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City Offices Closed for Holiday

Shakopee City offices and the Community Center will be closed Monday, May 31 for Memorial Day. Residents needing assistance from a City department should plan to contact the department prior to or following the holiday.

Certain City services, such as the Police Department and Fire Department will not be affected by the holiday. Garbage collection will be delayed by one day that week.

SandVenture Opens June 6



Make a splash this summer as you cool off at SandVenture Aquatic Park (1101 Adams Street), which opens for the season on Sunday, June 6. SandVenture is modeled after area lakes with a sand beach surrounding a sand bottom pool. It offers a 300-foot water slide, two 12-foot drop slides and a diving board.

Weather permitting, SandVenture will be open daily from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., through Aug. 22 (Aug. 8 hours – 3:30 to 7 p.m.). Daily admission ranges from \$5-7 depending on height and/or age. Children under one year of age are admitted free. Season passes also are available.

Throughout the summer, SandVenture holds special events like Library Day, Teen Nights, Family Day, the Summer Splash Bash, Half Way Half Pay Day and the Derby Days Splashtacular. On the last day of the season, there will be a Goldfish Hunt where visitors can catch a goldfish in the pool to take home.

Learn more about SandVenture Aquatic Park at www.ci.shakopee.mn.us/aquaticpark.cfm.

Summer Shuttle Service Starts June 7

The Shakopee Summer Shuttle is back to transport riders between local shopping centers and area attractions from June 7 through Sept. 3.

The shuttle operates Monday through Friday from 7:25 a.m. until 10:50 a.m. and from 12:15 p.m. until 4:40 p.m. It stops at Valleyfair Commons, Valleyfair, Southbridge Crossings Transit Station (twice per day), Wal-Mart, Canterbury Park, Kohl's and Target. The fare is \$1 each way. (Drivers do not carry change. Fare should be paid with exact change or a fare punch card.)



Connections can be made to other locations in Shakopee via Circulator Route 496 at Kohl's and Target. Connections from downtown Minneapolis to Valleyfair are available at Southbridge Crossings Transit Station on the BlueXpress Bus Route 490 once in the morning and in the evening.

Schedules and additional information on the Summer Shuttle and other transit options are available at www.ci.shakopee.mn.us/transit.cfm or by calling 952-496-8341.

Volunteers Needed for Commission Openings

The Historic Preservation Advisory Commission is still seeking members to help safeguard Shakopee's heritage by preserving properties that reflect the city's cultural, social, economic, political, visual and architectural history. Information about the commission and a downloadable application are available at www.ci.shakopee.mn.us/board_commissions.cfm or by calling 952-233-9300. The completed application may be returned to City Hall (129 S. Holmes St.).

Planning an Outdoor Project?



Whether you're installing new landscaping, repairing or replacing a fence or adding a deck, don't forget to check with the City first. Many residents don't realize that there are easements on their property and City policies regulating what can and cannot be done.

A great place to start your project research is the Outdoor Projects web page at www.ci.shakopee.mn.us/outdoor_projects.cfm. The page has links to information about building inspections and permits, easement encroachments, tree and landscaping permits and placement guidelines, and fencing policies and permits. There are also contact phone numbers for the various City departments that oversee these areas.

Information also is available on the site about [Gopher State One Call](#) (800-252-1166 or 651-454-

0002), the free service that has utility companies mark their lines so you can dig safely.

Save some money and headaches by checking the site before starting your upcoming project.

Register Your Night to Unite Event Now

On Tuesday, Aug. 3 from 5-9 p.m., Shakopee will participate in the Minnesota Night to Unite celebration. This event replaces National Night Out. Although the name has changed, the purpose has not— to come outside, spend the evening with your neighbors and make the community safer.



Neighborhoods planning activities should register their event by downloading a registration form from the City's website (www.ci.shakopee.mn.us/pd_NighttoUnite.cfm) or by calling 952-233-9400. The completed form may be submitted via email to sweiers@ci.shakopee.mn.us, by fax to 952-233-3811 or by mail/in person to Shakopee Police Department, Attn: Crime Prevention Office, 475 Gorman Street, Shakopee, MN 55379. Registration is free. The registration deadline is July 16.

Only registered events will receive barricades for the street or visits from City Departments. Use the event to help others by collecting canned or nonperishable foods. The Police Department will pick up the donations and deliver them to the local food shelf.

Youth Curfew Reminder

During summer months, Shakopee residents enjoy many evening activities throughout the city. The Shakopee Police Department wants to make sure all residents are safe during nighttime hours, especially youth.

Parents should keep in mind Shakopee's curfew ordinance (10.28) while deciding on appropriate evening activities for their kids. Minors under the age of 18 are not allowed on city streets or in public places between the hours of 10:30 p.m. and 5 a.m., unless they are accompanied by a parent or guardian. The curfew hours are in effect every day of the week.

Help keep area youth safe this summer by following the curfew restrictions. Residents witnessing youth in violation of the curfew ordinance are encouraged to call the Police.

What's Happening around Town

Visit the following website for a list of upcoming activities at these City and County venues.

[Parks & Recreation Events](#)

[Shakopee Library Activities](#)

[Scott County Historical Society](#)

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