



# Shafer Scoop

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April 2019



## Water Bill Reminder- and NEW FORMAT FOR BILLS!!

Just a reminder that the next quarterly water bills will be sent out the first week of April.  
Watch for your bill in the mail.

*We will be trying out a new full-sheet format for the April Water & Sewer Bills instead of the postcards.  
They will be mailed in a No. 10 envelope.*

Call City Hall 651-257-4726 if you do not get your bill by April 10.

For your convenience there is a blue drop box for payments outside the city hall entrance.

For payments the city only accepts cash, check or money order.

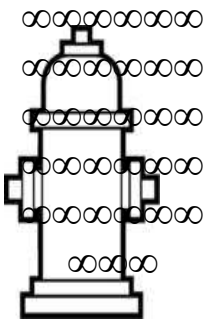


## CITY OF SHAFER BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the City of Shafer, Chisago County, Minnesota, will meet at City Hall at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, the 9th of April, 2019 for the purpose of reviewing and correcting the assessment of said City for the year 2019. All persons considering themselves aggrieved by said assessment, or who wish to complain that the property of another is assessed too low, are hereby notified to appear at said meeting and show cause of having such assessment corrected. No complaint that another person is assessed too low will be acted upon until the person so assessed, or his agent, shall have been notified of such complaint.



## Hydrant flushing scheduled for April Watch for sign at trailhead and on website for dates



### **Fire hydrants are scheduled to be flushed during the month of April**

Your water may become discolored. Flushing is important for our distribution systems for a variety of reasons. It ensures that each fire hydrant is in proper working order should the fire department need it. It also serves to remove sediment and mineral deposits that settle on the bottom of water mains. Residents and businesses may notice discolored water shortly after the hydrants are flushed. This water is **not harmful to drink** but could cause laundry stains. Clear your pipes of discolored water by running cold water taps nearest the water meter to full flow for a short period of time after crews have left the area.

**Building Permits are required for most projects-when in doubt CALL City Hall**

Building permits/zoning permits are required for most projects, including decks and fences. Check the city's website for application forms. If you are in doubt if your project needs a permit, call City Hall 651-257-4726. If a project is done that requires a permit without obtaining one, the fees are doubled.

If you are thinking of putting in a swimming pool this summer, check Chapter 9 of the city code for requirements or stop by City Hall. Filling pools from fire hydrants is prohibited.

*You can check the city's website for all city codes: [www.shafermn.com](http://www.shafermn.com)*



### Pet Licenses for dogs and cats

The 2019 pet licenses are available at the city clerk's office. You will need a copy of the animal's current rabies vaccination. Spayed or neutered animals are \$10.00 per year, non-spayed or non-neutered animals are \$15.00 per year. All dogs and cats over the age of 6 months are required to have city-issued pet licenses.



Shafer/ Franconia Fire Department News  
**The annual Spring Fireman's Pancake Breakfast will be held on Sunday, April 28, 2019 from 7:00 AM until gone at the Shafer/Franconia Fire Dept, 30325 Redwing Ave, Shafer.**  
• Adults 12+ \$6.00 • Kids 6-12 \$4.00 • 5 & Under Free

The Shafer/Franconia Fire Department meets twice a month on the first and third Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. On the first Wednesday of the month there is training held and a regular meeting. On the third Wednesday training is held. Public is welcome to attend.



Please recycle your cans in the can collection bin on the west side of the fire department. All proceeds go to the fire department.

**Shafer/Franconia Fire Department is hiring Firefighters. Applications are available at Shafer City Hall and on the city's website at [www.shafermn.com](http://www.shafermn.com)**



### Adopt-A-Park Program

The Shafer Parks Commission announces there is an opportunity for residents to adopt the parks at Shafer Meadows, Buffalo Ridge, or Trail sections: Trail Head, Trail to the West, and the newest city park, Järnväg. The form for the Adopt-A-Park program is on the city's website. If residents, businesses or other groups are interested you can download the form from the website or please contact city hall or attend a Parks Commission meeting. The Parks Commission meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month at 6:00pm at city hall.

The next Parks Commission meeting is **Monday, April 22, 2019.**



### Openings on City Committees

Current openings on some of the city's Committees:

**Parks Commission** = 1 opening

The above committees/commissions meet once a month-see meetings on back page for dates & times.

If you are curious and interested in what any of the committees do please come to a meeting.



**Do not flush!!!**

**Do not flush** wipes, feminine hygiene products, paper towels and medication. Despite product labeling as flushable, certain items do not break down during the Wastewater Treatment process. They can cause expensive repairs when they clog up the sewer lines. Please dispose of trash appropriately.

Unused and/or expired medication (prescription and over-the-counter) needs to be disposed of properly. There is a **free** drop-off site at the Sheriff's Office located in the new Public Safety Building at 15230 Per Rd, Center City.



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## BEYOND THE YELLOW RIBBON

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### **Chisago Lakes Beyond the Yellow Ribbon (CLBTYR)**

We are currently working through a 16 step process to become a Yellow Ribbon community. The cities involved are Chisago City, Lindstrom, Center City, and Shafer. We work with the Chisago County Veterans office in assisting service members, veterans, and their families. New members are always welcome to join our task force and be placed on our ever growing list to be called upon when we need or to be kept up to date on what we are doing. The task force consists of people involved in City Council, Public Safety, Medical, Mental Health, Legal, School, Groups and Organizations, We are currently putting lists together for volunteers when they are needed. The kinds of help we can give to service members, veterans, and their families would be yardwork, childcare, general needs, transportation, moving, and events (set up, running the event, and breakdown). These are just some of the areas there are needs for. We have meetings the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month. Our next meeting is **Wednesday, April 17, 2019 at Chisago City City Hall from 6:30-8 p.m. 10625 Railroad Ave, Chisago City MN 55013.** Any and all are welcome to attend.

Contact information [Chisagolakesbtyr@gmail.com](mailto:Chisagolakesbtyr@gmail.com) or like us on Facebook-Chisago Lakes Beyond the Yellow Ribbon. Website: [www.chisagolakesbtyr.org](http://www.chisagolakesbtyr.org)

You can also contact the Chairman directly.

Chairman Cory Boogaard: [cboogaard@hotmail.com](mailto:cboogaard@hotmail.com) or 763-232-5285.

**Proclamation Day is Saturday, May 4, 2019 1pm-5pm  
at the Chisago Lakes Middle School, 13750 Lake Blvd, Lindstrom MN 55045**



### **Report street light outages**

If you notice street lights out in your neighborhood or anywhere in the city, please make note of the pole location and number on the light pole if available and contact city hall 651/257-4726, Ext 0.

We will report any outages as quickly as possible to Xcel Energy.



### **Watch the Skies for Severe Weather**



With the chance of severe weather upon us, this is a reminder that severe weather warnings are indicated by a long steady tone from the city's siren.



**Upcoming events:**

**April**

April 4: Uncommon Loon Brewing Company in Chisago City will be holding a fundraiser for the Chisago Lakes Beyond the Yellow Ribbon on Friday April 5, 2019 from 3-10pm.

**MAY**

May 4: **CHISAGO LAKES BEYOND THE YELLOW RIBBON**

**Proclamation ceremony establishing Chisago Lakes as a Beyond the Yellow Ribbon community!**

**SATURDAY MAY 4, 2019 1PM-5PM**

**CHISAGO LAKES MIDDLE SCHOOL, 13750 LAKE BLVD.  
LINDSTROM, MN 55045**

May 30, 31 and June 1:



**City-wide garage sale dates**

**2019 City Wide Garage Sale Dates – May 30, May 31 and June 1.**

**August**

**August 17: City Clean-up Day will be held in August this year.**

**The date is August 17, 2019 from 9am-Noon**

**Location: City Public Works Building**

**Located at 17696 303<sup>rd</sup> St, Shafer**

**More info will follow in later newsletters and on the city's website.**

**September**

**September 13 & 14: Shafer Days 2019 will be held on**

**Friday September 13 & Saturday September 14**

# Happy Easter



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Shafer, MN 55074

ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

City Hall 651-257-4726

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Website: [www.shafermn.com](http://www.shafermn.com)

Email: [cityhall@shafermn.com](mailto:cityhall@shafermn.com)

*Effective February 1, 2019*

Shafer City Hall office hours are:

Monday– Thursday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Closed daily Noon-1:00 pm,

Friday hours are 8am-Noon.

**All Meetings @ 7:00 p.m. at City Hall unless noted**

Tuesday	April 2	City Council	Monday	April 22	Parks Commission 6:00 pm
Tuesday	April 9	Board of Appeals 6:00 pm	Monday	April 22	Events Committee
Tuesday	April 9	EDA	Tuesday	April 23	Planning Commission
Tuesday	April 16	City Council			