

Shafer Scoop

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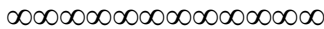
February 2022

THANK YOU JACK!!!!!!!!!! And Welcome Back Chisago County!!

We will bid a fond farewell to Bldg Official Jack Kramer as of January 31, 2022. The City of Shafer has been extremely fortunate to have Jack Kramer as our Building Official since 2002.

Jack has announced his "semi-retirement" and he is leaving the City of Shafer and 3 other communities in Chisago County. He will be greatly missed by all!!

With that said, we would like to welcome back doing business with Chisago County Environmental Services effective February 1, 2022. Chisago County had been our Building Official before Jack took over so they are familiar with the city. Watch the city's website for updates and instructions on the permitting process while we make the transition.



Caucus Night Is Tuesday, February 1, 2022

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 Forest Lake Middle School, 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 1, the Shafer City Council has **changed their regular meeting time** to Tuesday February 1, 2022 at **5:00 pm** ◀



Water Bill Reminder

Payments for water bills dated 1-3-21 are due February 2, 2022

Payments received for the water bills dated 1-3-22 *after February 2, 2022* 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.*



On the subject of Water, the city will be replacing the older-style water meters (AT NO COST TO RESIDENTS) with meters with start-of-the-art technology. Residents will be contacted via US Mail late January-early February with more information on the replacement schedule.

Replacements will begin February 14, 2022.



Pet Licenses for dogs and cats (for animals 6 months or older)

The 2022 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.



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).

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

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



City Notes

City Hall and Public Works will be closed these days:

- **Monday, February 21, 2022** in observance of Presidents' Day



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.



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.

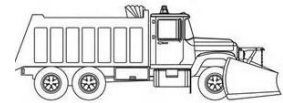
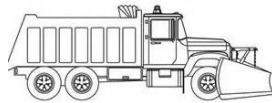


Winter and Snowplowing Season are here!

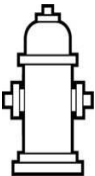
Reminder that there is no parking on any city street between 2am-6am **and** during a snow fall until they have been plowed curb to curb. The post office will not deliver your mail if they are unable to reach your mailbox. The city plow cannot completely clean out the areas in front of mail boxes so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



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!



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.



Openings on City Committees

Current openings on some of the city's Committees:

Parks Commission = 1 opening

Events Committee = 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.



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 \(crimestoppersmn.org\)](http://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: CPSheriff@chisagocounty.us

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WELCOME 2022-THE CITY OF SHAFER CELEBRATES 100 YEARS!



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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 February 1	City Council	5:00*	Tuesday February 22	Planning Commission
Tuesday February 8	EDA		Monday February 28	Events 5:00 PM
Tuesday February 15	City Council		Monday February 28	Parks 6:00 PM

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://www.shafermn.com)

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