

# Shore Report

News for Residents of the City of Shorewood

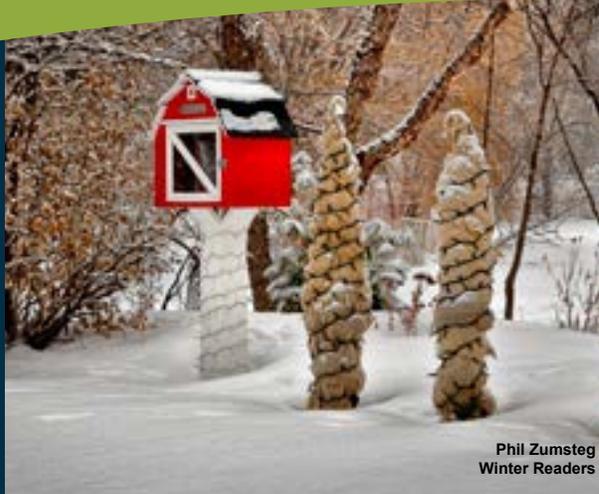
## Upcoming Meetings and Events

- 12/1 7 p.m.  
Park Comm Meeting
- 12/7 7 p.m.  
Truth-in-Taxation
- 12/8 7 p.m.  
Planning Comm Meeting
- 12/14 7 p.m.  
City Council Meeting
- 12/24 Holiday  
City Hall closed half day
- 12/25 Holiday  
City Hall closed
- 12/28 7 p.m., *tentative*  
City Council Meeting
- 1/1 Holiday  
City Hall closed

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Winter Readers

## highlights

- Holiday waste • Sand/salt P.2
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- Planning P.4
- City hotline for closures due to COVID: 952.960.7918

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## 2020 General Election

### Shorewood Election Results

Mayor: Jennifer Labadie, 3131 votes (64.60%)  
City Council: Patrick Johnson, 2349 votes (35.05%);  
Paula Callies, 2330 votes (34.7%).

Congratulations to Jennifer, Patrick and Paula and thank you to all of our candidates. For other office results, go to [mnvotes.org](http://mnvotes.org).

### Election Summary

The city, county and state encouraged residents to vote absentee by mail or in-person at City HHall due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Voting by absentee ballot set unprecedented records in this election. The most dramatic increase was in the direct balloting period held seven days prior to Election Day where voters insert their ballot directly into the ballot counter. Just under 73 percent of Shorewood's 5,664 voters voted early. Total voter turnout was approximately 91 percent

for Shorewood. A record 295 new voter registrations were received.

### Thank you Election Judges

Staffing precincts with election judges was a challenge due to the pandemic. Health concerns resulted in past judges finding the need to cancel participation this year. Many residents stepped up to fill the available spots! By Election Day, the city had more judges than needed. Thank you to everyone who helped make Election 2020 a success.

### Thank you Public Works and Elections Staff

They were not kidding when they said "It Takes a Village." City elections staff, other city staff, and the public works department helped make this one of the most successful elections the city has experienced.

## At-home COVID Tests for Residents

Minnesota and Vault Medical Services have teamed up to offer at-home COVID-19 saliva testing for any person who believes they need to be tested, with or without symptoms, at no cost.

Each test needs a unique email address and Vault account. If you use your email to order a test for yourself, you will need to create another account with a separate email to order a test for your child (or other family member).

A photo-ID must be uploaded as part of the application. When you are ready to test you will

sign in virtually via ZOOM with a representative who will guide you through the process and verify your identify with the uploaded ID. A postage-paid UPS or Fed-Ex envelope is provided for the test return.

For more information or to order a test go to: [health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/testsites/athome.html](http://health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/testsites/athome.html).

In-person testing sites are also available for no charge. Go to: [health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/testsites/saliva.html](http://health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/testsites/saliva.html).

## Truth-in-Taxation Meeting December 7

Property owners should have received a notice in the mail that outlines their proposed property tax for the coming year. To inform residents of tax details and given an opportunity for resident input, the city holds a meeting to inform taxpayers of the details behind the numbers. Shorewood's Truth in Taxation hearing for 2021 taxes payable is Monday, Dec. 7, 7 p.m. A Zoom link will be posted for the meeting at [ci.shorewood.mn.us/current\\_meeting](http://ci.shorewood.mn.us/current_meeting) by

6:30 p.m. Dec. 7.

To review the 2021 budget materials, go to [ci.shorewood.mn.us/taxes](http://ci.shorewood.mn.us/taxes), or call city hall at 952.960.7900 to receive a copy by email or mail.

Residents are encouraged to contact City Administrator Greg Lerud or Finance Director Joe Rigdon, 952.960.7900, with questions or comments on the proposed budget and property tax levy.

## City photo contest underway

The fall/winter photo contest is taking place. Submit photos in the following categories:

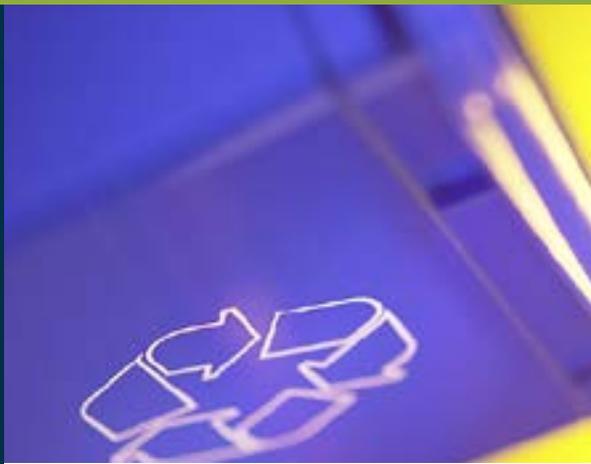
- Winter Wonder
- Fall Delights
- Wildlife
- People and Pets

All photos should be taken during the fall and winter months. Pictures should be taken in Shorewood between September 22, 2020, and March 20, 2021. 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 March 25, 4:30 p.m.

See complete rules online, [www.ci.shorewood.mn.us/photocontest](http://www.ci.shorewood.mn.us/photocontest). For additional information, contact the city at 952.960.7900, or email [cityhall@ci.shorewood.mn.us](mailto:cityhall@ci.shorewood.mn.us).

## Holiday light recycling at city hall

As the lights go up (or come down) make sure unwanted or non-working lights do not end up in the trash or recycling cart. Bring strings of unwanted lights and extension cords to city hall for recycling. The recycling containers are immediately inside the entrance to city hall.



## Eco-Friendly Holidays

The holiday season is a time for traditions, delicious food, family gatherings, and 25 million tons of extra trash! This is the amount of additional waste that Americans throw away between Thanksgiving and New Year's each year, amounting to one million tons per day. Tackling this waste may seem daunting, but many of your favorite holiday traditions are already eco-friendly, often completely by accident!

### 1. Reuse Gift Bags

Every Christmas, I get a present in a hideous, sparkly, yellow bag printed with cartoon moustaches. It is one of the many gift bags that my mom has collected from holidays throughout the years. Because of this practice, she's never had to purchase a new gift bag! The average American adult will wrap 15.3 presents each holiday season. Save yourself money and a trip to the store, create family traditions, and reduce holiday waste, one hideous moustache bag at a time.

### 2. Make Decorations

If you have ever strung a popcorn garland, constructed a natural wreath, or made bird feeders out of pinecones and peanut butter, you have already done a low-waste

holiday activity. Making decorations saves money and prevents the waste that comes from tinsel, garlands, and other plastic decor. An internet search will yield countless holiday crafts for adults and kids to transform their homes into a low-waste winter wonderland.

### 3. Give Experiences

Giving experiences as gifts is a thoughtful, low-waste way to show how much you care. Ideas include tickets (virtual or otherwise) to concerts or movies, snowshoe or ski rentals, Minnesota State Park passes, language lessons, cooking classes, and museum memberships. Kids can make "coupon books" with coupons for fun activities they can do with the recipient or chores they can help out with.

### 4. Forget the Wrapping Paper

Try making gift wrap out of brown paper bags, comics, newspapers, maps, or other materials. Better yet, wrap a gift in a blanket, garment, or something usable that goes with the present. If every American family wrapped just three presents in reusable materials, it would save enough

## Recycling Weeks for December 2020

All recycling must be curbside no later than 7 a.m. on recycling day. Mainland residents recycle December 9 and 23; Island residents recycle December 10 and 24.

**Report misses by noon the following day: 952.960.7900. On Dec. 24 call 952.941.5174 to report a miss.**



paper to cover 45,000 football fields!

### 5. Eat the Leftovers

Many families already make great use of holiday leftovers: sending excess food home with guests, repurposing Thanksgiving leftovers into new dishes, or stubbornly eating leftovers for the weeks following celebrations. If you simply can't finish your leftovers, freeze them, give them away, or compost them as a last resort. Eating all of the leftovers is a great way to reduce food waste.

For more tips, to go to [ci.shorewood.mn.us/lesswaste](http://ci.shorewood.mn.us/lesswaste).

*Keely Schultz  
GreenCorps; City of Shorewood*

## Sand/Salt Barrels Available for Winter

To help keep your driveway and walkway winter safe, residents of Shorewood can purchase a 50-gallon barrel filled with a sand and salt mixture.

Although too much salt is not good for cement or asphalt, this mix allows less salt use because it is mixed with sand for traction. Residents using this mixture are

encouraged to use sparingly and sweep up excess so it does not pollute our stormwater.

The cost is \$40 for the initial barrel and \$30 for refills. Send a check payable to City of Shorewood, along with the completed request form available on the city website under Services or at city hall to: City of

Shorewood, 5755 Country Club Rd, Shorewood, 55331. The Public Works Department will contact you to schedule a delivery time.

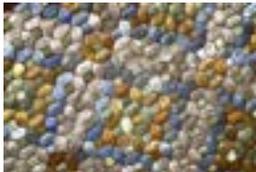
For more on low pollution snow and ice practices go to <https://tinyurl.com/yc24wtea>.

The community center is closed through December 20 due to COVID-19 restrictions instituted by the governor's office. SCEC is closed December 24, 25 and 31 for holidays. Call the center director, 952.474.7635, with questions or to reserve a future date. Please watch the website for program updates due to COVID-19 or weather.

**Programming on hold until December 20.**

**Dementia Support Group Canceled due to COVID restrictions in December.** Questions or concerns? Call Jane at 952.474.4673.

**Busy Bee Quilters Monday and Wednesday 9 a.m.-Noon; Ages: all** Have a great time sharing personal quilt projects and helping each other. For more information call Linda, 952.475.1430.



**Beading Tuesdays, 1 p.m. Ages: all** No experience needed for this fun group. Instruction and supplies are available.

**Knitting Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m. Ages: all** Open to all interested in the needle arts. All levels of expertise welcome.

**Woodcarving Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m.; Ages: All** Stop in and join this community of carvers. Learn how or carve and share your knowledge.

**Fitness Class Mon., Wed., Fri., 9 a.m. \$6 per class or purchase a discount package**

**with monthly sign up at class; Ages: 55+** Designed for active adults, uses low-impact exercises.

**Happy Feet Monday, December 21; \$40 Appointments: 763.560.5136 Age: 55+** Clients who regularly receive nursing foot care express an increased sense of comfort and well-being. Care includes foot soak, foot massage, care for corns, calluses or problem nails.

**Show Off Your Lights**  
Post Shorewood holiday light pictures for everyone to enjoy! Shorewood Facebook and Instagram sites are waiting: Facebook.com/cityofshorewood;; Instagram.com/shorewood\_mn.

**Dog License Renewal Deadline December 31**

Treat your dog to the gift of a license this holiday season. All dogs over six months of age in Shorewood are required to be licensed by the city. The fee is only \$10 and not only shows others that your dog is properly

vaccinated against rabies, but makes it easy for public safety personnel to return the dog in case of an escape. Many dogs are chipped, but not everyone has a chip reader available for the identification of an

escaped pet. The inexpensive \$10 license makes it easy for anyone to call city hall or public safety for the identification of the pet owner. Apply online at ci.shorewood.mn.us/dogs.

**Ice Rinks for Winter 2020-21**

City public works staff will flood the rinks at Manor and Cathcart parks this winter, but current plans do not include having warming houses opened due to COVID-19 restrictions. Benches will be in place at the

rinks for skaters. Ice skating, hockey and broom ball are great ways to get outside, get exercise and stay safe during the pandemic. If you have questions, contact the city at 952.960.7900.



**Toy and Food Drive at City Hall**

Each year, city hall serves as a collection site for new, unwrapped toys and gifts for children and teens, and for non-perishable food items for ICA food shelf. City residents are always very generous with donations, often making this an opportunity for family giving. All gifts are

donated to ResourceWest, resourcewest.org, for the annual toy chest; food items are donated to ICA, icafoodshelf.org. These services both serve the Shorewood community. Please drop off items in the bin at city hall during regular business hours through December 15.



**Council Happenings**

Since the last newsletter the city council:

- EDA approved the final plans and specifications and authorized bidding for a drainage and concrete project the Shorewood public safety building.
- Approved an amendment to the Minnetonka Country Club PUD for building height at 5745 Featherie Bay.
- Accepted a proposal from Davey Resources Group for updates to the city tree inventory.
- Adopted an open space policy for the Minnetonka Country Club development.

For complete minutes of council meetings, go to [www.ci.shorewood.mn.us/agendas](http://www.ci.shorewood.mn.us/agendas).

**Christmas tree disposal**

Because of elongate hemlock scale (for more information go to [mda.state.mn.us/elongate-hemlock-scale](http://mda.state.mn.us/elongate-hemlock-scale)) that was found in some Christmas trees, wreaths and other greenery in 2019, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) is asking that residents not keep holiday pine on their property after the holidays. Please dispose of them with your trash hauler or at a drop-off location. According to MPCA, decorated wreaths can be bagged and placed in your trash cart; trees and tree waste cannot. For more information, please go to the city website, [ci.shorewood.mn.us/holidaytrees](http://ci.shorewood.mn.us/holidaytrees), or call city hall, 952.960.7900.



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### Do not push snow across streets

State law prohibits snow from private property being pushed across public roads. Even when the snow is pushed completely across the roadway, the small ice ridges produced from this practice are dangerous to cars and snow plows. Please remind snow plow services you have hired. If you have questions, please contact the city at 952.960.7900.

## Upcoming planning applications

Active Development Applications			
Location	Type of Application	Tentative Review Schedule*	
		Planning Commission	City Council
5740 Wood Duck Cir.	Special Home Occupation Permit for in-home salon	complete (11/17/20)	12/14/2020
5730 Club Lane	CUP for special purpose fence	12/01/2020	12/14/2020
5920 Club Valley Rd.	PUD Amendment for building height	12/01/2020	1/11/2021

Other Projects				
Project	Location	Phase	Tentative Review Schedule*	
			Planning Commission	City Council
Fire Lane Study	10 sites	Discussion	Discussed 11/10/2020 Parks and 11/17/20 Planning meetings	
Zoning and subdivision regulations update	citywide	Public Hearing at Planning Commission for formal review	complete	12/14/20
Mill Street Trail	Mill Street	Delayed; expected 2022 project		

\* subject to change

# Arctic Fever 2021

**Saturday, January 16**

**COVID-19 will restrict the activities that can take place for Arctic Fever 2021, the committee is working to offer outdoor options as allowed. Events will take place at Freeman Park.**

**Please watch the website and the January Shore-Report newsletter for details.**

**If you have questions, ideas or would like to volunteer, please contact City of Shorewood, 952.960.7900.**



## **Events in the works:**

**Dog sled rides  
Llamas  
Sleigh rides  
Jewel dig  
Bonfire  
Obstacle course  
Excelsior Library  
story stroll**

*Most events will require a free ticket to control crowds.*

## **Snowman building contest**

Build a snowman in your own yard before January 11. Send a photo to [cityhall@ci.shorewood.mn.us](mailto:cityhall@ci.shorewood.mn.us) to be entered in a contest for prizes!

### **Categories:**

**Children: grade 5 and below  
Youth: grade 6-12  
Adult  
Family (all ages participate)**

Submit your category, and you can enter more than one snowman. All pictures will be posted on the website and social media for a community choice award.



**[www.arcticfever.net](http://www.arcticfever.net)**

Kids ages 3-11: enter the 2021 Arctic Fever Coloring Contest! Color and drop off by Saturday, January 16 at 5:00 p.m. to the Hennepin County Excelsior Library, 337 Water Street, Excelsior. Ten winners will be determined by a random drawing of all entries submitted. Winners will be notified by phone. For safety reasons, entries will not be returned after the contest is over.

*Sponsored by the Friends of Excelsior Library and Artworks Art & Frame Inc.*



First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ (this will be cut off before displaying)

# Please do not bag your recyclables!

## We Recycle!



### PLASTICS BOTTLES & JUGS

Water, soda & juice bottles, dish soap bottles, shampoo bottles, soap and lotion bottles & detergent jugs (empty and clean/rinse, and dry; caps on)



### PLASTICS CUPS & CONTAINERS

Yogurt cups, pudding & fruit cups, clear disposable cups (no straws), margarine/whip cream tubs, cottage cheese & similar containers, clear produce, deli & take out containers (empty and rinse; lids on)



### BOXES (flattened)

Cardboard, cereal, cracker, pasta, tissue boxes, shoe, gift, electronic boxes, toothpaste & other toiletry boxes



### CARTONS

Milk cartons, juice cartons, juice boxes, soup, broth & wine cartons (empty and clean/rinse, and dry; caps on)



### PAPER

Mail, office and school papers, magazines & catalogs, newspapers & inserts, phone books (clean; staples OK)



### METAL

Food cans & beverage cans (empty; labels OK)



### GLASS

Brown, green & clear bottles, jars (empty & rinse; no lids)

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*Not acceptable at curbside since they...*

#### Damage or Entangle Equipment

- Plastic bags
- Ropes, hoses & chains
- Scrap metal
- Bulk items
- Shredded paper

#### Harm Workers

- Medical sharps
- Diapers
- Batteries
- Hazardous products
- Propane tanks (all sizes)

#### Are Not Recyclable

- Foil pouches, bags, wrappers
- Dishes, vases, mirrors
- Plastic straws & utensils
- Glitter or wrapping paper
- Polystyrene foam

## 2021 Recycling Collection Schedule

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NOVEMBER							DECEMBER										
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 Holiday - Service is delayed

 Recycling

# Thank you for being a Republic Services® customer.

In order to help us serve you better, here are a few important reminders:

- Visit your city or county's website to find out more information about additional environmental services available.
- Have your cart out for pickup the night before, if the city allows, or by 6 a.m. on your service day.
- Make sure you leave 3 feet of space around your cart from all obstacles such as mailboxes, other carts, cars and trees.
- *To become a better recycler please visit [RecyclingSimplified.com](http://RecyclingSimplified.com).*



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