



Hometown Messenger

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Summer 2010 UPCOMING

June 2010

- 5 **Sunset**, Movie in the Park
- 6 **11 a.m.**, SandVenture Aquatic Park opens

July 2010

- 1 **10 a.m.**, Happy Birthday America Parade
- 4-5 **Independence Day**, Community Center closed 7/4 and open 7/5; City Offices Closed 7/5
- 10 **Sunset**, Movie in the Park

August 2010

- 3 **5-9 p.m.** Night to Unite
- 4-8 **Derby Days Events** – Movie in the Park, Summer Carnival, Skate Races, SandVenture Splashtacular and more.
- 22 **4 p.m. to close**, Goldfish Hunt/Pool Closing Party
- 28 **Sunset**, Movie in the 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.

Keep Your Family and Property Safe this Summer

There's nothing like the warm air of summer to bring Minnesotans out of hibernation. Windows open, garage doors go up and kids stay out for hours with friends. Unfortunately, the warmer weather sometimes leads to illegal activities. The Shakopee Police Department has some information and tips to help keep your family and property safe this summer.

Safeguard Your Home and Vehicle

- Most auto break-ins and theft can be prevented just by making the vehicle harder to steal—never leave the vehicle running while unattended, etch the vehicle identification number on the window, and park with the tires turned toward the curb. Cars are less appealing to thieves when they are parked in a secure, well-lit area or garage; the doors and windows are closed and locked; valuables are not in sight; and they have a visible or audible alarm.
- Make your home uninviting to thieves by locking doors and windows when you're gone or when you're outside and cannot watch the entrances; turning on outside lights at night; keeping the garage door closed even while working in the yard; and bringing in sporting equipment, toys, tools and yard maintenance items at night.
- Organize a Neighborhood Watch Program and call the police when you see or hear something suspicious.



Remember the Youth Curfew

Parents should keep in mind Shakopee's curfew ordinance (10.28) while deciding on appropriate evening activities for their kids. Minors under the age of 18 are not allowed on city streets or in public places between the hours of 10:30 p.m. and 5 a.m., unless they are accompanied by a parent or guardian. The curfew hours are in effect every day of the week. Residents witnessing youth in violation of the curfew ordinance are encouraged to call the police.

Don't be a Social Host

Last fall, the Shakopee City Council passed a social host ordinance (10.81) to help prevent underage drinking in private residences. A resident will be held criminally responsible for hosting an event where it is known that underage consumption of alcohol will occur (i.e., allowing a child to hold a party where underage friends will be drinking alcoholic beverages). The person is also criminally responsible if he/she observes or is alerted to underage drinking taking place at an event in the residence and doesn't take reasonable steps to further prevent it.

To learn more about these and other crime prevention tips, please visit www.ci.shakopee.mn.us/police.cfm.

SUMMER ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

As you drive around town this summer, watch for road construction and lane closures. The City is planning two street projects that will affect drivers.

Street Reconstruction:

- 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
- Dakota Street – 7th Avenue to Shakopee Avenue

The project, which will last most of the construction season, will include reconstructing the driving surfaces, extending the sidewalk on Dakota Street and making improvements to the water main, sanitary sewers and storm sewers.

Street Overlay:

Several streets will be resurfaced this summer, including parts of Vierling Drive, 4th Avenue, Spencer Street, Roundhouse Circle and Sarazin Street. Resurfacing a street helps to extend its life, provides a smoother driving surface and reduces annual maintenance needs. This work is expected to be completed over several weeks.

Follow the status of these projects at www.ci.shakopee.mn.us/street_closings.cfm.



Summer Shuttle Service Starts June 7

The Shakopee Summer Shuttle is back to transport riders between local shopping centers and area attractions from June 7 through Sept. 3.

The shuttle operates Monday through Friday from 7:25 a.m. until 10:50 a.m. and from 12:15 p.m. until 4:40 p.m. It stops at Valleyfair Commons, Valleyfair, Southbridge Crossings Transit Station (twice per day), Wal-Mart, Canterbury Park, Kohl's and Target. The fare is \$1 each way. (Drivers do not carry change. Fare should be paid with exact change or a fare punch card.) Shuttle service will not be available on Monday, July 5.

Shuttle Hours

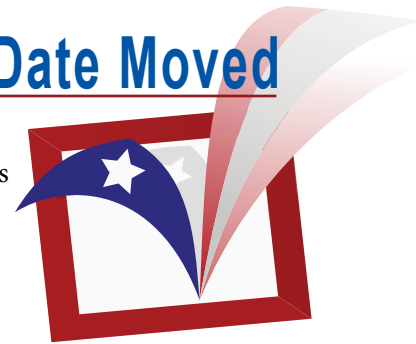
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Connections can be made to other locations in Shakopee via Circulator Route 496 at Kohl's and Target. Free transfers are available. Connections from downtown Minneapolis to Valleyfair are available at Southbridge Crossings Transit Station on the BlueXpress Bus Route 490 once in the morning and once in the evening.

Schedules and additional information on the Summer Shuttle and other transit options are available at www.ci.shakopee.mn.us/transit.cfm or by calling 952-496-8341.

State Primary Election Date Moved

The state primary election date has been moved from September to Tuesday, Aug. 10. Polling places will be open from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. that day. To locate your polling place, contact City Hall at 952-233-9300 or visit the Secretary of State's website at www.sos.state.mn.us (Click "Elections & Voting").



Absentee voting will begin June 25 for those individuals who will be unable to vote on Election Day. For more information on voting absentee, visit www.ci.shakopee.mn.us/elections.cfm.

News & Notes

Reporting Ordinance Violations

If you have concerns, questions or complaints about City ordinance violations, please call the Shakopee Police Department at 952-233-9400 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Eco-Friendly Yard Tips

As you head out with shovel and rake in hand, remember that how we care for our yard affects the health of our lakes, rivers and wetlands. Eco-friendly yard tips are available at www.ci.shakopee.mn.us/pollution_prevention.cfm.

Summer Activities Abound in Shakopee

From swimming, to camps, to free concerts in the park, Shakopee offers plenty of activities to keep your family busy all summer long.

Make a Splash at SandVenture Aquatic Park



SandVenture Aquatic Park (1101 Adams Street) is modeled after area lakes with a sand beach surrounding a sand bottom pool. It offers a 300-foot water slide, two 12-foot drop slides and a diving board.

Weather permitting, SandVenture will be open daily June 6 through Aug. 22, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. (Aug. 8 hours – 3:30 – 7 p.m.). Daily admission ranges from \$5-7 depending on height and/or age. Children under one year of age are admitted free. Season passes also are available.

Throughout the summer, SandVenture holds special events like Teen Nights, Family Day, the Summer Splash Bash, Half Way Half Pay Day and the Derby Days Splashtacular. On the last day of the season, there will be a Goldfish Hunt where visitors can catch a goldfish in the pool to take home.

Learn more about SandVenture Aquatic Park at www.ci.shakopee.mn.us/aquaticpark.cfm.

Free Music and Movies at Huber Park

Bring your blanket or lawn chair and come enjoy live music and movies with the Minnesota River as a backdrop at the Huber Park Performance Series. Performances are planned at Huber Park (150 Fillmore Street N) each week from June 3 through Sept. 16.



A variety of artists and films are scheduled for the summer with offerings for all ages. Most performances begin at 6:30 or 7 p.m. and last 45-60 minutes. A complete schedule of performances is available at www.ci.shakopee.mn.us/parks_events.cfm.

Park Shelter Rentals, Camps, Sports Leagues and More

Whether you're looking to rent a park shelter, join one of the many adult or youth sports leagues or enroll your kids in the upcoming Park Exploration Camp, look no further than Shakopee's Park, Recreation and Natural Resources Department. See all that the department has to offer this summer by visiting www.ci.shakopee.mn.us/parks_rec.cfm or calling 952-233-9500.

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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 dog regulations.

Planning an Outdoor Project

Whether you're planning an outdoor construction project, fence installation or repair or new landscaping, visit www.ci.shakopee.mn.us/outdoor_projects.cfm. You'll find information on building permits, inspections, easements, tree and landscaping permits and much more. Don't forget to contact Gopher State One Call (651-454-0002) to have underground



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Important News



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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 level.

The 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.

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Message from the Mayor

Minnesota's Night to Unite is Aug. 3

by Mayor John J. Schmitt

One of the events that I enjoy most is visiting with residents on Minnesota Night to Unite. It's a great opportunity to see neighbors building relationships with each other, as well as with the Shakopee Police, Fire and Public Works Departments. This year, Night to Unite is Tuesday, Aug. 3 from 5-9 p.m. Night to Unite is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; generate support and participation in local anti-crime efforts; strengthen partnerships between residents and the police; and let criminals know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting against crime. The stronger we make our community, the safer it will be.



Mayor John J. Schmitt

Neighborhoods are invited to participate in this annual event. Your local celebration can be as elaborate as a block party, cookout, or contests or as low key as meeting and talking with neighbors across the fence line. The important thing is to come out, visit with your neighbors and make your neighborhood safer.

By registering your Night to Unite event with the Shakopee Police Department, you may request visits from police officers, fire-fighters, Public Works staff or elected officials. Additionally, you will have access to barricades to block off the street and promotional materials (while they last). Event registration is free.

Registration forms and other Night to Unite information are available at www.ci.shakopee.mn.us/pd_NighttoUnite.cfm or by calling 952-233-9400. The event registration deadline is July 16.