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CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS – Action taken by the City Council at the regular meeting of May 14, 2012 included a public hearing and subsequent action on rental licensing for 212-214 South Minnesota Avenue; authorization for competitive negotiated sale of \$745,000 in general obligation water revenue bonds to finance maintenance work at the Greenhill water tower; authorization for receipt of bids for a replacement pumper truck for the Fire Department; authorization for purchase of a tracked vehicle for use by the Fire Department; approval for City assistance for the Livestock event in Minnesota Square Park; adoption of the 2012 street maintenance plan; adoption of updated construction standards and adoption of a new standard for concrete trails; and approval of a tobacco license for Family Dollar, Inc.

The next regular meeting of the City Council will be Tuesday, May 29th at 7:00 p.m. in the Governors' Room of the Community Center. **(The meeting is being held on Tuesday because of the Memorial Day holiday.)** For more information on City Council meetings, please contact the City Administrator's office at 934-0663. Copies of the agenda and Council packet are also available on the City's website at www.saintpetermn.gov/city.

DON'T BE THE LAST TO KNOW... Were you the last one in your neighborhood to learn of the escaped Regional Treatment Center patient? Are you always the last one to find out when a snow emergency has been declared?



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ST. PETER-MANKATO BIKE TRAIL MEETING - The public is encouraged to participate in one of two community meetings on a proposed recreational trail from Saint Peter to Mankato. The first meeting is set for Thursday, May 24th in the Senior Center at the Saint Peter Community Center. The second meeting follows on Thursday, May 31st in the Le Sueur Room at the Intergovernmental Center, 10 Civic Center Plaza, in Mankato.

The meetings will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. beginning with a brief presentation at 6 p.m. followed by an open house with displays and maps of the general corridor.

The Mankato Area Transportation and Planning Partners (MATAPS) and the City of Saint Peter are hosting the meetings to discuss current efforts to create a Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) State Trail between Mankato and Saint Peter. The DNR is considering plans to move forward with a formal trail planning process.

No route has been specified for the proposed trail. The Thursday meetings are intended to inform the public about the planning process and route selection criteria. The meetings will also provide an opportunity to gather feedback from stakeholders including potential trail users and area property owners.



The displays, showing the general trail corridor, include the engineering requirements for the trail, information about the DNR trail planning process, and an opportunity to learn about a proposed trail supporters group. Representatives from local governments, the Minnesota Department of Natural

Resources and the Minnesota Department of Transportation will be on hand to answer questions.

For additional information please contact Community Development Director Russ Wille at 934-0661.



STUDENT ELECTION JUDGES

– The City of Saint Peter is seeking high school students to work as Trainee Election Judges for this year's elections. The elections take place on August 14th and November 6th.

High school students ages 16 and 17 can be trainee judges and we love to work with them. (Students 18 and over can serve as full-fledged judges.) Students must be in good academic standing, and have permission from their school and parents before being appointed. Trainee judges perform most of the same duties as the adult judges (except those requiring judges of different political affiliations) and are paid \$7.75 per hour for their service.

All Election Judges must attend a mandatory training session before the election so we will teach you what you need to know to serve as a Judge. Trainee judges will work from 6:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. on election day and may be eligible for school credit. (Contact School Officials for more information.)

If you are a student ages 16 or 17 and would like to be considered for appointment as an election judge, or for more information on how you can serve your community in this way, please contact Barbara in the City Administrator's office at 934-0663 or send an e-mail to barbaral@saintpetermn.gov.

CLICK IT OR TICKET -

Better be buckled up, because it's *Click It or Ticket* time from May 21st – June 7th.

About 400 Minnesota law enforcement agencies, including the Saint Peter Police Department, will partner with 10,000 agencies nationwide to work overtime patrols to increase seat belt compliance in an effort to stop preventable deaths and injuries. More than 400 unbelted motorists were killed in the last three years in Minnesota, representing 43% of the total



motorist deaths. In Nicollet County during the last three years, 2 unbelted motorists were killed and 8 were seriously injured.

Saint Peter Officers will actively enforce the state's primary seat belt law during the campaign, which, according to a University of Minnesota study released in March, is saving lives. The study reported the law has resulted in 68 fewer deaths, 320 fewer injuries and \$45 million in avoided hospital charges since it was enacted three years ago (June 2009).

The primary law requires passengers in all seating positions, including the back seat, to be buckled up or seated in the correct child restraint. Officers will stop and ticket unbelted drivers or passengers. Seat belts must be worn correctly — low and snug across the hips; shoulder straps should never be tucked under an arm or behind the back.

"This law demonstrates how important it is to be belted in every seat, every ride," says Saint Peter Officer Jay Link. "Those who don't belt up face a range of negative consequences — ranging from a ticket, to being ejected from the vehicle."

In rollover crashes, unbelted motorists are usually ejected from the vehicle. In most cases, the vehicle will roll over them. Often, unbelted motorists will break teeth out on steering wheels or break their nose, and even slam into and injure or kill others in the vehicle.



Properly wearing a seat belt reduces the risk of fatal injury to front seat passenger occupants by 45% in a car and 60% in a light truck.

Seat belts are the most effective means of protecting oneself from injury while riding in a vehicle. In a crash, odds are six-times greater for injury if a motorist is not buckled up.

The campaign will include enforcement of Minnesota's child passenger safety law which requires children to use a booster seat once they have outgrown a forward-facing harnessed restraint (typically age 4 and 40–60 pounds, depending on the seat's weight limitations). Children should remain in a booster until they are age 8 or 4' 9" tall — whichever comes first. The Department of Public Safety recommends keeping children in boosters based on their height rather than age. Boosters help adult seat belts fit children correctly.

The Saint Peter Police Department stresses the importance of promoting seat belt enforcement to encourage belt use. "This campaign is not about

writing tickets. It's about demonstrating that we take this law seriously because many times we've responded to an unbelted fatality crash," says Officer Link. "We want motorists to be aware we are out there and encourage them to be the first enforcers by speaking up to remind other passengers to get belted."

The *Click It or Ticket* seat belt enforcement and education is a component of the state's *Toward Zero Death (TZD)* initiative. 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.

COMMUNITY CENTER PARKING LOT MAINTENANCE – The parking lots (both upper and lower) at the Community Center will be closed to parking on May 29th and 30th for routine maintenance. Building tenants and visitors to the building are asked to park on surrounding streets. Sorry for the inconvenience.

CALENDAR

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| Monday | May 21 | 5:30 p.m. | City Council Workshop Session |
| Monday | May 21 | 7:00 p.m. | Parks and Recreation Advisory Board – CANCELLED! |
| Thursday | May 24 | 12:00 noon | Economic Development Authority |
| Friday | May 25 | 8:00 a.m. | Tourism and Visitor's Bureau |
| Monday | May 28 | | MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY – City offices closed |
| Tuesday | May 29 | 7:00 p.m. | City Council Meeting |
| Tuesday | May 29 | 5:30 p.m. | Heritage Preservation |
| Wednesday | May 30 | 12:00 noon | Hospital Commission |
| Monday | June 4 | 3:30 p.m. | Housing and Redevelopment Authority |
| Monday | June 4 | 5:30 p.m. | City Council Workshop Session |
| Tuesday | June 5 | 7:00 p.m. | Planning and Zoning Commission |
| Monday | June 11 | 5:00 p.m. | Human Rights Commission |
| Monday | June 11 | 7:00 p.m. | City Council Meeting |
| Monday | June 18 | 5:30 p.m. | City Council Workshop Session |
| Monday | June 18 | 7:00 p.m. | Parks and Recreation Advisory Board |
| Friday | June 22 | 8:00 a.m. | Tourism and Visitor's Bureau |
| Monday | June 25 | 7:00 p.m. | City Council Meeting |
| Tuesday | June 26 | 5:30 p.m. | Heritage Preservation Commission |
| Wednesday | June 27 | 12:00 noon | Hospital and Nursing Home Commission |
| Thursday | June 28 | 12:00 noon | Economic Development Authority |