



"Finch in Snow" by Maybeth Sheridan. This photo was submitted for Shorewood's photo contest in 2019. 2025 Shorewood Community Photo Contest winners will be announced in the next ShoreReport. To learn more about how you can submit your photos for the 2026 photo contest, visit shorewoodmn.gov/PhotoContest.

Have You Renewed Your Licenses and Permits for 2026?

We're sending out this friendly reminder to encourage everyone to renew any licenses and permits that may have expired in the new year. Below are a few of the common ones. For a complete list of licenses and permits, visit the City's website at shorewoodmn.gov/permits.

Camp & Recreational Fire Permits

The Excelsior Fire District (EXFD) requires an annual, free Camp & Recreational Fire Permit for residents in Shorewood. The requirements and rules are intended to keep residents safe and prevent structure and grass fires. Residents can obtain the permit electronically by creating a Community Connect Profile, which is a platform allowing residents to provide crucial home information to the fire district for use in emergencies. See page 2 for more information about how to create a Community Connect Profile or visit EXFD's website at www.excelsiorfire.org.



Dog Licenses

All dogs at least six months of age or within 30 days of moving into the City are required to be licensed for each calendar year. A current rabies certificate and a fee of \$10 per dog are also required. Permits expire on December 31 of the year in which it was issued.



Rental Housing

The City requires a rental dwelling license for all rental properties, single family through multi-family. A rental dwelling license is valid for three years. For questions about rental properties, contact planning@shorewoodmn.gov.



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What is Community Connect?

Community Connect is a secure, user-friendly platform designed to help residents provide vital household data, enabling first responders to act more effectively during emergencies.”

Creating a Community Connect Profile provides firefighters responding to your home with immediate access to vital details. This information helps them quickly identify the locations of utility equipment, know the number of occupants and pets in the home, and note any individuals with functional needs.

Additionally, the profile includes a “Contact” section, allowing you to list emergency contacts whom fire personnel can notify if you are not at home during an incident. The system is designed to be easily updated, ensuring your emergency contacts remain current as your household changes.

To create your Community Connect Profile, scan the QR code or visit communityconnect.io/info/mn-excelisior



Highway 7 Updates

Hwy 7 Corridor Study

The comment period for the recommended improvements for the Hwy 7 study closed on November 30. Comments are being reviewed by MnDOT and will be used to guide future design updates in the study area. Learn more about the recommended improvements and sign up for email updates on the study at talk.dot.state.mn.us/hwy7study.

Hwy 7 Safety Coalition

In Ffall 2025, the Hwy 7 Safety Coalition published data collected before, during, and following the conclusion of the Hwy 7 Safe Road Zone Grant period (Spring to Summer 2025). Final year-end enforcement totals, program highlights, and milestones have been published in a memo by SLMPD Sergeant Adam Moore. This information has been posted on the City’s website at shorewoodmn.gov/hwy7SafetyCoalition.

Hwy 7 Transit Management Organization Study

Cities and school districts along the Hwy 7 corridor are collaborating to advance highway improvements, building on recommendations from MnDOT’s corridor study. Discussions are facilitated by a transportation consultant experienced in advocating for roadway investment. Considerations include project prioritization, communicating progress, and establishing a formal organizational structure. This work is being funded by a state grant. More information is available at shorewoodmn.gov/hwy7TMO.



SLMPD Hosts Annual Recognition Event

In December, the South Lake Minnetonka Police Department hosted its annual staff recognition event to honor new officers to the department and those who have been promoted (or pinned). From left to right: Lieutenant Michael O’Keefe was pinned as Lieutenant. Chief Justin Ballsrud was pinned as Chief. Sergeant Andrew Scharf was pinned as Sergeant. Administrative Specialist Tess Burgwald and CSO Andy Hein (not pictured) were also recognized. Sergeant Andrew Scharf was named ‘Officer of the Year’.

Park & Planning Commissioner Openings

The Parks and Planning Commissions serve as volunteer advisory commissions to the Shorewood City Council.

Commissioners serve three-year terms and are appointed by the City Council. Regular commission meetings take place once a month at Shorewood City Hall.

Newly appointed commissioners will begin their term in March 2026. Deadline to apply is January 31, 2026.

Apply online at shorewoodmn.gov/commissioners or pick up an application at City Hall.



Shorewood Parks Master Plan

In 2025, the Parks & Recreation Department, led by the Shorewood Park Commission, has been working on creating a Parks Master Plan to guide the City for the next 10+ years. The plan is centered on resident feedback and input, and a draft plan is scheduled to be public in January. Stay up to date and check out the draft plan at shorewoodmn.gov/ParksPlan.



How Do We Find Community in Our Differences?

Thursday, January 22, 2026
6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. (Doors open at 6 p.m.)

Shorewood Community and Event Center
5735 Country Club Road

In a time of deep cultural and political divides, building community across differences is challenging. In this 90-minute Braver Angels interactive session, participants will explore how to engage in respectful dialogue, find common ground without compromising values, and strengthen relationships despite disagreements. Join Dr. Bill Doherty, who helped found Braver Angels in 2016 and University of Minnesota professor emeritus of Family Science, for this surprising and enlightening session.

About Braver Angels

We inspire and equip Americans to practice courageous citizenship across political differences through skill-building, convening, and collaborative action. As individuals, we try to understand the other side's point of view, even if we do not agree with it. In our communities, we engage those we disagree with, looking for common ground and ways to work together. We envision an America where courageous citizenship is the honored norm, renewing civic culture and building trust across political difference.

Questions? Contact Melinda Voss at mvoss@braverangels.org



REGISTER FOR THIS EVENT

Use promo code **BRAVER** during registration to get a free ticket. Donations beyond the free ticket support Braver Angels, 501(c)3.

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AARP®

TAX-AIDE APPOINTMENTS
February 12-April 9, 2026

The Shorewood AARP Foundation Tax-Aide program provides free tax assistance to anyone, with a focus on taxpayers age 50+ or those with low to moderate income. You do not need to be an AARP member to participate. Appointments will be offered on Thursdays at the Shorewood Community & Event Center February 12th - April 9th.

The tax appointment line opens Thursday, January 26, and will remain open until all appointments are filled.

Call the tax appointment line at 952-960-7923 to schedule your appointment.

PARKS unplugged

Parks Unplugged is a new quarterly pop-up program that encourages kids and families to enjoy active, device-free time outdoors. Each one-day event features simple, engaging activities designed to spark creativity, movement, and connection in Shorewood's parks.

Upcoming Parks Unplugged Events:

- February 1 at Manor Skating Pond (20630 Manor Road), 2:00–4:00 p.m.
- February 5 at Cathcart Park (26655 West 62nd Street), 6:00–8:00 p.m.

Bundle up and enjoy skating, cocoa, music, and winter fun in your neighborhood park!

WARMING HOUSES & ICE RINKS

Cathcart Park
26655 W 62nd St
Hockey boards

Manor Park
20630 Manor Rd
Free skate on pond

Dec-Feb
Ice rink season runs from late December until mid February, weather permitting.

952-960-7902

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

For updates, visit shorewoodmn.gov/rinks

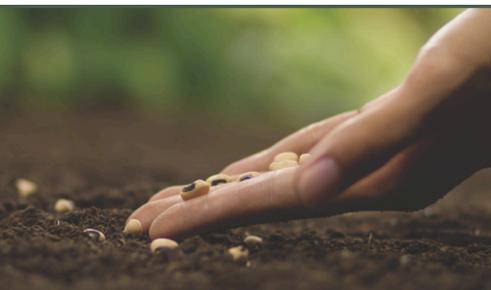
Name a Shorewood SNOWPLOW



Shorewood's Name a Snowplow Contest is Back!

Bring your most creative name to the kick-off event on January 16. A number of selected names will be posted on the City's website for voting between January 20-31. A winner will be announced on February 2. The winning name will be printed on the snowplow, and the winning participant will enjoy a ride and photo opportunity with the newly named snowplow.

Cast your vote at arcticfever.net



Community Garden Registration

Dreaming of fresh veggies and colorful blooms? Community Garden registration is right around the corner.

- Returning Gardeners: January 5–March 10
- New Gardeners: March 11–May 1

Garden plots are available at:

- Freeman Park South, 6000 Eureka Road
- Southshore Park, 5355 St. Albans Bay Road

Scan the QR code or visit the City's website for details, plot maps, and registration information at shorewoodmn.gov.

LUCKY'S POTS O' GOLD

Lucky the Leprechaun is back on the move!

Starting March 1, he'll be hiding green pots of gold throughout Shorewood Parks. Wander your favorite parks, find a pot, and snap a selfie with it! Email your photo to parksandrec@shorewoodmn.gov by Friday, March 20. After that, stop by the Shorewood Community & Event Center (Mon–Fri, 8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.) to claim your share of the gold—one per participant.

A little adventure + a little luck = a lot of fun!

Learn more shorewoodmn.gov/LuckysGold

2026 City Budget & Utility Rates

The City's 2026 property tax levy totals \$8,246,983, with a General Fund of \$7,401,822, a 0.22% increase from the 2025 budget. The City's overall estimated market value increased by 4.63% from 2025 to 2026, including existing value increases and new construction. Based on a property tax capacity increase of 4.7%, the City will increase the estimated payable 2026 City tax rate by 0.827% from 23.087% in 2025 to 23.914% in 2026.

Property owners with no change in market values from payable 2025 to payable 2026 should experience an approximate 1.0% increase in the City portion of their overall property tax bill which would be estimated at \$9 for a \$400,000 valued home. In the event of a market value decrease or increase from payable 2025 to payable 2026, City property taxes would change proportionately.

The 2026 budgets and levy were prepared according to the priorities and directions from the City Council. The City Council held several work sessions to discuss the preliminary 2026 General Fund, operating budget and property tax levy.

The City Council adopted a 2026 preliminary budget and property tax levy at its September 22 meeting. The City then certified the 2026 property tax levy to Hennepin County in late September. In November, the County sent Truth-in-taxation notices to property owners, showing proposed 2026 property taxes.

2026 Utility Rates	
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 base fee (where water available)
	\$1.75 per 1,000 gallons for first 5,000 gallons
	\$5.75 per 1,000 gallons in excess of 5,000 gallons up to 25,000 gallons
	\$8.65 per 1,000 gallons in excess of 25,000 gallons up to 50,000 gallons
	\$10.35 per 1,000 gallons in excess of 50,000 gallons
Sanitary Sewer	\$184.93 per quarter (residential)
Recycling	\$19 per quarter per household
Stormwater Management	The residential rate is determined by lot size

Discounted rates are available for residents who qualify as low-income.

Visit shorewoodmn.gov/finance for more information.

Shorewood Recycling Service Has Switched Providers

Waste Management (WM) is now the official provider for all residential recycling pickup in Shorewood. This change is part of our ongoing commitment to efficient and reliable waste management services for the community.

What You Need to Know

- **Service Remains Every-Other-Week:** Your recycling will continue to be collected on the same day as your trash service; for mainland residents, this is every other Wednesday; for island residents, this is every other Thursday.
- **Collection Schedule:** All materials should be placed at the curb by 7:00 a.m. on your scheduled collection day to ensure pickup. If a holiday falls on or before your collection day, service will be delayed by one day that week only.
- **Carts:** Your new recycling cart is green with a yellow lid. You may request up to two carts at no extra charge. Carts are available in two sizes: 96- and 64-gallons.
- **Contact Information:** For missed pickups, service issues, or questions regarding acceptable recycling materials, please contact WM at 888-960-0008 or create an online WM profile at wm.com. If you still have a recycling cart from Republic Services, please contact Republic Services directly at 952-941-5174 to make arrangements for pick up.

We appreciate your patience during the transition. By continuing to recycle properly, we can all contribute to a cleaner, more sustainable Shorewood.

Every-Other-Week Recycling Collection Schedule

Your recycling will be picked up on the green weeks.

January 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

February 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

 Green Recycling Collection

 Holiday

 Holiday Week



Shorewood City Hall
 5755 Country Club Rd
 Shorewood, MN 55331
 952-960-7900

Community & Event Center
 5735 Country Club Rd
 Shorewood, MN 55331
 952-960-7902

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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January

New Years Day
 January 1, City Hall Closed

Planning Commission Meeting
 January 6, 7 p.m., City Hall

City Council Work Session
 January 12, 5:30 p.m., City Hall

City Council Meeting
 January 12, 7 p.m., City Hall/Virtual

Arctic Fever
 January 16-17
 Visit arcticfever.net

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
 January 19, City Hall Closed

Braver Angels Event: "How do we find community in our differences?"
 January 22, 6:30 p.m., Shorewood Community & Event Center
 Visit bit.ly/BraverAngelsConvo

City Council Work Session
 January 26, 5:30 p.m., City Hall

City Council Meeting
 January 26, 7 p.m., City Hall/Virtual

Park Commission Meeting
 January 27, 7 p.m., City Hall

February

Planning Commission Meeting
 February 3, 7 p.m., City Hall

City Council Work Session
 February 9, 5:30 p.m., City Hall

City Council Meeting
 February 9, 7 p.m., City Hall/Virtual

Presidents' Day
 February 16, City Hall Closed

City Council Work Session
 February 23, 5:30 p.m., City Hall

City Council Meeting
 February 23, 7 p.m., City Hall/Virtual

Park Commission Meeting
 February 24, 7 p.m., City Hall



Friday, January 16, 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
 Shorewood Community & Event Center- 5735 Country Club Road

Saturday January 17, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
 Freeman Park- 6000 Eureka Road

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