



Shafer Scoop

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July 2022

Water Tower Project & Water Main work started in April 2022, more to come!

Please watch for workers and signs.

The **Water Main/Utility Improvements** portion of the work will mainly be located in the older section of the city near city hall and the fire department but will also run along CR21/Redwing Ave.

There may be disruptions to water services, including low water pressure, while the work is in progress. The work may also cause discoloration of the water from time-to-time.

The work in the Water Tower is scheduled to start in August 2022.

Please check the city’s website for updates.



Water Bill Reminder

Just a reminder that the next quarterly water bills will be sent out the first week of July. Watch for your bill in the mail. Call City Hall 651-257-4726 ext 0 if not received by July 11.

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.



National Night Out-AUGUST

Shafer Days - SEPTEMBER

PLAN AHEAD:

2022 National Night Out – Tuesday August 2 – Shafer Meadows Park 6-8pm

2022 Shafer Days – Friday September 16 and Saturday September 17



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

The 2022 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.





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.



Water Meter Replacement Project Nearly Complete!!

Thank You to all Shafer residents and property owners for your cooperation in the city’s water meter replacement project. At the time of this newsletter we have 2 remaining meters to be replaced. The goal was to have all meters replaced in time for the July 1, 2022 water bill date. This will greatly simplify the water bill process. Since 2019 we have been between 2 different systems and made reading and generating the water bills a challenge!

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 July 26, 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 \(crimestoppersmn.org\)](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: 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

City Hall and Public Works will be closed these days:

- **Monday, July 4, 2022** in observance of Independence Day

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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.



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 July 5 City Council
Tuesday July 12 EDA
Tuesday July 19 City Council

Monday July 25 Events 5:00 PM
Monday July 25 Parks 6:00 PM
Tuesday July 26 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://www.shafermn.com)