

# SHORE REPORT

City of Shorewood News



## Message from the Mayor STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS & AN UPDATE ON HIGHWAY 7

Recently, with the assistance of the Lake Minnetonka Communications Commission (LMCC), we filmed Shorewood's 2023 State of the City Address. This 10-minute video includes an overview of street projects and other city improvement projects, park updates, budget information, public safety updates, the current status of our desired Highway 7 improvements, and more. I encourage you to watch this informative video on the city's website under News/Shorewood State of the City 2023.

Thank you for being engaged in your community and for taking the time to watch Shorewood's 2023 State of the City Address. Comments are welcome and may be directed to [cityhall@ci.shorewood.mn.us](mailto:cityhall@ci.shorewood.mn.us), or 952.960.7900.



Photo: Daniel Peso

## Looking for a summer job?

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 \$18/hour and are open until filled so HURRY! You must be at least 16 years old.

For additional details, a full job description, or to apply, please go to the city's website at [ci.shorewood.mn.us](http://ci.shorewood.mn.us). For additional information, please email [cityhall@ci.shorewood.mn.us](mailto:cityhall@ci.shorewood.mn.us) or call 952.960.7900.

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## SPRING CHECKLIST

Warm weather is just around the corner! Here are a few items to remember this Spring...



Get ahead of outdoor activities by purchasing a recreational fire permit.



Learn if your summer construction project(s) will need a permit.



Self-evaluate your property and do some spring cleaning.



Obtain or renew dog and farm animal licenses.



Reserve rental space for an upcoming event.



Register for a program or event with Parks and Recreation.

## Yard Self-Evaluation

Now that the snow is melting, it's time to take a close look at the outside of your property the way your neighbors see it. To avoid being the subject of complaints and code enforcement action, please take action to properly dispose of the following:

- Piles of pet waste that are now visible after being buried by snow all winter.
- Construction materials left over from a project that was long-completed or never begun or those piles of hobby materials you never quite get to.
- Vehicles and recreational vehicles/equipment stored on your property that are not licensed or operable.
- Indoor furniture and items that weren't designed for outside use.
- Ripped up tarps and garbage that may have blown into your yard.
- Discarded appliances and televisions.

## Changes to the farm animal regulations

In 2022, the City Council made a number of changes to the rules for keeping chickens and other farm animals. The biggest change is that the farm animal license must be renewed every year, much like dog licenses. Another change is that chickens must be kept in areas that are fully enclosed either by coops or enclosed pens. Nets may be used as an alternative to roofed structures. Setbacks from enclosures to property lines and other structures have also changed.

Permitting is now fully online using the same permit portal used for building permit applications. To make the new rules easy to understand, the city has a new handout to help explain the requirements, which you can find on the city's website under Government/City Departments/Planning and Protective Inspections/Building and Zoning Handouts/Checklists.

## Recreational fire permits needed annually

A FREE recreational fire permit from Excelsior Fire District is required for any wood-burning recreational fire in Shorewood. This includes backyard fire pits. Permits are not required for barbecue grills or natural gas or propane fire pits.

Fires used to dispose of debris are not considered recreational fires. Yard waste, including grass, leaves, branches, twigs, garbage and recycling, must be disposed of through your trash or recycling hauler, a drop-off location, or backyard compost. It is important for air quality that these materials not be burned.

Download a free permit form at [excelsiorfire.org](http://excelsiorfire.org), or pick one up at Shorewood City Hall. New permits are issued each calendar year.

## Please leash your dogs

Dogs using Shorewood parks, trails and public spaces must be on a leash six feet or less in length. Voice command, retractable or electronic leashes are not permitted substitutes. None of Shorewood's parks are off-leash dog parks. Please use the free dog park in Lake Minnewashta Regional Park, 6900 Hazeltine Blvd., Chanhassen (Hwy 41). To report off-leash dogs in Shorewood, please call 911 for the animal control officer.

## Does your summer landscaping project require a zoning permit?

Many popular summer projects require zoning permits even when they don't require a building permit. Examples include: small sheds, at-grade patios, sport courts, pergolas, driveway expansions, retaining walls between two and four feet, swing sets and play structures over 64 square feet or six feet in height, outside fireplaces and cooking facilities. Even if your contractor tells you that these are just landscaping projects and don't require permits – beware! The property owner is always liable for projects that don't meet the city's zoning requirements. Handouts for many projects are included on the city's website under Government/City Departments/ Planning and Protective Inspections/ Building and Zoning Handouts/Checklists.

## Annual tree sale will offer wholesale trees to residents again this year

The purpose of the tree sale is to restore and improve woodland areas, increase wildlife habitat, and diversify the city forestry. A limited number of container trees will be sold individually at wholesale prices. Ordering for the annual tree sale is available only to Shorewood residents beginning at 8am on April 3. Orders are taken in the order they are received until all trees are sold.

The trees must be picked up from Shorewood Public Works the first week of September. See the city website for information, or pick up a paper order form at city hall.

**Questions?** Please contact City Hall at 952.960.9700.

SPECIES	PRICE
Emerald Lustre Maple	\$92.10
Fall Fiesta Sugar Maple	\$82.00
Autumn Brilliance Serviceberry	\$91.00
Heritage River Birch	\$79.00
Blue Beech	\$105.40
Autumn Gold Ginkgo	\$173.00
Skyline Honeylocust	\$95.20
Spring Snow Crabapple	\$92.50
Ironwood	\$46.40
Summer Shimmer Aspen	\$81.95
Quaking Aspen	\$102.00
Pyramidal Arborvitae	\$72.75
Techny Arborvitae	\$68.25
Parker Pear	\$45.60
Summercrisp Pear	\$46.10
Mount Royal Plum	\$44.95
Evans Bali Cherry	\$45.60
North Star Cherry	\$45.60

## SHOREWOOD RECYCLES

### Paper Shredding

Shredded paper cannot be recycled in your curbside recycling bin, even if in a paper bag. Bring confidential papers to be shredded at the city's FREE paper shredding event on May 20!

### Curbside Dumping

Although reuse is encouraged by the city, having free items dumped at the curb is not. The city gets many complaints about items left for periods of time at curbs and in the public rights-of-way. Please use tools such as Facebook Marketplace and NextDoor.com to give away your usable items instead of leaving them by the curb.

### Organics Drop-Off

Shorewood residents can take advantage of free residential organics drop-off sites. Visit our website to learn more and register.

### Recycling Calendar

Shorewood recycling dates highlighted in blue.

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**SATURDAY May 20**

**Spring Clean-Up | 8am-1pm**  
Bring materials to Public Works\*

**Paper Shredding | 9am-12pm**  
FREE service at City Hall



\*Photo ID with proof of residency required. Cash or check only. Fee information at [ci.shorewood.mn.us](http://ci.shorewood.mn.us)

# PARKS & RECREATION

## PROGRAMS & EVENTS

### PARENTS NIGHT OUT

Shorewood Community & Event Center  
5735 Country Club Road

Go for a night out or a night in while your littles enjoy a movie, dinner, games and crafts! Registration due 4/17.

AGES	DAY	DATE	TIME	FEE
6-12	F	Apr 21	6-9pm	\$30

### SOUTH LAKE SAFETY CAMP

South Lake Minnetonka Public Safety Building  
24100 Smithown Road

Campers spend the day learning about safety in a fun camp environment. Highlights include a bike safety course, touring an ambulance, K-9 demos and spraying a fire hose! Presented by City of Shorewood, Excelsior Fire District and South Lake Police Department. Watch for more details and registration information in upcoming newsletters and by following Facebook.com/cityofshorewood.

GRADES	DAY	DATE	TIME	FEE
3-5	W	Aug 9	8:15am-3:30pm	\$25



### STEP TO IT CHALLENGE BEGINS MAY 1

Build healthy habits by tracking your activity through the Step to it Challenge, a fun, free program that encourages people of all ages and abilities to become more active. Join the challenge this May on behalf of your community. The Step to it is not just about walking; almost any activity counts, including running, cycling, dancing, manual wheelchair use and many others. Registration opens April 1 at [www.steptoit.org](http://www.steptoit.org)

### WALK WITH THE MAYOR - SAVE THE DATE

#### Wednesday evenings in May

Join Mayor Labadie for a leisurely stroll as part of the Step to it Challenge. Participants should wear comfortable walking shoes and dress for the weather. In case of inclement weather, visit the parks and recreation page on the city website. Watch for details in the next newsletter and online!

## GARDENING

### ADOPT A GARDEN

Every Spring and Summer, the City of Shorewood hosts volunteers to plant and maintain Shorewood park signs, rain gardens and plazas, as well as the Shorewood Community and Event Center.



New this year! The city is partnering with Twin Orchards Nursery to provide the plantings at each of our locations. To volunteer, send an email to [parksandrec@ci.shorewood.mn.us](mailto:parksandrec@ci.shorewood.mn.us).

### COMMUNITY GARDENS

#### Freeman Park, 25800 State Hwy 7

#### Southshore Community Park, 5355 St. Alban's Bay Road

City of Shorewood hosts two community garden sites. Shorewood residents and previous year gardeners have the opportunity for priority registration, followed by non-residents. All garden plots are 10' X 15' in size. Garden sites are prepared by the public works department and ready for planting in May, weather dependent, and must be completely cleaned out by the gardener in October. Complete an application on the city website under Community, email completed form to [parksandrec@ci.shorewood.mn.us](mailto:parksandrec@ci.shorewood.mn.us). **FEE PER PLOT** \$30 residents/\$45 non-residents



## ADAPTIVE RECREATION

**REACH FOR RESOURCES** provides programs for all ages and serves the northern and western Twin Cities suburbs. Visit [reachforresources.org](http://reachforresources.org) or call 952.200.3030 for details.

**PROJECT SOAR** provides programs for adults and serves four school districts: Hopkins, Minnetonka, St. Louis Park and Wayzata. Visit [projectsoarmn.org](http://projectsoarmn.org) or call 952.401.6898 for details.

**THREE RIVERS PARK DISTRICT** is committed to providing inclusive and accessible opportunities for people of all abilities. Visit [threeriverspark.org/accessibility](http://threeriverspark.org/accessibility) or call 763.559.9000 for details.

**WE CAN RIDE** is a Premier Accredited Equine Assisted Activities and Therapy Center whose mission is to connect horses and humans to transform the lives of people with disabilities. Visit [wecanride.org](http://wecanride.org) or call 952.934.0057 for details.

## ATHLETIC ASSOCIATIONS

Minnetonka Baseball Association- [minnetonkabaseball.org](http://minnetonkabaseball.org)

Minnetonka Girls Softball Association- [tonkasoftball.org](http://tonkasoftball.org)

Minnetonka Lacrosse Association- [mtkalax.org](http://mtkalax.org)

Tonka United Soccer Association- [tonkaunited.org](http://tonkaunited.org)

## MORE INFO & TO REGISTER

For additional questions or to sign up for any event or program, contact us by phone, in person, or online!

 952.960.7902

 5735 Country Club Road

 [parksandrec@ci.shorewood.mn.us](mailto:parksandrec@ci.shorewood.mn.us)

 [ci.shorewood.mn.us/community/parks\\_and\\_recreation](http://ci.shorewood.mn.us/community/parks_and_recreation)

When registering for a program by phone, online, mail or in person, the participant is subject to the Hold Harmless Waiver of Liability, Data Privacy Act/Tennessee Warning and Photograph Waiver found online at [ci.shorewood.mn.us/community/parks\\_and\\_recreation](http://ci.shorewood.mn.us/community/parks_and_recreation)

## 55+ PROGRAMS

### SOUTHSHORE SENIOR PARTNERS

Shorewood Community & Event Center

5735 Country Club Road

Dedicated to encouraging seniors ages 55+ in maintaining a healthy and active lifestyle. Programs and activities provide seniors with time to socialize and participate in a variety of recreational and learning opportunities. Popular opportunities include Dance Fitness, Cribbage, Mahjong, Tai Chi and Half Priced Bakery! For additional program and membership information call 952.474.7635 or visit [shorewoodscec.com](http://shorewoodscec.com)

### EngAGE WELL BALANCE AGILITY AND FUN

Shorewood Community & Event Center

5735 Country Club Road

Improve abilities for everyday life and beyond with Sue Kanter from Engage Physical Therapy and Wellness. Build strength, endurance, mobility, balance and functional ability. Register by calling 612.888.9882.

AGES	DAY	TIME	8 SESSION FEE	PER SESSION FEE
55+	Th	9-9:45am	\$96	\$14

### 55+ DRIVER DISCOUNT PROGRAM

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Complete a Minnesota Department of Public Safety driver improvement program and receive 10% off auto insurance premiums (consult your provider for details). Register by calling 1.888.234.1294 or at [driverdiscountprogram.com](http://driverdiscountprogram.com).

DAY	DATE	TIME
T	May 16	1-5pm

# PARKS & RECREATION

## FACILITIES & RENTALS

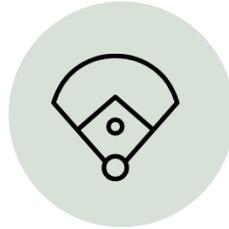
Whether you are planning a picnic, reunion or a neighborhood get-together, Shorewood's Community & Event Center, picnic shelters, fields and parks offer an ideal location for any event.



Shorewood Community & Event Center



Picnic Shelters



Athletic Fields



Parks



Scan each QR code above to learn more about availability, pricing, and to make your reservation today.

### PARKS & RECREATION

## SUMMER SNEAK PEEK

Follow Facebook.com/cityofshorewood or watch upcoming newsletters for information on:

- Concert in the Park**
- Movie in the Park**
- Fitness in the Park**
- Youth Activities**
- ...and more!**



## SPRING • SUMMER PHOTO CONTEST

All ages are invited to submit photos taken in Shorewood between March 20, 2023 and September 22, 2023, to the city. Categories include: Spring Wonder, Summer Delights, People and Pets, and Wildlife.

Submit your entry no later than **September 30, 2023**, in jpeg format to [cityhall@ci.shorewood.mn.us](mailto:cityhall@ci.shorewood.mn.us), or drop off a flash drive to city hall. See complete information at [ci.shorewood.mn.us/photocontest](http://ci.shorewood.mn.us/photocontest).

Once submitted, entrants grant reproduction rights to the City of Shorewood

## ROADS & CITY PROJECTS

### Birch Bluff

All trees anticipated for removal have been marked with a dot of pink paint at the base of each tree. If residents have any questions on trees, please contact City Engineer, Andrew Budde at 952.960.7910 or [cityengineer@ci.shorewood.mn.us](mailto:cityengineer@ci.shorewood.mn.us). Trees will be marked with a large "X" a few days prior to actual removal.

### Strawberry Lane, Strawberry Court & Peach Circle

Trees have been trimmed around the power lines to allow for Xcel to relocate their poles and lines ahead of the street and utility construction. In March, the contractor began clearing trees needed to allow for street and utility work.

Once the trees are cleared, private utility companies (Xcel, Centerpoint, Lumen, etc.) will begin their relocation work. This relocation work will continue through the end of the month of April with companies coming to the site at different times. Please anticipate a lot of noise and some short duration obstructions in the street at times during this work.

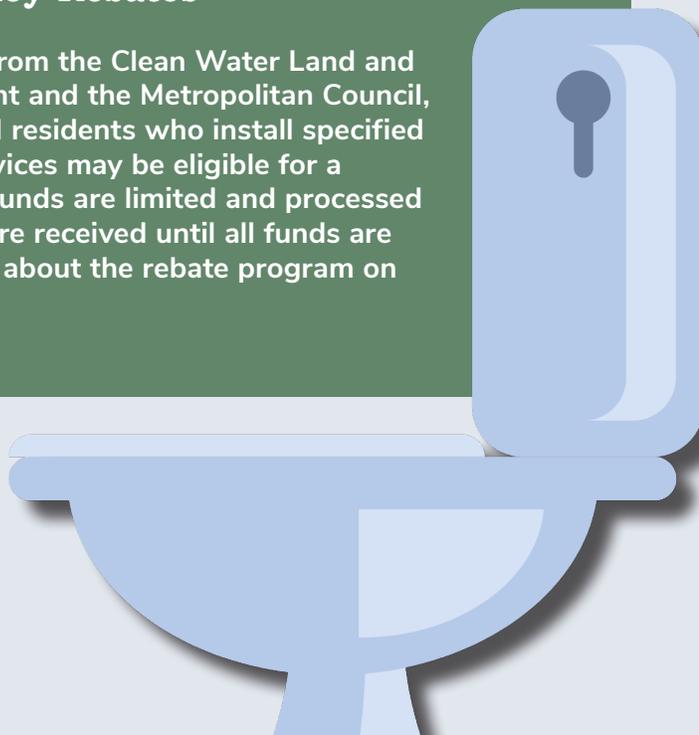
### Watch for road weight restrictions

Visit the city website for road weight restrictions this Spring. The City of Shorewood follows the MnDOT guidelines for restriction dates. If you have construction work performed, are moving, or having heavy deliveries, make sure the contractors know the restriction weights. You can find the weight restrictions on the map on the city website, [ci.shorewood.mn.us/citymaps](http://ci.shorewood.mn.us/citymaps). Call City Hall 952.960.7900 for information.

*Proposed, approved and current road construction projects, and other items for general road work can be found on the city's website under Services/Roads and City Projects*

## Water Efficiency Rebates

Through funding from the Clean Water Land and Legacy Amendment and the Metropolitan Council, City of Shorewood residents who install specified water-efficient devices may be eligible for a rebate(s). Rebate funds are limited and processed in the order they are received until all funds are spent. Learn more about the rebate program on the city's website.



### Market Value Notices from Hennepin County

You likely have received your property value notice from Hennepin County or will be receiving it very soon. If you have any questions regarding this notice, please call the phone number provided on your notice to speak to the appropriate appraiser or assessor for your jurisdiction. Many times, questions can be answered, and concerns resolved during this initial phone conversation. If circumstances warrant additional valuation or classification review, or a virtual inspection, the assessor may arrange for that as well. Taxpayers may call their assessor (contact information is on the notice) any time up until the County Board of Appeal and Equalization (CBAE) deadline for appointments on May 17, 2023.

### Rental Housing program and need for license

Short term rental of homes in Shorewood (under 30 days) is prohibited. Additionally, every home that is rented out must be licensed. A complete list of materials needed for a rental license is located on the city's website under Government/City Departments/ Planning and Protective Inspections/Rental Housing License Program and click on the pull-down list of materials.

## April Meetings & Events

Apr 4 7pm

Planning Commission Meeting

Apr 10 7pm

City Council Meeting

Apr 11 7pm

Park Commission Meeting

Apr 21 6-9pm

Parents Night Out

Apr 24 7pm

City Council Meeting

Please check for meeting updates on the city website.



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## Mayor Labadie Visits the White House

On March 1, 2023, Shorewood Mayor Jennifer Labadie attended a meeting at the White House "Communities in Action: Building a Better Minnesota." The meeting provided local Minnesota leaders the ability to discuss and learn how federal legislation such as the bipartisan Safer Communities Act, the American Rescue Plan, the bipartisan Infrastructure Law, and the more recent Inflation Reduction Act impacts their local communities.

Congressman Dean Phillips invited Mayor Labadie to attend this meeting where she represented not only the City of Shorewood but the entire Lake Minnetonka area in Washington DC.

## City Council

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

## City Information

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