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Summer 2011 UPCOMING

June 2011

- 4 **Sunset**, Movie in the Park
- 5 **11 a.m.**, SandVenture Aquatic Park Opens
- 9 **5 - 7 p.m.**, Wheelies Expo and Family Bike Ride, Huber Park
- 30 **10:30 a.m.**, Happy Birthday Parade, Lions Park (10 a.m. line up)

July 2011

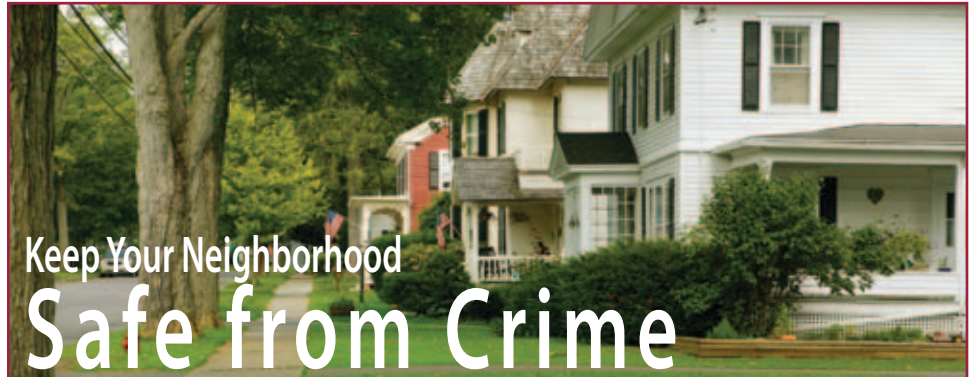
- 4 **Independence Day**, City Offices and Community Center closed; SandVenture opens at 11 a.m.
- 9 **12 - 4 p.m.**, Summer Splash Bash, SandVenture
- 9 **Sunset**, Movie in the Park

August 2011

- 2 **5 - 9 p.m.**, Night to Unite
- 3-7 **Derby Days Events** - Movie in the Park, Summer Carnival, SandVenture Splashtacular, Senior Olympics and more
- 21 **4 p.m. to close**, Goldfish Hunt/Pool Closing Party
- 27 **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.



As the temperatures rise, calls to the Police Department also increase. Car thefts or break-ins, items stolen from open garages and underage drinking are just some of the regular problems heard during the summer months. There are ways to combat crime, and they are really quite simple—be informed, alert and know your neighbors.

Safeguard Your Home and Vehicle

Most auto break-ins and theft can be prevented 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 an alarm.

Make your home uninviting to thieves by locking doors and windows when you're gone or outside and cannot watch the entrances; turning on outside lights at night; and keeping the garage door closed even while working in the yard. Don't forget to bring in sporting equipment, toys, tools and other valuables at night.

Watch the Kids

Shakopee has a social host ordinance 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. 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 stop it.

Night to Unite



Minnesota Night to Unite is Tuesday, Aug. 2. Between 5 and 9 p.m., lock your doors, turn on your outside lights and get together with your neighbors. Many neighborhoods host special events like block parties, cookouts, youth activities and visits from the Police, Fire and other City departments. Whether your event is big or small, the important thing is to get to know your neighbors.

Register your Night to Unite event with the Police Department by July 15 (it's free), and you will have access to barricades to block off the street, visits from City departments and more. The registration form and other event information are available at www.ci.shakopee.mn.us/pd_NighttoUnite.cfm or by calling 952-233-9462.

Filing for Mayor and City Council Positions

The City will have three elected official positions on the Nov. 8 ballot this fall. They are mayor (two-year term from Jan. 1, 2012 to Dec. 31, 2013) and two City Council seats (four-year terms from Jan. 1, 2012 to Dec. 31, 2015). Residents may file to run for these positions between Aug. 9 and Aug. 23 at Shakopee City Hall (129 S. Holmes St.), 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The filing fee is \$5. For more information, call 952-233-9315.

Required Qualifications:

1. A citizen of the United States.
2. A Shakopee resident for 30 days immediately before the election.
3. Must be at least 21 years old when assuming office.

Watch Out for Those Cones

Several projects are taking place throughout the city this summer—road construction, trail and parking lot maintenance and building construction. Please remember to use caution in construction zones to prevent harm to workers, your vehicle and yourself.

When you spot cones or barrels in the road, on trails or in parking lots, don't ignore them. They could be providing a barrier for workers or keeping pedestrians or vehicles from entering areas with wet paint or blacktop.

Construction zones are dangerous places. Be sure you and your children don't walk through or play in building construction zones. Even when work is not taking place, there could be open holes, unstable ground and debris at the site that could injure visitors.

Get Ready for Summer Fun!

SandVenture Aquatic Park Opens June 5



Pull out your swimsuit! SandVenture Aquatic Park opens for the season at 11 a.m. on Sunday, June 5. This unique water park features a sand bottom, chlorinated pool that is surrounded by a sand beach and play area. There are three slides (a 300 foot waterslide and two, 12 foot drop slides) and a diving board.

SandVenture will be open from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. from June 5 through Aug. 20, with special hours on June 13, July 4 and 11 and Aug. 7, 8 and 21. Daily admission ranges from \$5 - \$7 depending on height or age (children 2 and younger - FREE). There is a \$2 discount after 5 p.m. Aquatic Punch Cards and Season Passes also are available to help you save money. (Shakopee Community Center members with a Family membership receive 25 percent off Season Passes.)

Throughout the summer, SandVenture has several special events planned—Family Day on June 19; the Summer Splash Bash on July 9; Half Way Half Pay on July 13; the Derby Days Splashtacular on Aug. 7; and the Goldfish Hunt on Aug. 21. Teen Nights, Splish and Splash Tot Times and Snorkeling Lessons are also offered.

SandVenture may close for the day or open late due to cold or rainy weather. It also may close if the total number of swimmers is fewer than 15 at 5 p.m. Please call the Aquatic Park Information Line at 952-233-3840 for daily updates.

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

Free Movies and Performances at Huber Park

Pack up your blankets or lawn chairs and bring the entire family to Huber Park (150 Fillmore St. N) for free, live performances and movies. Performances are planned each week from June through mid-September.

Most performances begin at 7 p.m. and last 45-60 minutes. A complete schedule is available at www.ci.shakopee.mn.us/parks_events.cfm.

Free movies also are planned at sunset on June 4, July 9, Aug. 3 and Aug. 27. Movie titles will be announced on the City's website (www.ci.shakopee.mn.us) two weeks in advance.

If bad weather is threatening, check the Weather Hotline at 952-233-9502 for cancellations. In the event of rain, movies will be moved to the Shakopee Community Center.

News & Notes

Outdoor Projects

Before starting projects like adding landscaping, a fence, a retaining wall or deck, be sure to visit to the City's Outdoor Project web page at www.ci.shakopee.mn.us/outdoor_projects.cfm. The site has links to building handouts, contacts and easement information.

Curfew Reminder

Children younger than 18 are not allowed on city streets or in public places between 10:30 p.m. and 5 a.m., unless they are accompanied by a parent or guardian. The curfew is in effect every day of the week. Please call the police if you witness youth in violation of the curfew.

Park Development Update

After months of meetings with residents in the Riverside Fields/Bluffs and Greenfield East/Park Meadows neighborhoods on new park development, the City finalized plans for both parks in May.

Construction on the Greenfield East/Park Meadows Park will begin this year. Park bids will be accepted until June 1, and if they are favorable, the City Council is expected to award the contract on June 7 with construction starting immediately following. Weather permitting, the park is expected to be completed by October 2011; however, the turf establishment for the playing fields will take place in 2012 making the fields usable in 2013.

The playground will be installed in the Riverside Fields/Bluffs Park this summer. Phase 2 construction is planned for 2012 upon the City Council's authorization.

To follow the progress of either park, please visit www.ci.shakopee.mn.us/park_development.cfm and select either "Greenfield East/Park Meadows Community Park" or "Riverside Fields and Riverside Bluffs Neighborhood Park."



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Pet Regulations Reminders



The City has several pet regulations in place to protect the well-being of the public and the animals.

Dogs and cats are not permitted to run free within the city. They must be on the premises of the owner or on a leash and under a dependable person's control. The pet's owner is responsible for removing and disposing of feces left by the animal on public or private property, including yards and boulevards.

Additionally, dogs and cats are prohibited from habitually barking or crying, chasing vehicles or individuals, or annoying another person who is not on the property of the pet's owner.

All dogs age 6 months or older must be licensed. Licenses are good for two years. License applications are available on the City's website or at Shakopee City Hall, 129 S. Holmes Street. All license applications must be accompanied by proof of rabies vaccination from a licensed veterinary clinic and a check for the required fee. For more information, please call 952-233-9300.

4 Paws Animal Control provides animal control services for Shakopee. If you see a stray animal, please contact them at 952-894-9065.

More information is available at www.ci.shakopee.mn.us/Pet_Regulations.cfm.

Summer Shuttle

The Shakopee Summer Shuttle will be operational from June 6 to Sept. 2. It runs Monday through Friday from 7:25 to 10:50 a.m. and 12:15 to 4:40 p.m. with stops at local attractions and shopping centers. The fee is \$1 each way. Learn more at www.ci.shakopee.mn.us/transit.cfm.

Police Department Recognized

Congratulations to the Shakopee Police Department on two recent recognitions: the Mothers Against Drunk Driving "Outstanding Law Enforcement Department" award and a \$3,000 federal grant from the Public Safety Office of Traffic Safety for its 2010 traffic safety programs and enforcement.

Merchants Open During Hwy 101 Reconstruction



Scott County is about a month away from finishing Stage 1 of the Hwy 101 Reconstruction Project. Stage 2 is expected to be completed in October 2011. The new roadway will bring a smoother ride, as well as new sidewalks and street lighting to the area.

Please remember, throughout the construction season, Shakopee's businesses and restaurants located along the Hwy 101 corridor remain open and ready for customers. Detours are posted to help travelers access the businesses.

For more information about the project, including detours, the construction schedule and contacts, visit www.scottcounty101.com.



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Message from the Mayor

Explore Shakopee for Summer Fun

by Mayor John J. Schmitt

With the end of school, it's time to enjoy all the fun that summer has to offer—area attractions, organized sports, local parks and trails, the aquatic park, live performances, fairs, festivals and so much more. We are lucky to have so many entertainment options right here in Shakopee.

Shakopee Parks and Recreation offers something for everyone. The extensive park and trail system allows one to take in all of nature's beauty. Both adults and children can develop their athletic skills on one of the many sports teams available. SandVenture Aquatic Park is the perfect spot to cool off on a hot day with a leisurely dip or a big splash from the slide. Let's not forget the many special activities planned throughout the summer like the free live performances and movies at Huber Park, the Happy Birthday America Parade, and Derby Days events (Aug. 3-7) such as the Summer Carnival, Ice Arena Open House, Senior Olympics and more.

Area attractions are also ready for summer. Valleyfair has opened Planet Snoopy with six new and seven re-themed rides. The Landing will have themed historical events and camps featuring Tom Sawyer, Laura Ingalls Wilder, cowboys and more. Canterbury Park's thoroughbred racing is now running Thursday to Sunday. There's also summer baseball featuring the Shakopee Indians and Coyotes at Schleper Stadium, bi-weekly Classic Car shows downtown on Friday nights, and stock car racing at Raceway Park each weekend.

So enjoy all the fun that Shakopee has to offer and have a great summer.



Mayor John J. Schmitt