

# CITY OF SAINT PETER HOT SHEET



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**TORNADO ANNIVERSARY COMMUNITY EVENT –** March 29, 2018 is the 20th anniversary of the tornado that struck Saint Peter and Comfrey. A multi-organizational group has been meeting to plan a community event for March 29th at the High School beginning at approximately 5:00 p.m. If you would like to attend, please mark this date on your calendar and check back in the Hot Sheet for more information as it becomes available.



**PRESIDENT'S DAY CLOSURES** – All non-emergency City offices, including the Library, will be closed on Monday, February 19th in recognition of the President's Day legal holiday.

The Community Center will be open for normal activities from 6 a.m.–10 p.m. Although the Recreation Office will be closed in observance of President's Day, several activities in the building (P.A.L.S. exercise class, Cribbage, and Noon Hour Basketball, and adult volleyball), will take place.

There will also be Open Gym from 2-5 p.m. and weather permitting; the warming house at Veteran's Memorial Park will be open from 1–9 p.m.

**CITY OFFICES CLOSED - ALL** non-emergency City offices will be closed on Tuesday, February 20th until approximately 10:30 a.m. so staff can attend a training session.

**WATER SERVICE LINE INSURANCE - IT'S** been going on for a number of years now....homeowners getting notices from companies offering insurance policies for water service line repairs. The most recent mailing was received just this week by many Saint Peter residents prompting the question from suddenly scared homeowners. "Do I have to do this?"

The answer is....it's up to you. The company's we have looked into in the past offered a valid

insurance; however, the number of water service lines that fail each year is very, very low. While the cost of the repairs would be over \$10,000 in some cases, the City has a program that may be available that would allow the costs to be assessed to the property and paid over a number of years.

If you feel the need to insure yourself against these possible costs, the City would recommend contacting your local insurance agent to see if they offer such a policy and what the costs might be.

**CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS –** Action at the special City Council meeting held on January 29th included a closed session and subsequent action to approve the 2018 union contracts with the Streets and Utility Unions.

The next regular City Council meeting will be February 12, 2018 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Governors' Room of the Community Center.

For more information on City Council meetings, please contact the City Administrator's office at 507-934-0663. Copies of the Council packet are also available on the City's website at [www.saintpetermn.gov/city](http://www.saintpetermn.gov/city).

**I DIDN'T KNOW THAT! –** Every so often City staff receives phone calls from folks asking questions about what they can and cannot do in Saint Peter. Here's a few of the recent ones:

- *Can I use a metal detector in the parks?* It **is** legal to use a metal detector on City owned land including in the parks; however.....it won't be much fun because if you do get a hit on something, it is **illegal to dig** on the City owned land to uncover it.
- *Can I burn garbage in my back yard?* As tempting as it may be to cut down on your refuse bill by this old fashioned way to get rid of garbage, burning these materials is not allowed. And if you have a recreational fire ring in your



yard, the only thing that can be burned is regular, untreated wood.

- *My dog/cat is missing, can I put up flyers?* What a sad thing to go through, but unfortunately it is against the law to post anything on City owned street signs, utility poles or utility boxes. Not only is that illegal in the City of Saint Peter, but it could also violate State and Federal laws. We recommend utilizing the various lost/found social media sites that are prevalent in our area. Also be sure and contact local veterinarians and the Police Department (931-1550) to see if the animal has been brought in for care or impounded.
- *So, if I can't put up a sign about my pooch being missing, why can candidates for political office put up signs everywhere?* Good point, but there is a law for that. State law allows candidates for political office to post signs on private property during the period 46 days before an election until 10 days following the election even if the city has different laws about signs. But there still are rules regulating campaign signs including that the signs must be on private (not public) property. (As this year's elections draw closer, the Hot Sheet will have some more reminders about the rules relating to campaign signs.)
- *I think there is a skunk under my porch. What should I do?* Our first recommendation is always to call a company called "Critter Getters" who will come and deal with the problem. If you want to solve it yourself, the Police Department has live traps available for the public to use so you can try and trap the animal yourself. (And if neither of those options works for you, we recommend stocking up on tomato juice!)



Those are just a few examples of some of the questions we get. If you have a rather unusual question, please feel free to give us a call at City Hall (934-0663) or send an email to [barbaral@saintpetermn.gov](mailto:barbaral@saintpetermn.gov). We are happy to help and if it is something really unusual, we might feature it here in a future edition of the *Hot Sheet*.

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

- **DIRECTOR OF FINANCE** - The Director of Finance is an administrative position responsible for directing the financial activities of the City. Under general supervision, the Director of Finance plans, organizes, and coordinates all activities of the department and supervises all departmental personnel. The Director of Finance also serves as City Treasurer. **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** Bachelors' degree in finance, accounting, or related field from an accredited college or university; Two years of experience in any of the following: governmental accounting, finance, utilities budget management, cost accounting, governmental auditing, chief financial officer in a private sector company or not for profit entity with over \$15 million in revenues; Knowledge of the principles and procedures of municipal accounting and finance; knowledge of local and state legislation governing municipal finance activities; knowledge of the principles of public administration relative to municipal finance administration; Ability to devise and implement municipal finance systems and procedures; Experience with the operation and maintenance of computer hardware and operating system software. **DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS:** Possession of a Certified Public Accountant License or Certified Public Finance Officer (CPFO) designation; More than 2 years' experience in supervising, training and hiring staff; Knowledge of Microsoft Word and Excel software. Salary range \$83,000 - \$90,000 per year depending on qualifications. Excellent health benefit package. Applicants are required to submit a cover letter, resume, a minimum of three (3) professional references, Veteran's Preference form (and DD214 if applicable), and completed Affirmative Action form. The Veteran's Preference and Affirmative Action form are contained in the position profile which is available for candidate review on the City's website at [www.saintpetermn.gov](http://www.saintpetermn.gov). Completed application materials must be received by the City Administrator's office by 5:00 p.m. March 1, 2018. Faxed and/or late applications will not be accepted. Interviews for the position will be conducted on March 15, 2018. AA/EEO

**CITY MEETING CALENDAR** - This calendar is subject to change. Should you have a question on a meeting date/time, please contact the City Administrator's Office at 934-0663.

Monday      February 12      7:00 p.m.      City Council Meeting

Thursday	February 15	5:30 p.m.	Joint City Council/Hospital Commission Meeting
Monday	February 19th		<b>CITY OFFICES CLOSED – PRESIDENT’S DAY</b>
Tuesday	February 20th		<b>CITY OFFICES CLOSED UNTIL 10:30 A.M. STAFF TRAINING</b>
Tuesday	February 20th	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Tuesday	February 20th	7:00 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Thursday	February 22	12:00 p.m.	Economic Development Authority
Friday	February 23	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau
Monday	February 26	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	February 27	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission
Wednesday	February 28	12:30 p.m.	Hospital Commission
Thursday	March 1	5:30 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission
Monday	March 5	3:30 p.m.	Housing and Redevelopment Authority
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Monday	March 12	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Wednesday	March 14	2:30 p.m.	Minnesota River Valley Transit Board Meeting
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