

# Shafer Scoop

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February 2023

## New City Clerk-In-Training ☺

City Hall welcomes new City Clerk-in-Training Valerie Fox.

Valerie will be taking over the clerk duties at city hall

when current City Clerk Joan Ciesler retires later in 2023.

Valerie lives in the Shafer area and is a familiar face to many Shafer community residents.

Stop in and say Hi!



## Water Bill Reminder

Payments for water bills dated 1-3-23 are due February 1, 2023

Payments received for the water bills dated 1-3-23 *after February 1, 2023* 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.*



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

The 2023 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.

**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)**



**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](http://www.shafermn.com) or contact city hall 651-257-4726 ext 0***



**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!**

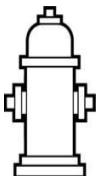
Reminder that there is no parking on any city street between 2am-6am **and** during a snow fall until they have been plowed curb to curb. The post office will not deliver your mail if they are unable to reach your mailbox. The city plow cannot completely clean out the areas in front of mail boxes so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

**Please keep garbage and recycling cans behind the curb.** Any receptacles left at the end of a driveway risk being hit by discharge and knocked over or possibly causing damage to plow equipment.

**Also, Minnesota State Statute 160.2715(a)(1) makes it illegal to plow snow across roads. This statute can be viewed at this link: <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/2022/cite/160.2715>**



**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!**

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# City Notes

City Hall and Public Works will be closed these days:

- **Monday, February 20, 2023** in observance of Presidents Day

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## 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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## Openings on City Committees

Current openings on some of the city's Committees:

**Events Committee:** Next meeting is February 27, 2023 at 5:00pm

**Come and help plan Shafer Days 2023**

**Parks Commission** = 1 opening, volunteers welcome!

**Planning 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.

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## 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](mailto:CPSheriff@chisagocounty.us)

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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.

**City Hall 651-257-4726 ext. 0**

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

**City Fax 651-257-6916**

**Email: [cityhall@shafermn.com](mailto: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 7 City Council**  
**Tuesday February 14 EDA**  
**Tuesday February 21 City Council**

**Monday February 27 Events 5:00 PM**  
**Monday February 27 Parks 6:00 PM**  
**Tuesday February 28 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))