



Shafer Scoop

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December 2018

Truth In Taxation Meeting

The City of Shafer will be holding an open meeting to the public to take comments for the Proposed Property Taxes Payable in 2019 (Truth in Taxation) on Tuesday December 4th, 2018 at 6:30pm at the Shafer City Hall, 17656 303rd Street. Anyone wishing to be heard on their proposed city portion for their 2019 property taxes should attend this meeting.

The regularly scheduled Council meeting follows at 7:00pm or as soon as possible after the TNT meeting has concluded.



PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Shafer City Council will be holding a public hearing on Tuesday December 4, 2018 at 7:00pm or as soon thereafter at Shafer City Hall, 17656 303rd Street, Shafer, to hear comments on a proposed amendment to Chapter 12, Section 1201.01 Fee Schedule of the Shafer City Code, Water & Sewer rate increase and an increase in the fee for Water Meters. Anyone wishing to comment on these proposed ordinance amendments should attend this public hearing.

The Shafer Planning Commission will be holding a public hearing on Monday December 17, 2018 at 7:00pm or as soon thereafter at Shafer City Hall, 17656 303rd Street, Shafer, to hear comments on a proposed amendment to Chapter 3, Part 1 of the Shafer City Code Regarding Right-of-Way Management for Small Cell Wireless Facilities. Anyone wishing to comment on this proposed ordinance amendment should attend this public hearing.



Pet Licenses for dogs and cats

The 2019 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.



Water Bill Reminder

Just a reminder that the next quarterly water bills will be sent out the first week of January. Watch for your postcard in the mail. Call City Hall 651-257-4726 if not received by January 10.

For your convenience there is a blue drop box for payments outside the city hall entrance. There will be another reminder in January's Newsletter.



Shafer Compost Site Closed for the Winter as of December 3, 2018

The compost site will re-open next Spring. Watch the newsletter or check the city's website for that announcement.

Winter and Snowplowing Season will be here soon!

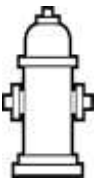
Reminder that there is no parking on any city street between 2am-6am *and* during a snow fall until they have been plowed curb to curb. The post office will not deliver your mail if they are unable to reach your mailbox. The city plow cannot completely clean out the areas in front of mail boxes so you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



Shafer/ Franconia Fire Department News

The Shafer/Franconia Fire Department meets twice a month on the first and third Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. On the first Wednesday of the month there is training held and a regular meeting. On the third Wednesday training is held. Public is welcome to attend.



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



Adopt-A-Park Program

The Shafer Parks Commission announces there is an opportunity for residents to adopt the parks at Shafer Meadows, Buffalo Ridge, or Trail sections: Trail Head, Trail to the West, and the newest city park, Järnväg. The form for the Adopt-A-Park program is on the city's website. If residents, businesses or other groups are interested you can download the form from the website or please contact city hall or attend a Parks Commission meeting. The Parks Commission meets on the 4th Monday of each month at 6:00pm at city hall.

Due to the Christmas Eve Holiday falling on Monday December 24, the next Parks Commission meeting has been rescheduled for **Monday, December 17, 2018.**



Openings on City Committees

There are available seats on some of the city's Committees:

Parks = 1 opening. Parks meets once a month; 4th Monday of the month at 6:00pm (see meeting schedule)

Events Committee = 1 opening. Events meets up to 12 times a year, frequency gets closer leading up to Shafer Days, other meeting dates are less frequent.

If you are curious and interested in what these committees do please come to a meeting.



BEYOND THE YELLOW RIBBON

What is Beyond the Yellow Ribbon?

It was started by the Minnesota National Guard to help soldiers and their families when they came home. They wanted to help reintegrate them back into the communities they live in.

What is a Beyond the Yellow Ribbon community?

It is a network that connects and coordinates agencies, organizations, employers to create access to resources to meet the needs of current military, families, and veterans.

Minnesota Beyond the Yellow Ribbon (BTYR)

In Minnesota we have 90 networks and 62 companies that are yellow ribbon. We have 61 armories and 2 air wings and according to the state we have 2,000 service members who will be deployed in 2019.

Chisago Lakes Beyond the Yellow Ribbon (CLBTYR)

We are currently working through a 16 step process to become a Yellow Ribbon community. The cities involved are Chisago City, Lindstrom, Center City, Shafer, and Taylor Falls. We work with the Chisago County Veterans office in assisting service members, veterans, and their families. New members are always welcome to join our task force and be placed on our ever growing list to be called upon when we need or to be kept up to date on what we are doing. The task force consists of people involved in City Council, Public Safety, Medical, Mental Health, Legal, School, Groups and Organizations, We are currently putting lists together for volunteers when they are needed. The kinds of help we can give to service members, veterans, and their families would be yardwork, childcare, general needs, transportation, moving, and events (set up, running the event, and breakdown). These are just some of the areas there are needs for. We have meetings the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Our next meeting is **Wednesday, December 19 at the Chisago City Hall from 6:30-8 p.m.** 10625 Railroad Ave. in Chisago City. Any and all are welcome to attend.

Contact information Chisagolakesbtyr@gmail.com or like us on Facebook-Chisago Lakes Beyond the Yellow Ribbon. You can also contact the Chairman directly.

Cory Boogaard: cboogaard@hotmail.com or 763-232-5285.

Chisago Lakes Beyond the Yellow Ribbon is looking for an ambassador to represent Shafer. Anyone interested please come to a meeting or contact Cory Boogaard directly. Thank you!!!



Do not flush!!!

Do not flush wipes, feminine hygiene products, paper towels and medication. Despite 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.

City of Shafer
17656 303rd Street
Shafer, MN 55074

ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

Holidays Observed

Shafer City Offices will be closed Monday, December 24 and Tuesday, December 25, 2018, in observance of Christmas Eve & Christmas Day and Monday, December 31, 2018, and Tuesday, January 1, 2019, in observance of New Year's Eve & Day.

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 and number on the light pole if available and contact city hall 651/257-4726.

We will report any outages as quickly as possible to Xcel Energy.

City Hall 651-257-4726

City Fax 651-257-6916

Website: www.shafermn.com

Email: cityhall@shafermn.com

Shafer City Hall office hours are Mon– Fri 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Closed Noon-1:00 pm, unless otherwise posted.

All Meetings @ 7:00 p.m. at City Hall unless noted

Tuesday December 4 Truth in Taxation 6:30

Monday December 17 Parks 6:00

Tuesday December 4 City Council

Monday December 17 Planning Commission

Tuesday December 11 EDA

Tuesday December 18 City Council