

# CITY OF SAINT PETER HOT SHEET



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## SPEC HOMES FOR SALE –

Brand new homes are now available for sale in the City's new Traverse Green Subdivision. These are spec homes constructed by the City's



EDA. The properties are located at 2100 Nelson Street, 2000 Essler Drive and 2101 Lunden Street in the Traverse Green Subdivision located near the new High School. If

interested in one of the spec homes please contact Pam at 507-836-1623 to purchase a home or for more information

If you are interested in purchasing a lot to build your own home, please contact Community Development Director Wille at 507-934-0661, [russw@saintpetermn.gov](mailto:russw@saintpetermn.gov) or visit the Community Development Department at City Hall (227 South Front Street).



**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.

**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).



**RECYCLING DROP OFF SITES** – There are two different recycling drop-off sites available to Saint Peter residents in addition to the curbside recycling offered by the City.

The Tri-County Solid Waste office has provided the existing site located in the parking lot of the Nicollet County Public Works building at 1700 Sunrise Drive for a number of years and added a second site in 2015 at the City of Saint Peter's yard waste drop off site located at the southwest corner of the North Swift Street/West St. Julien Street intersection.

The following items are accepted at both of these sites:

- Newspaper - daily, Sunday papers, Shoppers and magazines
- Corrugated Cardboard - boxes should be broken down
- Plastic - look for the #1 & #2's only, must have neck or handle
- Cans - aluminum or tin, aluminum pie tins also accepted
- Glass - bottles and jars only; clear, brown and green

Residents are asked to ensure that the following items are **not** placed in the recycling containers:

- Window glass
- 5 gallon plastic pails
- Plastic bags
- Plastic toys
- Pizza boxes
- Aerosol cans

- Ceramics
- Hazardous waste
- Demolition/construction materials
- Garbage

For questions about these recycling services, please contact Tri-County Solid Waste in their newly relocated office in the Nicollet County Government Center at 507-934-7078. (Previously the office was housed in Sibley County.)

**STATE OF THE CITY** - If you haven't had a chance yet, please check out City Administrator Prafke's State of the City video blog on the City's Facebook page



at <https://www.facebook.com/CityofSaintPeter> or the City of Saint Peter's YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWK7-GhXlmDfaSTNs7yvwwg>. Every couple of weeks Mr. Prafke provides an update on numerous topics being discussed by the City Council which may be of interest to the general public.

Want to understand how the City's budget and taxes work? Want to know more about action the Council might take regarding deer feeding in town? You can find out more about both of these topics and more by checking out the blogs.

The video blog is also cablecast on public access Channel 8.



**UTILITY BILLS** – Did you know that City of Saint Peter utility customers can pay and review their bills online? Although this feature has been around for quite a while, not everyone knows that the service is available. Check out your bill online at <https://stpetermn.enerlyte.com/>.

And if you are not into paying bills online, the City offers automatic bank pay. The amount of your bill is taken out of a checking or savings account on the due date each month. You will still receive a paper copy of your bill each month, but it will be marked "DO NOT PAY – PAID BY DRAFT".

For more information on this program, please contact the Finance Department at 934-0664.

**SIDEWALK CLEARANCE** – A reminder to Saint Peter property owners to keep sidewalks clear of snow, ice and blowback/drifted snow.

If the sidewalk is not cleared within 24 hours of a snowfall or ice event, City crews may be



dispatched to do the work with a minimum charge to the property owner of \$75!

**WINTERFEST MEDALLION HUNT –**

The Chamber of Commerce’s Winterfest activities, including the Winterfest Medallion hunt are underway. 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.

**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.

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	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
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		CITY OFFICES CLOSED – PRESIDENT’S DAY
Tuesday	February 20th		CITY OFFICES CLOSED UNTIL 10:30 A.M. STAFF TRAINING
Tuesday	February 20th	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Thursday	February 22	12:00 p.m.	Economic Development Authority
Friday	February 23	8:00 .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
Monday	March 19	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop

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