7:00 A.M. Monday, November 4th.

To help ensure the process goes smoothly here's some tips:

- Place leaves parallel and adjacent to the curb (within six feet [6'] of the curb line).
- Do not put leaves in the street or on a tarp and don't cover the leaves with a tarp or put in bags.
- Do not include animal waste with the leaves, as the person using the vacuum hose gets covered with a fine dust of whatever is in the leaves.
- Help us serve you better by placing brush and leaves away from curbs, light poles, mailboxes, signs, trees, posts, utility boxes/pedestals, etc.
- If possible, do not put leaves on a curve in the street as the machine has a hard time picking up leaves that aren't in a straight line.
- Do not park in front of the yard waste until pick-up is complete and if possible, allow fifty feet (50') either side of the pile so the machine has enough room to collect the material.
 - If you live on a dead-end street, place material on the curb in front of the house, not on the dead-end.
 - If you live on a corner lot it is possible that one side will be picked up before the other as the trucks run north to south and then east to west to be more efficient in the collection process. (Suggestion: Place all leaves on the same side of the street if you want all your leaves picked up at the same time.)



The collection process is quite lengthy, it took over 5 weeks in 2018, and in order to complete the process before it snows, crews sometimes have to start the collection before all the leaves have fallen. Collection dates for the areas north and south of Broadway are rotated each year.

Should you miss the collection dates, yard waste can be taken to the City's yard waste drop-off site.

Note: Snow may end the process prematurely but leaves, brush, and garden waste can still be taken to the drop-off site.

DROP-OFF SITE OPEN 24 HOURS A DAY, 7 DAYS A WEEK - The brush and soft yard waste drop-off sites located at 1128 North Swift Street, (southwest intersection of St. Julien and North Swift Streets) with access from North Swift Street are open year around for your convenience in dropping off brush and soft yard waste. Brush and tree trimmings need to be cut shorter than 6 feet. **There is a separate bunker now provided for dropping off fill (rocks, dirt, etc.).**

This service is provided and funded by the Environmental service fee on City residential utility bills.

PARK RESTROOMS TO CLOSE – The restroom facilities in all City parks will officially close on October 25th. This is done to ensure the facilities can be winterized to prevent broken pipes before cold weather sets in and to avoid the facilities becoming the targets of vandals on Halloween.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS AVAILABLE – Absentee ballots for the November 5th general election are available at the Nicollet County Property and Public Services Office in the Government Center (501 South Minnesota Avenue). This office will be providing absentee ballots for all eligible voters in School District #508 whether you live in Nicollet or Le Sueur Counties.



Voters no longer need an excuse to choose to vote by absentee and applications for absentee voting are available from the County or you can download an application from the Secretary of State's website at [ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATION](#).

Absentee balloting is available through Monday, November 4, 2019.

ADA TRANSITIONING PLAN OPEN HOUSE EVENT - The City of Saint Peter will be performing a self-evaluation of policies, practices and pedestrian infrastructure within public rights-of-way and preparing an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan to identify ADA deficiencies that pose barriers to safe and efficient access for all users. The ADA Transition Plan documents the findings of the self-evaluation and will provide a detailed schedule and planning-level costs for the removal of barriers to accessibility within pedestrian

infrastructure in the system. In addition, public input will be gathered to help City staff identify deficiencies.

An open house will take place on Wednesday, October 16th from 5-7 PM in the St. Peter Room of the Community Center.

For more information on this project please contact the Department of Public Works at 934-0670.

HELP WANTED – The City of Saint Peter is currently accepting applications for the following position(s):

- MAINTENANCE SUPERINTENDENT** - Department of Public Works. Minimum qualifications include a high school diploma and associates degree in construction, construction management, Public Works operations or equivalent, five year's experience in a related field may be substituted for post-secondary education; possession of a valid driver's license; demonstrated proficiency using Microsoft Word and Excel software. Desirable qualifications include more than five years of experience in construction, construction management, and/or Public Works operations; demonstrated personnel supervision experience of greater than one year; demonstrated experience in assisting in preparation of budgets and monitoring expenditures; demonstrated knowledge of approved methods, materials, and tools used in the construction, maintenance, and cleaning of streets, other public right-of-ways, parks, structures, and recreational facilities; knowledge of municipal forestry operations;

knowledge of environmental services operation; knowledge of heavy and light equipment operations; knowledge of operating characteristics and servicing of equipment; knowledge of traffic laws and regulations governing equipment operations; knowledge of applicable regulatory codes and laws related to Public Works departmental operations; demonstrated ability to read and interpret engineering and landscaping plans and specifications; demonstrated knowledge of pavement management and planning practices; demonstrated knowledge of parks and forestry operations; demonstrated knowledge of OSHA regulations and safety policy; knowledge of Federal and State vehicle operation regulations. 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. Starting pay range \$71,074 - \$75,483 per year. 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 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, October 30, 2019. Faxed, e-mailed, and/or late applications will not be accepted. Interviews will be conducted Tuesday, November 12, 2019. AA/EOE

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.

Monday	October 21	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Monday	October 21	7:00 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Wednesday	October 23	12:30 p.m.	Hospital Commission
Thursday	October 24	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
Friday	October 25	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau
Monday	October 28	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	October 29	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission
Monday	November 4	3:30 p.m.	Housing and Redevelopment Authority



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Tuesday	November 5		ELECTION DAY
Thursday	November 7	5:30 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission
Monday	November 11		LEGAL HOLIDAY – VETERAN'S DAY
Tuesday	November 12	5:30 p.m.	Library Board
Tuesday	November 11	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Monday	November 18	3:00 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Tuesday	November 21	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
Friday	November 22	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau
Monday	November 25	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	November 26	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission
Wednesday	November 27	12:30 p.m.	Hospital Commission
Thursday - Friday	November 28-29		THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY - CITY OFFICES CLOSED