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Dec. 30, 2010

Holiday Hours

Shakopee City offices will be closed Friday, Dec. 31, and the Community Center will be closed starting at 4:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 31 and all day Saturday, Jan. 1. The Ice Arena will be open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Jan. 1.

City offices also will be closed Monday, Jan. 17 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. However, the Community Center will be open.

Certain City services like police, fire and snow removal will continue to be available during the holidays. Please note, trash services will be delayed by one day following New Year's Day, but they will not be affected by the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.



Jack Frost New Year's Eve Party Reminder

Ring in 2011 with an early New Year's Eve celebration on Dec. 31, from 5-8 p.m., at Lions Park (1103 Adams Street). There will be something for every member of your family – sledding, ice skating, music and horse-drawn carriage rides through the park.

When you're ready for a break, warm up by the bonfire and enjoy cocoa, cider and cookies at the Youth Building.

This event is free thanks to the support of the Shakopee Lions Club.

Learn more at www.ci.shakopee.mn.us/parks_events.cfm.



2011 City Budget Adopted

On Dec. 7, the Shakopee City Council adopted a tax capacity levy of \$14.7 million to help fund the 2011 budget.

The City was able to keep the 2011 tax levy flat or slightly reduced for 94 percent of Shakopee's residential property owners by retiring bonds that had been completed and reducing the levy for fire station bonds. Additionally, staff and the City Council members closely analyzed department budgets to make sure the City is operating as efficiently as possible. As a result of these efforts, the City was able to deliver a flat tax levy without eliminating positions or services.

Residents are reminded that many factors can affect their total property tax bill. Although the City's tax levy has remained constant, changes to the County's or School District's levy could increase or decrease a property owner's total tax bill. Additionally, changes to the property's value could affect the amount of taxes owed.

The City's budget is available online at www.ci.shakopee.mn.us/budget.cfm. Questions about the budget can be directed to budget@ci.shakopee.mn.us or 952-233-9300.

Reminder from the Fire Department: Help Us to Help You Faster

During the winter months, snow can quickly bury yards, driveways and fire hydrants. Emergencies happen unexpectedly, so please keep the following tips in mind when clearing the snow from your property and help firefighters and other first responders to help you faster.

- If you have a fire hydrant in your yard, please take a few minutes to clear it so it can be easily accessed by firefighters. Shovel a path at least 3 feet in width from the street to the hydrant. Also, please shovel at least 3 feet on all sides of the hydrant. A minimum 3-foot clear circumference around the hydrant is required by the Minnesota State Fire Code. Even if the hydrant isn't in your yard, consider "adopting" it if it is not being cleared by the property owner.
- Make sure your house number isn't covered by snow and can easily be seen from the street.
- Clear any walkways needed to access the home/building.



These simple steps can save precious minutes during an emergency.

Christmas Tree Recycling

Dick's Sanitation will pick up live Christmas trees on your regular trash collection days Jan. 3-14. There is a \$5 fee per tree. Trees should be free of decorations and should not be in a bag. Schedule your pickup by calling 952-469-5161. Townhome residents may also have their Christmas tree recycled by calling the same number.



Hunting Ordinance Change

City Council members recently adopted a change to the City's Hunting Ordinance (City Code Section 10.20, Subdivision 4, Paragraph C6). Bow and arrow hunting is no longer allowed north of CSAH 16 on the Northern States Power Company, Blue Lake Generating Plant property. For more information on where hunting is allowed in the city, please visit www.ci.shakopee.mn.us/hunting.cfm.

Board & Commission Applications Due Jan. 25

Shakopee residents are invited to apply for openings due to expiring terms on the following City boards and commissions:

- Planning Commission/BOAA
- Park and Recreation Advisory Board
- Shakopee Public Utility Commission

- Police Civil Service Commission
- Environmental Advisory Committee
- Telecommunications Advisory Commission
- Historic Preservation Advisory Commission
- Transit Commission
- Economic Development Advisory Committee

Applications are available online at www.ci.shakopee.mn.us/pages/Communications/BCApplication_11.pdf and at City Hall (129 Holmes Street S). Interested individuals should return their application to City Hall by Jan. 25.

The City's boards and commissions are generally comprised of between three and seven members who usually meet once per month on a set date (the Planning Commission sometimes meets twice per month, and the Police Civil Service Commission meets once per quarter or more as needed).

Details about the boards and commissions are available at www.ci.shakopee.mn.us/board_commissions.cfm.

For more information on the openings please call 952-233-9300.

What's Happening around Town

Visit the following websites for a list of upcoming activities at these City and County venues.

[Parks & Recreation Events](#)

[Shakopee Library Activities](#)

[Scott County Historical Society](#)

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