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Tornado Drill Planned for Tonight

This week is Severe Weather Awareness Week. Throughout the week, the Minnesota Department of Public Safety's Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management highlights and helps to educate the public about the different weather-related threats in our area.

Additionally, statewide tornado drills are held. A drill will take place this evening (April 14) at 6:55 p.m. The daytime and evening drills provide opportunities for schools, businesses and individuals to practice what they should do during a tornado.



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

The Shakopee Police Department's website (www.ci.shakopee.mn.us/police.cfm) provides links to several emergency planning resources to help you prepare for the unexpected.

Spring Flooding Update

County Hwy 101 in Shakopee and Hwy 9 in Jordan remain closed due to flooding. Hwy 41 in Chaska has reopened. For the latest information on road closures, please visit the [Scott County Emergency Management Website](#) or www.511mn.org.

The Scott County Emergency Management website also provides links to other helpful information including daily situation reports, river forecasts, flood recovery information, the National Flood Insurance Program and more.

HWY 101 Reconstruction Project is Under Way

Scott County began the Hwy 101 Reconstruction Project earlier this week. Throughout the road construction season, different sections of



101 will be detoured to allow replacement of the current roadway, sidewalk, street lights, sanitary sewer, water main and storm sewer facilities between Marschall Road and Spencer Street.

The project has been divided into two segments to help keep traffic flowing as smoothly as possible. All work is expected to be completed by October 2011.

Stage one of the project includes Hwy 101 from Fillmore Street to Minnesota Street, from Naumkaeg Street to Marschall Road, and the intersection of Hwy 101 and Marschall Road. Traffic will be detoured to Bluff Avenue and 4th Avenue. Work on stage one is expected conclude at the end of June.

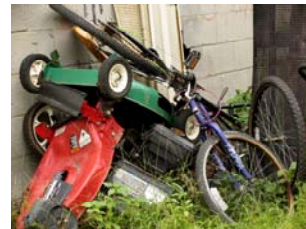
Stage two of the project begins mid-July and will include Hwy 101 from Minnesota Street to Naumkaeg Street. Traffic will be detoured to Bluff Avenue. Work is expected to conclude in late September.

For the latest schedule and project updates, please visit www.scottcounty101.com.

The reconstruction project also is affecting the route of the 496 W Circulator. Information about re-routing the Circulator is available at www.ci.shakopee.mn.us/pages/Transit/496W_REROUTE.pdf.

Clean Up Day and Arbor Day Tree Sale are April 30

The City of Shakopee's annual Clean Up Day and Arbor Day Tree Sale is Saturday, April 30 at the Public Works building (400 Gorman St.). I.D.s will be required to prove residency for both events. Any fees will need to be paid by cash or check only.



Clean Up Day: 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. Residents of Shakopee, Louisville Township and Jackson Township can drop off a vehicle load (pick-up size or smaller) of recyclable items (brush bundles, yard waste, tires (limits apply), electronics, scrap metal, and up to two major appliances) for \$25. Residents disposing of acceptable refuse that is not recyclable will be charged a flat fee based on the vehicle used for transport: \$25 per car, \$30 per trailer and \$30 per pick-up truck. Additional fees and limits may apply.

The following items will not be accepted: liquids, chemicals and oils; light bulbs; paints/paint cans; tree logs/stumps; landscape blocks; contractor material debris; hot tubs, bath tubs and whirlpools; and RV refrigerators.

Bridging, Inc. Donations: 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. Shakopee Rotary is accepting donations of used furniture and household items that are clean and in good condition, on the north side of the building. All donations are tax deductible (thrift market value). [Click here](#) for a list of items that are needed.

Arbor Day Tree Sale: 1 to 3 p.m. Shakopee residents (I.D. required) can buy one containerized tree per household at less than wholesale prices. A limited number of the following tree species will be available on the day of the sale: Northern Pin Oak (\$100), Princeton Elm (\$100), White Pine (\$60), Black Hills Spruce (\$80), and Spring Snow Crabapple (\$100). Trees will be sold on a first-come-first-served basis on the day of the sale. Buyers will be responsible for transporting the tree at the time of sale and planting it. Buyers are advised that many of the trees are 10 to 12 feet tall and can weigh up to 120 pounds. The City has discounted the wholesale price to encourage tree planting

throughout the city.

More information on the day's events, pricing, limits and more is available at www.ci.shakopee.mn.us/Clean_Up_Day.cfm.

Clean Up Day is funded in part through grants from Scott County and Shakopee's Recycling Rebate Program with Dick's Sanitation.

Information Available for Home Improvement Projects

If you have a home improvement project planned for the spring or summer, start the project right by making a quick visit to the City's Outdoor Project web page at www.ci.shakopee.mn.us/outdoor_projects.cfm.

Whether you're building a deck, installing a fence or retaining wall or even landscaping your yard, you'll find tips and information to help make sure the job is done according to City codes and ordinances.

On the site you'll find links to informational building handouts, resources like [Gopher State One Call](#) to mark your utilities, easement information to ensure your improvement won't have to be removed later, City contacts to help answer your questions and much more.

A few minutes of advanced planning can help save you headaches and money in the future.

Grilling Reminder

To help prevent accidental fires, residents who live in a building with three or more attached dwellings may not operate a barbecue grill, fire pit or other open flame device within 15 feet of the building or on any deck or balcony above ground level. Grills may be stored next to the building but cannot be stored on a deck or balcony above ground.



City ordinance 10.37 does allow exceptions for electric grills with a clearance of 30 inches from all combustibles and permanently mounted gas grills that are plumbed into the building's gas system and are at least 30 inches from all combustibles.

Replacement of existing mounted gas grills and new gas grill installation is not allowed on balconies above ground level.

Learn more at www.ci.shakopee.mn.us/citycode_ord.cfm.

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