

# Shafer Scoop

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November 2022



## 2022 General Election Date & Info

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

### Tuesday November 8, 2022 - General and City Election Day

There are 3 seats that are up for election this year (2 are 4-year terms) and 1 seat (Special term for remainder of 2 years-until Jan 2025):  
These seats will be on the ballot on November 8, 2022.

**Hours for the General Election are 7:00am to 8:00pm**  
at Shafer City Hall, 17656 303<sup>rd</sup> Street, Shafer, MN 55074.

You can learn more about elections at the Minnesota Secretary of State website at this link:  
[www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/](http://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/)

If you want to vote early or by mail-in ballot please contact the Chisago County Auditor-Treasurer Department:  
Phone 651-213-8500  
Website: <https://www.chisagocounty.us/140/Absentee-Voting>



### Water Bill Reminder

Just a reminder that the next quarterly water bills were sent out the first week of October with a due date of November 1, 2022.

After November 1 a late fee of \$25.00 will be applied to all delinquent accounts.  
Call City Hall 651-257-4726 ext 0 with any questions or to get a copy of your W&S bill.

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.***



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

The 2023 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.



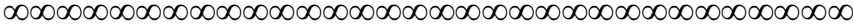
**Building Permits are required for most projects-when in doubt CALL City Hall**

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



**Shafer Compost Site is still 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.

The compost site will be open into the fall as long as weather permits. The signs will be posted when closed.

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

**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.

## Openings on City Committees

Current openings on some of the city's Committees:

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

**Planning Commission** = 1 opening, next meeting is November 22, 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.



## **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://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](mailto:CSPSheriff@chisagocounty.us)



## Winter and Snowplowing Season are here!

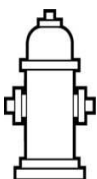
Reminder that there is no parking on any city street between 2am-6am **and** during a snow fall until they have been plowed curb to curb. The post office will not deliver your mail if they are unable to reach your mailbox. The city plow cannot completely clean out the areas in front of mail boxes so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

**Please keep garbage and recycling cans behind the curb.**

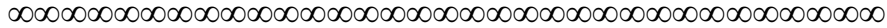
**Also, Minnesota State Statute 169.42 makes it illegal to plow snow across roads.**



## 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!**



# City Notes

## Water Tower Project

The work in the Water Tower and surrounding area (including city hall and public works) started mid-August and will last for 6-8 weeks. We anticipate the work to go through late-October/early November.

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

Updates will be put on the city website.

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

## **Fall Hydrant flushing to be scheduled soon! Watch for sign at trailhead and on website for dates**

**Fire hydrants are scheduled to be flushed during the months of October/November**

Your water may become discolored. Flushing is important for our distribution systems for a variety of reasons. It ensures that each fire hydrant is in proper working order should the fire department need it. It also serves to remove sediment and mineral deposits that settle on the bottom of water mains.

Residents and businesses may notice discolored water shortly after the hydrants are flushed. This water is **not harmful to drink** but could cause laundry stains. Clear your pipes of discolored water by running cold water taps nearest the water meter to full flow for a short period of time after crews have left the area.

City Hall and Public Works will be closed these days:

**Friday November 11 – Veterans Day**

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**Thursday November 24 and Friday November 25, 2022**

in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

*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



**Happy Thanksgiving!!**

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](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 Nov 1 City Council  
Tuesday Nov 8 **EDA -Cancelled**  
Tuesday Nov 15 City Council

Tuesday Nov 22 Planning  
Monday Nov 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)