



# Shafer Scoop

City of Shafer is an Equal Opportunity Provider and Employer

January 2022

**\*\*\* ANNOUNCEMENT \*\*\***

**WATER METER REPLACEMENT PROJECT  
IN FEBRUARY 2022**

The City of Shafer is replacing the water meters inside your home or business. **Replacement of the water meter is at no cost to the homeowner** and takes approximately 30-minutes to complete. The water meter is typically located in the utility room or lower level of your home or business.

The City has purchased Kamstrup water meters from Dakota Supply Group and their installer Midwest Testing will be installing the meters **February 14, 2022 through February 24, 2022**. You will receive a notification letter from the City and Midwest Testing in early February with direction on how to schedule your appointment.

Thank you for helping make this a successful project.



**Water Bill Reminder**

Just a reminder that the next quarterly water bills will be sent out the first week of January. Watch for your bill in the mail. Call City Hall 651-257-4726 ext 0 if not received by January 10. 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 2022 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.



**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 Jack Kramer at 651-351-5051. 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.

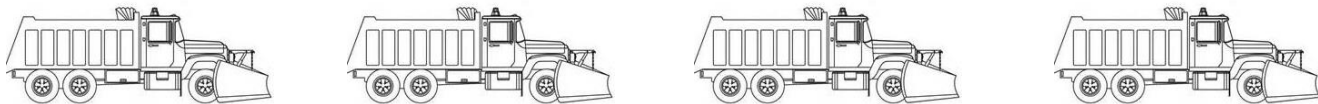


**Winter and Snowplowing Season are here!**

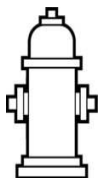
Reminder that there is no parking on any city street between 2am-6am **and** during a snow fall until they have been plowed curb to curb. The post office will not deliver your mail if they are unable to reach your mailbox. The city plow cannot completely clean out the areas in front of mail boxes so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

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

**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

City Hall and Public Works will be closed these days:

- **Monday, January 17, 2022** in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. 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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## 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://CrimeStoppersofMinnesota.com) 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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**WELCOME 2022-THE CITY OF SHAFER CELEBRATES 100 YEARS!**



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.

**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 January 4 City Council**

**Tuesday January 11 EDA**

**Tuesday January 18 City Council**

**Monday January 24 Events 5:00 PM**

**Monday January 24 Parks 6:00 PM**

**Tuesday January 25 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://CityofShafer.Minnesota.55074-OfficialCityWebsite.shafermn.com)