

CITY OF SAINT PETER HOT SHEET



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CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS – Action at the City Council meeting held on September 9, 2019 included a public hearing and acceptance of Registered Land Survey #74; adoption of the 2019 preliminary levy payable in 2020; approval for modifications to the Maintenance Superintendent position description; authorization for renewal of the MMUA safety contract; and approval of a request for City assistance for Oktoberfest.

The next regular City Council meeting, will be Monday, September 23rd beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Governors' Room of the Community Center.

HOUSE ADDRESSING – The City's Building Official reminds property owners of the need to install house numbers on their homes. The numbers must be plainly visible from the street, be in contrasting colors to the siding and be at least 4" in height. This requirement is included in the City

Code as part of the 2015 Minnesota Fire Code and applies to all properties within the community.

Having these numbers helps ensure that emergency services can easily find your home.



For residents who might be transplants from southern states or other areas where house numbers are painted on the curb line, please note this is not an option in Saint Peter where winter snows would obscure the numbers six months out of the year.

Those with questions on this requirement are encouraged to contact the Building Department at 934-0662.

PROVIDING ANIMALS WITH SHELTER WALK – Are you ready for the 19th Annual P.A.W.S. Walk?

This year's walk takes place October 12, 2019. Registration begins at 9:30 am at the Mill Pond area of Riverside Park.

Start your fundraising efforts by asking family, friends, co-workers, neighbors and even complete strangers for donations for this year's P.A.W.S. fundraiser.

The walk involves stopping at stations along the designated route and collecting donated items from generous sponsors. Pets and people alike are encouraged to dress for Trick or Treating and take part in the costume contest.

Pets must be leashed and pledges should be collected before walk day. Walkers raising \$20 or more will receive a trick or treat bag to participate in the treat stops and those raising \$35 or more will also receive a free P.A.W.S. t-shirt.

All proceeds generated from this fundraiser are used to provide medical care and shelter for abandoned or surrendered animals while they wait for adoption by their forever families. The funds are sometimes also used to buy down the cost of adoption for animals that have been in the pound a long time and need a forever home.

For more information on this event, or to pick up a pledge sheet, please visit City Hall (227 South Front Street) or the Police Department (207 South Front Street) or check out the PAWS page at [PAWS PAGE](#).

Don't worry if you don't have a pet to walk! If you love animals and want to help out, register to walk and make friends with someone else's pet or just make a donation. Donations are always welcome!

Thank you for your participation.

COLD WEATHER RULE – The State law known as the "cold weather rule" will go into effect October 15th. That's a month away, but never too early to remind folks who are behind on their utility bills about this important date.



Under certain condition, this law prevents utility providers from disconnecting a customer's heat source for non-payment of bills. That protects customers from Minnesota's severe winter weather.

Saint Peter customers who fall under the rule are not disconnected during the cold weather rule period. Instead special meters are placed on the account to limit the amount of power used by the customer.

If you have fallen behind on your utility bill, now is the time to stop into the City's Finance Department and make arrangements for payment of your past due account. Payment plans are available and staff is happy to work with you to find a solution that will avoid having a limiting meter placed on your account.

Please contact the Finance Department at City Hall (227 South Front Street), or by phone at 507-934-0664.

FREE CAR SEAT SAFETY

CLINIC – Do you have children who need to be in car seats but aren't quite sure how to install the device and fit it to your child? Join us Saturday, September 21st from 9 a.m.—Noon



at the St. Peter Fire Department, 221 W. Mulberry Street, where certified car seat installation technicians will check and demonstrate how to correctly install your seat.

Appointments are encouraged to insure time slots, but walk-in checks will also be offered. Please call River's Edge Hospital at 931-2200 to schedule your time.

EXTRA OFFICERS ON PATROL –

The Saint Peter Police Department will join law enforcement Officers across the state in a special enforcement wave focusing on seat belt and child restraint violations. This extra enforcement effort will take place September 16th-28th.

If you are one of those who don't regularly buckle up and/or don't have your child placed in the proper car seats, you might want to change that pattern now before you receive a hefty fine. But even more

important....you might just save the



life of someone you love!

FALL YARD WASTE COLLECTION –The City of Saint Peter will be collecting **branches/brush and garden waste** such as tomato plants, flowers, etc. at curbside the week of September 23rd. Please place branches/brush and garden waste parallel/adjacent to the curb (not in the street). One big pile is better than spreading the materials out along the curb line. If you miss the curbside collection, these materials can be dropped off at the City's yard waste compost site at 1128 North Swift Street.

Leaves and grass clippings will be collected using a vacuum hose. Collection for properties **north of Broadway** begins at 7:00 A.M. Monday, October 21st. Collection for properties **south of Broadway** begins at 7:00 A.M. Monday, November 4th.

Tips to facilitate and speed up the leaf collection process:

- Place leaves parallel and adjacent to the curb (within six-feet (6') of the curb line).
- Please do not put leaves in the street, on a tarp, cover with tarp, or put in bags
- Please do not include animal wastes with the leaves, as the person using the vacuum hose gets covered with a fine dust of whatever is in the leaves
- Please help us serve you better by placing brush and leaves away from curbies, light poles, mailboxes, signs, trees, posts, utility boxes/pedestals, etc.
- If possible, please do not put leaves on a curve in the street (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 (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.)
 - Please share this information with your yard service company as different towns have different regulations.

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 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 Swift Streets) with access off 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. **Separate bunker now provided for dropping off fill (rocks, dirt, etc.).**

This service is provided and funded by the Environmental service fee on your utility bill.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS AVAILABLE SEPTEMBER 20TH— (Please note this is corrected information.) Absentee ballots for the November 5th general election will be available at the Nicollet County Property and Public Services Office in the Government Center (501 South Minnesota Avenue) beginning September 20th. 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.

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

- **PART-TIME BUS DRIVER** - The City of Saint Peter is currently accepting applications for the position of 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. September 30, 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. AA/EEO

- **PART-TIME BUILDING SUPERVISOR** - The City of Saint Peter is currently accepting applications for the position of part-time Building Supervisor at the Saint Peter Community Center. Minimum qualifications include: High school diploma or equivalent. CPR and First Aid training or ability to be certified within six months of employment. Experience working with the public. Desirable qualifications include: Experience in building maintenance functions. Current CPR and First Aid Certification. \$10.88 per hour. Applicants must complete a City of Saint Peter available from the City Administrator's Office at 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 September 30, 2019. Faxed, emailed or late applications will not be accepted. 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	September 23	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	September 24	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission
Wednesday	September 25	12:30 p.m.	Hospital Commission
Thursday	September 26	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
Friday	September 27	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau
Thursday	October 3	5:30 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission
Monday	October 7	3:30 p.m.	Housing and Redevelopment Authority
Monday	October 7	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Monday	October 14	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
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 Commissions