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Register by Feb. 15 for 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 (Program # ST 311). The brochure is available at the Shakopee Community Center and online at www.ci.shakopee.mn.us/OnlineRegistration.cfm. The cost is \$35 per person. Registrations cannot be accepted after Feb. 15 or the night of the event.

City Council Seeks Members for Economic Development Advisory Committee

The Shakopee City Council is seeking individuals to fill seven positions on the Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC).

EDAC responsibilities include:

- Identifying issues and developing strategies to strengthen commercial-industrial activity within the City;
- Reviewing requests for tax increment financing, tax abatement and other financial assistance programs; and
- Advising the Economic Development Authority and City Council on proactive approaches to development and redevelopment.

The EDAC will meet once per month at approximately 7 p.m. The exact meeting date has yet to be determined.

The City Council also is seeking members for the Historic Preservation Advisory Commission (HPAC). The HPAC investigates and recommends actions to the City Council intended to safeguard the heritage of the City of Shakopee by preserving properties that reflect elements of the City's cultural, social, economic, political, visual, or architectural history.

Individuals interested in serving on the EDAC or the HPAC may obtain an application at City Hall or online at www.ci.shakopee.mn.us/pages/Communications/Press%20Releases/2009/BC_application_0110.pdf. Completed applications should be returned to City Hall by March 1 for the EDAC. Applications will be accepted for the HPAC until the position is filled. For more information, please call 952-233-9300.

City Offers Residents Two Public Safety Training Programs

The City is offering two opportunities for residents to learn more about public safety through the Community Emergency Response Team and the Shakopee Police Citizen Academy programs. Both programs will provide classroom and hands-on training. Applications and more information for each program are available at www.ci.shakopee.mn.us.



Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

Thursdays, March 11 – May 7, from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

Shakopee Fire Station – 2700 Vierling Dr. E

Cost: \$15 for registration and materials

Registration: Return application and \$15 fee by March 4 to Shakopee Fire Department, 129 Holmes St. S, Shakopee, MN 55379

More Information: Visit www.ci.shakopee.mn.us/pd_cert.cfm or call 952-233-9570.

Shakopee Police Citizen Academy

Tuesdays, April 6 – 27, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Shakopee Police Department – 475 Gorman St.

Cost: Free

Registration: Return application by March 31 to Crime Prevention Unit, Shakopee Police Department, 475 Gorman Street, Shakopee, MN 55379.

More Information: Visit www.ci.shakopee.mn.us/pd_citizenpoliceacademy.cfm or call 952-233-9400.

Holmes Street Pedestrian Bridge Closed for Rehabilitation

Earlier this month, the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MN DOT) began rehabilitating the Holmes Street pedestrian bridge (located just west of the Hwy 101 bridge). The bridge, which is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places, will be closed until September for repair and historic preservation work, as well as the installation of ADA-compliant ramps.

Snowmobilers will find the adjoining trail closed intermittently Mondays through Fridays between 5 a.m. and 4 p.m. Snowmobilers are reminded that they are required to stay on the designated trails in the area, and may not legally access the Minnesota River or Highway 101 in the area of the Holmes Street bridge. Pedestrians and bicyclists will be able to use a marked alternate trail around the work zone during working hours.

MN DOT's management plan for historic bridges in Minnesota can be found at www.dot.state.mn.us/bridge.

Parks and Recreation E-Newsletter Starts Mid-March

The Shakopee Parks, Recreation and Natural Resources Department will start an e-newsletter in mid-March to keep residents updated on upcoming events, information, news about city parks and trails, and much more. If you haven't already subscribed to receive Parks and Recreation News, you can change your e-news subscription preferences by clicking the "Update your profile" link at the bottom of this newsletter. That link will show your current subscription information. Simply make your changes and click the "Update Profile" button to submit them. Readers that haven't subscribed to any Shakopee e-newsletters yet, may do so at www.ci.shakopee.mn.us/enews.cfm.

Make Yourself Count in Minnesota and Complete the 2010 Census



The 2010 Census questionnaire will be coming to your mailbox in mid-March. It takes approximately 10 minutes to complete and asks four general questions about the household (i.e., whether you rent or own) and six questions about each person living in the household (i.e., name, age, date of birth, race, etc.). Please complete and return the Census questionnaire by April 1, 2010. Participation is required by law, and Census Bureau employees will make every effort to get a response from each household.

The 2010 Census is important to Minnesota because it will determine whether the state maintains or loses one of its current Congressional seats. Additionally, Census information determines the allocation of federal funding for a variety of services ranging from education to transportation. Finally, the information also is used by businesses for planning, marketing, labor force projections and more.

Learn more about the 2010 Census at www.mn2010census.org. The website includes a frequently asked questions section, information for those who reside in another state for part of the year (such as snowbirds) and how they can be counted as Minnesotans, and much more.

AARP to Offer Free Tax Help at the Shakopee 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. 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.

Get BlueXpress Bus Updates on Twitter

The BlueXpress Bus service to downtown Minneapolis is now providing updates on Twitter. Find the latest updates at <http://twitter.com/BlueXpressbus>. Click the "follow" button to subscribe to the tweets. The BlueXpress Bus service is operated by Shakopee Transit and Prior Lake Laker Lines and provides bus transportation from two sites in Scott County to downtown Minneapolis Monday through Friday. To learn more about the BlueXpress Bus service, visit www.blueexpressbus.com.



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