



Shafer Scoop

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February 2020



Caucus Night Is Tuesday, February 25, 2020

These are the locations for Shafer City Residents (Shafer Precinct):

The Republican Party Caucus will be held here at Shafer City Hall. Registration begins at 6:30pm

The DFL Party Caucus will be held at Century Junior High, 21395 Goodview Ave N, Forest Lake, MN 55025

More ELECTION INFO AVAILABLE:

- CHISAGO COUNTY WEBSITE: www.chisagocounty.us/139/Voting-Election-Information
- MINNESOTA SECRETARY OF STATE WEBSITE: www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/

▶ *Due to the Caucus on February 25, the Shafer Planning Commission has **changed** their regular meeting date to Wednesday February 26, 2020 at 7:00 pm* ◀



Pet Licenses for dogs and cats

The 2020 pet licenses are now 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.



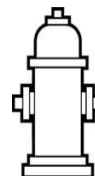
Water Bill Payment Reminder

Payments for water bills dated 1-2-20 are due by 5:00pm February 3, 2020

Payments received for the water bills dated 1-2-20 *after February 3, 2020* will have a late fee of \$25.00 added to them. It is city policy to not shut off water during the winter months, though the late fee will remain on the account until it is paid.

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.
The closest thing to an online payment option is to set up "Bill Pay" with your bank.*



Please keep hydrants clear

If you have a fire hydrant on your property please keep it cleared of snow during the winter in case it is needed for a fire emergency. Thank you!



Winter and Snowplowing Season are here!

Reminder that there is **NO PARKING** on any city street between 2am-6am *and* during a snow fall until they have been plowed curb to curb. The post office will not deliver your mail if they are unable to reach your mailbox. The city plow cannot completely clean out the areas in front of mail boxes so you will need to shovel out the snow in those areas.

- **Please keep garbage and recycling cans behind the curb.**
- **Also, Minnesota State Statute 169.42 makes it illegal to deposit snow or any debris or other items on roads.**



Openings on City Committees

There are available seats on some of the city’s Committees:

Parks = 2 openings. Parks meets once a month; 4th Monday of the month at 6:00pm (see meeting schedule)

Events Committee = 2 openings. Events meets up to 12 times a year, frequency gets closer leading up to Shafer Days, other meeting dates are less frequent. *(next Events meeting is February 24, 2020)*

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



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 4th Monday of each month at 6:00pm at city hall.

The next Parks Commission meeting is **Monday February 24, 2020.**



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| <p>Shafer/ Franconia Fire Department News</p> |
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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.



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.



City Notes

City Hall and Public Works will be closed these days:

Monday February 17, 2020

in observance of Presidents’ Day

Don’t rely on Social Media for the FACTS! This is where you’ll find answers to city questions:

Please check the city’s website for all city codes and information:

www.shafermn.com or contact city hall 651-257-4726 ext 0



2020 Celebration of the Lakes!

FEBRUARY 14 - FEBRUARY 16, 2020

Celebration of the Lakes is a community festival celebrating winter and all the fun to be had on ice and snow!

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14th EVENTS

- **Location: Moberg Park, Chisago City (5:00-9:00pm)** *Dogsleds, Snowman Contest, Candlelight Snowshoe, Hot Chocolate/Cider, Food Truck, Sing Along*
- **Location: Uncommon Loon Brewery, Chisago City (5:00-9:00pm)** *Corn Hole Tournament*
- **Location: Winehaven Winery, Chisago City (5:00-9:00pm)** *Valentine’s Luau*
- **Location: Gustaf’s On Main Eatery, Lindstrom (6:00pm)** *Sweetheart Dinner*

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15th EVENTS

- **Location: North Center Lake, Center City (10:00am-4:00pm)** *Vintage Snowmobiles, Radar Run, Kids Pro Snowmobile Races, Ice Carousel, Food Stand (8:00am-4:00pm), Fishing Tournament (1:00-4:00pm)*
- **Location: Chisago Lakes Library, Chisago City (10:00am-12:00pm)** *Children’s Story Time*
- **Location: Uncommon Loon, Chisago City (11:00am-2:00pm)** *Chili Contest*
- **Location: Chisago Lake Lutheran Church, Center City (4:30-7:00pm)** *Spaghetti Dinner*
- **Location: Paradise Park, Chisago City (7:00pm)** *Fireworks*
- **Location: Uncommon Loon, Chisago City (7:30-11:00pm)** *Loon Dance*

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16th EVENTS

- **Location: Trinity Lutheran Church, Lindstrom (8:00-11:30am)** *Pancake Breakfast*
- **Location: North Center Lake, Center City (10:00am-4:00pm)** *Kids Pro Snowmobile Races*
- **Location: North Center Lake (Noon-3:00pm)** *Dodgeball Tournament*
- **Location: Trinity Lutheran Church, Lindstrom (2:00-5:00pm)** *Bingo*

Website for info: <https://chisagolakes.org/event/celebration-of-the-lakes/>

City of Shafer
17656 303rd Street
Shafer, MN 55074

ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

Shafer Compost Site closed for the winter

The compost site will re-open next Spring.
Watch the newsletter or check the city's website for that announcement.

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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.

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

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| Tuesday | February 4 | City Council | Monday | February 24 | Parks 6:00 pm |
| Tuesday | February 11 | EDA | Monday | February 24 | Events |
| Tuesday | February 18 | City Council | Wednesday | February 26 | Planning |