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## Register Your Night to Unite Event by July 16

Registrations are still being accepted for the Second Annual Minnesota Night to Unite celebration on Tuesday, Aug. 3 from 5-9 p.m. Whether your neighborhood is planning a block party, cookout, kids' event or informal get together, register your event by July 16 to gain helpful support from the City of Shakopee.

Registration forms are available at [www.ci.shakopee.mn.us/pd\\_NighttoUnite.cfm](http://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](mailto:sweiers@ci.shakopee.mn.us), by fax to 952-233-3811 or by mail/in person to Shakopee Police Department, Attn: Crime Prevention Unit, 475 Gorman Street, Shakopee, MN 55379. Registration is free.



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

## Absentee Voting Under Way for Primary Election

Absentee voting for the Tuesday, Aug. 10 Primary Election is available until Aug. 9.

Absentee voting is permitted because of absence from the precinct, illness, disability, religious discipline, observance of a religious holiday, or service as an election judge in another precinct on Election Day.

Residents may vote absentee by mail or in person at [Scott County Customer Service/Elections](#) (200 4th Ave. W, Room GC 102). Scott County Elections will be open additional hours on Saturday, Aug. 7 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. for absentee voting. Please note, there will be no absentee voting at City Hall for this election.

## City Parking Lots/Trails to Close for Pavement Preservation Work

Weather permitting, pavement preservation work is planned for several City parking lots the last two weeks of July. The following lots will be closed for a full day at some point during that time:

- The lot at the northwest corner of Fuller and 2nd Avenue
- The lot at Holmes/Lewis south of 2nd Avenue
- The lot at Memorial Park
- The lot at Scenic Heights Park



Closure signage and barricades will be posted in advance of work. Please find alternate parking on construction days.

In late July and early August (dates to be determined), trail preservation work is planned for four miles of City trails. The trails will be seal coated and marked as closed with flags and streamers. Trail users should stay off the marked areas of the trails to avoid damaging their shoes, bikes, etc. and to ensure the seal coat adheres properly to the pavement.

For more information and updates on these projects, visit [www.ci.shakopee.mn.us/street\\_closings.cfm](http://www.ci.shakopee.mn.us/street_closings.cfm).

## Turfgrass Tips for Clean Water

Maintaining a healthy lawn is one step to improve the quality of our lakes, rivers and wetlands. Remember, what you put on your lawn may end up in local waterways. Keep these tips in mind:

- Apply the correct amount of fertilizer. Get a soil test done to know the amount of fertilizer needed for your lawn. Visit the [U of MN Soil Testing website](#) or call 612-625-3101 for more information on having a soil test performed.
- Follow the Law. It is illegal to apply phosphorus fertilizer to existing lawns. The middle number on your fertilizer bag should read **zero**. Find more information about the phosphorus lawn fertilizer law at [www.mda.state.mn.us/phoslaw](http://www.mda.state.mn.us/phoslaw).
- Throw grass clippings back onto your lawn when mowing. Avoid leaving clippings on the street or driveway. Grass clippings contain phosphorus, the plant nutrient that turns our lakes green with algae. Too much algae in our lakes and rivers reduces aquatic habitat.
- Keep your lawn at 3 inches tall. It will make your lawn healthier and stronger during the dry periods of summer. You'll also save money by reducing how often you need to water.
- Check out [www.BlueThumb.org](http://www.BlueThumb.org) for ideas. Find ways to create a rain garden, native garden or stabilize your stream bank or lakeshore.



For more information on lawn care practices for clean water, contact Dan Miller, Water Resource

Education Coordinator, at the Scott Clean Water Education Program at 952-492-5424 or [dmiller@co.scott.mn.us](mailto:dmiller@co.scott.mn.us).

The City of Shakopee also has a variety of helpful articles to help prevent storm water pollution at [www.ci.shakopee.mn.us/pollution\\_prevention.cfm](http://www.ci.shakopee.mn.us/pollution_prevention.cfm). Recently added articles include "Lake Algae: The Good, the Bad and the Ugly;" "Can You Eliminate Paved Surfaces;" "Keep the Clover;" "What are Riparian Buffers;" "Construction Run Off;" and "Wild Goose Chase."

## 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](#)
- The Scott County Art Crawl is Oct. 9. Artists interested in participating should register by July 20. Learn more at [www.savageartstudios.com/sac/savage\\_arts\\_council.htm](http://www.savageartstudios.com/sac/savage_arts_council.htm)

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