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June 17, 2010

## Walkable Community Workshop is June 22

The City of Shakopee and Carver-Scott Statewide Health Improvement Program (SHIP) invite residents to attend a free Walkable Community Workshop from 5-8 p.m. on Tuesday, June 22 at City Hall, 129 Holmes St S. The workshop will discuss successful pedestrian design, safety, education, enforcement and ways to encourage walking. Participants will see local examples of these concepts during a walking audit.

Workshop participants should wear comfortable shoes and clothing and be prepared to walk approximately one mile during the audit. To register for the workshop, call Jamie Polley at the City of Shakopee Parks, Recreation and Natural Resources Department at (952)233-9500.



The workshop is made possible through funding from SHIP. Learn more at [www.ci.shakopee.mn.us/pages/Communications/Press%20Releases/2010/walkableworkshop.pdf](http://www.ci.shakopee.mn.us/pages/Communications/Press%20Releases/2010/walkableworkshop.pdf).

## Summer Road Construction



As summer kicks off, so does road construction season. Several City and County road projects are planned for the summer. They include:

**CR 16** – Travelers who take CR 16 between CR 83 and CR18 will have to find a new route for the next month. The road will be closed from CR 21 to Pike Lake Road to install storm sewer crossings, electrical power crossings, reconstructions and paving. Visit the [Scott County's website](#) (click the Scott County 21 emblem) for details.

**CR 18** – The CR 18 reconstruction project will take place between County Highway 42 and one-quarter mile north of Preserve Trail. From June through October, various parts of the CR 18 will have lane shifts and for a two-week period in early August, CR 18 from Whispering Oaks Trail and North of Highway 42 will be closed. Updates on the project

are available on the [Scott County website](#) (click the Scott County 18 emblem).

**2010 Street Reconstruction Project** – On June 21, the 2010 Street Reconstruction Project work will begin for Shakopee Avenue (Main Street to Market Street), 7th Avenue (Market Street to East of Dakota Street), 8th Avenue (Market Street to East of Dakota Street), Minnesota Street (7th Avenue to Shakopee Avenue), and Dakota Street (7th Avenue to Shakopee Avenue). Construction will take place most of the season. Updates will be available on the [City's website](#).

**2010 Street Overlay Project** – Resurfacing work recently began on parts of Vierling Drive, 4th Avenue, Spencer Avenue, Roundhouse Circle and Sarazin Street. The work is expected to be completed within several weeks. Project updates will be available on the [City's website](#).

## Absentee Voting to be Available June 25

The Primary Election is Tuesday, Aug. 10. Absentee voting for the Primary Election will be available June 25 through Aug. 9. Absentee voting can be done either by mail or in person at Scott County Customer Service/Elections, 200 4th Avenue W, Room GC 102, in Shakopee. Scott County Elections will be open additional hours for absentee voting on Saturday, Aug. 7, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

There will be no absentee voting at Shakopee City Hall.

To learn more about absentee voting or the upcoming Primary Election, visit [www.ci.shakopee.mn.us/elections.cfm](http://www.ci.shakopee.mn.us/elections.cfm), [www.co.scott.mn.us/wps/portal/ShowPage?CSF=1364](http://www.co.scott.mn.us/wps/portal/ShowPage?CSF=1364), or [www.sos.state.mn.us](http://www.sos.state.mn.us).

## Stay Safe this July 4th

The Shakopee Fire Department reminds residents to celebrate the July 4th holiday safely. If you choose to purchase fireworks, remember that fireworks that explode or that are aerial are illegal in Minnesota. However, residents may purchase and set up sparklers, other sparkling items like fountains or ground spinners, and novelty items like snakes and glow worms.

If part of your holiday festivities include lighting fireworks, remember the following safety tips:

- Read and follow label directions.
- Make sure an adult is present and that water is readily available.
- Light fireworks outside only, and don't shoot off more than one at a time.
- Don't throw fireworks at another person and don't shoot them from a metal or glass container.



For more information on fireworks safety and fire prevention tips, visit [www.ci.shakopee.mn.us/fire\\_tips.cfm](http://www.ci.shakopee.mn.us/fire_tips.cfm).

## City Offices to Close for Holiday

Shakopee city offices and the City Hall will be closed **Monday, July 5** for Independence Day. Residents needing assistance from a City department should note the holiday and 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. The Community Center will be closed on July 4 but open regular hours on July 5. SandVenture Aquatic Park will be open regular hours (from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.) each day. Trash and recycling services will be delayed one day the remainder of the week.

## Got Graffiti? Remove it.



Shakopee City Code requires individuals whose property has been vandalized by graffiti to remove it within 10 calendar days of receiving notice from the City. After 10 days, the City will remove the graffiti, and the property owner will be responsible for reimbursing the City for its actual cost. Prior to City removal, the property owner may submit a written request for a hearing before the City Council to show cause why the graffiti should not be removed.

It has been found that the sooner graffiti is removed; the less chance there is of it recurring. The Police Department has been arresting and charging graffiti offenders with criminal damage to property. The department also is working on crime prevention through environmental design in areas that frequently see graffiti.

Citizens with any information to help stop graffiti should call the Police Tip Line at 952-233-9499 or 9-1-1. For more information about the ordinance or tips for removing graffiti, visit [www.ci.shakopee.mn.us/graffiti.cfm](http://www.ci.shakopee.mn.us/graffiti.cfm).

## Share Comments/Suggestions with the Police Department

The Shakopee Police Department is looking for citizen feedback to ensure it is meeting the community's needs in a responsive and professional way. Please take a few minutes to complete the [online survey](#) and let us know what you think of our services. The information obtained from the surveys will help us to identify and correct our shortcomings, recognize people who are excelling at their jobs, and better serve the community.

## What's Happening around Town

Visit the following websites 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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