



Hometown Messenger

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Spring 2008 UPCOMING

April 2008

April 1

Winter Parking Regulations End

April 26

7:30 - 11:30 a.m., Clean Up Day,
Shakopee Public Works
1-3 p.m., Arbor Day Tree Sale,
Shakopee Public Works

May 2008

May 17

8-11 a.m., Pet Fair, Lion's Park
9:30 a.m., MN 150th Family Bike Ride,
Memorial Park
Sunset, Movie in the Park, Huber Park

May 26

Memorial Day, City offices closed

June 2008

June 7

11 a.m. - 7 p.m., SandVenture Aquatic
Park Opens
Sunset, Movie in the Park, Huber Park

Mission Statement

The Mission of the City of Shakopee is to provide the opportunity to live, work and play in a community with a proud past, promising future, and small-town atmosphere within a metropolitan setting.

Clean Up Day is April 26

Residents of Shakopee, Louisville Township and Jackson Township will once again be able to drop off recyclable items and other refuse at the annual Clean Up Day on Saturday, April 26, from 7:30 - 11:30 a.m., behind the Shakopee Public Works building (400 Gorman St.). IDs will be checked to prove residency in one of the participating cities/townships.

The City will charge \$25 per vehicle (pick-up truck size or smaller) load of recyclable items. These items include: brush (cut in 6 ft. lengths and less than 3 ft. diameter), yard waste, tires (Four tire limit per vehicle. Additional tires are \$5 per tire off rim and \$6 per tire on the rim), electronics (microwave, stereo, regular TV), scrap metal, car batteries, and major appliances (Stove, refrigerator, freezer, dehumidifiers. Two appliance limit per vehicle.). Other refuse not listed may also be accepted. Call 952-233-9550 or 952-233-9391 TTY with questions.

Residents disposing of acceptable refuse other than what is described as recyclable will be charged a flat fee based on the type of vehicle used to transport the refuse. The fees will be \$25 per car, \$30 per trailer and \$30 per pick-up truck. An additional fee will be charged to dispose of these items: \$20 per mattress or box spring, \$25 per console TV or console stereo and \$10 per computer (monitor & CPU).

Several items will not be accepted at Clean Up Day. They include: liquids, chemicals and oils; light bulbs; paints and paint cans; tree logs or stumps; lumber; contractor building material debris; and water softeners.

During Clean Up Day, Shakopee Rotary also will be collecting donations of unwanted furniture and household items for Bridging, Inc. To make a donation, come directly to the north side of the Shakopee Public Works Building, 400 Gorman Street.

Bridging, Inc. serves people in need based on qualified referrals from Social Service agencies and churches in the seven-county metropolitan area. All donations are tax deductible (thrift market value). To qualify, donations should be in good condition, clean, undamaged and not worn beyond a respectable life. For more information or to schedule a pick-up, contact Capesius Agency at 952-445-1922.

Clean Up Day is funded in part through grants received from Scott County and Shakopee's Recycling Rebate Program with Dick's Sanitation. To learn more about this event, visit the City's website at www.ci.shakopee.mn.us.



City Plans Arbor Day Tree Sale

City residents planning to plant a tree this year are invited to stop by the Shakopee Arbor Day Tree Sale on Saturday, April 26 from 1-3 p.m. at the Public Works building (400 Gorman Street). Two-inch diameter balled and burlapped trees will be sold to Shakopee residents at cost plus tax. The price range for trees is \$116 - \$135. Please bring a driver's license for residency verification.

Ten of each of the following trees will be available at the sale: American Linden, Red Maple, Hackberry, Autumn Blaze Maple and Thornless Honeylocust. Trees will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis on the day of the sale. These trees do not have warranties. Additionally, the person purchasing the tree will be responsible for picking up the tree and planting it. These trees are approximately 12 to 14 feet tall and weigh between 250 and 300 pounds.

Residents who would like to plant a tree in a City easement or boulevard will need to submit a Tree Planting Permit Application and receive approval before planting the tree. There is no charge for this permit. Before digging a hole for the tree, visit www.gopherstateonecall.org and call 651-454-0002 to have underground utilities marked.



Bridge Closure Announced

This spring, Scott County will be replacing the CR 101 Bridge over the Mill Pond (located east of Marschall Road and west of Sarazin Street). The bridge will be closed to traffic from March through approximately late June. Then the bridge will open to one lane of traffic in each direction until the expected completion date in August. Detours will be posted to direct drivers to alternative routes. During the construction period, drivers will still have access to Memorial Park, Murphy's Landing and businesses off of Sarazin Street between CR 101 and Fourth Avenue. For more information, visit the Scott County website at www.co.scott.mn.us.



National Night Out

Spend an evening with your neighbors August 5, 2008

Visit with your neighbors and help your neighborhood become a safer place by participating in National Night Out. On Tuesday, Aug. 5, from 5 to 9 p.m., we invite you to turn on your porch light, come outside and spend the evening with neighbors. Many neighborhoods host special events, such as block parties, cook-outs, visits from the police and fire departments, and youth contests. Your event doesn't have to be large or elaborate. It can be as simple as having a conversation in your neighbor's yard. The important thing is to talk to your neighbors and plan to get together.

National Night Out has proven to be an effective, inexpensive and enjoyable program to promote neighborhood spirit and police/community partnerships in the fight for a safer community. Participation in the event often leads to friendships and great benefits for your neighborhood.

Participating neighborhoods are encouraged to register their National Night Out event. Visit www.ci.shakopee.mn.us/police.cfm or call the Shakopee Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit at 952-233-9457 for registration forms.

News & Notes

Prepare for Severe Weather

Severe Weather Awareness Week is April 21-25. Shakopee will participate in the statewide tornado drill on Thursday, April 24 at 1:55 p.m. and at 6:55 p.m.

Pet Owner Responsibilities

Regulations are in place to protect the well being of the public and animals. Visit www.ci.shakopee.mn.us/Pet_Regulations.cfm to learn about licensing requirements, habitual barking, cleaning up after pets, leashing, and dangerous dogs regulations.

City Officials' Salaries

Minnesota Statute 471.70 requires that "a city or county with a population of more than 15,000 must annually notify its residents of the positions and base salaries of its three highest-paid employees." For the City of Shakopee, titles and salaries are: City Administrator \$118,720, Finance Director \$102,480, Public Works Director \$102,480 and Community Development Director \$102,480.

Shakopee Transit UPDATE



www.ci.shakopee.mn.us

The Survey Says...

Thank you to the more than 250 BlueXpress bus riders who completed a survey on the BlueXpress bus service last fall. Information from the survey will help Shakopee, Prior Lake and Scott County transit officials in planning future routes and schedules, as well as finding ways to ensure the service meets riders' needs and expectations.

Following are highlights of the survey results:

- 83.48 percent of the respondents use the BlueXpress bus service four or five times a week, with the most popular morning routes being the 6:15/6:24 a.m. and 7:42 a.m. The most popular routes in the evening are the 4:20 p.m. and 5:09 p.m.
- Both driver safety and driver customer service received a high percentage (94.6 percent and 92.79 percent respectively) of excellent and good ratings from respondents.
- When asked about the Cost of Ride/Value, 51.35 percent rated it as excellent, 32.43 percent rated it as good, 9.01 percent rated it average, and .45 percent rated it as poor (the remainder did not respond).
- When asked how the BlueXpress services "Meets My Travel Needs," 43.69 percent rated it as excellent, 33.33 percent rated it as good, 14.86 percent rated it as average, 3.6 percent rated it as below average and .45 percent rated it as poor (the remainder did not respond).

Planning Begins on Eagle Creek Park and Ride



Preliminary plans are in the works for another BlueXpress bus park and ride facility. The Eagle Creek Park and Ride is anticipated to be located at the intersection of future CR 21 and CR 16. It will sit on approximately 16 acres and house at least 545 parking stalls. Site acquisition and design details are still being determined; however, construction on the site is slated to begin in 2009. Watch for more information.

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Minnesota 150th Family Bike Ride

Bring your family and your bikes to Memorial Park on Saturday, May 17 at 9:30 a.m. for a ride to Chaska and back on the Minnesota River Trail. This is a free event and no pre-registration is required. Additional free events celebrating Minnesota's 150th birthday will be held at Murphy's Landing following the bike ride. Learn more at www.ci.shakopee.mn.us/parks_events.cfm.

Don't Forget the Permit

Whether you are adding on to your home, building a deck or installing a fence, don't forget the City permit. For information on construction requirements and easement restrictions, visit www.ci.shakopee.mn.us/bldg_handouts.cfm. Permit application information is available at www.ci.shakopee.mn.us/bldg_permits.cfm or by calling 952-233-9300.

Important News



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The Shakopee Board of Appeal and Equalization will meet in the Council Chambers at City Hall (129 S. Holmes Street) at 7 p.m., Tuesday, May 13 to review and correct 2008 city assessments. Property owners in Shakopee who do not agree with their property valuation or classification may appeal it at the meeting. All persons wishing to appeal a valuation/classification will need to show cause for having the valuation corrected. Residents with questions about their valuation are encouraged to contact the Scott County appraiser at 952-496-8772 prior to the meeting.

Taxes levied on a property are based on its valuation. Although the board cannot change the tax rate, it can help to assure an accurate valuation.

Postal Customer

Message from the Mayor

City Offers New Communication Vehicles to Keep You Informed

by Mayor John J. Schmitt



Mayor John J. Schmitt

Regardless of where you live in Shakopee, the actions of the City Council, the various City boards and commissions and the City departments can have a direct impact on your business, life and property.

The City will be implementing several new communication initiatives this year to help the community stay informed. This newsletter is the first. In the past, City news was included in the Parks and Recreation brochure. Now we're bringing the news directly to you in the *Hometown Messenger*, which will be mailed four times a year.

As the year progresses, you'll also have the opportunity to learn more about City happenings via an e-news subscription service on the City's website (www.ci.shakopee.mn.us) and a City news program on Government Access Cable Channel 16. These vehicles will supplement information already on the City's website, which includes departmental services, an online document library containing the City Code and City Council agenda packets and the Video on Demand service that allows you to watch City meetings at your convenience online. Additionally, Cable Channel 16 will continue to broadcast City meetings and the Community Bulletin Board.

The City Council and I encourage you to use the communication vehicle(s) that best meets your needs so you can be an active and informed participant in your City government.