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# SHORE REPORT

City of Shorewood News

## Free paper shred event Oct. 23

The city fall paper shredding event is Saturday, October 23, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the city hall parking lot. Bring all personal paper for shredding in paper bags or boxes. No plastic bags. City hall is located at 5755 Country Club Road.

## Volunteer to serve on committees

City of Shorewood has openings on two volunteer committees, the city Recycling Committee and Shorewood Parks Foundation. Both committees meet three to four times per year, with other meetings as the members determine necessary.

The recycling committee members work with city staff to increase recycling knowledge in the community, create new or improved recycling programs, and evaluate current programs.

Shorewood Parks Foundation is a 501c3 organization that can fundraise for park programs or equipment, determines where foundation dollars are donated, and can make suggestions to the city to be passed on to staff and the park commission for consideration.

Both of these committees meet at Shorewood Community & Event Center on a day decided on by the committee. For more information or to volunteer for one of the committees, please contact the city at 952.960.7900, or email your interest to [jmoore@ci.shorewood.mn.us](mailto:jmoore@ci.shorewood.mn.us).

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## Utility rate review

The city council reviewed city utility rates at the September 27 meeting. To see changes to utility rates expected to go into effect with the October usage and January billing, go to [ci.shorewood.mn.us/utilities](http://ci.shorewood.mn.us/utilities).



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*Fire safety open house/ Pg 2*



*Shorewood Community Center / Pg 3*



## Water efficiency rebates

The city offers rebates for WaterSense certified toilets, irrigation controllers and sprinkler bodies. Rebates are possible due to a grant from MPCA and the Clean Water Legacy Fund, and Riley Purgatory Bluff-Creek Watershed District. New construction homes are not eligible. Go to [ci.shorewood.mn.us/waterrebate](http://ci.shorewood.mn.us/waterrebate) for details.



## A new playground for Silverwood Park

Silverwood Park playground is closed for improvements to the playground equipment and hill slides. Please enjoy the playgrounds at our other parks during construction.

Improvements include new hill slides that are ADA compliant, playground equipment and landscaping. Plans are available to view at city hall or on the city website, [ci.shorewood.mn.us/ShorewoodParks](http://ci.shorewood.mn.us/ShorewoodParks).

The park is expected to reopen in late October and a park grand opening will take place in the spring of 2022.

## Excelsior Fire Open House

The popular Fire Prevention Open House and Safety Fair is back for 2021! Join Excelsior Fire District for free hot dogs, popcorn and lots of great fire and safety education. The event is free and open to the public Thursday, October 7, 5:30 - 8 p.m.

# Planning activities and updates

Active Development Applications and Projects			
Location	Type of application or phase	Planning Commission*	City Council*
21265 & 21285 Radisson Road	Variance, Preliminary plat and special home occupation	10/05/2021	10/25/2021
6180 Cathcart Drive	CUP for a second detached garage	10/05/2021	10/25/2021
26020 Birch Bluff Road	Variance	10/05/2021	10/25/2021
5655 Merry Lane	Variance for impervious surface and setback	10/05/2021	10/25/2021
Comprehensive Plan Update	discussion	10/05/2021	

\*Dates subject to change. Go to [ci.shorewood.mn.us/activeapplications](http://ci.shorewood.mn.us/activeapplications) for updates.

Go to [ci.shorewood.mn.us/agendas](http://ci.shorewood.mn.us/agendas) for meeting agendas and updates. Call the planning department at 952.960.7909 with questions.

## Road Construction 2022/2023

The Strawberry Lane road reconstruction project has moved to 2023. Birch Bluff Road reconstruction is also planned for 2023. No major road construction projects are currently planned for 2022, although mill and overlay projects are being evaluated.

Residents who live on or regularly use Strawberry Lane or Birch Bluff Road are encouraged to sign up for the construction email list at [ci.shorewood.mn.us/enews](http://ci.shorewood.mn.us/enews). If you have questions, please contact city hall at 952.960.7900, or email [cityengineer@ci.shorewood.mn.us](mailto:cityengineer@ci.shorewood.mn.us).

## Campaign signs are regulated

Shorewood does not have city elections in 2021, but Minnetonka and Westonka school districts have school board elections on November 2. Residents are reminded that campaign signs are regulated by Minnesota statute and city code. Campaign signs are permitted from 46 days before any election and should be removed 10 days following the election.

If you have questions about campaign signs, call the city at 952.960.7900.



## Shorewood Community & Event Center programs for seniors

For a complete list of programs, go to [ShorewoodCEC.com](http://ShorewoodCEC.com), or call the center at 952.474.7635 to subscribe to the SSP newsletter.

### Upcoming programs

#### Medicare Information Sessions

**Wednesdays in October from 1 - 4 p.m., by appointment**

Discuss or ask questions about Medicare Health Plan options or review your current Medicare Health Plan options. Sign up for a 30-minute appointment with Julie Ell of Next Chapter Insurance, Medicare & Individual/Family Health Consultant.

Call the center to schedule a 30-minute session with Julie Ell. 952.474.7635

#### EngAGE Well Balance Agility and Fun

**Thursdays from 9 - 10 a.m.**

Join Sue Kanter from Engage Physical Therapy and Wellness in a group class for 55 and older that focuses on improving your abilities for everyday life and beyond. Build strength, endurance, mobility balance and functional ability. Cost: Package of 8 classes is \$80 or \$12/class. Contact Sue Kanter to register at 612.888.9882.



#### Driver Refresher Class

**Wed., October 20, 1 - 5 p.m.**

Call MN Safety Center to register, 1.888.234.1294

**Daily programs, such as games, quilting, beading, knitting, woodcarving, book club, support groups and more are in the Shorewood Senior Partners newsletter or online at [ShorewoodCEC.com](http://ShorewoodCEC.com). Call the center at 952.474.7635 for details or to get a copy of the newsletter.**

*The community center is located at 5735 Country Club Road next to Badger Park. It is available for rent. Call to arrange a tour or for more information on pricing and availability. Shorewood residents receive a discount on rental fees.*

### Clear public streets and right-of-way for safety

It is great to have the end of a cul de sac as extra play space, but the basketball hoops, hockey nets, bonfire pits, and other items must be moved from the public roads after use. Items being left in the roadway make it difficult for public works vehicles and delivery vehicles, and could inhibit access to private properties for public safety emergency vehicles.



During winter months, it is important to keep the right-of-way clear of these items so that plows do not damage them.

## Contacting City Council

### Contact the Mayor, Council by Email, Phone or Letter

Emails directed to the city council and sent to [cityhall@ci.shorewood.mn.us](mailto:cityhall@ci.shorewood.mn.us) are received and read by the mayor and all council members. Individual contact information for the mayor and council members is found at [ci.shorewood.mn.us/citycouncil](http://ci.shorewood.mn.us/citycouncil), or by calling city hall at 952.960.7900. Because of Open Meeting Laws, council members cannot engage in back-and-forth communications involving a quorum of three or more members. Data practices laws also apply. Therefore, you might not receive a response from all council members, or you might receive a response from the city administrator or other staff member.

### Public Hearings

Public hearings are one way the council obtains feedback on specific issues before a decision is made, mostly on land use and zoning matters. Public hearings are usually conducted by the planning commission. The goal of a public hearing is to consider all perspectives. Advance notice of public hearings is posted on the city website and is mailed to residents within a legally prescribed boundary. You can sign up to receive emails of public hearing notices by going to [ci.shorewood.mn.us/enews](http://ci.shorewood.mn.us/enews).

### Public Comment During a Council Meeting

"Matters from the Floor" is on the council agenda as a time for the public to raise issues and make comments for items not otherwise on the agenda. No action is taken for issues raised, although an item may be placed on a future agenda. Because the council meeting is a business meeting to consider matters on the agenda and to give equal opportunity to all participants, individuals have three-minutes to speak so that everyone has an opportunity to be heard.



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## Upcoming Meetings and Events

- 10/5 7 p.m.  
Planning Comm meeting
- 10/11 Columbus Day  
Public Works closed; no city meetings
- 10/12 7 p.m.  
City Council meeting
- 10/13 and 10/27 7 a.m.  
Mainland recycling
- 10/14 and 10/28 7 a.m.  
Island recycling
- 10/25 7 p.m.  
City Council Meeting
- 10/26 7 p.m.  
Park Comm meeting

Please check for meeting updates on the city website, [www.ci.shorewood.mn.us](http://www.ci.shorewood.mn.us).

Meetings are in-person at city hall.

## Fall yard waste solutions

A state law, passed in 1989, bans the disposal of yard waste in landfills or waste-to-energy facilities. This law means that you cannot put yard, garden or tree waste in your trash cart.

### Options for yard waste

#### Do not collect it--mulch it.

Using a mulch lawn mower chops the leaves fine enough that, if you mow often enough, it will prevent the need to collect leaves. You can also mulch, then, mowing a second time, bag it and the amount of leaf waste will be compacted into fewer bags, or more easily put in backyard compost. For more on backyard compost, go to [ci.shorewood.mn.us/backyardcompost](http://ci.shorewood.mn.us/backyardcompost).

#### Contract with your hauler

Trash haulers are required to collect yard waste separately. Contract prices vary from hauler to hauler, but are generally billed on an annual basis. Many haulers also have a per-bag

option. Contact your trash hauler for details.

#### Drop it off

Locations to drop off yard waste can be found on the city website, [ci.shorewood.mn.us/yardwaste](http://ci.shorewood.mn.us/yardwaste). Drop off locations do charge a fee, either per bag or per load, and most require you to take your bags with you.



## City Council

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Report road, park and other non-emergency city issues online at [ci.shorewood.mn.us/SeeClickFix](http://ci.shorewood.mn.us/SeeClickFix).

## City Information

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