



Photo: Orchard Oriole in an Ornamental Plum Tree by Judith Benka.

Welcome Shorewood City Council Members & Commissioners

Shorewood City Council

The Shorewood City Council is comprised of the mayor and four council members who serve staggered four-year terms. Council members are the legislators of the City and are democratically elected to set direction, establish policy, and oversee the general business of the City. Among many other functions, the Shorewood City Council is responsible for establishing priorities and making policy decisions, enacting ordinances and resolutions, adopting the budget, and making personnel decisions. Newly elected council members are Michelle DiGruttolo and Nat Gorham. Mayor Jennifer Labadie was also reelected.

Park Commission

The Shorewood Park Commission serves as an advisory commission to the Shorewood City Council. The Commission is a volunteer board making recommendations to the council on city parks, and park and recreation activities. Commissioners serve three-year terms and are appointed by the City Council. Recently appointed Park Commissioners include Mike Hirner, Amy Wenner, and Janet Sylvester.

Planning Commission

The Shorewood Planning Commission serves as a volunteer advisory commission to the Shorewood City Council. Commissioners serve three-year terms and are appointed by the City Council. The Commission makes recommendations to the City Council on many issues, including city planning and development issues and appeals on the interpretation of zoning and subdivision code provisions. Recently appointed Planning Commissioners include Cindy Holker, Daniele Longo, and Eric Magistad. We would like to thank outgoing commissioner Mary Johnson on several years of service!

City Council and Commission Meetings

City Council work sessions and meetings, and park and planning commission meetings, are held monthly and are open to the public. To view and subscribe to upcoming meeting agendas, visit the calendar on the City's website.

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Preparing for Spring

The first day of Spring is just around the corner, and once warm weather is finally here, many of us take time to declutter and freshen things up. Here are some things to keep in mind as we welcome in spring.

YARD & LAWN

Take a moment to walk around your property and pick up trash that has accumulated in the bushes, dispose of items stored outside your garage that are no longer used or in good condition, dispose of ripped up and discarded tarps, as well as picking up any accumulated pet waste, and other trash.

UPDATED LAWN GUIDELINES

The City of Shorewood has recently updated its City Code to align with a new state law regarding lawn maintenance. These changes include a reduction in the maximum allowable height for long grass from 12 inches to 8 inches. In addition, residents have the option to replace their traditional turf grass lawns with managed natural landscapes. While native vegetation has been allowed in Shorewood for some time, it's important to clarify that simply allowing a turf grass lawn to overgrow does not meet the definition of a managed natural landscape. These landscapes must be planned, intentional, and properly maintained to meet City Code requirements. For more details on the new requirements please visit the City's website or call City Hall at 952-960-7900.

NO DUMPING MATERIALS ON CITY STREETS

When considering your spring landscaping projects, please remember to let your contractors know the City prohibits dumping landscaping materials in the public street, even if it is for a short period of time. Such items must be delivered and stored on your property. Items dumped in the road will be removed at the owner's expense.

RESIDENT TREE SALES

Each year, the City of Shorewood offers a variety of trees to residents for purchase at wholesale prices. The purpose of the tree sale is to restore and improve woodland areas, increase wildlife habitat, and diversify the city forestry. In order to not limit quantities, the City changed the order timeline and process for residents. Those who placed an order for trees in 2024 will have their trees delivered in May 2025. We will begin accepting orders for Spring 2026 later this summer. To sign up for future tree sale communications, visit shorewoodMN.gov/TreeSale.

VEHICLES & STORAGE

Parking vehicles or trailers is prohibited in front yards except on the driveway, and all vehicles stored outside a garage must be licensed and operable. Canvas and vinyl storage sheds are prohibited.

SPRING WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS

The City of Shorewood follows MN Department of Transportation's regulations for road weight restrictions. Start and end dates are variable and based on how the weather is affecting roadway strength. For the most current information, go to MnDOT's automated 24-hour message center at 800-723-6543 or visit their website at www.dot.state.mn.us/loadlimits.

TRASH & RECYCLING

Trash, recycling and yard waste carts/bins may only be stored next to the street 12 hours before and after trash pick-up.



SAVE THE DATE
SATURDAY, MAY 17

SPRING CLEANUP
8:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.
Shorewood Public Works

PAPER SHRED
9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.
Shorewood City Hall

Price list and event details at
shorewoodMN.gov/SpringCleanup





Excelsior Fire District Responds to Over One Thousand Calls in 2024

In 2024, the Excelsior Fire District (EXFD) responded to 1,145 calls. EXFD responded to medical calls, vehicle crashes, water and ice rescues, structure fires (within the Excelsior District and aiding surrounding cities), carbon monoxide and fire alarms, and even a few animal rescues! Enroute time was less than 2 minutes, with arrival time around 4 minutes. Approximately 8 firefighters responded per call. Eight new members joined the department and four members retired, which brings the current roster to 46. Not only did EXFD add to the paid-on-call side, but they also added to the career side. Paid-on-call assistant chief Nate Basinger was hired on as first full-time assistant chief in September.

“We are proud to serve our District and thank you for your continued support!”

-Excelsior Fire District

Article and photo submitted by Excelsior Fire District.

2025 Utility Billing Rates

Shorewood City Council approved the 2025 Master Fee Schedule at the December 9, 2024, City Council Meeting.

Municipal water, stormwater, sanitary sewer and recycling funds are considered enterprise funds. An enterprise fund's purpose is to recoup costs associated with providing public services through fees.

Municipal Water

Water meters are read each quarter and the amount used is rounded to the nearest 1,000 gallons of usage and billed accordingly.

\$32.51 per quarter for the first 5,000 gallons.

\$5.49 per 1,000 gallons in excess of 5,000 gallons up to 50,000 gallons.

\$7.89 per 1,000 gallons in excess of 50,000 gallons per quarter.

Sanitary Sewer

\$142.25 per quarter (residential)

Stormwater Management

The residential rate is determined by lot size.

Less than 10,000 sq. ft. = \$30.46

10,000 – 50,000 sq. ft. = \$43.49

Lot excess 50,000 sq. ft. = \$56.61

Recycling

\$18 per quarter per household

Additional fees and the 2025 Master Fee Schedule can be found on the City's website at shorewoodMN.gov/billing.



SOUTH LAKE SAFETY CAMP

August 13 | 8:15 a.m.-3:30 p.m. | \$25/\$30

Registration is now open for our 2025 South Lake Safety Camp! Join our South Lake safety crew in learning the ins and outs of fire, water, personal, and bike safety in a fun day camp environment. This camp provides a fun-filled day of engaging activities and demonstrations, all while learning about safety. \$25 Early-bird pricing is available for residents of Deephaven, Excelsior, Greenwood, Shorewood, and Tonka Bay before May 31. After May 31, registration is \$30 and will be open to residents of any community until all spots are filled. Limited space available. Visit shorewoodMN.gov/register

Making Sense of Local Government: How does recycling work in Shorewood?

Have you ever wondered, "Does recycling actually work?" Here in Shorewood, you can be assured the recycling you put in your cart is getting recycled as long as the materials are accepted and prepared properly. Minnesota state law requires this. There continues to be a demand for our recycled materials, and recyclers continue to invest in new technology to make recycling more advanced and efficient.

When you total up all the paper, plastic, aluminum and glass, Hennepin County recycles 580,000 tons each year. In 2024, 651 tons (1,303,212 pounds) of that total came from Shorewood residents' recycling carts. All of that recycling makes a big difference. Recycling saves energy, conserves natural resources, creates jobs in Minnesota, and boosts our economy. Additionally, recycled materials are manufactured into a variety of products. Glass bottles and jars, for example, are sorted by color in Saint Paul, and the clear glass is sent to Shakopee to make bottles for drinks, pickles, and more.

Recycling in Shorewood

For several years, the City has contracted services for residential recycling. Each single-family home up to four-plex in Shorewood is covered under the service contract. The collection is every other week and each property is provided with a 65- or 95-gallon recycling cart depending on preference. Each property is charged \$18 per quarter for the service, and it is billed on the quarterly utility bill. Each month \$4.65 goes to service fees, \$0.67 to processing fees, and \$0.68 to program costs, which include City staff time, materials, and education and outreach activities.



On average, 96% of Shorewood households regularly set out recycling carts for collection. 87% of what is thrown in these carts is recycled, and 12.9% is residual garbage, or waste that cannot be recycled, and is sent to a landfill. The majority of this garbage includes plastic film (bread bags, ziplocks, bubble wrap, etc.), pizza boxes, and items that are bagged. See chart below for material tonnage by percent.



In accordance with Hennepin County's Ordinance 13 requirements (regulates the separation of mixed recyclables and organic material), the City of Shorewood also contracts with Republic Services to offer three organics recycling drop-off sites at public parks, free of charge to residents. To participate, residents register online, separate compostable items from other waste, and dispose of these items at any of the locations, which are open 24/7. 151 households have registered for this program.

Recycling administration, education, and outreach

City of Shorewood's Communications and Recycling Coordinator is responsible for conducting outreach and providing education on the City's recycling and organics programs. They work in close partnership with other recycling coordinators across the 7-county metro and Shorewood residents who volunteer on the City's Recycling Committee, which was formed in 2019 to help guide the City's efforts related to waste reduction.

There have been a wide variety of engagement activities throughout the years since the committee began. In 2024, some of these efforts have included field trips to local recycling sites, projects with Minnetonka High School's VANTAGE program, yard sign and holiday light recycling drop-off at City Hall, a pumpkin drop-off event, and door knocking; in addition to, regularly published newsletter articles and emails.

What's next?

Recycling contract with Republic Services is set to expire on December 31, 2025. In the coming months, the City will publish a request for proposals (RFP) for contract recycling services. The City will continue to provide organics drop-off sites to comply with Hennepin County. Minn. Stat. § 473.149, a long-range policy plan for solid waste management, prepared by the MN Pollution Control Agency.

This solid waste plan has also introduced a future requirement for cities with populations over 5,000 to provide curbside organics services for all residents. While the effective date of this requirement is unknown, the City will include curbside organics services in the recycling RFP in order to begin to obtain pricing information and to explore as a possible service to offer to residents.

Learning More

Community members are invited to attend city council work sessions, regular city council meetings, and recycling committee meetings. Details of these meetings can be found in newsletters, the City's website, and monthly email updates.

Visit shorewoodMN.gov/recycling to learn more.

Event Highlight: Arctic Fever 2025



Thanks to everyone that attended our annual Arctic Fever event presented by Lucky's Station on Friday, January 17, at the Shorewood Community Event Center. Although activities had to be altered due to the lack of snow, families were able to enjoy a variety of events including pizza, hot chocolate, s'mores, bonfires, face painting, cookie decorating, balloon art, live music, and much more. Thanks to our incredible event volunteers that made this event one to remember! A big thank you goes out to our event sponsors including our presenting sponsor, Lucky's Station, our gold level sponsors, Bolten & Menk and Excelsior American Legion Post 259, and our bronze level sponsors, Mediacom and New Horizon Academy. See you next year!



LUCKY'S POTS O' GOLD

Starting March 1, Lucky the Leprechaun will be on the move hiding pots of gold throughout Shorewood parks. Be sure to explore ALL

of our wonderful parks to find the pots of gold. When you find one, take a selfie with it and submit your photo to parksandrec@shorewoodmn.gov by Monday, March 17. After submitting, you can collect your share of the "gold" (one per participant) at the Shorewood Community & Event Center. Remember, the luck is believing you're lucky! More information at shorewoodMN.gov/LuckyGold.

Please Leash Your Pet

All dogs, cats, or other animals must be kept on a leash not more than six feet in length on public property, including City parks (City Code 902.03). Animals are not permitted to enter unauthorized areas, even while leashed, which includes active play areas (athletic fields, playgrounds, etc.), picnic areas, and park buildings. We welcome our furry friends into our parks, just be sure to keep them leashed and on the trails.



Summer Employment Opportunities

Visit shorewoodMN.gov/employment to search for open positions and apply.

The City of Shorewood is hiring for seasonal positions! If you like the outdoors – this is perfect for you! Positions last approximately five months and are available in the Public Works department working in the City's parks and streets. The positions pay \$19/hour and are open until filled. Applicants must be at least 16 years old.



Scan for more information



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 5755 Country Club Rd
 Shorewood, MN 55331
 P: 952-960-7900

Community & Event Center
 5735 Country Club Rd
 Shorewood, MN 55331
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Shorewood City Council

Reach your City Councilmembers via email or call 952-960-7900

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To report road, park, and other non-emergency city concerns online, visit shorewoodMN.gov/report

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March

Planning Commission Meeting
 March 4, 7 p.m., City Hall

Daylight Savings Time Starts
 March 9

City Council Meeting
 March 10, 7 p.m., City Hall/Virtual

Recycling Committee Meeting
 March 11, 5:30 p.m., SCEC/Virtual

Park Commission Meeting
 March 11, 7 p.m., City Hall

Lucky's Pots O' Gold - Last Day!
 March 17

City Council Meeting
 March 24, 7 p.m., City Hall/Virtual

April

Planning Commission Meeting
 April 1, 7 p.m., City Hall

Park Commission Meeting
 April 8, 7 p.m., City Hall

City Council Meeting
 April 14, 7 p.m., City Hall/Virtual

Easter
 April 20

City Council Meeting
 April 28, 7 p.m., City Hall/Virtual

Recycling Pick-Up Schedule

Please have recycling carts curbside on recycling day no later than 7 a.m. Recycling is collected every other week on Wednesday (for mainland) and Thursday (for islands). Shorewood service weeks are highlighted in blue. Full 2025 calendar is available at shorewoodMN.gov/recycling.

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