



Welcome
To the City of
Shafer

We hope the following will be useful to you. Please feel welcome to contact us with any questions you may have. Call (651)257-4726

Monday thru Friday 8:00am – 5:00pm

17656 303rd St. Shafer, MN 55074

City of Shafer
City Council and Staff

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Councilmember: Terry Smith 651-257-7113
Councilmember: Jeff Behnke 651-257-1967
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City Building Official and City Zoning Admin.: Jack Kramer 651-351-5051

Council Meetings

The City Council meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Shafer City Hall, 17656 303rd St. These meetings are open to the public. To be heard at a council meeting contact the City Clerk by noon the Thursday the week before the meeting to be placed on the agenda or you may be heard at the Open Hearing of the public, but with a time limit of 3 minutes.

Fire Department:

The Shafer Franconia Fire and Rescue Department meets the first and third Wednesday's of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Fire Hall, 30325 Redwing Ave., for training followed by a business meeting. The firefighters are volunteers. Attend a meeting to find out more and see about becoming a volunteer firefighter.

Planning:

The Planning Commission meets monthly on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Shafer City Hall, 17656 303rd St. These meetings are open to the public. The function of the Planning Commission is to review, hold hearings and make recommendations on requests affecting zoning and for planning for the future of the city. Contact the City Clerk or a Councilmember serving on the Planning Commission to be placed on a meeting agenda or to apply to serve as a member of the Planning Commission. Additional Planning Commission members are needed.

Parks:

The Parks Commission meets the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at Shafer City Hall, 17656 303rd St. The Parks Commission is responsible for the planning and development of the city's parks. To apply to serve as a member of

the Parks Commission contact City Clerk or a Councilmember serving on the Commission. Donations to the Parks Commission Fund are welcome and needed to fund park equipment and improvements. Make donations payable to: City of Shafer, notation Park Fund.

Volunteers:

Citizens wishing to volunteer their time and talents to the city are welcome to contact the City Clerk or a Councilmember with their ideas and proposals.

City Water & Sewer Service Related information

Water & Sewer:

Our water supply is pumped from 2 deep wells. You will find it to be somewhat hard and have very slightly alkaline pH. Fluoride and chlorine are added for your continued well-being.

Water and sewer use is based on water readings taken by the city. Water and sewer service is billed quarterly on the first of January, April, July, and October.

Payment of water and sewer bills is due in the same month as the bill is issued. Unpaid accounts are issued a notice of shut-off of water service, which includes a \$25.00 penalty fee. Unpaid accounts may, by the date stated on the notice, request a public hearing which by City Code 401.04 is for the purpose of showing proof that the bill has been paid. Water service is not restored when shut off until the water and sewer bill and the reconnection fee are paid in full. Payments may be made by mail or in person at the City Clerk's Office, 17656 303rd St. between the hours Monday thru Friday 8 am – 5:00pm. Payment checks should be made payable to: City of Shafer. A water bill drop box is located by City Hall for your convenience as well.

The city **requires** notice in advance of date when moving in or out of the city and when requesting a specific date for meter installation/removal or water shut-off/turn-on. The city, upon notification, will handle emergencies as soon as possible.

The city now offers homeowners the option of purchasing a second water meter for outside water. The cost of the meter is \$250.00, \$15.00 for the couplings and \$100.00 for the installation inspection. The second water meter is billed for water only, not sewer.

Property Related Information

Compost Pile:

The city compost pile is available to Shafer residents for disposal of their grass clippings, leaves, small branches 3” in diameter. No other materials are accepted at the compost site located by the city’s sewer ponds. The site is open 7 days a week, dawn to dusk, closed in the winter.

Grass Mowing:

Property owners are required to keep their property and boulevards and ditches adjacent to their property mowed throughout the growing season. Grass clippings are not allowed on sidewalks, streets or in near storm sewers at anytime. The compost site accepts grass clippings.

Nuisances/Junk:

City Code 904.16 does not allow nuisances/junk or abandoned items to be left in the open on any property. Property owners may keep these items in an enclosed structure only. Some examples of items that may not be left in the open are furniture, appliances, machinery, unlicensed inoperative motor vehicles or health or safety hazard items.

Hazardous Waste:

Household items that are hazardous such as paints, solvents, oil or pesticides should be disposed of properly. When in use store these materials in a safe location well out of the reach of children and pets. North Branch has a **Household Hazardous Waste Facility** Hours Mondays: 12pm -7 pm, last Saturday of the month: 9 am - 1 pm closed on major holidays. Location North Branch Industrial Park 39649 Grand Ave. North Branch, MN 55056 Phone (651) 237-0912

Web Site:

Visit the city’s web site for meeting schedules, meeting minutes, current events, newsletter, and the city code. Visit the web site at www.shafermn.com

Animals:

Licenses are required for dogs and cats at a fee of \$10.00 per license for spayed or neutered; \$15.00 for non-spayed or non-neutered and are renewed on January 1 of each year. Annual licenses may be obtained from the city clerk upon showing proof of vaccination. At all times, animals must be kept leashed/confined.

Building Permits:

Building Permits are required. Contact the clerk’s office for details.

Safety Related Information

Warning Siren:

A steady sounding of the siren is a warning of severe weather or danger. Take immediate action and cover. An intermittent sound is the Fire Department's notification of a fire. Pull to the side of the roadway to make way for fire vehicles and trucks; when their sirens are sounding they have the right of way.

Crime Watch:

Active Neighborhood Crime Watch groups are located in the city to keep their neighborhoods safe. Contact your neighbors as to when and where their group meets. To start a Crime Watch group in your neighborhood contact the Chisago County Sheriff's Department (651)257-4100.

Curfew:

No child under the age of 16 is allowed out in public within the city limits between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. unless a parent or guardian accompanies them or for a verifiable reason or emergency.

A.T.V./Snowmobile/Motorized Golf Carts:

All terrain vehicles, snowmobiles, motorized golf carts, and their operators must have current licenses to operate within the city limits. Golf carts and ATV's require city-issued permits per Chapter 7, parts 4 & 5 of the City Codes. These machines are limited to a speed limit of 10 miles per hour and to not being driven within 100 feet of any building during the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. These machines may be operated on the right hand side of city streets but may not be operated on boulevards, ditches, sidewalks or, unless given permission, private property.

Street Parking:

Parking is not allowed 365 days a year on any city street between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. Unlawfully parked vehicles are subject to ticketing by the Sheriff's Department. Ticketed vehicles will be towed away. For snowplowing it is especially important to park off-street at all times if possible.

Sidewalks:

The care and maintenance of sidewalks is the responsibility of the property owner on whose property the sidewalk is. Sidewalks are to be kept free of snow, ice and anything that may constitute a hazard. Please help the fire department and shovel around fire hydrants that are on your property. In case of a fire it will save time for the fire department to have ready access to those hydrants.