



# News Update

*from the City of Shakopee*



## Fire Prevention Week

The Shakopee Fire Department will be visiting area schools and meeting with the public to share important fire safety tips during Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 4-10 and throughout the month of October. In addition to visiting with pre-kindergarten to fourth graders about fire safety, the Fire Department will hold an open house at the Vierling Dr. Fire Station from 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 17. Fire Prevention Week is a great time to review and practice home fire escape plans; test and change the batteries in smoke detectors; and remember to take extra care to prevent burns while around hot water, candles, fire places/pits or hot appliances. To learn more fire safety and prevention tips, visit [www.firepreventionweek.org](http://www.firepreventionweek.org) or [www.ci.shakopee.mn.us/fire\\_tips.cfm](http://www.ci.shakopee.mn.us/fire_tips.cfm). For more information about Fire Department activities, please call 952-233-9570.

## Pumpkins in the Park

Bring your little trick-or-treaters (ages 4-10) to Veterans Memorial Park on Saturday, Oct. 10, from 4 – 6 p.m. for Pumpkins in the Park. The cost is \$5 per child and free for adults. At this family friendly event, there will be a Trick-or-Treat Trail, ghoulish games, spooktacular face painting, moonwalks and much more. Each child will receive a pumpkin when they leave (while supplies last). Learn more at [www.ci.shakopee.mn.us/parks\\_events.cfm](http://www.ci.shakopee.mn.us/parks_events.cfm).

## Are you registered to vote?

The City and School District Election will be held Tuesday, Nov. 3. U.S. citizens who are at least 18 years old on Election Day and who have been a



resident of Minnesota at least 20 days before the election are eligible to vote; however, they must be registered. If you are not registered, if you've changed your name or address, or if you haven't voted in the last four years, you can pre-register until 20 days before the election. Voters who have pre-registered will be included on the election roster for their precinct on Election Day. State residents also may register on Election Day with certain proof of residency documentation. Registration on Election Day will require additional time at the polls. Voter registration applications are available at Shakopee City Hall, the Scott County Elections Office, on the Secretary of State's website ([www.sos.state.mn.us](http://www.sos.state.mn.us)) and at [www.ci.shakopee.mn.us/elections.cfm](http://www.ci.shakopee.mn.us/elections.cfm).

## **Candidate Forums Planned**

Shakopee residents can learn more about the candidates for Mayor, City Council and the School Board at Candidate Forums being planned for Oct. 13, 14, and 15 at Shakopee City Hall. The School Board Forum will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 13. The Mayoral Forum will be at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 14. The City Council Forum is at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 15. All forums will be telecast live and replayed on Government Access Cable Channel 16, as well as the City's website ([www.ci.shakopee.mn.us](http://www.ci.shakopee.mn.us), click the Video on Demand icon). The Candidate Forums are sponsored by the Shakopee Chamber of Commerce.

The Kids Voting Program will hold a candidate "Meet and Greet" before each forum from 6:15 – 6:45 p.m. at City Hall. During this time, students are invited to meet and talk with the candidates.

## **Senior Expo is Oct. 16**

Scott County senior citizens are invited to the Senior Expo on Friday, Oct. 16 at Shakopee Senior High School (100 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue W). There will be presentations, live entertainment, vendors, prizes, breakfast and lunch. The program runs from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (check-in open at 8 a.m.). The cost is \$10 per person. To register, use the Shakopee Parks and Recreation Fall Brochure (Program # SE 1016) or call 952-233-9507.



## **Register Now for the Jack o' Lantern 5K Race and Kid's Pumpkin Run**

The Shakopee Parks and Recreation Department will hold the first annual Jack o' Lantern 5K Race and Kid's Pumpkin Run on Saturday, Oct. 31 at the Shakopee Community Center (1255 Fuller St.). The 5K race begins at 9 a.m., and the Pumpkin Run will start at 10:15 a.m. There will be prizes for the top male and female finishers in both races. To participate in either run, please register using the Fall Parks and Recreation Brochure. Bring the entire family for this fun event and don't forget to wear a costume. To learn more about the event, how to register and registration fees, visit [www.ci.shakopee.mn.us/pages/Communications/Press%20Releases/2009/5KRun.pdf](http://www.ci.shakopee.mn.us/pages/Communications/Press%20Releases/2009/5KRun.pdf).

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