

# CITY OF SAINT PETER HOT SHEET



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**CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS** – Action taken by the City Council on January 8, 2018 included approval for execution of an Agency Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation to act on the City's behalf for federal transportation project funding; approval for Councilmember Carlin and Mayor Zieman to travel out of state to participate in the American Public Power Association legislative rally in Washington, D.C. in February; authorization for staff to submit an application for Safe Routes to School project grant funds; approval for purchase of a replacement tandem dump truck to be funded by the 2018 equipment certificate; authorization for City assistance for the Special Olympics Polar Bear Plunge event on February 3rd at Hallett's Pond; approval of a Tree Worker license for Pfeffer Tree Service, Inc., and a closed session to discuss a request to purchase City owned land at the southeast corner of the South Third Street/South Washington Avenue intersection.

The next City Council meeting is January 22, 2017 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).



**METER READERS/MAIL CARRIER HELP** - With only a small amount of snow on the ground, now is the perfect time to start a nice habit of clearing out a path to utility meters for the City's Meter Readers and from house to house for the Mail Carriers. Having a

clear path to travel when reading meters (and delivering mail), helps eliminate slipping and falling over toys and equipment left in the yard all winter and lets our staff do their jobs in a safe manner.

So, if you can do so, please help out by clearing at least a shovel wide path to your utility meter each time it snows. Doing so each time you shovel will make the job much easier. Thanks for your assistance!



## WINTERFEST MEDALLION HUNT –

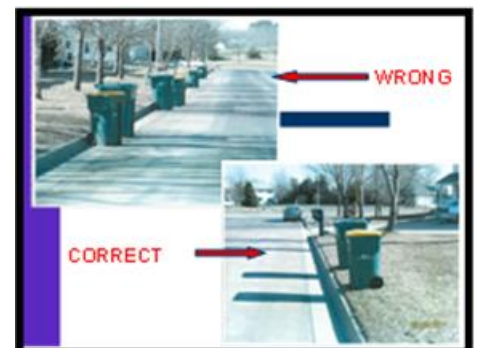
The Chamber of Commerce's Winterfest activities will be starting soon, including the Winterfest Medallion hunt. As the medallion is usually hidden on City owned property, we would like to extend our annual words of caution to protect City property.

- The medallion will only be located in an area that is entirely accessible by the public. It won't be behind locked doors, gates, or fences.
- No digging is allowed. The medallion is hidden above ground and no digging anywhere on City property is allowed or necessary. Likewise, you won't have to climb a tree to get it.
- Be respectful of public property and be careful not to damage any facilities or structures as you search for the medallion.

The medallion search is a fun event for everyone so please be careful as you search.

**CURBIE PLACEMENT** – Please help us help the refuse drivers and others who use the roadways by correctly placing your refuse and recycling curbies on collection day.

Curbies are to be placed **ON the boulevard (not in the street)**. In the winter that means some shoveling needs to be done so that there is a clear spot on the boulevard. Please



don't wheel the curbies up a hill of snow for collection. Instead, shovel out a nice spot where both the refuse and recycling curbies can be placed and still be three feet apart. This allows the drivers to have a safe spot to collect the materials without posing a hazard to others on the road.

And finally, please don't park vehicles in front of your curbies until the materials have been collected. This will allow the garbage truck to safely pull to the curb to collect the materials without creating a hazardous condition for others on the roadway.

Thank you for your cooperation.

**SOBER RIDES FOR SUPER BOWL SUNDAY** - Football fans planning to drink on Super Bowl Sunday (February 4th) are reminded to plan ahead for a sober ride home or call a last-second audible before getting behind the wheel. Minnesota is attempting to have another year without a drunken driving death on Super Bowl Sunday.



Here are some Minnesota law enforcement Super Bowl Sunday facts:

- Between the years 2009-2013 there were 6 traffic deaths—none were alcohol-related.
- DWI arrests on Super Bowl Sunday in Minnesota were as follows:
  - 2016: 125
  - 2015: 156
  - 2014: 182
  - 2013: 147
  - 2012: 211

Here's some keys to having a safe Super Bowl Sunday:

- Plan for a safe ride — designate a sober driver, use a cab/public transportation, or stay at the location of the celebration. Let family/friends know you are available to offer a safe ride home if you have NOT been drinking.
- Buckle up — the best defense against a drunk driver.
- Report drunk driving — call 911 when witnessing impaired driving behavior. Be prepared to provide location, license plate number and observed dangerous behavior.

Each year, about 28,000 people are arrested for DWI and one in seven Minnesota drivers has a DWI on record. Those DWI's have big consequences.

A DWI offense can result in loss of license for up to a year, thousands in costs and possible jail time. Repeat DWI offenders, as well as first-time offenders arrested at 0.16 and above alcohol-

concentration level, must use ignition interlock in order to regain legal driving privileges, or face at least one year without a driver's license. Offenders with three or more offenses are required to use interlock for three to six years, or they will never regain driving privileges.

DWI enforcement and education is a component of the state's core traffic safety initiative, Toward Zero Deaths (TZD). A primary vision of the TZD program is to create a safe driving culture in Minnesota in which motorists support a goal of zero road fatalities by practicing and promoting safe and smart driving behavior. TZD focuses on the application of four strategic areas to reduce crashes — education, enforcement, engineering and emergency trauma response.

So enjoy the game (or the commercials), and take a safe and sober ride home!

**PARK RESERVATIONS:** Do you have a family reunion planned for this summer? How about an outdoor wedding? Maybe a company picnic? The shelters in Minnesota Square Park, Gault Park, the Mill Pond area of Riverside Park and Gorman Park can be reserved for your event by contacting the Recreation and Leisure Services Department. The fee is \$43.00 (plus tax) for residents of Saint Peter or \$55 (plus tax) for non-residents. Please note there may be additional fees if alcohol is involved in your event. For more information please contact the Recreation and Leisure Services Department at 934-0667 or [www.saintpetermn.gov/recreation](http://www.saintpetermn.gov/recreation).

**WINTER RECREATION PROGRAMS** – The winter brochures listing programs sponsored by the City's Recreation and Leisure Services Department and the School District #508 Community Education department have been mailed out. If you didn't receive a brochure, the info is available online on the City's website ([www.saintpetermn.gov](http://www.saintpetermn.gov)) and additional copies of the brochure are available at City Hall (227 South Front Street) and the Recreation and Leisure Services Department located in the Community Center at 600 South Fifth Street.

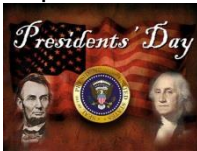
**REBATE PROGRAMS** – The City's energy rebate programs provided some nice rebates to electric utility customers at the end of 2017. The holiday lights rebate program shelled out \$1,461.61 in rebates while the appliance rebate program



provided \$4,093.50 back to customers for qualifying appliance purchases.

To find out more about the rebates City electric utility customers qualify for, check out the website at <https://smmpa.com/members/saint-peter>.

**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	January 22	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Wednesday	January 24	12:30 p.m.	Hospital Commission Meeting
Thursday	January 25	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
Friday	January 26	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau
Monday	January 29	3:00 p.m.	City Council Goal Session
Tuesday	January 30	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission
Thursday	February 1	5:30 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission
Monday	February 5	3:30 p.m.	Housing and Redevelopment Authority
Monday	February 5	3:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Monday	February 12	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Wednesday	February 14	2:30 p.m.	Minnesota River Valley Transit Board
Thursday	February 15	5:30 p.m.	Joint City Council/Hospital Commission Meeting
Monday	February 19th		CITY OFFICES CLOSED – PRESIDENT'S DAY
Tuesday	February 20th		CITY OFFICES CLOSED UNTIL 10:30 A.M. STAFF TRAINING
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Wednesday	February 28	12:30 p.m.	Hospital Commission