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April 22, 2010

Arbor Day Tree Sale is this Saturday



The City will have 50 trees available for purchase at the Arbor Day Tree Sale this Saturday, April 24, from 1-3 p.m. at the Public Works Building (400 Gorman Street). Species include Autumn Blaze Maple, Red Maple, Sugar Maple, American Linden, Honeylocust and Hackberry.

Shakopee residents (I.D. required) can purchase one tree per household (prices range from \$103.62 - \$131.44, cash or check only). Trees will be sold on a first-come-first-served basis on the day of the sale. These trees do not have warranties. Tree buyers

will be responsible for transporting the tree at the time of sale and planting it. The trees usually are 10 to 12 feet tall and weigh 100-120 pounds.

Don't forget, a Tree Planting Permit is required to plant a tree in a City easement or on City owned property. Call 952-233-9500 or visit

www.ci.shakopee.mn.us/nr_trees_woodlands.cfm for details. Also remember to dig safely by visiting www.gopherstateonecall.org or calling 651-454-0002 to have underground utilities marked.

Cinco de Mayo Festival and Soccer Tournament Scheduled

Join Shakopee Parks and Recreation and HiTAC (Hispanics Taking Action in the Community) for the first annual Cinco de Mayo Festival and Soccer Tournament on Saturday, May 8. The event will be held at the 17th Avenue Sports Complex and most activities will be free to the public.

The soccer tournament will be held from 9 a.m. to noon. There will be two age groups of players, ages 8 to 10 and ages 11 to 13. To play on a team, complete a [registration form](#) and submit it with the \$7 fee (per participant) to Shakopee Parks and Recreation by Monday, April 26. A [Spanish language registration form](#) also is available. Pre-registration is required to play in the tournament. Participants will receive a soccer jersey.



Following the soccer tournament, everyone is invited to take part in the celebration. There will be entertainment, face painting, a live DJ, food vendors and much more.

Two Youth Gardening Classes Available this Summer



Expose your child to the wonders of the natural world through a new gardening class being taught this summer by Master Gardeners, a program of the University Cooperative Extension network. Participants will be caring for new vegetable and perennial gardens at Holmes Park.

The Watch Me Grow Children's Garden program was developed for children ages 6 to 8 to gain knowledge, appreciation and enthusiasm for the natural world through games, stories and activities. There will be direct contact with nature as they explore the gardens, touch the soil and see the plants grow. Classes will be held Tuesdays, June 15 to Aug. 10, from 10 – 11 a.m., at Holmes Park and are \$30 for residents and \$35 for non-residents. [Register online](#) for program #YCG 12010 by June 1.

The Green Thumb – Jr. Master Gardeners program is for children ages 9 to 11. Participants will investigate plant growth and needs, the connection between people and plants, the role of insects, and more. They will also learn how to grow a garden with a lot of hands-on activities in a real garden. This class will be held Tuesdays, June 15 to Aug. 10, from 11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m., at Holmes Park. Fees are \$30 for residents and \$35 for non-residents. [Register online](#) for program # YCG 22010 by June 1.

Register soon. Space is limited for both classes.

Go for a Spin at the Wheelies Event

Bring your family, bikes and helmets and go for a spin at this year's Wheelies event on Saturday, May 22 from 9 a.m. to noon at Huber Park. This free event features:



- A bike ride to Chaska and back (The full ride is 10 miles. Participants may turn around whenever they would like.)
- Light refreshments and snacks
- Entertainment from the Twin Cities Unicycle Club Show Group
- Bike registration
- Bike maintenance
- An obstacle course
- A bike auction

ANSI certified helmets for all ages will also be sold for \$8 each at the event.

If you have a bike to donate for the auction, please bring it by from 8-8:30 a.m. the day of the event. Bikes must be in good condition and will be inspected before being accepted for auction. Auction proceeds will help buy bike helmets for Wheelies 2011.

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