

Shafer Scoop

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August 2022

SHAFER CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATE CHANGE

Due to National Night Out held on Tuesday August 2, 2022 from 6-8 PM

The Shafer City Council has rescheduled their Tuesday, August 2, 2022 meeting to Monday, August 1, 2022 at 7:00pm at Shafer City Hall, 17656 303rd St., Shafer MN 55074



Water Bill Reminder and SHUT-OFF NOTICE

Just a reminder that the quarterly water bills were sent out the first week of July with a due date of August 1, 2022. After August 1 a late fee of \$25.00 will be applied to all delinquent accounts.

If your water bill has not been paid or arrangements made by Thursday, August 17, 2022 @ 9:00 am, the water to your property will be shut off.

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

The city currently only accepts Cash, Check or Money order for payments.

FOR AN ONLINE PAYMENT OPTION SIGN UP WITH YOUR BANK'S BILL PAY SERVICE.

Allow enough time for payment to reach the city.



2022 Election Dates & Info

Tuesday August 9, 2022 - State Primary Election Day

Polls are open from 7:00am to 8:00pm.

Polling location for the City of Shafer is: Shafer City Hall, 17656 303rd St, Shafer, MN 55074

Tuesday November 8, 2022 - General and City Election Day

There are 4 seats that are up for election this year:

- (1) MAYOR – One position, a four (4) year term
- (2) COUNCIL MEMBERS – Two at large, each a four (4) year term
- (1) COUNCIL MEMBER - SPECIAL ELECTION – One to fill a two (2) year term ending in Jan 2025

Hours for the General Election are 7:00am to 8:00pm

at Shafer City Hall, 17656 303rd Street, Shafer, MN 55074.

Affidavits of Candidacy for the above offices may be filed with the city clerk at Shafer City Hall, 17656 303rd Street, Shafer, MN 55074

between 8:00 a.m. Tuesday, August 2, 2022 and 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 16, 2022.

Cost is \$2.00.

You can learn more about becoming a candidate at the Minnesota Secretary of State website at this link:

www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/





Shafer/ Franconia Fire Department News



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



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

Building permits/zoning permits are required for most projects, including decks, fences, sheds and pools. Check the city’s website for application forms.

If you are not sure if your project needs a permit, call City Hall 651-257-4726 ext 0 or call Building Official Chisago County at 651-213-8372. If a project is done that requires a permit without obtaining one, the fees are doubled.

Also, NO WORK MAY BE DONE IN THE CITY’S ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY WITHOUT A PERMIT. (Driveways and irrigation systems to name a couple possible items). The city issues all Right-of-Way permits for city streets.

*Please check the city’s website for all city codes and information:
www.shafermn.com or contact city hall 651-257-4726 ext 0*



Shafer Compost Site is Open - Mulch is available ☺

As of April 18, 2022 the Shafer compost site is open for the season from dawn to dusk, 7 days a week. The compost site is to be used by Shafer residents only and can only be used to dispose of grass clippings, leaves and branches up to 3 inches in diameter.

Fresh mulch is available to city residents.

Any questions please call city hall or public works 651-257-4726 ext 2.

Openings on City Committees

- Current openings on some of the city’s Committees:
- Parks Commission** = 1 opening, volunteers welcome!
- Events Committee** = 2 openings, volunteers welcome!
- Planning Commission** = 1 opening, next meeting is August 23, 2022 at 7pm.

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 articles of clothing, wipes, feminine hygiene products, paper towels and medication. Despite some 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.



See suspicious activity in your neighborhood?

A suspicious person may be someone who is exhibiting suspicious behavior, or who is in an area or doing something that is not normal.



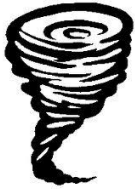
Go to [Crime Stoppers of Minnesota \(crimestoppersmn.org\)](https://www.crimestoppersmn.org) to anonymously report suspicious activity

Report Crime Information Anonymously Without Fear of Retaliation

Crime Stoppers of Minnesota provides a safe place for citizens to provide anonymous information about crime and fugitives. We'll deliver your information to the proper authorities to investigate without revealing your identity. If the information you provided leads to a felony arrest, you may be eligible for a reward of **up to \$1,000.**

The **Chisago County Sheriff's Office** is always seeking information regarding suspicious activity and they need your help. Forward any information to them, no matter how insignificant it may appear. If you see someone or something suspicious that may cause immediate life-threatening danger, report it to the nearest law enforcement agency, or police officer, or call 9-1-1.

Call: (651) 257-4100 non-emergency or Email: CSPSheriff@chisagocounty.us



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.



City Notes

Water Tower Project

The work in the Water Tower and surrounding area (*including city hall and public works*) is scheduled to start in late July 2022 and will last for 6-8 weeks. We anticipate the work to go through mid-October.

Please use caution when coming to city hall/public works.

Updates will be put on the city website.

www.shafermn.com

City of Shafer
17656 303rd Street
Shafer, MN 55074

ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

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 (closest street address and cross street) and contact city hall **651/257-4726 ext 0.**

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

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City Hall 651-257-4726 ext. 0
Website: www.shafermn.com

City Fax 651-257-6916
Email: cityhall@shafermn.com

Shafer City Hall office hours are:
Mon– Thurs 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Closed Daily Noon-1:00 pm
Fridays 8:00 – Noon

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

Tuesday	August 1	City Council	Tuesday	August 16	City Council
Tuesday	August 9	EDA-CANCELLED	Monday	August 22	Events 5:00 PM
Tuesday	August 9	Primary Election Day	Monday	August 22	Parks 6:00 PM
		Tuesday August 23			Planning Commission

Zoom meeting links can be found on the city's website calendar for all Council meetings.

[City of Shafer, Minnesota 55074 - Official City Website \(shafermn.com\)](http://City of Shafer, Minnesota 55074 - Official City Website (shafermn.com))