

SHOREREPORT

City of Shorewood News

Photo by Dawn Reese

Residents encouraged to remove invasive buckthorn

Buckthorn is one of Minnesota's most damaging invasive plants. Property owners should be concerned if buckthorn is present on wooded properties because of its aggressive nature. It outcompetes native vegetation and degrades wildlife habitat, choking out native flowers and shrubs that provide food and habitat for birds and wildlife, and is a long-term threat for oaks, maples and other hardwood trees. Erosion of open soils in buckthorn forests also harms water quality.

A number of chemical and non-chemical control methods are available for buckthorn. Female plants should be targeted first because of the seeds from berries that are widely dispersed by birds and other wildlife. Late summer and early fall are great times to work on eradicating buckthorn.

The city has free buckthorn wrenches available for resident use. These are valuable for handpulling younger trees. For more information on buckthorn removal, see the city website, ci.shorewood.mn.us/buckthorn.

Permits for outdoor projects

Has your contractor ever told you that you don't need a permit for items like patios, fences or fire pits? Have they ever told you that property line setbacks don't apply to those items because they are landscaping improvements? Shorewood does require permits for those and other improvements and certain setbacks do apply. Who is responsible if the contractor puts in the improvements and they are found to be in violation of code? The homeowner is held responsible by the city and most contractors will walk away, leaving you to hire someone else to remove and relocate the project. The homeowner will end up paying for the original project and again to make the project conforming or going to court to recover the cost of the project. Check out our website, ci.shorewood.mn.us/zoningpermits for more information.



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Construction eNews for 2022 and 2023 construction

Proposed road construction for Strawberry Lane (2022) and Birch Bluff Road (2023) have eNews update email lists. Go to ci.shorewood.mn.us/eNews to register your email for updates on these and other projects. If you do not have email access, call city hall at 952.960.7900 to be added to a call list.



Spring/Summer 2018 photo contest winner by resident Mary Bloomgren.

Spring and summer photo contest

Submit spots that show off the splendor of living in Shorewood in the following four categories:

- People and Pets
- Wildlife
- Spring Wonders
- Summer Delights

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 September 25, 2021, at 4:30 p.m.

For complete rules and more information, go to ci.shorewood.mn.us/photocontest, or call city hall at 952.960.7900.

Yard and garden water restrictions continue through September 30

Automatic irrigation systems and sprinkler use in Shorewood is restricted to before 11 a.m. and after 4:30 p.m. daily. Hand watering and children's toys are permitted, but water conservation is encouraged, particularly during the 2021 drought. Groundwater takes many years to replenish. For more information, go to ci.shorewood.mn.us/water.

Smithtown Pond construction expected in late fall

Smithtown Pond, proposed for construction between Smithtown Road and the LRT trail, is being built to help address many significant drainage issues within western Shorewood. The primary goals in constructing the stormwater ponds are to reduce flooding and drainage issues upstream and reduce flow rates in the downstream Grant Lorenz Channel.

Stormwater ponds are a proven economical method for reducing downstream flow rates and capturing pollutants within stormwater before they enter natural bodies of water downstream. Additional goals of the project include preservation and/or restoration of trees and wildlife habitat, creating a trail connection and greenspace amenity between Smithtown

Road and the Lake Minnetonka Regional Trail, and improving water quality to downstream water bodies.

Upcoming construction

The Smithtown Pond project is anticipated to begin construction this fall once the permit from the Army Corps of Engineers is finalized. Construction is expected to extend over the course of the winter/spring of 2022. The project is being completed in advance of the proposed Strawberry Lane Street reconstruction project and Shorewood Oaks drainage project. If approved, both of these projects are slated for construction in 2022 and both will route stormwater to the Smithtown Ponds.

To stay updated on the project or to see renderings of proposed landscape, go to ci.shorewood.mn.us/smithtownpond.

Planning activities and updates

Active Development Applications			
Location	Type of Application	Planning Commission*	City Council*
5660 Minnetonka Drive	CUP for fence	9/7/2021	9/27/2021
21265 & 21285 Radisson Road	Variance, Preliminary Plat and Special Home Occupation	9/7/2021	9/27/2021
27460 Maple Ridge Lane	Variance to side yard setback	9/7/2021	9/27/2021

*Subject to change. Go to ci.shorewood.mn.us/activeapplications for updates.

Planning commission meetings are generally held the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the city council chambers at city hall. For agendas and schedule updates go to ci.shorewood.mn.us/agendas. Approved minutes of past meetings are also available online.

Shorewood Community & Event Center programs

EngAGE Well: Balance Agility and Fun

Starting September 2 and continuing on Thursdays from 9-10 a.m. with Sue Kanter from Engage Physical Therapy and Wellness. A group class for 55 and older that focuses on improving your abilities for everyday life and beyond. The focus is on fun and engaging activities that will 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.

Life Line Screening Saturday, Sept. 11

Affordable, non-invasive and painless preventative health screenings. Register by calling 1.888.653.6441 or register on-line www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle.

Flu Shot Friday, Sept. 24, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Call the center to schedule your appointment. 952.474.0128.

Quilting Retreat Saturday, Sept. 25, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

Enjoy a fun day focused on quilting at the annual retreat. Cost includes continental breakfast and lunch. \$40 Register with Linda at 952.475.1430.



Learn Mahjong with free lessons at SCEC, Thursdays at 10:30 October 14, 21 and 28. Call the center to sign up, 952.474.7635

Medicare Information Sessions September 1 or September 15 By appointment 1-4 p.m.

Discuss Medicare or ask questions about health plan options or your current plan with an insurance professional. 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 personal session. 952.474.7635.

A variety of weekly programs, including knitting, bridge, Mahjong, woodworking, book club and more, take place at SCEC. Go to ShorewoodCEC.com, or call the center at 952.474.7635, to be added to the newsletter mailing list.

Shining Stars lunch celebrating seniors

Thursday, September 23 at 11 a.m.

Southshore Senior Partners and City of Shorewood have a long tradition of celebrating the senior population. The most popular way is at the Shining Stars celebration. Join us September 23 for our annual Shining Stars with fun times and a great lunch. Invite your friends to join as well. Seniors age 80+ are FREE, \$8 for guests under age 80.

RSVP to 952.474.7635 by September 20.

Mayor's message

By Mayor Jennifer Labadie

Road construction and the start of the school year

Road construction and road improvements projects continue throughout Shorewood. Although these road construction projects are all on schedule or ahead of schedule, some projects will still be underway when the school year commences. Remember to give yourself extra time on your drives and to be cautious of construction, children, school buses and young drivers. Thank you for your patience during this road construction season.

Shorewood reaches out to MnDOT following fatal Highway 7 collision

After a tragic collision at the intersection of Eureka Road and Highway 7 claimed the life of 20 year old Parker

Nelson, I wrote a letter to the Commissioner of MnDOT. This letter includes the names and contact information of individuals that



Shorewood residents should contact with their concerns about the safety of this intersection or the safety of the Highway 7 corridor in general. View the letter at ci.shorewood.mn.us/index.php and scroll down to "Latest News."

Community Connections

I've enjoyed meeting residents at neighborhood "Night to Unite" parties. I look forward to meeting more residents in the future; perhaps I'll see you at the rescheduled September 10 Movie in Freeman Park or at the Excelsior Fire District's Open House on October 7 at the Excelsior Fire District Station. Please sign up for my "Message From the Mayor" at ci.shorewood.mn.us/eNews.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

9/6 City hall closed
Labor Day holiday

9/7 7 p.m.
Planning Comm meeting

9/10 7 p.m.
Movie in Freeman Park: The Lion King

9/13 7 p.m.
City Council meeting

9/14 7 p.m.
Park Comm meeting

9/27 7 p.m.
City Council Meeting

Please check for meeting
updates on the city website,
www.ci.shorewood.mn.us.

City hall phone: 952.960.7900
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Deer management program scheduled for fall

In 2021, the city will be working with the Metro Area Bowhunters Resource Base (MBRB) for the city's deer management program. The program is volunteer-based where residents allow access to their property for participating MBRB members to set up deer stands. The program is designed to balance the interest of residents who want the deer population managed and those who do not want any harvesting to take place.

Due to lower numbers of deer in recent programs, MBRB has recommended some changes to the 2021 program. Most significantly, the program will take place on three weekends (October 15-17, October 29-31, and November 12-14) rather than the usual five. Although fewer parcels will be needed, if you are interested in offering your property for participation, the



Feeding the deer is prohibited by ordinance in Shorewood. Feeding is harmful to deer and puts them at higher risk of a car-deer collision when on local properties.

city maintains a list of interested property owners, and you can reach me at 952.960.7905. MBRB staff will review the parcel to ensure it is large enough and there is a suitable location for a tree stand. Previous participants have been contacted and adjacent property owners will be notified by postcard prior to the event.

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Sign up for city news, park information, road construction updates and more at ci.shorewood.mn.us/eNews.

City Hours

City hall

Mon. - Fri., 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Shorewood Comm. & Event Center,

Mon. - Fri., 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Public Works

Mon. - Fri., 7 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.