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Board & Commission Applications Due Jan. 26

Shakopee residents are invited to apply for openings due to expiring terms on the following City boards and commissions:

- Planning Commission/BOAA
- Park and Recreation Advisory Board
- Shakopee Public Utility Commission
- Police Civil Service Commission
- Environmental Advisory Committee
- Telecommunications Advisory Commission
- Historic Preservation Advisory Commission
- Board of Review
- Transit Commission

Applications are available online at www.ci.shakopee.mn.us/pages/Communications/Press%20Releases/2009/BC_application%20_0110.pdf and at City Hall (129 Holmes Street S). Interested individuals should return their application to City Hall by Jan. 26.

The City's boards and commissions are generally comprised of between three and seven members who usually meet once per month on a set date (the Planning Commission sometimes meets twice per month, and the Police Civil Service Commission meets once per quarter or more as needed). Details about the boards and commissions are available at www.ci.shakopee.mn.us/board_commissions.cfm.

For more information on the openings or to download an application visit www.ci.shakopee.mn.us or call 952-233-9300.

Family Dinner and Movie Night is Feb. 5



Reservations are now being taken for the Feb. 5 Family Spaghetti Dinner and Movie Night at the Shakopee Community Center. The

movie and dinner begin at 6 p.m. and end at 8 p.m. at the Community Center Gymnasium. There will be a catered spaghetti dinner with salad and garlic bread. During the meal, enjoy the movie "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs" on the big screen. For extra fun, come dressed as your favorite movie star.

To attend, you must preregister using the Winter/Spring 2010 Parks and Recreation brochure, which is available online at www.ci.shakopee.mn.us/OnlineRegistration.cfm (Program # FAM 205). The cost for early registrants (extended to Jan. 22) is \$8 per person. For registrations received Jan. 23-29, the cost will be \$10 per person. Registrations cannot be accepted after Jan. 29 or the night of the event.

City Council Meeting Moved to Feb. 3 to Allow Residents to Attend Precinct Caucuses

The Feb. 2 City Council Meeting has been moved to Wednesday, Feb. 3 at 7 p.m. Precinct caucuses for most political parties are planned for Feb. 2 at 7 p.m.

Precinct caucuses are meetings organized by the state's political parties to begin selecting candidates for the 2010 election and shaping the party's platform through policy positions. Attendees discuss public policy issues and pass resolutions, vote in a straw poll to gauge candidate preferences, elect precinct officers and elect delegates. Precinct caucuses are open to the public.

To learn more about precinct caucuses and to obtain contact information to identify caucus locations, visit the Secretary of State's website at www.sos.state.mn.us/index.aspx?page=886.

AARP to Offer Free Tax Help at Community Center

Senior citizens and low income families may receive free tax preparation assistance from AARP at the Shakopee Community Center from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesdays, Feb. 3 through April 14. Sign in starts at 8:30 a.m., and assistance is provided on a first-come-first-served basis. No advance appointments will be accepted.



Please bring a copy of last year's income tax return(s); W-2 forms; Form SSA-1099, which shows the Social Security paid to you; all 1099 forms, which show interest and/or dividends your investments have earned; records of other income you have received; receipts or canceled checks for any medical/dental expenses and charitable contributions. Other items may also be helpful in tax preparation.

A brochure explaining the service, as well as a complete list of items needed is available at www.ci.shakopee.mn.us/pages/General/AARP_TaxAide2010.pdf.

Fire Department Reminder: Clear the Snow and Ice around Your Fire Hydrant



During a fire, precious minutes count. Make sure firefighters can easily access the hydrant if it is needed. Also make sure any walkways needed to access the home/building are clear and that your house number hasn't been covered by snow.

The Shakopee Fire Departments offers numerous tips to help keep your family safe from fire. Please visit www.ci.shakopee.mn.us/fire_tips.cfm for more information.

A Night Under the Silvery Moon

Older, active adults are invited to dress in their best and come to the Shakopee Community Center for an evening of entertainment, catered cuisine, music and dancing. On Thursday, March 11, from 7 to 10 p.m., the Community Center will be converted into a glamorous ballroom. Come with a group of friends or with that special someone -- there will be something for everyone.

To attend, you must preregister using the Winter/Spring 2010 Parks and Recreation brochure, which is available online at www.ci.shakopee.mn.us/OnlineRegistration.cfm (Program # ST 311). The cost for early registrants (by Jan. 30) is \$30 per person. For registrations received Jan. 31 through Feb. 15, the cost will be \$35 per person. Registrations cannot be accepted after Feb. 15 or the night of the event.

Register Now for Shakopee Kids Camp

If you're looking for a summer adventure for your kids with plenty of outdoor activities, field trips, camaraderie and educational opportunities, check out Shakopee Kids Camp. This day camp runs Monday through Friday, from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., June 14 through Aug. 20 at the Shakopee Community Center. It's available for children in Kindergarten through 6th grade.



There will be 10 weekly sessions, each with its own theme, like Welcome to the Jungle, Muddy Feet and Natures Treats, the Wide World of Sports and much more. Participants can explore a variety of educational and fun activities throughout the day and a field trip each week. Campers also will take day trips to the City's numerous parks and have time to cool off with a swim at SandVenture Aquatic Park and a skate at the Shakopee Ice Arena.

Parents can enroll their children in one or all camps. The early registration cost (by April 30) per week is \$150 for residents and \$160 for nonresidents. After April 30, the weekly fee increases by \$15. A \$50 deposit is needed to secure a spot for each child for each session. To register now, come to the Shakopee Community Center or visit www.ci.shakopee.mn.us/OnlineRegistration.cfm. Registration materials also will be included in the Parks and Recreation brochure scheduled to arrive in homes after March 22. For more information, call 952-233-9500.

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