



# Hometown Messenger

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## Summer 2008 UPCOMING

### June 2008

#### June - September

Huber Park Performances & Movie in the Park. See schedule at [www.ci.shakopee.mn.us](http://www.ci.shakopee.mn.us)

#### June 9

11 a.m.-7 p.m., SandVenture Aquatic Park Opens

### July 2008

#### July 2

10 a.m., Happy Birthday America Parade, Lions Park

#### July 4

Independence Day, City offices closed

#### July 30

10-11:30 a.m., Senior Olympics, Memorial Park

### August 2008

#### August 1

10-11:15 a.m., Summer Carnival, Lions Park

#### August 5

5-9 p.m., National Night Out

#### August 24

3-5 p.m., Goldfish Hunt/Pool Closing, SandVenture Aquatic Park

## Splash into Summer Fun at SandVenture

Aquatic Park

What could be more fun on a hot summer day than a cool refreshing splash in the pool? SandVenture Aquatic Park will open for the summer on Monday, June 9. As its name indicates, SandVenture boasts a sand beach surrounding a sand bottom pool, similar to many area lakes. The pool's zero-depth entry eases out to a five foot depth, letting visitors of all ages enjoy the water.



**SandVenture Aquatic Park opens for the summer on Monday, June 9**

In 2007, the aquatic park opened its new support building, which houses a concession stand, family changing rooms, men's and women's locker rooms, a picnic area and staff storage and support areas. In mid-July, SandVenture will unveil a new 119 foot waterslide, as well as six additional shade structures. The new, yellow waterslide will have a tower and greater slope than the "old blue slide" it is replacing—making it even more fun for adventure lovers. SandVenture will continue to offer the existing two, 12 foot drop slides and diving board.

Residents will also find new class offerings at SandVenture this summer. In addition to the "Learn to Swim" and lifeguard classes, there will be a boating safety course, snorkeling and scuba diving lessons and a swim camp. For more information on classes, visit [www.ci.shakopee.mn.us/brochure.cfm](http://www.ci.shakopee.mn.us/brochure.cfm).

A variety of family-oriented special events are planned at SandVenture throughout the summer. They include the waterslide grand opening celebration, reduced/free admission days, the summer bash and the end of the season goldfish hunt.

SandVenture is also the place to consider having your next birthday party. The fee includes a birthday host to help arrange the logistics of the party, use of a shelter for two hours and pool usage for guests for the entire day. Call 952-233-9508 at least two weeks in advance to book your party.

SandVenture Aquatic Park will be open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., daily until Aug. 17. From Aug. 18 - 24, hours will be noon to 5 p.m. (There will be special hours of operation on July 4 and Aug. 3.)

More information on SandVenture Aquatic Park, its hours of operation, admission and season pass fees, class offerings, special events and birthday parties is available at [www.ci.shakopee.mn.us/aquaticpark.cfm](http://www.ci.shakopee.mn.us/aquaticpark.cfm).

## Mission Statement

The Mission of the City of Shakopee is to provide the opportunity to live, work and play in a community with a proud past, promising future, and small-town atmosphere within a metropolitan setting.

## City Launches Quarterly News Program

The City of Shakopee has introduced another source for residents to learn more about what's happening in their city government. A city news program, titled "Shakopee Spotlight: News from City Hall," debuted on Government Access Cable Channel 16 in April.

The program is produced seasonally and includes interviews with city staff members and officials about information important to residents and businesses. The purpose of the program is to provide in-depth information about the news and events listed in the city's newsletter and on the city's website.

A new episode will air at the end of June. Topics covered will include Sand-Venture Aquatic Park, obtaining building or fence permits, summer transit offerings and much more.

"Shakopee Spotlight: News from City Hall" is shown on Cable Channel 16. The program also can be viewed online. Visit [www.ci.shakopee.mn.us](http://www.ci.shakopee.mn.us) and click the "Video on Demand" image. "Shakopee Spotlight: News from City Hall" will be listed under the "Miscellaneous Videos" heading.

For more information about "Shakopee Spotlight: News from City Hall," current program topics and a schedule of when the program will air, visit [www.ci.shakopee.mn.us/shspotlight.cfm](http://www.ci.shakopee.mn.us/shspotlight.cfm).

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## City Summer Street Projects



The Shakopee Engineering Department has finalized its list of street construction projects for 2008. Projects include street improvements/resurfacing and bituminous overlay.

### 2008 Street Improvements Project

The project area includes the Eaglewood Additions, Deerview Acres Addition, Timber Trails Addition and Stonebrooke Drive.

### 2008 Bituminous Overlay Project

The project area includes East View 1st Addition, Heritage Place 1st Addition, Hauer 3rd and 4th Additions, Vierling Drive, Valley Industrial Boulevard North and South, Industrial Circle South and Citation Drive.

Visit [www.ci.shakopee.mn.us/engineering.cfm](http://www.ci.shakopee.mn.us/engineering.cfm) for a map of the project areas and specific streets affected, as well as a schedule of construction. Contact Jeff Evens at 952-233-9364 with any questions or comments.

## New Park Names & Adopt-a-Park Program Announced



The City recently renamed seven neighborhood parks and began implementing an Adopt-a-Park program.

After a nine month naming process, the following names were adopted:

- Langdon Terrace Neighborhood Park—4191 Rymark Ct.
- Hackney Neighborhood Park—575 Hackney Avenue
- Saddle Ridge Neighborhood Park—1754 Caspian Lane
- Glacier Tot Lot —8550 Portage Lane East
- Westminster Neighborhood Park—801 Valley View Rd.
- Savannah Oaks Neighborhood Park—6225 Oxford Rd.
- Hamlet Neighborhood Park —7300 Cambridge Rd.

New signs with the park names will be installed in the near future.

The Adopt-a-Park program provides individuals, families and groups with the opportunity to assist with park clean up and other enhancements or to plant and maintain flower beds at area parks. For more information, email [aweber@ci.shakopee.mn.us](mailto:aweber@ci.shakopee.mn.us) or call 952-233-9511.

## News & Notes

### Youth Curfew Reminder

Parents should keep in mind Shakopee's curfew ordinance (City Code Section 10.28) while deciding on appropriate evening activities for their kids. Minors under age 18 are not allowed on city streets or in public places between the hours of 10:30 p.m. and 5 a.m., unless they are accompanied by a parent or guardian. The curfew hours are in effect every day of the week. Learn more at [www.ci.shakopee.mn.us/pd\\_services.cfm](http://www.ci.shakopee.mn.us/pd_services.cfm).

### Adding Landscaping or a Fence

No trees, shrubs, bushes, fence objects are allowed in an area until the owner receives written permission. If wishing to install a fence will advance. Learn more at [www.ci.shakopee.mn.us/cepermit.cfm](http://www.ci.shakopee.mn.us/cepermit.cfm).

## Catch the Summer Shuttle

Shakopee Transit's Summer Shuttle is back to transport riders between local shopping centers and area attractions from now until August 29.

The shuttle operates Monday–Friday from 7:30 a.m.–10:50 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.–4:45 p.m. and stops at Valleyfair Commons, Valleyfair, Southbridge Crossings Transit Station, Wal-Mart, Canterbury Park, Kohl's and Target. The fare is \$1 each way. (Drivers do not carry change. Payments should be exact change or fare punch card.)

Connections can be made to other locations in Shakopee via Circulator Route 496 at Kohl's and Target. Free transfers are available.

For more information on the Summer Shuttle and other transit options, visit [www.ci.shakopee.mn.us/transit.cfm](http://www.ci.shakopee.mn.us/transit.cfm) or call 952-496-8341.



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## Election Judges Needed

Election judges are needed for the Sept. 9 Primary Election and Nov. 4 Presidential Election.

Election judges make sure the voting process runs smoothly on Election Day. Responsibilities include: greeting voters and ensuring they are at the correct polling place, registering voters, obtaining signatures, completing forms, giving out ballots and demonstrating how to use the voting machine.

On Election Day, judges may work a partial shift (6 a.m. - 2 p.m. or 2 p.m. - 10 p.m.) or a full shift. Compensation\* is \$8.50 per hour. Election judges must be U.S. citizens, 18 years of age on Election Day and Scott County residents.

All election judges are required to attend a two-hour paid training session. Returning judges will need to attend training every two years. Training sessions will be offered in Shakopee during August.

Anyone interested in serving as an election judge should call 952-233-9316 by July 15.

\* State law permits individuals to be absent from work without penalty to serve as an election judge. The employer must be given at least 20 days notice and can choose to reduce an individual's wages by the amount of compensation received from the City for being an election judge.



### Fence?

ences, retaining walls or other cement unless the property is approved by the City. Persons will need to obtain a permit in [www.ci.shakopee.mn.us/fen-](http://www.ci.shakopee.mn.us/fen-)

### CO Detector Requirement for Homes

Effective Aug. 1, 2008, Minnesota state law will require all existing single family homes to be equipped with a carbon monoxide alarm. To learn more, visit [www.fire.state.mn.us/CO/CO.htm](http://www.fire.state.mn.us/CO/CO.htm).

## Important News

### Pet Leashing Reminder

With nicer weather, most of us enjoy being outdoors—including family pets. While many of us know that we cannot let our dogs run free through the neighborhood, we sometimes forget that the same restriction also applies to cats (City Code Section 10.21). All pets must be kept on the premises of the owner or restrained on a leash under a dependable person's control and obedience. When pets run free, they can create a nuisance, such as chasing cars or people. It also presents a safety threat to the animal. Any pet running free, without a tag or creating a nuisance may be seized and impounded. For more information, visit [www.ci.shakopee.mn.us/Pet\\_Regulations.cfm](http://www.ci.shakopee.mn.us/Pet_Regulations.cfm).



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## Message from the Mayor Summer is a Great Time to Explore Shakopee

by Mayor John J. Schmitt



Mayor John J. Schmitt

Each summer, residents and visitors partake in the city's major attractions, but they often overlook some of the other great things taking place throughout Shakopee—many of which are free or low cost. This summer, come explore the following:

**Free Concerts and Movies** – The Huber Park Performance Series offers concerts of all musical genres and movies at Huber Park through late September. **Walking/Biking Trails** - Take in the natural beauty of the river, explore the recently opened trail by Dean Lakes or travel the various trails throughout town; it's a great way to stay active. (A map is available at [www.ci.shakopee.mn.us/trails.cfm](http://www.ci.shakopee.mn.us/trails.cfm).) **Slide into Fun at SandVenture** – Stay cool on warm summer days at the aquatic park, and watch for the unveiling of the new slide in mid-July. **Derby Days** – Come to Huber Park the weekend of July 31-Aug. 3 for this annual community gathering. Activities include the Taste of Shakopee, carnival games, informational booths, concerts and much more. **Take Me Out to the Ballgame** – Shakopee will welcome the 85th Annual State Amateur Baseball Tournament to the Joe Schleper Baseball Stadium the last three weekends in August.

This summer, I encourage you to explore Shakopee by visiting these different venues and events or finding a “hidden gem” of your own. I think you will be pleasantly surprised at all that Shakopee has to offer.

Note: To learn more, visit [www.ci.shakopee.mn.us](http://www.ci.shakopee.mn.us).