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City Hall Gets New TTY Phone Number



Individuals who are hearing or speech impaired that use a Text Telephone (TTY) should note that Shakopee City Hall has a new TTY phone number. It is 952-233-3837. The TTY numbers for the Police Department (952-233-9491) and Community Center (952-496-4122) are unchanged.

Application Deadline Extended for EDAC; Openings Still Available on HPAC

Applications will continue to be accepted for the Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC) until 4:30 p.m., March 15. The EDAC will meet once per month. The committee is responsible for 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 City Council is still seeking members for the Historic Preservation Advisory Commission (HPAC). Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. 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. For more information, please call 952-233-9300.

Clean Up Day and Tree Sale Set for April 24

Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 24 for the annual Clean Up Day and Arbor Day Tree Sale.



Clean Up Day will take place that morning from 7:30-11:30 a.m. at the Shakopee Public Works Building (400 Gorman Street). Residents of Shakopee, Louisville Township and Jackson Township (I.D. required) may drop off acceptable recyclable items for a fee of \$25 per pick-up truck size or smaller vehicle load. Residents disposing of acceptable refuse that is not recyclable will be charged a flat fee based on the vehicle used for transport: \$25 per car, \$30 per trailer and \$30 per pick-up truck. Additional fees may apply to certain items. A complete listing is available at www.ci.shakopee.mn.us/Clean_Up_Day.cfm. Call 952-233-9550 for more information.

That morning, the Shakopee Rotary also will be onsite to collect unwanted, gently used furniture and household items for Bridging, Inc. All donations are tax deductible (thrift market value). For more information, or to schedule a pick-up, contact Capesius Agency at 952-445-1922.

If you're looking for a new tree for your yard, stop by the Arbor Day Tree Sale that afternoon from 1-3 p.m. at the Public Works building. Residents (I.D. required) may purchase one containerized tree per household for a fee of \$103.62-\$131.44. Tree species include Autumn Blaze Maple, Red Maple, Sugar Maple, American Linden, Honeylocust and Hackberry. Trees must be paid for with either cash or check and will be sold on a first-come-first-served basis. Tree buyers will be responsible for transporting the tree at the time of sale. Trees are approximately 10-12 feet tall and weigh 100-120 pounds. More information is available at www.ci.shakopee.mn.us/Clean_Up_Day.cfm or by calling 952-233-9500.

Census Questionnaires Arriving Soon

Watch your mailbox in the next couple of weeks for the 2010 Census questionnaire. The 10 question form takes about 10 minutes to complete, but it is important to Minnesota and Shakopee to get a complete count. The 2010 Census information will determine whether Minnesota maintains or loses one of its Congressional seats. Additionally, federal funding for a variety of services ranging from education to transportation will be decided based on the results.

Simply complete the questionnaire and return it by April 1, 2010. Participation is required by law. All personal information collected is confidential and cannot be shared with an individual or government agency for 72 years.

By returning the 2010 Census by the April 1 deadline, you will actually save taxpayer dollars by eliminating the need for a personal follow-up from a Census Bureau representative.

Learn more about the 2010 Census at www.mn2010census.org.

Shakopee Police Citizen Academy Starts April 6



It's not too late to register for the Shakopee Police Citizen Academy. The four-week course will be held on Tuesdays, April 6 through April 27 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. The course is offered to all Shakopee residents and business owners who wish to experience the many facets of law

enforcement as encountered by Shakopee police officers.

The course is designed to be "hands-on" and will cover shoot/no shoot incident scenarios, high risk traffic stops, role play in domestic violence scenarios, investigation of a vehicle crash scene, interactive controlled drinking and testing session for DWI enforcement, and more.

This is a free program offered by the Police Department and Shakopee Crime Prevention, Inc. For more information about the academy or how to register, contact the Shakopee Police Department-- Crime Prevention Unit at 952-233-9400 or visit

www.ci.shakopee.mn.us/pd_citizenpoliceacademy.cfm. Registrations are due by March 31. Class size is limited, so early registration is suggested.

Make Your Own Show a Reality

Shakopee Public Access (SPA) Cable Channel 15 provides the resources and airtime for residents and businesses to create non-commercial programming for city viewers. Examples of acceptable programming include local sporting events, informational/how-to shows, church services and community events.



Making your own show is as easy as 1-2-3!

1. Register with SPA. You'll need to complete a brief registration form and show a valid I.D.
2. Check out our FREE Equipment. SPA has all the equipment you'll need – camcorders, mics, tripods, a light kit, a portable three-camera studio and editing equipment. Call 952-233-9500 at least 24 hours in advance to reserve equipment and then pick it up at the Shakopee Community Center (1255 Fuller St. S.). All equipment is available on a first-come-first-served basis.
3. Create and Submit the Program. Complete the Program Submittal Form and return it with your ready-to-cablecast program.

To learn more about creating a program for SPA, rental equipment available and the programming schedule, visit www.shakopeepublicaccess.com.

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

Snow events during the past couple of months have buried yards, driveways and fire hydrants. If you have a hydrant in your yard, please take a few minutes to dig a pathway to it so it can be easily accessed by firefighters during an emergency. Also make sure any walkways needed to access the home/building are clear.

These simple steps can save precious minutes during an emergency.

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