



Shore Report

News for Residents of the City of Shorewood

Upcoming Meetings and Events

- 11/2 Elections
City hall open until 5 p.m.
- 11/3 Election Day
Polls open 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.
- 11/9 7 p.m.
City Council Meeting
- 11/10 7 p.m.
Park Comm Meeting
- 11/11 Veterans Day
City Offices Closed
- 11/17 7 p.m.
Planning Comm Meeting
- 11/23 7 p.m.
City Council Meeting
- 11/26-27 Holiday
City Hall closed

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Winter walk

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November 2020

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The 2020 Election is November 3 See page two for poll location and hours.

The General Election is Tuesday, November 3. Many Shorewood residents took advantage of the opportunity to absentee vote early; others will vote at the polls on Election Day. Voters on Election Day who need to confirm their polling place can call city hall, 952.960.7900, or go to www.mnvotes.org.

Shorewood polling places will practice social distancing and all voters are asked to wear a mask. If you are unable to wear a mask, phone numbers for curbside voting will be posted at each polling place. Simply call the phone number and election judges will provide your ballot at your car. For voters entering the polling place, please be prepared for a possible wait in line outdoors and dress for the weather.

After the election, results will be posted on the Secretary of State website when available, www.mnvotes.org. According to the Secretary of State, the 2020 election will be different than we are used

to. The time needed to process a higher number of absentee ballots means we may not know the final vote totals on election night. Election officials throughout Minnesota will be working to get ballots counted as accurately as possible, and appreciate patience from the public and the news media when results aren't available as soon as in other years.

Although the Secretary of State displays unofficial election results on election night, the actual counting of the ballots is completed at the county level. Counties use a variety of equipment and procedures for this process, and some results might come in slower than others.

Due to COVID-19, absentee ballots postmarked by election day will be counted if they arrive at the election office within seven days.

Donations at city hall for those in need

City hall is drop off for new/gently used coats, snowpants, and boots, and new mittens or gloves for children ages newborn to 18. Donated items are given to ResourceWest, the local resource center that provides winter clothing to area families in need. Coats should be for cold winter weather and not dress or light coats.

Please drop off donations during regular business hours, Monday through Friday 8 am to 4:30 p.m., between now and November 30.

If you have questions or know a family who might be in need of winter clothing, please contact the ResourceWest at 952.933.3860. For more information online, go to www.resourcewest.org.



Toy chest and ICA food collection

Each year, city hall serves as a collection site for new, unwrapped toys and gifts for children and teens, and for non-perishable food items for ICA food shelf. City residents are always very generous with donations, often making this an opportunity for family giving. All gifts are donated to ResourceWest, www.resourcewest.org, for the annual toy chest; food items are donated to ICA. These services

both serve the Shorewood community. Please drop off items in the bin at city hall during regular business hours through December 15.

Deer Management

The deer management program with Metro Bowhunters Resource Base continues in October. The scheduled dates of the hunt for November are: November 6-8

Back up: November 20-22

If you have questions about the program, contact the city at 952.960.7900.

Reduce trashing food

While composting is an important way to deal with food scraps when we have them, preventing food waste is the best option to minimize negative environmental impact and save you money. The average household in the U.S. throws away approximately \$1,500 worth of food every year!

Here are a few things you can do to reduce your food waste:

- ♦ Make a list and stick to it when you shop.
- ♦ Buy “ugly” produce. (Misshapen fruits and vegetables.)
- ♦ Experiment with scraps. Many veggie scraps (leaves, stems, peels) are edible, but we have been taught to discard them. (Check out links to some great recipes at www.ci.shorewood.mn.us/nofoodwaste.)
- ♦ Understand best by/use by dates.

Get more details on these and other tips on the city website or, for more ideas, including food storage tips and meal plan calculators, visit SavetheFood.com.



Recycling Weeks for November 2020

All recycling must be curbside no later than 7 a.m. on recycling day. Mainland residents recycle November 11 and 25; Island residents recycle November 12 and 27 (one day delay due to Thanksgiving).

Report misses by noon the following day: 952.960.7900

Shorewood shred event From tax returns to toilet paper

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the City of Shorewood's free shred event on Saturday, October 10. Many residents brought personal documents to be disposed of in Shred-N-Go's secure paper shredder at city hall. Event participants also donated a total of 225 pounds of nonperishable food items for ICA Food Shelf. By the end of the event, 7,526 pounds of paper had been collected and shredded!

What happens to the paper?

Collection is only the beginning of the story. After an event, shredded paper is transported to the Shred-N-Go facility in Rogers and compressed into large bales. The bales are then sent to paper mills in Wisconsin, where they are opened up and combined with water in large vats. The vats are turned until a mixture called a “slurry” is created. The

slurry is then emptied onto a press, where the material is made into products such as toilet paper, Kleenex, paper towels, paper napkins, blue shop towels, etc.

But what about the staples, notebook spirals, paper clips, binder clips, and other metal materials that are shredded with the paper? The vat walls are specially magnetized to collect metal. Once the slurry has been emptied onto the press, the vat is demagnetized. Then, the metal falls out and is recycled. Overall, 100% of the metal and shredded material is recycled.

Due to the nature of the recycling process, plastic contamination is a major challenge for shredding companies and paper mills. If plastic (ex. plastic spiral binding, plastic page protectors, credit cards or other plastic contaminants) is mixed in



with papers that are shredded, it is difficult to recycle the material into other paper products. Unlike metal, there is no efficient way for companies to separate plastic from the mix of other materials. So, when bringing documents to shred in the future, make sure to keep plastic out so that the paper can successfully complete its recycling journey.

The City of Shorewood hosts shred events on a semi-annual basis. The next event is planned for the third Saturday in May.

Keely Schultz

GreenCorps; City of Shorewood

Private wells should be tested annually

Approximately 50% of Shorewood homes have private wells as the water source. Municipal water customers have regular water testing by the city, but private well owners are responsible for the testing of their water. The Minnesota Department of Health provides well owners with information about how to ensure their water is safe to drink. For more information, see Water Quality/Well Testing and the MDH Well Owner's Handbook. Links are available on the city website, www.ci.shorewood.mn.us/privatewells. Shorewood wells should be tested

for arsenic, which must be specifically requested. Arsenic levels in some areas of Shorewood have increased.

City of Shorewood has free water testing kits. There are fees for the tests conducted by the lab. If you have questions about water testing, or would like to see if your address qualifies for connection to municipal water, please contact the city at 952.960.7900.



SHOREWOOD

COMMUNITY & EVENT CENTER

5735 Country Club Road
952.474.7635

www.ShorewoodCEC.com

The community center is closed November 11 and November 26 and 27 for holidays. Rental times for social distancing holiday celebrations are now being accepted. Call the center director, 952.474.7635, for details and to reserve your date!

Dementia Support Group Friday, November 6 and 20 10 a.m.; Ages: all

If you are caring for a loved one with dementia, or someone close to you is suffering from dementia, meet with other concerned caregivers. Questions? Call Jane at 952.474.4673.

Busy Bee Quilters Monday and Wednesday 9 a.m.-Noon; Ages: all

Have a great time sharing personal quilt projects and helping each other. For more information call Linda, 952.475.1430.

Beading Tuesdays, 1 p.m. Ages: all

No experience needed for this fun group. Instruction and supplies are available.

Arctic Fever 2021

Shorewood's outdoor activities at Freeman Park for Arctic Fever will take place January 16.

Knitting Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m. Ages: all

Open to all interested in the needle arts. All levels of expertise welcome.

Woodcarving Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m.; Ages: All

Stop in and join this community of carvers. Learn how or carve and share your knowledge.

Fitness Class Mon., Wed., Fri., 9 a.m. \$6 per class or purchase a discount package with monthly sign up at class; Ages: 55+

Designed for active adults, uses low-impact exercises.

Happy Feet Monday, November 16; \$40 Appointments: 763.560.5136 Age: 55+

Clients who regularly receive nursing foot care express an increased sense of comfort and well-being. Care includes foot soak, foot massage, care for corns, calluses or problem nails.



Watch for activities and updates at www.arcticfever.net.

Ice Rink Update for Winter 2020-21

City public works staff will flood the rinks at Manor and Cathcart parks this winter, but current plans do not include having warming houses opened due to COVID-19 restrictions. Benches will be in place at the rinks for skaters. Should state

recommendations change, this will be revisited. If you have questions, contact the city at 952.960.7900.



Take Winter Pictures for the City Photo Contest

The fall/winter photo contest is taking place. Submit photos in the following categories:

- Winter Wonder
- Fall Delights
- Wildlife
- People and Pets

All photos should be taken during the fall and winter months. Pictures should be taken in Shorewood between September 22, 2020, and March 20, 2021.

Winners in each category will have their photos framed and displayed at city hall and will each receive a framed print. Submissions will be accepted through March 25, 4:30 p.m.

See complete rules online, www.ci.shorewood.mn.us/photo-contest. For additional information, contact the city at 952.960.7900, or email cityhall@ci.shorewood.mn.us.



Winter 2020 Winner
Phil Zumsteg

Council Happenings

Since the last newsletter the city council:

- Held a work session on the city CIP.
- Authorized repair of catch basins along Smithtown Road.
- Authorized the new utility rates for city customers.
- Adopted an open space policy for the Minnetonka Country Club development.

For complete minutes of council meetings, go to www.ci.shorewood.mn.us/agendas.

Staff contacts

City staff is available to answer questions or discuss concerns. A complete list of staff contacts is on the city website under I Want To>Contact. You can also call city hall at 952.960.7900 and will be put in touch with the correct staff person.

Thank you!

Thank you to the following volunteers for taking care of the gardens at the city parks:

Freeman Park Entrance – Norma Marien & Rebecca Fish

Freeman Park Plaza – Connie Branson & Jim Berdahl

Manor Park – Mary Babcock

Cathcart Park – Mary Protunno

Silverwood Park – Lacey Mesa

Shorewood Community & Event Center – Tena Brandhorst



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Adopt-a-Hydrant for winter

Seconds matter for fire crews when there is a house fire. In the winter, the last thing anyone wants is a delay in firefighting due to snow covered hydrants. The city asks neighbors to keep a three-foot ring shoveled around hydrants. If you are willing to adopt your hydrant for the winter please email jmoore@ci.shorewood.mn.us so we can add you to our list of adopters. This is a great project for all ages, so get the kids involved!

Planning ahead for 2021 road construction

Register for email updates on your upcoming road project.

Construction is not yet complete for 2020, but city staff is already preparing for the 2021 construction season. The major reconstruction project is the Glen Road, Amlee Road and Manitou Lane project. Residents in this area have been receiving construction and water communication for some time. Smaller projects that will take place in 2021 include the mill and overlay of various roads. This process consists of a “miller” taking up the roadway surface, grinding it up, and laying down the new, recycled surface. Generally, residents on mill and overlay roads are inconvenienced by the noise, dust and trucks for a couple of days. Residents on the following roads are encouraged to sign up on the Constant Contact email page for 2021 Mill and Overlay updates. Go to www.ci.shorewood.mn.us/ConstructionUpdates to sign up. (roads are subject to change)

Brant Circle	Manor Road	Radisson Inn Road	West 62nd Street
Covington Road	Old Market Road	Seamans Drive	
Idelwild Path	Radisson Road	Sweetwater Curve	

Snow Plow Safety

Stay safe this winter. Go to www.ci.shorewood.mn.us/snowplow for more tips and information.

Snowplows travel much slower than the posted speeds because it is most effective for clearing roads. The driver’s field of vision is severely restricted behind the truck, and the driver must rely on mirrors to see to the rear and side of the truck. Remember to:

- Be patient, and remember snowplows are working to improve road conditions for your trip.
- Stay back at least 10 car lengths between your vehicle and a plow.
- Stay alert for snowplows that turn or exit frequently and often with little warning. They also may travel over center lines or partially in traffic to further improve road conditions.
- Slow down to a safe speed for current conditions. Snowplows typically move at slower speeds.
- Don’t forget, we’re in the storm together. Be patient with the snowplows and drive according to road conditions. Heavy traffic congestion affects snowplowing operations, so if you are stuck in traffic, so are the snowplows.