



Hometown Messenger

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Spring 2009
UPCOMING

April 2009

April 1

Winter Parking Regulations End

April 13

6 - 8 p.m., Shakopee Showcase,
Canterbury Park

April 25

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

May 2009

May 12

7 p.m., Board of Review Meeting, City Hall

May 16

9 a.m. - noon, Wheelies Expo and
Family Bike Ride, Huber Park
Sunset, Movie in the Park, Huber Park

May 23

Deck Building Seminar, details will be available
at www.ci.shakopee.mn.us and Government Access
Cable Channel 16

May 25

Memorial Day, City Offices/Community
Center Closed

Police Chief Hughes to Retire this Spring

What started as an interest in a college Criminal Justice course grew into a 35-year career in Public Safety for Shakopee Police Chief Dan Hughes. After 11 years of leading Shakopee's Police Department, Chief Hughes will retire this spring.



In 1974, Chief Hughes began his career as a Community Service Officer/Fire Dispatcher/Firefighter in Burnsville's Public Safety Department, which included both Police and Fire. He worked his way up and left the department as a Police Captain.

Chief Hughes joined Shakopee's Police Department in 1998--two years after the Bloomington Ferry Bridge opened. Since then, he has been working with community members, businesses and leaders to build a department that could meet the needs of this fast growing city. As the city's population doubled, he watched the department grow from 23 to 47 sworn officers and from 4 to 9 civilian staff.

Having experienced massive growth and the changes it brings during his 24 years with Burnsville, Chief Hughes was ready for the challenge. He used that experience and built upon the Community Oriented Policing groundwork laid by his predecessor to transform a reactive approach to law enforcement into one where officers and the community partner to identify and solve issues before they become major problems.

Chief Hughes credits Community Oriented Policing for the success of many of the department's programs. For example, by assigning sergeants and officers to a specific geographic area, there is more continuity and opportunity for residents to recognize the officers in their neighborhood. It also helps build relationships and trust between officers and residents.

A similar approach is used in Shakopee's schools where a School Resource Officer is assigned to a school to work with its students, staff and administration. "We were at the forefront in our partnership with schools, and this relationship has grown by leaps and bounds," said Chief Hughes. "We reached out to each other on staffing, working relationships, training, policies and student safety. We're not afraid to think outside of the box."

Community Oriented Policing also led to the creation of the Police Services Master Planning Task Force in 2008. After meeting with community members to see what services they wanted and expected from the Police Department, the Task Force developed a strategic plan for police services.

While pleased with the department's accomplishments, Chief Hughes is most proud of the men and women he's brought to Shakopee's Police Department (He hired 76 percent of the sworn officers). "They are top notch people," he said. "We have a better educated and diverse workforce. We have better training, equipment, facilities and procedures, which in turn helps us provide better service to our customers."

Chief Hughes will lead the department until his replacement is named and starts. During retirement, he looks forward to spending more time with his wife, children and grandchildren at the family lake home.

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.

Arbor Day Tree Sale April 25th

Following the Clean Up Day collection on Saturday, April 25, the City will hold an Arbor Day Tree Sale at the Public Works building. From 1 - 3 p.m., Shakopee residents (I.D. required) can buy 1 - 1½ -inch diameter containerized trees. The 2009 Arbor Day Sale trees are being sold at a reduced rate (\$65 or \$75) thanks to Scott County. The County is supplementing the cost of the trees as part of the tree replacement obligation for the CSAH 21 project.

A limited number of the following types of trees will be available at the sale: Sugar Maple, 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.

Anyone purchasing a tree will be responsible for picking up the tree, transporting it and planting it. Trees are approximately 10 to 12 feet tall and weigh between 100 and 120 pounds.

Don't forget, residents must apply for a Tree Planting Permit and be approved before planting a tree in a city easement or boulevard. There is no charge for the permit. For more information call 952-233-9500.

Dig safely. Remember to visit www.gopherstateonecall.org or call 651-454-0002 to have underground utilities marked before digging a hole for the tree.

It's Time for Spring Cleaning

Clean out your basement and garage and bring your recyclable items and other refuse to the City of Shakopee's annual Clean Up Day event on Saturday, April 25. Residents of Shakopee, Louisville Township and Jackson Township (I.D. required) may drop off their items from 7:30 - 11:30 a.m., behind the Shakopee Public Works building (400 Gorman Street).



The fee is \$25 per vehicle load (pick-up truck size or smaller) of recyclable items. Some of these items include: brush bundles, yard waste, tires (limit 4), electronics (microwave, stereo, TV), scrap metal (BBQ grills -- tanks and briquettes removed), car batteries, and up to two major appliances (stove, refrigerator, water heaters).

Clean-Up Day
Saturday, April 25
7:30 - 11:30 a.m.

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 will be charged for mattresses or box springs (\$20 each), console TVs or stereos (\$25), and computers and monitors (\$10).

Items that will not be accepted include: liquids, chemicals and oils, light bulbs, paints and paint cans, tree logs or stumps, lumber, contractor building materials, and water softeners.

More information is available at www.ci.shakopee.mn.us/Clean_Up_Day.cfm or by calling 952-233-9550 or 952-233-9391 TTY.

During Clean Up Day, Shakopee Rotary will be collecting unwanted furniture and household items for Bridging, Inc. Bridging, Inc. serves people in need based on qualified referrals from social service agencies and churches in the metropolitan area. All donations are tax deductible (thrift market value) and should be in good condition, clean and not used beyond a respectable life. To make a donation, come directly to the north side of the Shakopee Public Works Building. 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 from Scott County and Shakopee's Recycling Rebate Program with Dick's Sanitation.

News & Notes

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 the three highest-paid employees." For the City of Shakopee, titles and salaries are: City Administrator \$121,094, Police Chief \$108,849, and the Finance Director, Public Works Director and Community Development Director who all earn \$104,529.

City and Trail Map Available

A combined map of city streets, existing parks, trails and attractions is now available to the public at City Hall, the Community Center and the Chamber of Commerce. There is no charge for the map. The map may also be downloaded at www.ci.shakopee.mn.us/pages/Parks/City-TrailMap08.pdf.

Share Your Transit Ideas



The cities of Shakopee and Prior Lake and Scott County will be conducting an online survey of residents to examine transit usage and ideas for improvement. All residents are encouraged to take the survey, whether or not they use transit services. The information obtained by the survey will help the cities and the county determine future transit options and routes.

To take the survey, visit the City's website at www.ci.shakopee.mn.us and click the link that says "Shakopee Transit Survey." If you do not have Internet access, please call 952-233-9300 for a hard copy. The online survey will be open until April 30.



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What Police Number Do I Call?



Citizens can reach the Police Department through numerous phone numbers, but which number should be called when? The following list outlines the numbers and what the general use is for each.

9-1-1, Emergency: Call this number when a police officer is needed at the scene, when medical assistance is needed, to report a fire, to report a crime in progress and to report suspicious criminal activity. This phone number is answered 24 hours a day.

Dispatch, Non Emergency (952-445-1411): Some situations require police assistance, but they are not emergencies. Examples include reporting abandoned vehicles, crimes that are not in progress and thefts. This phone number is answered 24 hours a day.

Administration (952-233-9400): Call the general Police Department line to contact a police officer or detective, to request accident or police reports, for crime prevention information or for general information about Police Department services. This phone number is answered from 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

For more information about the Shakopee Police Department, visit www.ci.shakopee.mn.us/police.cfm.

"Move Over" Law Reminder

The "move over" law (Ted Foss Law) requires drivers to reduce their speed and, if possible, leave a lane of traffic vacant as they pass the location of an emergency vehicle(s) (e.g., tow trucks, police cars, fire trucks and ambulances) and road repair equipment. The law was created after Minnesota State Trooper Ted Foss was hit and killed during a traffic stop.

Board Of Review Meeting

The Shakopee Board of Appeal and Equalization will meet at City Hall (129 S. Holmes Street) at 7 p.m., May 12 to review and correct 2009 city assessments. Shakopee property owners who disagree with their property valuation or classification may appeal it at the meeting. Residents with questions about their valuations are encouraged to contact the Scott County appraiser at 952-496-8772 before the meeting.

Important News



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The City of Shakopee, like many other cities, is struggling with how to provide valuable public services during these difficult economic times. Many tough decisions were made to arrive at a balanced budget for 2009. Reduced state funding, and more specifically, decreasing property values are expected to make 2010 budget planning even more challenging. City officials will be closely analyzing resources, services and costs to determine what level of services the City of Shakopee can continue to provide.

To keep residents updated on the current budget situation as well as planning for 2010, the "Budget Corner" has been added to the City's website (www.ci.shakopee.mn.us). The goal is to provide information and resources about the City's financial situation and allow residents to share ideas and suggestions. Your feedback is also welcome at 952-233-9300.

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Message from the Mayor

Community Center Installs Brighter, Energy-Efficient Lighting

by Mayor John J. Schmitt

You might have noticed that the Community Center has brighter lighting in the gym, fitness area and Ice Arena. A new energy-efficient lighting system installed last December is part of a City-wide Green Initiatives program.

Energy-efficient materials and equipment are considered when buildings or equipment are in need of repairs or replacement, especially when they can pay for themselves in energy savings. An energy audit of the Community Center performed last year identified interior lighting as one Green Initiative opportunity.

City staff knew that the lighting was inefficient. It took up to 15 minutes to "warm up" and fully light a room; the bulbs grew dimmer and discolored as they got older. The energy audit confirmed the inefficiencies, and staff researched alternative lighting systems to find one that would deliver brighter lighting instantly and use bulbs with a longer lifespan. The newly installed lighting met those requirements and will pay for itself in energy savings within one-and-a-half to two years.

Patrons should also be happy with the new lighting since it is better for sports play, reduces eye strain and helps the environment. In fact, many visitors have asked about the lights so they can identify ways to save energy in their homes and businesses.

Who knew going green would have so many benefits?

Note - The Community Center has undergone many enhancements recently, including a remodeling of its front desk area and the addition of a meeting room for community use. The City's Public Works Department employees made the improvements.



Mayor John J. Schmitt