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April 15, 2010



Valley View Road at CR 83 Closed

Valley View Road at CR 83 closed earlier this week because of construction on CR 83. Access from all directions will be prohibited for 6-8 weeks. Detours are posted. Please use alternate routes. For more information, read the [project brochure](#) from Scott County and check for updates at www.ci.shakopee.mn.us.

Severe Weather Awareness Week is April 19-23

Severe weather awareness week is designed to help citizens survive Minnesota's weather extremes. On Thursday, April 22 at 1:45 p.m. and 6:55 p.m., Shakopee will participate in the statewide tornado drills. This is a great opportunity for families to practice their drills.



Find out more about the severe weather that affects our area at www.severeweather.state.mn.us.

To learn more about creating a disaster plan for your family, visit www.codeready.org, www.ready.gov, www.echominnesota.org and www.fema.gov/plan/index.shtm

Clean Up Day and Tree Sale are Saturday, April 24

Shakopee's annual Clean Up Day and Arbor Day Tree Sale are scheduled for Saturday, April 24. During Clean Up Day, residents may drop off acceptable recyclable and/or refuse items at the Public Works Building (400 Gorman Street) between 7:30 and 11:30 a.m. Dropping fees vary. At the same time, the Shakopee Rotary will be onsite to collect donations of gently used furniture and

household items for Bridging, Inc.

Later that day, between 1 and 3 p.m., Shakopee residents can come back to the Public Works Building to purchase a new tree (one per household). Prices range from \$103.62 to \$131.44, depending on the tree species and will be sold on a first-come-first-served basis.

Details on both events, including items accepted, fees, tree species available and more can be found at www.ci.shakopee.mn.us/Clean_Up_Day.cfm or by calling 952-233-9550 for Clean Up Day information or 952-233-9500 for Tree Sale information.



Spring Burning Restrictions in Effect for Local Area

Open burning is currently restricted in Scott County. However, recreation fires are still allowed. A recreational fire is defined as a fire no larger than 3 feet in diameter by 3 feet in height. It must be located more than 25 feet from a structure. If burning a recreational fire, please remember to be considerate of your neighbors with the smoke. Learn more by contacting the Shakopee Fire Department at 952-233-9570 or reading [the summary of the City Code on recreational fires](#). Please note, when spring burning restrictions are not in place, open burning is only allowed in certain portions of the city and requires a permit.

Board of Equalization Meeting

The Shakopee Board of Equalization will meet at City Hall at 7 p.m. on May 11 to review and correct 2010 property assessments. Shakopee property owners who disagree with their property valuation or classification may appeal it at the meeting. Residents with questions about their valuations are encouraged to call the Scott County Appraiser at 952-496-8772 before the meeting.

Watch for Pedestrians and Bicyclists

With the nicer spring weather, motorists should be on the lookout for pedestrians and bicyclists, especially around schools, in residential neighborhoods and near buses. Following are some reminders to help keep everyone safe and make it easier to share the road:



- A stopped school bus means kids are entering or exiting. Both oncoming traffic and drivers coming from behind a stopped school bus with its arm extended and lights flashing must stop and may not move until the arm is lifted and the lights are not flashing. If the bus loads/unloads at an intersection, traffic from all directions must stop. When driving behind a stopped bus, be sure to stop at least 20 feet from the bus. It is illegal to pass a stopped bus with its lights flashing.
- Many city streets have pedestrian crosswalks. To help keep pedestrians safe, motorists should observe the posted speed limit and stop for pedestrians in a crosswalk (regardless of whether it is marked or unmarked) or intersection. Pedestrians should obey traffic signals, use sidewalks when available, and walk against the traffic when walking on a road.
- Bicycles have the same rights as other vehicles and can be ridden on most Minnesota roads. Bicyclists also must obey all traffic laws, such as signaling turns, yielding right of way, and obeying traffic signals. Motorists must maintain a three foot clearance when passing

bicyclists and yield the right of way to them just as they would another car.

For more tips, please visit www.ci.shakopee.mn.us/pd_bikesafety.cfm.

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