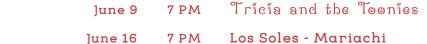


HUBER PARK 2016 PERFORMANCE & EVENT SERIES

Performance Events THURSDAYS Movie Events SATURDAYS





5-7 PM

7 PM

Movie in the Park * lune 18 Sunset

June 23 7 PM Minnesota Valley Community Band

Wheelies Family Bike Event

Eden Prairie Community Band June 30 7 PM

JULY

JUNE

lune 2

June 2

'Absolutely Elvis' July 7 7 PM

July 14 7 PM Vinnie Rose

Czech Area Concertina Club July 21 7 PM

The Big Epic Show July 28 7 PM

Parks & Rec's Big Fun Day! July 30 6-8:30 PM

Movie in the Park * July 30 Sunset

A U G

Aug 11 7 PM Jack & Kitty

Loosely Wound Aug 18 7 PM

Schiffelly Puppets 7 PM Aug 25

SEPT

Sept 1 6:30 PM Rain Make Up

Rain Make Up Sept 8 6:30 PM

Sept 10 Sunset Movie in the Park *



Jinie Rose

Messenger



News from the City of Shakopee

Summer 2016

This way to the sign shop

Public Works creates, installs and maintains thousands of custom street signs

Take a walk around your neighborhood and you will see Todd Schumacher's handiwork on display at every street corner and sometimes in between.

Schumacher – the city's unofficial "sign guy" – created many of Shakopee's street signs in a small shop inside the city's old public works building. With its walls covered in posters of traffic symbols and rolls of bright, reflective material, the sign shop is where hundreds of street name and regulatory signs are produced every year.

"As the city is growing, we are spending more and more time making signs," Schumacher said.

Street signs are an integral way communities regulate, warn and guide road users. They not only maintain order and safety, but are also valuable wayfinding markers for drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians. Making the signs inhouse provides the city flexibility and saves money.

SIGN STANDARDS

Street signs are basic enough. Essentially, street signs are bare aluminum panels covered in reflective material. Shapes and letters are cut from colored, transparent film that has an adhesive backing.



The Public Works Department is responsible for designing, producing and installing more than 4,200 street signs throughout the city.

The Minnesota Department of Transportation has standards for street signs, which include design, size and material. Reflectivity is particularly important to ensure the signs are visible at night.

Continued on page 6

City News

Sign Shop	3
Mayor's Message	4
Calendar	4
New City Hall	5
Budget Process	8
Franchise Fees	9
West End Study	10
Ask the City	11
Emerald Ash Borer	12
Public Safety Corner	13
Election Judges	14
Parks and Recreation	15
SandVenture Aquatic Park	18

Cover Photo: Public Works Maintenance Operator Todd Schumacher hangs banners and flags along First Avenue before Memorial Day.



CITY CALENDAR

30 Memorial Day, City offices May and Community Center

Night to Unite Registration June opens, City website.

2-Sept. 10 Huber Park Performance & **Event Series** Huber Park

> 2 Wheelies Family Bike Event, 5-7 p.m., Huber Park

4 SandVenture Aquatic Park opens for the summer.

10 Pop-Up Splash Pad, 5-7 p.m., Lions Park

18 Movie in the Park, Sunset, **Huber Park**

21 Special Olympics Torch Run, 9 a.m., Police Department

July

1 Happy Birthday America Parade, 10:30 a.m., Lions Park

4 Fourth of July, City offices and Community Center

13 Half-Way, Half-Pay Day, 11 a.m.-7 p.m., SandVenture **Aquatic Park**

30 Parks & Recreation's Big Fun Day, 6-8:30 p.m., Huber Park

30 Movie in the Park, Sunset, **Huber Park**

August 2 Shakopee Night to Unite, 5-9 p.m.

> 5 Summer Carnival, 10-11:15 a.m., Lions Park

9 **Primary Election,** 7 a.m.-8

12 Pop-Up Splash Pad, 5-7 p.m., Green Meadows Park

21 Goldfish Hunt, 4-7 p.m., SandVenture Aquatic Park

Message from the Mayor



Mayor Bill Mars

Welcome to summer!

As we look forward to another summer in Shakopee, I am reminded of how many great opportunities we have for families, outdoors lovers, thrill seekers, cyclists, kids, seniors and everyone in between. Shakopee has so many recreational opportunities, led by our excellent Parks and Recreation Department.

Summer is prime time for the Parks and Recreation Department, which has a full staff of seasonal employees to help offer dozens of great programs, amenities and special events.

Cool off this summer at SandVenture Aquatic Park where guests of all ages can lounge on the sand beach and splash in the unique outdoor pool. SandVenture is hosting several events with special discounts rates, including Father's Day and Fourth of July.

Parks and Recreation is also going mobile this year with two pop-up splash pads. After the great feedback from the downtown splash pads, the city decided to bring the events to community parks. Mark June 10 (Lions Park) and Aug. 12 (Green Meadows Park) on your calendar. These are free events, hosted by the Parks and Recreation and Fire departments.

The water fun culminates with a new event in 2016: Parks and Recreation's Big Fun Day! We'll have dozens of fun water events at Huber Park for the whole family, including a sidewalk art contest. Stay after to watch a movie on an outdoor screen. This event is a fitting celebration for National Parks and Recreation Month, reminding us how Parks and Recreation adds value in our community.

Of course, that's not all. Catch a baseball game at Joe Schleper Stadium; bring your dog to the Southbridge Community Dog Park; test your skill at the Shakopee Archery Park; see how many neighborhood parks you can visit this summer. Start making your to-do list.

Yes, it's a busy time for Parks and Recreation, but that's just the tip of the iceberg for the city. With the approval of the West End Land Use study (page 8), the City Council will have important decisions to make in the near future regarding growth and annexation. This area will be key to the community's future. I'm looking forward to the recommendations of the downtown implementation plan, which will provide us a guide for future improvements (page 7).

It's going to be a busy summer here in Shakopee. With so much to do, I am afraid it will be over before we know it!

Sincerely,

Bill Mars, Mayor of Shakopee wmars@ShakopeeMN.gov

MAYOR

Bill Marswmars@ShakopeeMN.gov

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Matt Lehman MattLehmanSr@comcast.net Mike Luce mluce@ShakopeeMN.gov Kathi Mocolkmocol@ShakopeeMN.gov Jay Whiting jaywhtng@aol.com









CITY HALL

129 Holmes St. S. - Shakopee, MN 55379 Phone 952-233-9300 TTY 952-233-3837 Emailadministration@ShakopeeMN.gov Website www.ShakopeeMN.gov

Comments or suggestions on the Hometown Messenger should be directed to the editor Kristin Holtz at kholtz@ShakopeeMN.gov







City to break ground on new City Hall in June

Project will consolidate municipal services on Gorman Street campus

In an effort to improve customer service, the City Council approved plans this spring to build a new city hall building adjacent to the police department. The location will create a centralized city campus and streamline services for residents and businesses.

The \$8.5 million project will consolidate most city services on Gorman Street, where the police department and public works are already located. City Hall will house administration, building inspections, planning, engineering and city clerk staff.

"The new building will not only improve collaboration for our staff, it will help us provide the highest level of customer service for our residents," said City Administrator Bill Reynolds. The two-story building includes:

- A 58-seat council chambers with overflow seating in the lobby;
- A community/meeting room for afterhours public use;
- Reorganized staff work spaces to improve efficiency and customer service.

Construction of City Hall will be financed through a series of interfund loans and transfers, minimizing the impact on taxpayers.

To save money, the City Council also reduced the square footage of the building by approximately 1,850 square feet and removed an architectural curve. Reynolds said staff plans to move furniture and equipment from the current city hall.

"We have been very conscious of what the ultimate cost of this building would be," Reynolds said. "We're going to reuse what we can from this building and install it in the new facility."

At its May 17 meeting, the council awarded contracts for the project. A groundbreaking is tentatively set for 4 p.m. June 6. Construction is slated to start in June.

City staff are looking at options for the current downtown city hall building. Potential ideas include a business incubator, higher education and residential housing. The City Council will discuss the building's future later this year.

More information about the project is available at www.ShakopeeMN.gov/futurecityhall.

News & Notes

Visit website for info on home, yard projects

Before starting your summer construction project, visit the city website for information on building permits, lawn maintenance and more.

For example, did you know storage sheds less than 200 square feet do not need a building permit? While they still must follow other rules, such as proper location, many residential sheds are OK without a permit. Learn more online at www.ShakopeeMN.gov/homeimprovements.

New employees join staff

The City of Shakopee recently welcomed several new employees:

- Chris Steenberg, IT Specialist
- Martha Bartels, Technology Support Assistant
- Jennifer Gabbard, Human Resources Manager
- Maurice Smith, Community Service Officer

Above, Schumacher makes a street name sign for Pheasant Run. Below, he creates a new pedestrian/ bicyclist crossing sign for the Scenic Heights-Tahpah Park trail on Vierling Drive.

Continued from page 3: This way to the sign shop

The type of material is important, Schumacher said, because it determines how bright a sign is by day and night. The city currently uses 3M's Diamond Grade (DG³) fluorescent reflective sheeting, which is composed of small glass beads that capture a vehicle's headlight to make it easier to read.

"It's the best material available to us right now, and we expect it to last us much longer than the former high-prism sheeting," Schumacher said.

CUSTOM SIGNS

The city sign shop makes dozens of signs from pedestrian crossing signs to temporary road work notices. Schumacher's biggest annual project is maintaining the city's green street name signs.

Over the past few years, the city has been upgrading its 6-inch street signs with 4-inch letters to the more reflective 9-inch street signs with 6-inch letters. Four years ago, Schumacher switched from using all capital letters to a mix of uppercase and lowercase letters, which studies show make signs easier to read.

Recently, Schumacher has been developing prototypes for street name

signs that include the city's logo. The signs are longer than the standard 48-inch street names signs but would add some character to Shakopee streets. Public Works is considering installing the signs on collector streets and along city limits.

"The sign shop is beneficial because if a sign is damaged, we can come in here the next morning, make a new sign and have it replaced right away."

The city replaces street name signs during its annual overlay and

Todd Schumacher Public Works Street Maintenance Operator

reconstruction projects. Some signs – those facing southwest – need to be replaced more often due to sun fade. Signs are also replaced as needed due to vandalism or accident damage.

"The sign shop is beneficial because if a sign is damaged, we can come in here the next morning, make a new sign and have it



How to make a street sign



Step 1Use computer software to design sign.



Step 2
Print design on plotter.
The plotter cuts out the letters and artwork on transparent electrocut film.



Step 3 Weed out the unnecessary reverse film to leave the art.



Step 4Apply transfer tape to cover the sign. Trim off excess.





Schumacher installed new bike route signs on Holmes Street last summer.

replaced right away," Schumacher said.

What also helps is the universality of many street signs. The city keeps bare 30-by-30inch metal on hand to make a variety of signs, such as crosswalks, do not enters or turn lanes. A company in St. Paul strips the city's old signs, which allows the city to reuse the aluminum.

Schumacher, who works in the street maintenance division, makes most signs during the winter or on rainy days. While making a sign does not take long, the work can be meticulous. For example, because a sign's letters and art are reverse cut from film, Schumacher must "weed" out the material

not to be used. This requires exactitude and an ability to think in reverse.

"I like this type of work because it's more precise work," Schumacher said. "You fill a pothole, for example, and it doesn't have to be perfectly smooth. But with my personality, I want it to be perfectly smooth."

In addition to making the signs, Schumacher also installs street signs. His sign truck includes an air compressor and post pounder so he can install signs safely and efficiently on his own.

DOWNTOWN PARKING SIGNS

The city is currently working on a project to improve downtown parking signage. While Shakopee has hundreds of downtown parking spots, some residents and visitors are unaware of which lots offer public parking.

Using the universal blue of parking signs, Schumacher is creating standard signs to direct downtown visitors to the public lots. These signs will be designed and installed over the coming months, replacing the white, semicircle parking signs now used downtown.

"We want to make it easier for downtown visitors to find our public parking lots and patronize our local businesses," said Economic Development Coordinator Samantha DiMaggio. The city has also posted a new downtown parking map on its website at www.ShakopeeMN.gov/parking.

BY THE NUMBERS

4,244+

Number of street signs maintained by city

Street name sign posts

636 Stop signs

No parking signs

236

Speed limit signs



A new prototype downtown parking sign was installed near the public lot at Second Avenue and Lewis Street.

DID YOU KNOW?

The city has made its own street name signs for many years. Previously, letters were "baked" on metal signs using heat lamps. In 2005, Public Works moved to its computerized system.



Step 5 Prepare bare aluminum sign. Clean sign and apply reflective material over the whole sign.



Step 6 Make sure letters and artwork are properly spaced.



Step 7 Remove backing and roll half of sign. Repeat for other half.



Trim sign. Leave transfer tape until install.

Making the budget

Shakopee's city budget process is getting a revamp this year, aimed at making the process more participatory and transparent.

The annual budget is the most important document the city produces, said City Administrator Bill Reynolds. It lays out the organization's goals and priorities in the coming year, providing the City Council a clear picture of the organization's financial situation.

Reynolds and Finance Director Darin Nelson are making changes to the city's budgeting process to make the process easier to understand for residents.

DID YOU KNOW?

This past year, the City of Shakopee received its 30th consecutive Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada for its comprehensive annual financial report.

The certificate of achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of government accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

An impartial panel reviewed the annual report to ensure it met the high standards of the program including demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users to read the annual report.

The city's comprehensive annual financial report is available on the city website under "Finance."

"We need to be clear and transparent about the health of our organization," Reynolds said.

The revamp process has three main parts:

- Define revenues
- Analyze expenditures, including an inventory of all city services
 - Involve residents

Historically, city budgets were shaped by expenditures, setting tax levies and fees to meet what the organization expects to spend in the coming year. However, cities are starting to think more like businesses, looking first at revenues.

"We need to know what we are bringing into an organization before we decide how we plan to spend it," Reynolds explained. "Then, we can match what we have with what we need."

If you go...

WHAT: 2017 Budget Public Input Meetings

WHEN: Early summer

MORE INFO: Watch the City website for more information in June.

Better defining revenues goes hand-in-hand with analyzing expenditures. The best budgets accurately reflect what an organization is spending on a daily basis, Reynolds

The City of Shakopee is fortunate to have strong fiscal security. Thanks to growth and sensible planning, the organization runs lean and has not overextended itself, Reynolds said. However, every organization has some services and programs that do not make fiscal sense.

"We need to analyze everything we do to make sure it fits our strategic goals. Rather than think about what we need, let's think about what we want to accomplish," Reynolds said.

The third goal is making the budget process more understandable and transparent for the public. A city budget can be an unapproachable document filled with tables and numbers that only make sense to someone with an accounting degree.

> The city plans to improve transparency by creating publications that break down the budget into accessible bits of information. "Any resident should be able to understand the basic components of a city budget," Nelson said. "It's his or her tax dollars."

Revamping the budget will likely be a two- to three-year process, Reynolds said. This summer, residents will have an opportunity to get more involved. Reynolds and Nelson are hosting public

input meetings in June where residents and businesses can share their ideas for the proposed 2017 budget.

Residents can also follow the process on the city website at www.ShakopeeMN.gov/budget.

everything we do to make sure it fits our strategic goals. Rather than think about what we need, let's think about what we want to accomplish."

"We need to analyze

Bill Reynolds City Administrator





City Council considers franchise fees for electric, gas utilities

In June, the City Council will consider establishing franchise fees on utilities (gas and electric) to help offset future property tax/special assessment increases.

Per state law, a city may impose a franchise fee on a gas or electric utility for the use of the public right-of-way. Currently, three electric utilities (Shakopee Public Utilities, Xcel Energy and Minnesota Valley Electric Cooperative) and two gas utilities (CenterPoint Energy and Xcel) operate in Shakopee.

Utility companies have the right to pass franchise fees on to their customers. The fees would apply to all utility customers regardless of whether they pay property taxes. This includes non-profit organizations, schools, churches and government customers.

"Franchise fees are about equity and ensuring all utility companies incur the same costs for using our public right-of-ways," City Administrator Bill Reynolds said. "A vast majority of Shakopee residents are already paying similar fees through Shakopee Public Utilities' annual payment to the city. With franchise fees the average residential property owners would not see an increase on their electric bill."

TYPE OF FEES

Cities have the option of imposing a flat fee (e.g., \$3 per month) or a percentage fee (e.g., 3 percent) based on utility usage. These fees can vary between residential customers and various commercial customer types, such as small and large.

While a flat fee is constant from month-to-month, a percentage fee varies with the season. However, with flat fees, smaller utility users (e.g., most residential and small business customers) pay a higher fee as a percentage of their total bill compared to large consumption users. Thus, a percentage fee provides a more equitable fee across all users, said Finance Director Darin Nelson. See table below.

As of 2014, more than 100 metroarea communities have franchise fees, including Prior Lake, Burnsville, Eden Prairie and Edina.

The fees can help cities cover increasing costs of providing important services. Many communities do opt

Example of Franchise Fee Impact

Types of Properties (average monthly bill)	Estimated impact of a flat \$3 monthly fee	Estimated impact of a 3% monthly fee
Residential (\$56.80)	5.19%	\$1.70
Commercial - Small (\$51.33)	5.75%	\$1.54
Commercial - Medium (\$148.98)	1.98%	\$4.47
Commercial - Large (\$1,126.34)	.26%	\$33.79
Dual Fuel - Small (\$1,433.75)	.21%	\$43.01
Duel Fuel - Large (\$8,559.57)	.03%	\$256.79

to dedicate the fees for capital improvements, such as pavement management, road maintenance, sidewalks or trails. If implemented, the City of Shakopee plans to use franchise fees to fund infrastructure.

A public hearing for the fees was held earlier this month. The City Council is anticipated to continue the franchise fees discussion at its June 7 meeting.

More information about franchise fees is available at www.ShakopeeMN.gov/city-government/special-projects/franchise-fees.

News & Notes —

Council hires firm to create strategy for downtown improvements

Earlier this month, the City Council hired Loucks, Inc. to create an implementation plan that will bring numerous studies – dating back to 1974 – to life by making improvements to downtown infrastructure and public spaces.

"We've studied improvements to the downtown area many times over the past few decades. It's time to create a plan



that realistically puts those ideas into action," said Economic Development Coordinator Samantha DiMaggio.

Loucks, Inc. will create an implementation plan outlining which improvements are needed to balance pedestrian and motorist needs, sustainable design streetscape, amenities and art work, as well as to develop and maintain vibrant streets and open spaces. The plan will be brought before the City Council later this summer.

A \$30,000 matching grant from the Scott County CDA is financing the study.

Commercial, industrial property owners must submit change of occupancy, land use

The city recently implemented a new process to better track changes in occupancy and land use in Shakopee buildings.

The Request for Change of Occupancy/ Occupant and Land Use Review form is required for changes in business or zoning use for commercial, industrial or public multifamily buildings; it serves as a request for review and/or inspection.

The form helps the city meet state building code requirements, which requires a review for all changes in occupancy.

The form is available at www.ShakopeeMN. gov/business/licenses-permits.

City Council approves West End study, plans for future growth

In April, the City Council adopted the Shakopee West End Land Use study, laying out a plan for future development near the Highway 169/69 and 169/15 interchanges.

The study area included 850 acres in southwest Shakopee and Jackson Township. Hoisington Koegler Group Inc. and SRF Consulting Group worked with city planners, Scott County, the Minnesota Department of Transportation and local landowners to consider the area's future land use (residential, commercial, industrial, etc.), transportation and infrastructure needs.

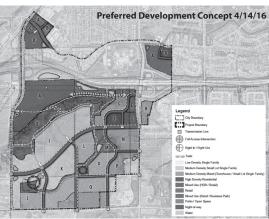
The concept plan proposes a mix of commercial, retail and different types of residential housing east of County Road 69 and north of County Road 78. The plan includes approximately 1,800 future housing units and 1.3 million square feet in retail and business park space.

According to Senior Planner Kyle Sobota, approval of the plan does not guide or rezone any property but only lays out a potential strategy for guiding the land to fit the community's future needs. "The study will be a valuable tool as we look toward future growth in West Shakopee," Sobota said. "In addition to a development concept for the land, it considers space for potential new parks, trails and streets."

With the study complete, the city has begun discussions with Jackson Township officials regarding potential annexation of portions of the study area. The city and Jackson Township have an orderly annexation agreement that establishes protocol for annexing future land.

In addition, the city is working with Shakopee Public Utilities regarding extension of water service to the study area. Extension of utilities is key to future development, Sobota said.

Developers have already expressed interest at land within the study area. In April, Hy-Vee submitted an application to reguide and rezone approximately 24 acres at the southeast corner of Vierling Drive and Adams Street to make way for a



View the final plan at www.ShakopeeMN.gov/planningandzoning.

proposed 96,000-square-foot grocery store, gas station and high-density housing.

The city also owns several parcels near Shakopee Town Square it is considering selling.

"We are excited to see the interest in Shakopee's west end and what this could mean for our future economic development," said Economic Development Coordinator Samantha DiMaggio. "As we all know, developable land in Shakopee is at a premium right now, and the west end provides ample opportunities for new development and redevelopment."

#AsktheCity

Get-Togethers & Summer Parties

Summer is a great time to gather with friends, families and neighbors. Here are some common questions about summertime get-togethers:

CAN I HAVE A RECREATIONAL FIRE WHEREVER I WISH?

Recreational fires (3-by-3 feet) cannot be within 25 feet of any building. If the fire pit is fully enclosed, the distance is reduced to 15 feet. Fire pits are not restricted to the backyard. No fires are allowed when the wind is over 15 mph. Burn only natural, clean wood and supervise your fire at all times. A source of extinguishment must be nearby.

DOES THE CITY HAVE QUIET HOURS?

Shakopee has observed quiet hours from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. on weekdays and 9 p.m. to 9 a.m. on weekends and holidays. Residents may report issues to the Shakopee Police Department at (952) 233-9400.

ARE THERE RESTRICTIONS ON USING TENTS OR CANOPIES?

Yes, permits are required for all tents over 200 square feet or when heat sources/cooking equipment are contained within or near the structure. Permits are also required for canopies over 400 square feet. For more information, visit www.

ShakopeeMN.gov/fire and click on "Fire Permits & Inspections."

WHAT ABOUT PARK GATHERINGS?

The community is encouraged to enjoy Shakopee's 32 parks. We recommend large groups reserve shelters for their event. Reservations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis, and there is a rental fee. Shakopee park hours are 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Just a reminder: Intoxicating liquor, except beer and wine (cans – no glass), are not allowed on park property.

More information about city rules and regulations is available on the city website.





Take action against emerald ash borer

With emerald ash borer (EAB) recently confirmed in Scott County, Shakopee homeowners are encouraged to take action to protect their ash trees.

A 2010 study found more than 25,000 ash trees growing in maintained areas within Shakopee city limits. More than 30 percent of public trees are ash with the estimated percentage much higher on private property. Ash trees provide a significant amount of valuable tree canopy in our community.

In order to preserve high-quality ash trees on public property (parks and right-of-way), the City of Shakopee contracted with Rainbow Treecare to treat approximately 550 ash trees over the next three years.

The city is also encouraging residents to treat large, well-placed, healthy private ash trees as part of an EAB treatment program. To promote proper treatment on private property, the city is offering bulk discounted rates to residents through its contract with Rainbow.

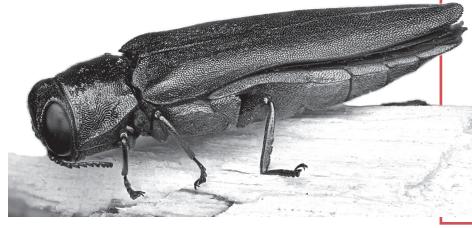
If you are interested in participating in the emerald ash borer treatment program, please call (952) 767-6920, email info@rainbowtreecare.com or visit www.rainbowtreecare.com/shakopee. The city's Natural Resources division has ensured Rainbow Treecare meets high standards in staff training and years of experience, as well as employs commercial pesticide applicators and ISA-certified arborists.

Rainbow will treat trees by injecting emamectin benzoate directly into the tree trunk. This limits chemical exposure and has been proven to protect an ash tree from EAB for two to three years. To keep the tree healthy, treatments will be required at this interval until emerald ash borer's population decreases in our area. Learn more about EAB treatments at www.emeraldashborer.info.

SHOULD I TREAT MY TREE?

Although you can save your tree with chemical treatment, this might not always be the best option. When making the decision to treat or remove an ash tree, make sure the tree is properly placed (not competing with other trees or infrastructure), of decent size (generally greater than 10" in diameter) and healthy (other things besides EAB can kill ash trees).

If you choose to remove your tree, you can find an ISA-certified arborist at www.isa-arbor.com/findanarborist/arboristsearch.aspx.



WHAT IS EMERALD ASH BORER?

Emerald ash borer is an insect that kills ash trees. The adults are small, iridescent green beetles that live outside of trees during the summer months. The larvae are grub or worm-like and live underneath the bark of ash trees. Trees are killed by the tunneling of the larvae under the tree's bark.

HOW DO I IDENTIFY EAB?

From the ground, EAB damage can be difficult to distinguish from other native borer damage. But in general, look for canopy dieback or bark splitting beginning in the top third of the canopy, white bark flecking from woodpecker activity or sprouts

growing from the roots and trunk. In a heavily infested tree you will see D-shaped exit holes and S-shaped insect galleries. Call 1-888-545-6684 with suspected EAB infestations.

WHAT ARE THE OPTIONS?

1. Chemical treatment: Some chemical options have proven effective for protecting ash trees. You should begin treatment in the spring.

Rainbow Treecare is offering a bulk discount rate for Shakopee homeowners through its contract with the city. Learn more at www.rainbowtreecare.com/shakopee.

- 2. Removal: Emerald ash borer has been shown to kill virtually all ash trees not chemically treated. To prepare for emerald ash borer:
 - Start a replacement tree close to the ash you plan to remove. If you have multiple, stage removals.
 - Do not prune or remove a tree during emerald ash borer's active period (May-September).
 - Keep a close eye on your ash trees since EAB-infested trees can go from looking a little thin to dead in a year or two.

WHAT SHOULD I PLANT IN REPLACEMENT?

Incorporate diversity in your yard to reduce the likelihood of losing many trees when the next insect or disease comes around. See the city website for a list of recommended tree species.

WHAT IS THE CITY DOING WITH PUBLIC TREES?

The city manages all trees within right-of-ways and parks. Public ash trees meeting certain size, condition and location criteria are being chemically treated to protect against emerald ash borer. The ash trees that do not meet this criteria are being removed and replaced over a period of eight years. About 30 percent of the city's 2,000 public ash trees are being treated.

Learn more at www.ShakopeeMN.gov/emeraldashborer.

Fire Dept. hires new firefighters

The Shakopee Fire Department recently welcomed several new faces to its ranks after a months-long hiring process.

The department hired five new paid-oncall firefighters this spring: Kent Anglin, Kyle Brewer, Peter Czech, Greg Stewart and Joe Valiant.

"We had great interest this year. It's nice to see residents willing to step up and dedicate time to serving their community," said Fire Chief Rick Coleman.

The hiring brings the department up to four full-time firefighters and 42 paidon-call firefighters. Learn more about the department at www.ShakopeeMN.gov/ fire.



A prescription for rejuvenation

This spring, Shakopee Fire Department teamed up with the city's Natural Resources division to conduct several prescribed burns on land managed by the city. A prescribed burn is designed to replicate natural fire events by rejuvenating native prairie grasses, killing invasive species and reducing the risk of unplanned fires.

News & Notes

Police becomes first Missing Kids Readiness Project member in state

In March, the Shakopee Police Department became the first law enforcement agency in Minnesota to be certified through the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children's Missing Kids Readiness Project.

The Missing Kids Readiness Project promotes best practices for responding to calls of missing, abducted and sexually exploited children. 911 call centers and law enforcement agencies are recognized for meeting essential training and policy elements demonstrating preparedness for responding to a missing child incident.



Shakopee achieved this status after all sworn officers and some staff completed necessary training earlier this spring.

Armed with the information, knowledge and operational resources gained through meeting the project criteria, Shakopee police officers are now positioned to respond more quickly, comprehensively and effectively when a child's life may be at stake.

The department is one of 30 law enforcement agencies nationally to achieve this status.

Radde named officer of the year

Sgt. Fred Radde was selected as the 2015 Shakopee Police Officer of the Year.

Radde was recognized for his immense wealth of knowledge, his flexibility in getting tasks done and his leadership in training, tactics and professional development of staff. He has taken training to new heights, said Police Chief Jeff Tate.

A 15-year member of the department, Radde recently finished a lengthy assignment Sgt. Fred Radde as the SWAT commander, and because of his leadership, the local SWAT team is recognized throughout the state as a quality unit with a stellar reputation.

Night to Unite is Tuesday, Aug. 2; Registration opens June 1



Be sure to register your neighborhood block party for visits from Shakopee Police, Fire and Public Works at the annual Night to Unite celebration Tuesday, Aug. 2.

More than 100 parties are held throughout the city as neighbors lock their doors and gather together. Registration opens June 1. Learn more at www.ShakopeeMN.gov/nighttounite.





Public Safety Corner -

Recovery assistance program offers helping hand to residents dealing with drug, alcohol addiction

Earlier this year, the Shakopee Police Department launched a new program to help people seeking alcohol and drug treatment get the support they need.

The recovery assistance program offers scholarships, up to \$3,000, to Shakopee residents in treatment at Five Stars Recovery Center in Chaska and Sage Prairie in Burnsville. The program, which uses forfeiture funds, can help cover treatment costs beyond what insurance covers.

"Sometimes all people need is a little longer time in treatment to feel

confident and assured they can kick their addictions," said Shakopee Police Chief Jeff Tate. "These scholarships are aimed at helping people get the treatment they need and want."

The recovery assistance scholarship program is based on a similar effort started in Gloucester, Mass. That program has since expanded to more than 100 departments in 24 states.

Tate believes Shakopee is the first department in the state to adopt the program. It was introduced after drug arrests spiked 33-percent in 2015.

"We know from experience, we cannot arrest or ticket our way out of this," he said. "As law enforcement, we need to find creative solutions to these ongoing issues. We hope our partnership with Five Stars and Sage Prairie will pave the way for more people seeking assistance."

Since starting the program, the department has received much local and regional media coverage. A May 8 Star Tribune editorial praised the effort, calling it "an innovative way for officers to 'serve and protect' their community. Shakopee's program shows that police officers can be a welcome resource for those seeking a crime-free, substance-free path."

More information about the program is available at www.ShakopeeMN.gov/crimeprevention. Click on "Recovery Assistance."

ELIGIBILITY

Live in Shakopee

Complete at least 30 days of treatment (residential or outpatient) at Five Stars Recovery Center or Sage Prairie

Be in good standing with the treatment center

Provide monthly updates to the police department on treatment

MORE INFORMATION

Contact our crime prevention unit at (952) 233-9441, Five Stars Recovery Center at (952) 448-6557 or Sage Prairie at (877) 915-7243.

Chief's notes

I recently had the pleasure of presenting an overview of our 2015 annual report at the May 3 City Council meeting. While I always enjoy talking about the wonderful things our officers do, I was particularly excited to discuss what has happened in Shakopee this past year.

We have certainly had more than our fair share of headlines recently. We understand that may leave some of you feeling uneasy or wondering what's happening to Shakopee? The reality is, Shakopee remains a very safe community. 2015 was the third

lowest crime rate in the city's history and saw our department recognized as the International Association of Chiefs of Police's Excellence in Community Policing recipient.

Among the positive



Police Chief Jeff Tate

trends in our data is the big decrease in graffiti. I don't think this is pure coincidence

think this is pure coincidence. Our Team-up Against Graffiti (TAG) initiative has been very successful, and we look forward to continuing those efforts this summer.

Of concern, frauds made the list as a top-three crime reported for the first time in our history. Year-to-date, frauds are up approximately 150 percent from 2015. This is not a positive trend and reminds us all how important it is to take steps to protect our identity and avoid scams.

While we accomplished much this past year, we understand the demands on our profession. Our goal continues to be not just meeting your expectations of us, but exceeding them. We remain committed as ever to the community policing philosophy and providing excellent customer service.

I encourage you all to check out our annual report at www.ShakopeeMN.gov/police. You will read more about what's going on in your neighborhood and how you can get involved in one of our community outreach initiatives.

Enjoy people and service to others?

Shakopee needs you!

We are now accepting applications for election judge and student election judge positions for the upcoming 2016 primary and presidential elections.

> Election judges are essential to democracy as they serve the voters in the local polling places, administer election procedures and ensure the rights of voters are protected on Election Day. Serving as an election judge provides the opportunity to learn about the election process and is an important service to our community.

WHAT ARE THE QUALIFICATIONS OF AN ELECTION JUDGE?

You must be eligible to vote in Minnesota and be able to read, write and speak English. You must also complete an election judge training course.

WHAT KIND OF TRAINING DO I NEED?

Shakopee election judges must complete one three-hour paid training session. Head judges must attend an additional four-hour paid training. We will offer multiple day and night training sessions for your convenience.

WHEN WOULD I WORK?

As an election judge you can work a partial day from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. or from 2 p.m. to close (approximately 9 p.m.) or you can work a full day from 6 a.m. to close. The 2016 primary election is Aug. 9; general election is Nov. 8.

WILL I GET PAID TO SERVE AS AN ELECTION JUDGE?

Absolutely! Election judges earn \$11 an hour while head election judges earn \$14 an hour.

DOES MY EMPLOYER HAVE TO LET ME OFF? IS IT PAID TIME OFF?

By law your employer must give you paid time off to serve as an election judge. To qualify, you must provide your employer with at least 20 days written notice and the pay rate you will receive to serve as an election judge. Your employer may:

- Reduce your salary or wages by the amount you are paid as an election judge during the time you are away from work.
- Restrict the number of its employees serving as election judges to no more than 20 percent at a single work site.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Visit www.ShakopeeMN.gov/elections and click on "Election Judges" for an application or contact the City Clerk's Office at (952) 233-9300.

Solicitor at your door?

Summer is a prime time for peddlers and solicitors. Here are some tips for dealing with them at your door:

- Ask to see city-issued license or registration.
- Post a city-issued "Peddlers & Solicitors Prohibited" sign, available at www.ShakopeeMN.gov/police. Click on "Regulations and Enforcement."
- Ignore them. Look through the peep hole; you're not obligated to answer the door.
- Do not let an unknown person into your home to use the bathroom or to demonstrate a product.

STUDENT

High school students can work as election judge trainees if they:

- Are 16 years of age or older on or before Election Day.
- Are a U.S. citizen in good academic standing at a Minnesota high school (or home schooled).
- Obtain school and parental permission.

Student election judges are assigned the same duties as other judge trainees, with the exception of tasks requiring party affiliation. Students do not designate party affiliation.

Student election judges must attend and complete the same training as other judges. Students cannot work past 10 p.m.

Find a student application online at www.ShakopeeMN.gov/ elections.

LEARN MORE AT WWW.SHAKOPEEMN.GOV/SOLICITORS

- Do not get into a conversation with solicitors; it only encourages them to stay.
- Watch where the solicitors go next and notice what they do. Look for suspicious behavior such as looking in car windows, testing doors for locks or entering backyards.
- Remember solicitors may not remain on your property after you have asked them to leave.
- Report aggressive or suspicious solicitors to law enforcement immediately at 911 (aggressive or threatening) or (952) 233-9400 (suspicious). Provide a description of the solicitors and what direction they were headed.



SMSC donates \$250,000 to city recreation projects

In May, the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community announced its donation of \$250,000 to the City of Shakopee in support of several recreation programs.

"As neighbors, the SMSC and the city work together often and share several of the same priorities," said SMSC Chairman Charlie Vig. "We understand the importance of these projects to the people of Shakopee, and we want to do what we can to help complete them."

The donation includes \$180,000 to the Community Center and Ice Arena improvements project. This includes sponsorship of the Shakopee Ice Arena concession stand (\$75,000), senior lounge (\$50,000), Community Center lobby (\$30,000) and walking track (\$25,000). The city is currently undergoing a \$30.4 million improvement project.

SMSC also pledged \$50,000 to the Shakopee Fun For All Playground, an all-inclusive playground proposed to replace Lions Park's aging structure with new playground components. An all-inclusive playground is intended to provide accessible, age and developmental appropriate activities that stimulate all physically, emotionally and socially.

In addition, SMSC donated \$10,000 to the pedestrian bridge along the Minnesota Valley State Trail at Memorial Park and an additional \$10,000 to historical trail signage along History Park. History Park is an extension to Memorial Park and will include informational kiosks highlighting the history of the area. This area was the original home of the Dakota people, and informational kiosks will include information about SMSC's history.

"We are very appreciative of the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community's thoughtful and generous support," said Shakopee Mayor Bill Mars. "These funds will be invested to help enhance our community's recreational opportunities, making it a better place to live and play. We thank the SMSC for its continuous long-term support of our Shakopee community."

Spotlight: National Parks & Recreation Month



Celebrate Parks & Rec at Big Fun Day!

July is National Parks & Recreation Month, a time for communities to recognize the benefits and facilities provided by their local parks and recreation departments. Americans have celebrated this month ever since 1985, and in honor of this occasion, the Parks and Recreation Department is proud to present its Big Fun Day!

NATIONAL PARKS & RECREATION MONTH

Celebrated since

Shows appreciation for parks and recreation programs

2016 Theme: "When Our Powers Combine, We Change Lives!" Pack your swimming gear and bring your family and friends to Huber Park from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday, July 30 where you can enjoy various outdoor water activities. There will be water games and relays to join and even a splash pad and giant slipn-slide.

If you're up for a challenge, families can compete in a sidewalk chalk art competition for a chance to win a cool recreation prize pack! You can also participate in arts and crafts, bounce around in the inflatable jumpers and explore the selection of treats available for purchase at the food carts.

Directly following the activities, set up your lawn chairs and blankets for the evening and wind down with a Movie in the Park, "Zootopia," at dusk (approximately 8:30 p.m.).

Summer is finally here, so celebrate with the Parks and Recreation Department and the entire community at Big Fun Day! Admission is free; all ages are welcome.



The nation's local and regional parks create nearly \$140 billion in economic activity per year. See for yourself why Shakopee's parks are so important to our economy; visit one today!



Check out these summer adventures with Shakopee Parks & Recreation

The Huber Park Performance and Event Series returns Thursdays and Saturdays with free family entertainment at Huber Park.

The performance series kicks off Thursday, June 2 with the annual Wheelies Family Bike Event. Bid on a new bike in the police department's surplus auction, register your bike, participate in a candy grab or pick up a new children's helmet. Stay for the Twin Cities Unicycle Club show at 7 p.m.



Many favorite acts return this summer, including kids' entertainers Tricia and the Toonies (June 9), Jack & Kitty (Aug. 11) and Schiffelly Puppets (Aug. 25). Local community bands, including Minnesota

Valley Community Band (June 23) and Eden Prairie Community Band (June 30), will fill the amphitheater. New performers to Huber Park include Los Soles mariachi band (June 16) and Vinnie Rose (July 14).

Movies in the Park also return with three outdoor movies. Bring your blankets and lawn chairs June 18, July 30 and Sept. 10. Movie titles are announced at least two weeks prior to showing. The June 18 movie is "Star Wars: The Force Awakens."

On July 30, before Movie in the Park, a new event celebrating National Parks and Recreation Month is sure to get the whole family splashing. Parks and Recreation's Big Fun Day! includes water activities, sidewalk chalk art contest and food carts.

All events are free and open to the public. The full schedule is on the front cover of this brochure and on the city website.

JUNE

WHEELIES FAMILY BIKE EVENT

Thursday, June 2 | 5-7 p.m. | Huber Park

We're all about the bikes at this annual event, sponsored in conjunction with Community Education. Stay for entertainment by Twin Cities Unicycle Club at 7 p.m.

FREE EVENT

POP-UP SPLASH PAD

Friday, June 10 | 5-7 p.m. | Lions Park

Play in the spray of a fire truck hose, toss water balloons and enjoy other water-themed games at this traveling, pop-up splash pad event.

FREE EVENT

ABRAKADOODLE

Fridays, June 10-July 1 | 9:30-10:20 a.m. | Hiawatha Park Children ages 2-5 and a parent can explore art in four

Friday fun sessions.

REGISTER ONLINE #ABBRA 610

LACROSSE CAMP

June 20-23 | 9 a.m.-noon or 1-4 p.m. | 17th Avenue Sports Complex

Two camps designed for boys and girls ages 5-8 and 8-12 Learn one of the fastest growing sports

REGISTER ONLINE #YP 6201 or 6202

MOVIE IN THE PARK

Saturday, June 18 | Sunset | Huber Park

Catch "Star Wars: The Force Awakens" on a large outdoor screen.

FREE EVENT

FATHER'S DAY SPECIAL

Sunday, June 19 | 11 a.m.-7 p.m. | SandVenture
FREE ADMISSION FOR PARENTS



JULY

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA! PARADE

Friday, July 1 | 10:30 a.m. | Lions Park

Decorate your bike, trike or wagon in red, white and blue and march around the neighborhood. Stay for entertainment and Popsicles.

FREE EVENT

CELEBRATE THE RED, WHITE & BLUE

Monday, July 4 | 11 a.m.-4 p.m. | SandVenture

HALF-OFF ADMISSION

RELAY FOR LIFE

Friday, July 8 | 11 a.m.-4 p.m. | Lions Park Lions Park is the 2016 host of the annual Scott County Relay for Life.

FREE EVENT

TOGETHER TIME MUSIC

Multiple sessions/times | Youth Building at Lions Park

Interact with your children, newborns to age 5, in music and song. These classes are designed to increase a child's curiosity about music and language.

REGISTER ONLINE #PM MUSIC

HALF-WAY, HALF-PAY DAY

Wednesday, July 13 | 11 a.m.-7 p.m. | SandVenture

Mark the halfway point of summer with half-off SandVenture memberships or admission.

HALF-OFF ADMISSION

PARKS & RECREATION'S BIG FUN DAY!

Saturday, July 30 | 6-8:30 p.m. | Huber Park

Celebrate National Parks & Recreation month with this new family, friendly event. Get wet with a splash pad, slip-n-slide, water relays, sidewalk art contest and more. Stay for an outdoor Movie in the Park, "Zootopia."

FREE EVENT

AUGUST

ARCHERY CAMP

Aug. 1-5 | 5-7:15 p.m. | Archery Park

REGISTER ONLINE #AA 001, 002, 003

SUMMER CARNIVAL

Friday, Aug. 5 | 10-11:15 a.m. | Lions Park

\$5 ADMISSION

CARNIVAL SPLASHTACULAR

\$2 ADMISSION

MINNESOTA TWINS GAME

Cost includes ticket and transportation.

REGISTER ONLINE #ST 809

POP-UP SPLASH PAD

Play in the spray of a fire truck hose, toss water balloons pop-up splash pad event.

FREE EVENT

GOLDFISH HUNT

and annual goldfish hunt at 5 p.m. Bring your buckets

REGULAR ADMISSION



SandVenture Aquatic Park opens June 4

1101 Adams St. Shakopee, MN 55379 | PHONE: (952) 233-9500 | WEATHER HOTLINE: (952) 233-9502 | TTY: (952) 496-4122

Time to hit the beach this summer – without leaving Shakopee!

SandVenture Aquatic Park opens for its 49th season Saturday, June 4. The outdoor aquatic park features a unique sand-bottom pool with zero-entry depth, three water slides, a diving board, concession stands, changing rooms and more.

"SandVenture combines the best of pool and beach," said Recreation Supervisor Sarah Foley. "We have the beach for kids to build sand castles and parents to lay in the sun, the water slides for adventure lovers and plenty of pool space for games of Frisbee."

The aquatic park is open daily from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. through Aug. 21. Daily admission is \$5 for guests under 48 inches and seniors and \$7 for guests over 48 inches. Twilight discounts (\$2 off) after 5 p.m.

Aquatic punch cards and memberships are also available for purchase at the Community Center or SandVenture (beginning June 4).

In addition, SandVenture hosts many special events during the season. It also offers swimming lessons and group rentals. Learn more at www.ShakopeeMN.gov/sandventure.

SANDVENTURE AQUATIC PARK SEASON PASS RATES

	Resident	Non Resident
Under 48" (individual)	\$52	\$69.50
Over 48" (individual)	\$63.50	\$81
Seniors (60+ individual)	\$52	\$69.50
Family (four or more)	\$219	\$275.75

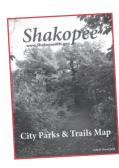
SEASON PASS RATES W/COMMUNITY CENTER MEMBERSHIP

	Resident	Non Resident
Under 48" (individual)	\$39	\$52.13
Over 48" (individual)	\$47.63	\$60.75
Seniors (60+ individual)	\$39	\$52.13
Family (four or more)	\$164.25	\$206.81

Shakopee Community Center members with an individual or family membership receive 25 percent off the same type SandVenture season pass. (Does not apply to daily admission or punch cards.)

All pass holders will be issued a barcode key tag that will help us track member use. If you are a current Community Center member, the same key tag you have will be used. Tax included in cost of membership.

Need more summer activity ideas? Here are our Top 10



- 1. Find an undiscovered trail on the city's parks and trails map, available at City Hall, Community Center, Shakopee Public Library or the Shakopee Visitors Bureau.
- Cool off with open skating at the Shakopee Ice Arena.
- 3. Host your birthday party at SandVenture Aquatic Park.
- 4. Do an "ollie" at the temporary skate park at Westminster Park.
- 5. Let your dog run free at the Southbridge Community Park dog
- 6. Register your kids for one of our MANY summer camps and programs, running through August.
- 7. Play a round of disc golf.
- 8. Tap your toes to the music of the **Huber Park Performance and Event** Series.
- 9. Check out the new pickleball courts at Lions Park.
- 10. Visit all 32 Shakopee parks!

Do you have other favorites? Share your photos and stories on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ShakopeeParksandRecreation





5-7 p.m. | Fridays, June 10 @ Lions Park & Aug. 12 @ Green Meadows Park | All Ages | FREE





ter Relays & Games = Food Carts = Face Paint/Temporary Tattoos = Craft

COMMUNITY CENTER & ICE ARENA UPDATE

Progress continues on the new Shakopee Ice Arena and remodeling at the Community Center.

Crews have started laying footings for the new ice arena. The public can expect to start seeing upward construction in the beginning of June. Parking lot expansion continues on the west side of the campus.

Inside the Community Center, the fitness equipment was moved to the former teen center. Work is ongoing in the lower level multi-purpose room and meeting room. The upper level will house an indoor playground.

Please note, the front entrance has shifted to the ice arena doors. Some Parks & Recreation staff will be relocated this summer to make room for remodeling of the Parks and Recreation office area. Many summer recreational programs were moved to various locations throughout the city.

The seniors' Tuesday and Thursday morning cards and coffee will be housed at Fire Station 1 throughout the summer months.

UPCOMING

In June, crews will start construction of the new community room and senior lounge along the north side of the building. A grand opening for the senior lounge will be held in September.

Learn more about the project and find photos at



Above, site work on the future ice arena location. Below, the former fitness area is being transformed into two levels with multi-purpose space on the bottom level.



City of Shakopee Shakopee Parks & Recreation 129 Holmes St. S. Shakopee, MN 55379

PRSRT STD
US POSTAGE

PAID
Permit No 254
Shakopee MN 55379

ECRWSS
Postal Customer

