



Season Splendor by Judith Benka (2019 Shorewood Winter Photo Contest)

Important Changes to Recycling Services in December

Effective January 1, 2026, Shorewood residents with 1- to 4-unit properties will receive residential recycling collection services from Waste Management, Minnesota (WM), replacing Republic Services. Key changes include the delivery of new 96-gallon green recycling carts between December 22-24, 2025, minor adjustments to the first collection schedule in January 2026, and direct customer service handled by WM via phone, website, or the My WM app. Read the full details on page 4-5.

Winter Safety Reminders

To prepare for the upcoming winter season, we're asking for your help to ensure a safe and smooth winter for everyone.

-  **Parking**
While there are no winter parking restrictions in Shorewood, your cooperation is greatly appreciated by keeping streets clear of parked cars and recreational items during snow and ice events. This allow plows to maintain roadways more safely and efficiently.
-  **Snowplows**
Please be cautious when driving near snowplows. These large trucks have limited visibility, so avoid passing them in blinding snow and don't follow too closely. For children's safety, please make sure they don't build snow forts next to the street, as plow drivers may not be able to see them.
-  **Adopt a Fire Hydrant**
If there's a fire hydrant near your property, you can help firefighters by "adopting" it. Please clear a path to the hydrant and remove snow from the area three feet around it. This simple action can save crucial time during a fire emergency.

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Highway 7 Updates

Safety improvements to Hwy 7 have long been a priority for Shorewood and the other communities along this corridor. This fall, a number of efforts are converging with the goal of pushing safety and investment in the corridor further.

Safe Roads Grant

Law enforcement agencies along the Hwy 7 corridor received a state grant last year to enforce seatbelt use and address distracted driving. Recently, another grant was awarded to continue to promote safe driving habits along Hwy 7. The grant will use a variety of media outlets and the Vantage program at Minnetonka High School to call attention to vehicle speed, promote seat belt use, and discourage distracted driving.

For more information, contact SLMPD Sergeant Adam Moore by email at amoore@southlakepd.com or 952-960-1606. You may also follow @highway7safetycoalition on Facebook and Instagram, or visit the Hwy 7 Road Safety Coalition webpage on the City of Shorewood's website.

Hwy 7 Corridor Study: MnDOT wants to hear from you!

MnDOT has released its recommendations for Hwy 7 improvements for public review and comment. Recommendations include roundabouts, at-grade and grade-separated intersections, and median barriers at various intersections along Hwy 7. If funding becomes available, it is possible that improvements will be included in the 2029 maintenance project MnDOT has scheduled. Provide your input by November 19 on the recommended improvements at talk.dot.state.mn.us/hwy7study.

Hwy 7 Transit Management Organization Study

The cities and school districts along the Hwy 7 corridor are discussing ways to work together to advance improvements to the highway. Building on the recommendations in MnDOT's corridor study, and thanks to a state grant, the discussions are facilitated by a transportation consultant with experience in advocating for and advancing investment in major roadways. Considerations include prioritizing projects, communicating progress, and establishing a formal organizational structure. In September, representatives from Shorewood and Minnetonka traveled to Washington DC to advocate federal funding for Hwy 7 improvements. For more information, please visit shorewoodmn.gov/hwy7TMO.

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The City is Seeking Applicants for Planning Commissioner

Serving on a local planning commission is a great way for residents to help shape the future growth and development of their community. Planning Commissioners act as a key advisory board to City Council, making recommendations on important land use and development issues.

Newly appointed commissioners will begin their term in March 2026. Apply online at shorewoodmn.gov/commissioners or pick up an application at Shorewood City Hall. Deadline to apply is January 31.

City of Shorewood Implements New Agenda and Minutes Software

In September, the City of Shorewood partnered with CivicPlus® to implement its Agenda & Meeting Management Select solution, also known as CivicClerk®. The City will use the software to streamline the automation of its agenda and meeting minutes management processes and enable convenient access by residents to public content.

The software also allows council members and commissioners to participate in live meetings remotely anywhere from any internet-enabled device.

"We are thrilled about the efficiencies and cost savings the new software will bring internally," stated Sandie Thone, Shorewood City Clerk and Human Resources Director. "However, the most significant benefit may be the enhanced level of service and engagement we can now offer to the public."

With Shorewood's use of Agenda & Meeting Management Select, residents can utilize an accessible, mobile-friendly public portal with email subscription capabilities, and benefit from such conveniences as the ability to view or download PDFs of agendas, meeting minutes, agenda packets, and other documents, and access a meeting calendar.

For questions or assistance with navigating the new software on the City's website, please contact City Hall at 952-960-7900 or cityhall@shorewoodmn.gov.

HOLIDAY DONATION DRIVE NOVEMBER 1-DECEMBER 3



City Hall serves as a collection site for new, unwrapped toys and gifts for children and teens, and non-perishable food items. All gifts are donated to ResourceWest for the annual toy chest program, and food items are donated to ICA Food Shelf. These services both serve the Shorewood community. Please drop off items in the bins at City Hall during regular business hours (M-F 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.) now through December 3.

For a wish list, questions, or information about these programs, visit resourcewest.org or icafoodshelf.org.



Parks Master Plan Update

Throughout the summer and fall of 2025, the City of Shorewood has been working through a comprehensive park system planning process to create a vision for Shorewood parks for the next 10+ years. The Shorewood Park System Master Plan takes a look at the current state of our parks system, generates input from the community on what they would like to see, and creates a roadmap for Shorewood's Parks & Recreation department, Parks Commission, and City Council on how to meet the needs of the community moving forward. The Parks Master Plan survey was made available to community members to share their input throughout the summer 2025. A total of 180 responses were received, and an open house was held on October 28 to share results and to serve as one final opportunity for community to share their feedback on preliminary plans.

To see updates and view the final report when published, please visit shorewoodmn.gov/parksplan.



Submit Your Photos for the 2025 Shorewood Community Photo Contest

This year, the City of Shorewood is hosting a photo contest with all NEW categories, including animals, events, nature, recreation and lifestyle, showcasing Shorewood, and a category just for youth! Individuals of all ages who either reside, work, or go to school in Shorewood are encouraged to submit photos they captured while in Shorewood during any season throughout 2025. Photos will be evaluated based on creativity, composition, and expression of the category. Deadline for submission is December 31, 2025.

For official rules and to submit your photo(s), visit shorewoodmn.gov/photocontest.



Ice Rinks & Warming House Hours

Grab your skates and hit the ice rinks this winter! The City of Shorewood has ice rinks with warming houses located at Cathcart Park and Manor Park. Weather permitting, the ice rink season runs from late December until mid February. For ice updates, visit shorewoodmn.gov/rinks.

Warming house hours:

- Monday - Friday: 4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
- Saturday: 11:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
- Sunday: 12:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Recycling FAQs

Important Changes to Recycling Services

The City's current recycling contract with Republic Services is set to expire on December 31, 2025. After a comprehensive Request for Proposal (RFP) process in the summer of 2025, Waste Management, Minnesota (WM) was selected to provide residential recycling collection services to begin in 2026. The new recycling contract, effective January 1, 2026, will include the following for all residents with 1- to 4-unit properties:

New Recycling Carts

All Shorewood residents will receive a new, hauler-issued 96-gallon recycling cart. These carts will be green with a yellow lid. If you have more than one cart, each cart will be replaced. New carts will be delivered to all residents between December 22-24, 2025. Island residents will have their current recycling carts serviced and picked up by Republic Services on December 18, 2025. Republic Services will service and pick up mainland residents' carts on December 31, 2025.

Collection Schedule

The collection schedule will remain the same (Wednesday for mainland residents and Thursday for island residents). WM's first service date for island residents will be Friday, January 2, 2026. It is delayed one day due to the holiday on January 1, 2026. Mainland residents' first service date from WM will be January 14, 2026. Please have carts out no later than 7 a.m. on your service day.

Customer Service

All resident recycling inquiries will be handled directly by WM, providing a single point of contact for recycling services. This is a change from the previous system where residents contacted Republic or City staff. Residents will have the ability to report incidents and submit requests via phone, WM's website, or the My WM app.

For recycling information and to sign up for updates, visit shorewoodmn.gov/recycling

What type of carts does WM provide and what size?

The carts are manufactured by Cascade and made of plastic. The standard cart size is 96-gallons. Your new cart is assigned to your address. If you move, it is not to be taken with you.

What color are the new containers?

The new carts will be green with a yellow lid.

Who is servicing/collecting my recycling?

The last collection day with Republic Services for island residents will be December 18, 2025. Island residents should anticipate to be without a cart for a few days. The last collection day with Republic services for mainland residents will be December 31, 2025. Mainland residents should wait to use their new WM cart until January 1, 2026.

When will new cart delivery begin and how will it work?

The cart deliveries for all residents will begin the week of December 22-24, 2025. During this week, new green carts will be delivered by WM. Republic Services will retrieve old carts on your last service day. Island residents will have their carts retrieved on December 18, 2025. Following collection, all residents should leave their old cart at the curb until it is removed. Mainland residents will have their carts retrieved starting on December 31, 2025.

When do I begin using my new cart, or should I continue using my Republic Services or WM cart until the end of the year?

Residents should NOT place items in their new green carts until their old carts have been retrieved by Republic Services.

Is there anything I need to do to ensure my old cart is collected during the transition?

Yes. Ensure your Republic Services cart is placed curbside no later than 7 a.m. on your final collection day. Leave the cart curbside until it is removed. It is expected the removals may take up to 5 business days to complete. No items should be put in the cart after your cart has been emptied on the last service day. The final collection day for island residents is December 18, 2025. The final collection day for mainland residents is December 31, 2025.

I am going to be out of town/my household will be vacant during the transition period. What should I do?

Whether you are home or not, a new cart will be delivered the week of December 22-24, 2025. Your old cart will be retrieved after final collection day with Republic Services. Please arrange with a neighbor or family member to assure your Republic recycling cart is at the curb on the final day, if you will not be home. If your old cart is not retrieved and it is after January 9th, you will need to reach out to Republic Services at 952-941-5174 to make arrangements to recover the old cart.

How much is the recycling fee?

The recycling fee is \$19 per household per quarter.

What recycling services do I receive through the recycling fee?

Residents receive biweekly collection services.

Will my recycling collection day be changing?

No. Mainland residents will continue to have their carts serviced every other Wednesday. Island residents will continue to have their carts serviced every other Thursday. If your pickup lands on a holiday, recycling will be delayed one day. The complete 2026 schedule will be made available online at shorewoodmn.gov/recycling.

What items can be recycled?

The following can be recycled in Hennepin County. Please note that just because an item says it's "recyclable" does not always mean it is. You may have to take it to a special drop-off location or try to avoid purchasing/obtaining that material in the future.

- All colors of glass
- Plastic bottles, jugs, and containers (ex. shampoo, milk, detergent, yogurt. Plastics #1, #2, and #5 are accepted.)
- Aluminum, tin, and steel beverage and food cans
- Newspapers, cardboard, paper, paper/paperboard cans, and magazines
- NO plastic bags, plastic film, or polystyrene foam (commonly referred to as Styrofoam™)

For more information and educational materials, visit shorewoodmn.gov/recycling

After services with WM begin, who do I contact to report concerns, such as missed pickups?

All resident requests will be handled directly by WM. There are three ways to report requests/contact WM:

- Phone: A live representative from WM is available via phone M-F from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Outside of these hours, residents may leave a contact number to receive a call back. The number is toll free at 888-960-0008.
- My WM mobile app: Residents may download WM's app on a mobile device to submit requests and track service.
- WM.com: Requests can be directly through WM's website.

If residents are unable to reach WM through any of these methods, City staff are available M-F 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at 952-960-7900 or cityhall@shorewoodmn.gov.

Is there any guidance for residents that have a 2nd cart? Will those be switched out as well or continued to be serviced?

All residents who have previously requested a second cart will receive two 96-gallon carts. If your residence does have two Republic Services carts, you should set BOTH carts out to be retrieved on your final service day.

I currently have only one cart. What is the process to request a new second cart?

Residents are allowed up to two carts at no extra charge. Residents wishing to obtain a second cart should reach out to WM directly. A maximum of two carts will be serviced.

Is there any guidance for residents that have carts that are not 96-gallons? Will those be switched out as well or continued to be serviced?

All residents will receive a 96-gallon cart to replace your old cart. Residents may request a change in cart size after all new 96-gallon carts have been delivered and old carts have been removed.

What is the process to exchange a cart of a different size?

Contact WM directly to request an exchange after January 1, 2026.

What is the best way to report issues during the cart transition period?

For Republic Services carts, contact Republic Services at 952-941-5174. For WM carts, contact WM directly to report issues at 888-960-0008.

Recycling Pick-Up Schedule

Please have recycling carts curbside on recycling day by 7 a.m. Recycling is collected every other week on Wednesday (for mainland) and Thursday (for islands). Service weeks are highlighted in blue.

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DECEMBER						
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28	29	30	31			

○ = final collection Republic Services cart service and cart pickup

□ = WM cart delivery. Do NOT use carts until your old cart has been collected

2026 City Budget Update & Truth-in-Taxation

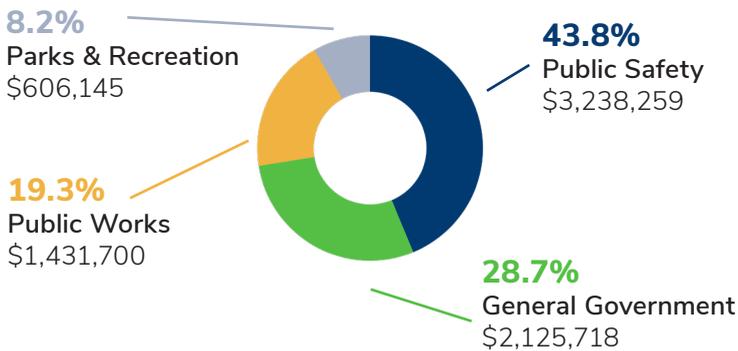
Since June, staff and Council have reviewed the various City funds, discussed the proposed property tax levy and tax rate, reviewed tax impacts on properties, and considered an updated fee schedule. The Council adopted the preliminary budget and levy at the September 22nd regular City Council meeting. The 2026 property tax was then certified to Hennepin County on September 25.

In November, the County will send truth-in-taxation notices to property owners, showing proposed 2026 property taxes.

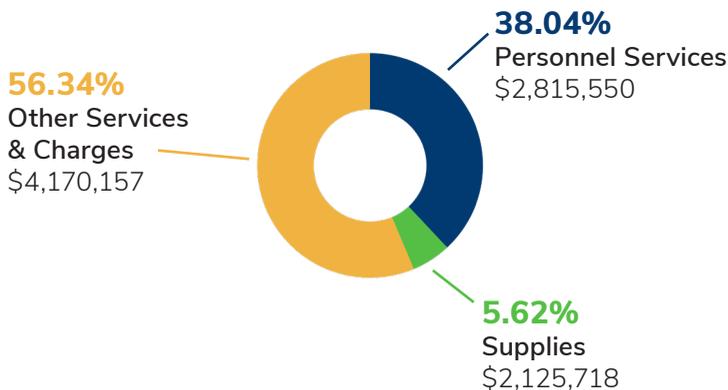
As part of its regularly scheduled City Council meeting on Monday December 8, the City Council will hold a truth-in-taxation public meeting on the proposed 2026 budget and property tax levy, and adopt the final payable 2026 property tax levy and 2026 budget. The 2026 property tax levy will be certified to Hennepin County on or before December 29.

General Fund

The General Fund budget is proposed at \$7,401,822 for 2026. This is an increase of \$16,602 over 2025. Public Safety makes up 43.8% of the General Fund budget. General Government includes 28.7% of the budget. Public Works is 19.3% of the General Fund budget. Parks and Recreation is 8.2% of the General Fund budget.

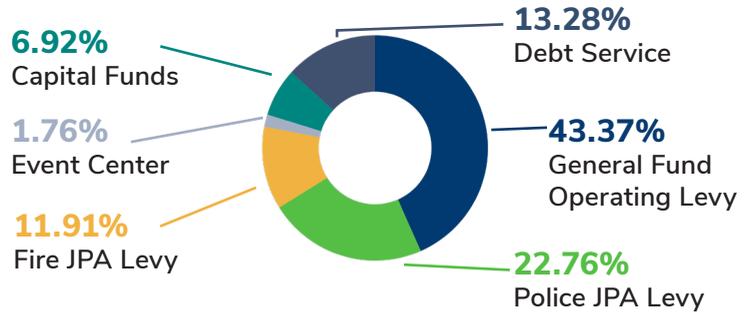


Wages and Benefits at \$2,815,550, make up 38% of the General Fund budget. Personnel increases in the General Fund for 2026 total \$297,850. Contracted Public Safety is in the Other Services and Charges Use for the General Fund. The Police contract increased \$143,897, 8.28%, and the Fire contract has a \$142,572, 16.32%, increase.



Overall Property Tax Levies and Impact

The estimated values from the County include a taxable market value of \$3,019,484,300, which is a 4.63% increase. The net tax capacity is \$34,554,231, adjusted for fiscal disparities. This is an increase of \$1,642,433, or a 4.99% increase. With the additions to date (Personnel, Fees, General, Shorewood Community and Event Center, Capital, and Debt Service Funds), the Net Tax Levy would increase by \$653,413, or 8.6%. This would equate to a 1.994% increase to the City Tax Rate from 23.088% to 25.082%.



Capital Improvement Plan

The CIP is inclusive of all capital, including equipment, vehicles, and other acquisitions, along with planned facility, street, utility, and other municipal infrastructure improvements and is adopted annually by City Council. The CIP provides important details on costs by year and proposed funding sources. Items in the CIP are not mandated, and the Council reviews capital spending throughout the year. The ten year CIP includes \$45,917,085 in projects, of which \$4,482,300 are reflected in the various 2026 budgets.

Details of the CIP, as well as the summaries of project scopes for the more significant projects can be found on the October 14 agenda on the City's website.

Source	2026
Community & Event Center	\$21,500
Park Improvements	\$45,000
Equipment Replacement Fund	\$321,100
Street Reconstruction Fund	\$315,000
MSA Road Reconstruction Fund	\$1,072,000
Community Infrastructure Fund	\$240,000
Water Fund	\$1,139,200
Sanitary Sewer Fund	\$203,000
Stormwater Management Fund	\$612,500
Outside Funding	\$513,000
Grand Total	\$4,482,300

For additional details and updates, visit the budget webpage on the City's website at shorewoodmn.gov/citybudget. Public comments will be taken during the truth-in-taxation hearing, scheduled during the City Council meeting on Monday, December 8, at 7:00 p.m. at Shorewood City Hall.

Municipal Water Strategy Update

Shorewood has provided municipal water to portions of the community since the 1970's. Much of the current water system was installed when neighborhoods were developed. Other parts of the system were installed with street improvement projects or neighborhood requests. Many other areas developed without municipal water available, relying on private well or accessing water from adjacent communities.

Shorewood has lacked a clear and consistent approach to municipal water, resulting in a fragmented system and making long term planning and investment decisions difficult. At its annual retreat in February 2025, the City Council stated its intention to develop direction and strategies regarding municipal water.

On June 9, 2025, the Council discussed a range of options to facilitate connections, improve the water fund's financial position, and establish policies regarding the system and selected nine to pursue. These included several policy and ordinance changes, modifications to fee structures, and the development of incentive programs.

Here are some of the frequently asked questions regarding the municipal water strategy. Read more about the background and a complete list of frequently asked questions at shorewoodmn.gov/citywater.

Why is the city concerned about water connections?

There are a variety of reasons, including environmental factors, resident interest in municipal water, and financial sustainability of the water fund. The water fund is an enterprise fund, meaning that those who benefit from the system pay for the system. It is not supported by taxes. Ensuring that investment in the current system is maximized promotes financial stability of the water fund, increases fairness among those benefiting from the system, and informs future decision making about the system.

What did the City Council decide to do on June 9?

At its June 9th meeting, the City Council considered nearly twenty different options to promote water connections. It decided to focus attention on strategies in policy, facilitated connections, and fees.

There is watermain in front of my house and some of my neighbors have city water. Will I be required to connect my existing home to city water?

No. The City is not requiring homeowners to connect to city water. The concept of requiring connection to city water, if available, at the time a home is sold (point-of-sale) has been discussed but is currently not a requirement. A newly constructed home is required to connect to city water, if available.

What are the different water related fees for 2026?

Base Fee: This is a flat fee (\$32.51) charged to pay for the fixed costs of maintenance and operation of the water system. Currently, only properties connected to city water pay this charge. Properties not connected to city water, but with water available to them, will be charged this Base Fee.

User Fee: User fees are charges based on the amount of water consumed. Customers using higher amounts of water pay a higher rate, which promotes conservation.

Water Availability Charge: This one-time charge funds the initial investment to install the water system. The charge may be paid by developers or by a homeowner connecting to the water system and may be paid upfront or assessed to property taxes for payment over time. The charge is currently \$10,000 and has not been increased since 1995 but may be considered in the future.

Infrastructure Fee: A fee of \$10/quarter is proposed for properties that do not have water available. The rationale for the fee is that municipal water supports all residents with public safety and fire protection, reduction in homeowner's insurance, and access to water at public facilities for use, operations and maintenance work. This fee is scheduled to be implemented in 2027.

What is the City's justification in proposing these fees?

In June 2025, the City accepted a Long-Term Financial Management Plan to guide funding decisions for the City's operations, capital improvements and debt service. The plan provides a model to determine the revenue needed to provide services and meet objectives in a strategic and fiscally responsible way.

If I sell my house and have water available, will I be required to connect to city water?

The City is studying a potential point-of-sale requirement to connect a home to city water, if it is available. Currently there is no requirement to connect, but homeowners and real estate professionals may want to check with the City if they are considering selling.

Is the City considering any other initiatives or policies regarding connections to municipal water?

The Council is taking a graduated approach to water connections and focusing on tools and policies that make it easier for residents to connect. Other options and policies to increase water connections were discussed at the June 9, 2025, Council meeting and were not advanced, but could be considered in the future.



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

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November

City Council Work Session
 November 10, 5:30 p.m., City Hall

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

Veterans Day
 November 11, City Offices Closed

Planning Commission Meeting
 November 18, 7 p.m., City Hall

City Council Work Session
 November 24, 5:30 p.m., City Hall

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

Park Commission Meeting
 November 25, 7 p.m., City Hall

Thanksgiving
 November 27, City Offices Closed
 November 28, City Offices Closed

December

Planning Commission Meeting
 December 2, 7:00 p.m., City Hall

City Council Work Session
 December 8, 5:30 p.m., City Hall

City Council Meeting / Truth-in-Taxation Public Hearing
 December 8, 7 p.m., City Hall/Virtual

Park Commission Meeting
 December 9, 7:00 p.m., City Hall

Christmas Eve
 December 24, City Offices Closed

Christmas Day
 December 25, City Offices Closed

New Year's Eve
 December 31

Please visit the calendar on the City's website at shorewoodmn.gov/calendar for updated information and to sign up for text and email notifications, as meetings may be canceled or start times may change.



Lucky's Station presents

January 16 & 17, 2026

Arctic Fever



JAN 16

friday

5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Kick-Off Party

Shorewood Community & Event Center
5735 Country Club Road, Shorewood

Join us for a variety of family friendly activities including treats, s'mores, llamas, face painting, and more! Participants will have the opportunity to cast their vote for their favorite coloring contest entry (see back of flyer for more info).



Get into the Olympic spirit and try Curling! A curling rink will be setup in the parking lot, free for attendees of all ages to try.



Name a Snowplow Contest is back again this year! Names will be accepted in-person only.



JAN 17

saturday

11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Winter Activities

Freeman Park
6000 Eureka Road, Shorewood

Enjoy outdoor family friendly activities including dog sled rides, sleigh rides, bonfires, and more! Activities take place near Eddy Station at Freeman Park.



"Free winter fun for all ages!"



Coloring page winner 2025

Volunteers Needed!

Learn more & sign up shorewoodmn.gov/register
Questions? parksandrec@shorewoodmn.gov



City of
Shorewood

visit ArcticFever.net

Arctic Fever Coloring Contest

Enter for a chance to have your art printed on next year's materials!

Color and drop off by Friday, January 9 at 4:30 p.m. to the Shorewood Community & Event Center, 5735 Country Club Road, Shorewood. Entries will be displayed in the Shorewood Community and Event Center. During the Arctic Fever Kick-Off Party on January 16, attendees will vote on their favorite. The winning entry will have their art printed on Arctic Fever 2027 materials. Entries will remain on display at the Shorewood Community & Event Center until January 31, 2026.



Artist's Name _____ Age _____