

# shorereport

City of Shorewood News

Photo: Lunch Time by Dawn Reese

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2024 Parks & Rec Guide!

## December 2023



### Adopt a Fire Hydrant

Adopting a fire hydrant is a great way to help your community and make it safer. By clearing snow and debris from around a hydrant, you can ensure that firefighters can quickly and easily access the water they need to fight a fire.

#### Tips for clearing a fire hydrant:

- Clear a three-foot radius around the hydrant. This will give firefighters enough space to work and connect hoses.
- Remove any snow, ice, or debris from the hydrant. You may need to use a shovel or broom.
- Make sure that the hydrant is visible from the street. If necessary, trim any bushes or trees that are blocking the view.

Helping keep hydrants clear is a small act that makes a difference in helping keep our community safe.

### ShoreReport is Moving to Bimonthly Schedule

Beginning in January 2024, the ShoreReport will no longer be mailed every month; instead, the ShoreReport will be sent every other month. A total of 6 newsletters will include news for the following combined months:

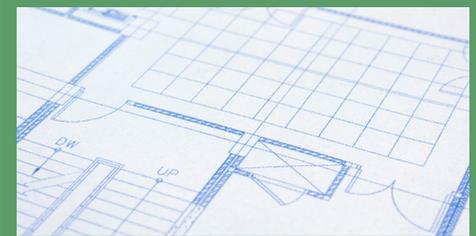
- Issue #1: January/February
- Issue #2: March/April
- Issue #3: May/June
- Issue #4: July/August
- Issue #5: September/October
- Issue #6: November/December

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### Ice Skating Rinks

Winter brings with it the perfect opportunity to embrace the frosty outdoors—and what better way to do that than by lacing up your ice skates and gliding across the city's ice skating rinks?! Rinks and warming houses are located at Cathcart and Manor Parks. The outdoor rinks are dependent on weather and typically open in mid-December and close in late February.

Ice time can be reserved in advance at [ci.shorewood.mn.us/parksandrec](http://ci.shorewood.mn.us/parksandrec)



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Tax Rate	Taxes as Assessed	Ca Reduc
0.7500	236.94	
0.5534	174.84	
0.4599	145.29	
0.2800	88.48	
0.2187		
0.2044		

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City of  
Shorewood

## Making Sense of Local Government: The Development Process

Have you ever wondered how a development receives approval for construction?

For most applications, the process is identified in the zoning and subdivision regulations in City Code as well as state statute. Sometimes, the review is completely administrative (for example, building permits for new homes that meet the zoning requirements of City Code.) Other applications (like subdivisions, variances, rezonings, etc.) require a more formal review by the Planning Commission or City Council.

Typically, but not always, developers (or residents) meet with City staff before submitting an application to gain insight in how best to design their project within the limits of City code. Then they may hire surveyors, engineers and architects to complete the design of their projects.

For projects that only require administrative review, applicants submit their request, staff reviews them for compliance with the codes and makes sure the information provided is complete. Once the project complies with city code, the building or other permits are issued.

For projects that require a formal review, once the application is submitted, staff reviews the information for completeness. Staff may provide comments or request additional information from the applicant. Once plans are complete, staff completes a thorough review and provides any comments to the applicant so they can amend their project.

For those projects requiring public hearings, notice of the public hearing is published in the official city newspaper at least 10 days prior to the meeting. Most applications also require a mailed notice to all property owners within a specified distance (500 feet or 750 feet) from the affected property. This notice is to let neighbors know what is proposed, who is proposing it, how they can get more information, how they can comment and when it will be reviewed by the Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission is a volunteer board appointed by the City Council. Their job is to review the staff report, take public testimony (either at a public hearing or a public meeting) and consider all the information provided. They make a recommendation on the application that is forwarded to the City Council. They may also ask for additional research to be completed prior to the City Council's review.

Next, the City Council reviews the application, considering the public testimony taken at the Planning Commission meeting, and the commission's recommendation. The Council may also hear from staff and the applicant. The City Council makes the final decision on the application, which is documented with either resolutions or ordinances, depending on the type of application. If a project is approved, the applicant moves to construct the project. If the project is denied, the applicant may revise their plans, propose a different project or choose not to pursue development of the property.

**Staff update the City's website to include new planning applications submitted for formal review.**

Active planning applications may be found under "Planning and Building" and then "Active Applications".

## Get Involved! Shorewood Advisory Commissions & Boards

Applications are currently being accepted for the following advisory commissions and boards. Terms begin in 2024.

**Planning Commission:** The Planning Commission serves as an advisory board to the City Council by making recommendations regarding commercial site plans, subdivisions, conditional use permits, planning, zoning, and sign regulations, and other planning-related items.

**Park Commission:** The Park Commission is responsible for advising the City Council regarding matters relevant to parks, natural resources, recreation functions, and the Shorewood Community and Event Center.

**Lake Minnetonka Communications Commission (LMCC):** LMCC is the telecommunications agency formed by a Joint Powers Agreement between Shorewood and other local communities that oversees the franchise agreement and promotes awareness and use of community television.

**Minnetonka Community Education (MCE):** MCE supports the educational, social, and recreational needs of the community and surrounding communities.

Learn more and apply at [ci.shorewood.mn.us/commissions](https://ci.shorewood.mn.us/commissions)

## Truth-in-Taxation 2024

On August 14 and on September 11, the City Council held work sessions to discuss the preliminary 2024 General Fund operating budget and property tax levy. The City Council adopted a 2024 preliminary budget and property tax levy at its September 25 meeting. The City then certified the 2024 property tax levy to Hennepin County in late September. In December, property owners will receive truth-in-taxation notices from the county, showing proposed 2024 property taxes.

As part of its regularly scheduled City Council meeting on Monday December 11, the City Council will hold a truth-in-taxation public meeting on the proposed 2024 budget and property tax levy. The Council will adopt its final payable 2024 property tax levy and 2024 budget at the December 11 meeting and will certify the 2024 property tax levy to Hennepin County on or before December 28.

Overall proposed 2024 General Fund expenditures and transfers out are preliminarily budgeted at \$6,485,291, or a 6.5% increase from the 2023 General Fund budget.

General Fund 2024 revenues and transfers in are also preliminarily budgeted at \$6,485,291, or a 6.5% increase from the 2023 budget. The increase is due to the proposed General Fund taxes increasing in order to cover 2024 expenditure increases. Property taxes account for 88.9% of the 2024 General Fund revenue budget.

For the 2024 budget, no use of reserves has been included in the annual General Fund budget, resulting in a structurally balanced budget.

The City's 2024 overall preliminary property tax levy of \$7,115,274 is 9.3% higher than the 2023 total levy of \$6,510,948. The General Fund portion of the property tax levy is proposed to increase by \$372,996, or 6.9%, with all other non-General Fund tax levies (capital and debt levies) budgeted to increase \$231,330, or 20.3%.

The City's overall estimated market value increased by 9.2% from 2023 to 2024, including existing value increases and new construction.

Based on a property tax capacity increase of 10.0%, the City is proposing to decrease the estimated payable 2024 City tax rate by 0.4% from 22.416% in 2023 to 22.323% in 2024.

Property owners with no change in market values from payable 2023 to payable 2024 should experience an approximate 0.4% decrease in the City portion of their overall property tax bill. In the event of a market value decrease or increase from payable 2023 to payable 2024, City property taxes would change proportionately.

December 11 will be the final City Council meeting in 2023. All City Council meetings are open to the public to attend in person or online. Visit the city website at [ci.shorewood.mn.us/agendas](http://ci.shorewood.mn.us/agendas) for meeting details.

## Holiday Disposal Guide

Between packaging from deliveries, decorations, gift wrap, and more, the holiday season is a time when we often have a lot of stuff to get rid of. To make sure you recycle and reuse as much as you can, review the holiday disposal guide tips below for the best way to get rid of common holiday items.

### RECYCLE AT HOME

- **Boxes:** Empty and flatten cardboard boxes, boxes from deliveries, shoe boxes, electronics boxes, and gift boxes.
- **Paper:** Flatten packing paper, cards, and envelopes made of plain paper, and newspaper, Kraft paper, or other plain paper used as gift wrap.

### BRING TO A DROP-OFF SITE

- **Plastic bags, film & bubble wrap**
- **String lights, electronics & batteries**

### SPECIAL PICKUP OR YARD WASTE

- **Real Christmas trees, wreaths & greenery:** Check with your hauler to see if they offer special pickup options after the holidays, or take these items to a yard waste site. Remove everything, including lights, ornaments, and tinsel, before disposing.

### TRASH

- **Gift wrap & decorations:** Many items commonly used to decorate gifts go in the trash. This includes glossy, shiny, or glittery wrapping paper; tissue paper; bows and ribbons; cards that have glitter, foil, or plastic adornments; cards printed on photo paper.
- **Packing materials:** Styrofoam™ is not recyclable. Reuse Styrofoam™ or put it in the trash. Shipping envelopes made of multiple materials (such as paper and bubble wrap) go in the trash.
- **Trees, wreaths, & greenery with flocking (artificial snow), glitter, or other decorations that cannot be removed** should go in the trash or be saved for reuse.

## December Calendar

Dec 5 7 pm

Planning Commission Meeting

Dec 11 6 pm

City Council Work Session

Dec 11 7 pm

City Council Meeting

Dec 12 7 pm

Park Commission Meeting

Dec 25

City Hall Closed

Please check for meeting updates on the city website.



# City of Shorewood

5755 Country Club Road  
Shorewood, MN 55331

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## Recycling Pickup Schedule

Shorewood pick-up dates are highlighted in blue.

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

## Happy Holidays, Shorewood!



Snow flurries are in the air, 2023 is winding down and holiday preparations have begun. Although many of you will spend time

with family and friends this holiday season, remember there are members of our community who will spend the holidays alone this year. The holidays are a difficult time of the year for some people. Consider sharing a meal with a neighbor. This meal will feed their body, but your human companionship and conversation will feed a neighbor's lonely heart.

Please say a prayer for the safekeeping of the members of the South Lake Minnetonka Police Department, the Excelsior Fire District, and all the men and women serving our country in uniform.

Shorewood is a wonderful place to live, work and play. All of us have many things to be thankful for. Take a moment to reflect on these things.

I am thankful and honored to serve the residents of Shorewood.

Wishing you a Happy Holiday Season and a Healthy New Year,  
Shorewood Mayor Jennifer Labadie

## City Council

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Reach your City Councilmembers via email or call Shorewood City Hall.

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

## City Information

952.960.7900

web: [ci.shorewood.mn.us](https://ci.shorewood.mn.us)

5755 Country Club Road  
Shorewood, MN 55331

Shorewood Community & Event Center: 952.960.7902

# Parks & Recreation



**NEW! Browse and register for Parks & Rec Programs Online!**

Browse additional programs, rental facilities and register for programs via our online catalog at [ci.shorewood.mn.us/parksandrec/catalog](https://ci.shorewood.mn.us/parksandrec/catalog).

**Warming House Information**  
Visit the athletics tab of the online catalog  
[ci.shorewood.mn.us/parksandrec/catalog](https://ci.shorewood.mn.us/parksandrec/catalog)

**Arctic Fever**  
FREE WINTER FUN FOR ALL AGES!

**JANUARY 19 & 20, 2024**  
Save the date for winter fun!  
Look for event details in upcoming newsletters and [arcticfever.net](https://arcticfever.net)

Interested in volunteering or sponsoring the event? Please email [parksandrec@ci.shorewood.mn.us](mailto:parksandrec@ci.shorewood.mn.us).



**Lucky's Pots O' Gold**  
Lucky the Leprachaun visits Shorewood Parks in March!  
Visit our online catalog or follow us on Facebook for more information!



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## Snapology

### SHAPES, COLORS & COUNTING

Freeman Park, Eddy Station  
6000 Eureka Rd

This program makes math fun! Concept and reasoning development begins very early for children and is a key component for preschool and kindergarten readiness. Little ones will begin to identify basic shapes, where those shapes appear in their environment, and recognize colors and numbers in a variety of ways. This is a caregiver and child program. Registration due one week prior to start date.

AGES	DAY	DATE & TIME	COST
3-5	M	Jan 22-Feb 12 10:00-11:00am	\$100

### WONDERFUL WIZARDS

Shorewood Community & Event Center, 5735 Country Club Rd

Be transported onto the secretive world of wizards and witches in Snapology's Wizarding program, inspired by the Harry Potter™ film series! Explore favorite aspects of the film series by exploring all that makes Hogwarts and learning magic so— well, magical! Create a castle, make maps to navigate it, be sorted into a house! This class sparks imaginations and encourages creative reasoning in new ways. Registration due one week prior to start date.

AGES	DAY	DATE & TIME	COST
7-14	M	Jan 22-Feb 12 5:45-6:45pm	\$100

**PROGRAM REGISTRATION DUE ONE WEEK PRIOR TO START DATE!**

### JUNIOR CREATOR'S CLUB

Freeman Park, Eddy Station  
6000 Eureka Rd

Participate in various creative play activities designed to promote creative, social and expressive skills. Be amazed at the improvement you'll see in fine motor skills after just a few weeks. This is a caregiver and child program. Registration due one week prior to start date.

AGES	DAY	DATE & TIME	COST
3-5	M	Feb 26-Mar 18 10:00-11:00am	\$100

### LEGO® ENGINEERING

Shorewood Community & Event Center, 5735 Country Club Rd

Love to tinker and create new things, or learning by breaking things apart to see what's inside? Develop the tools needed to understand mechanical movement and the importance of simple machines. Follow instructions to build various machines and contraptions, then use the models to develop new design ideas, test out physics concepts, and play games with partners and classmates. Registration due one week prior to start date.

AGES	DAY	DATE & TIME	COST
7-14	M	Feb 26-Mar 18 5:45-6:45pm	\$100

### JUNIOR BUILDERS

Freeman Park, Eddy Station  
6000 Eureka Rd

Build functional DUPLO® models of amusement park rides, boats, ramps, cars and so much more! As your learner works alongside other little engineers, they will be learning the importance of teamwork and how collaboration is an essential component of engineering and design. This program will introduce even the newest of students to a safe, collaborative, and creative classroom environment. Registration due one week prior to start date.

AGES	DAY	DATE & TIME	COST
3-5	M	Apr 1-Apr 22 10:00-11:00am	\$100

### STEAM SURVIVOR

Shorewood Community & Event Center, 5735 Country Club Rd

Are you a STEAM Survivor? Perfect for those who enjoy taking on engineering and design challenges, working with a team to complete tasks, and using partnerships to brainstorm and explore new possibilities to solve unique problems. Be challenged to design and build complicated objects, work cooperatively with others to secure a place on a team, and compete to be the fastest and most precise in class. Although the tasks will be challenging, they will be structured and guided by a trained Snapologist who will make sure you get the support needed to be successful and get the most out of this unique, challenging program! Registration due one week prior to start date.

AGES	DAY	DATE & TIME	COST
7-14	M	Apr 1-Apr 22 5:45-6:45pm	\$100



# Bach to Rock Music School

## ROCK CITY

**Bach to Rock Music School**  
**4783 County Rd 101, Minnetonka**

These high-energy musical classes focus on foundational music skills. Each Rock City class includes a musical concept, a musical instrument, and a storytime component. We teach musical concepts through the story and its themes. At the same time, we demonstrate how this concept works on the musical instrument. Registration due one week prior to start date.

AGES	DAY	DATE & TIME	COST
3-5	T	Jan 9-Feb 13 2:00-2:45pm	\$231
3-5	T	Mar 12-Apr 16 2:00-2:45pm	\$231

## KIDS N KEYS

**Bach to Rock Music School**  
**4783 County Rd 101, Minnetonka**

Designed to make learning the piano more kid-friendly, these group classes make piano lessons fun and engaging. Students build a strong foundation for piano and keyboard. Participants will learn valuable skills, like basic finger placement and playing techniques, as well as early musical theory in a fun group setting. Registration due one week prior to start date.

AGES	DAY	DATE & TIME	COST
5-7	M	Jan 8-Feb 12 4:00-4:45pm	\$231
5-7	M	Mar 11-Apr 15 4:00-4:45pm	\$231



Visit the online catalog for group lessons on drumming, ukelele, piano & guitar! [ci.shorewood.mn.us/parksandrec/catalog](https://ci.shorewood.mn.us/parksandrec/catalog)

# Athletics



## Tenicity Tennis

### YOUTH BEGINNER GROUP TENNIS

**Badger Park Tennis Courts**  
**5745 Country Club Rd**

Introduction and development of participants in the lifelong game of tennis. Each lesson will have a plan and progressively build the fundamental athletic skills, stroke play technique, and understanding of the game's structure. The program's development path will guide the group's training and coaching methods will strive to positively develop youth via sports.

**Coaching Team:** Our team is led by Head Coach, Harsh Mankad who is a former NCAA Division 1 National Singles Champion (University of Minnesota Gopher Tennis Player) and

recipient of the 2023 USTA Junior Development Award. The team includes a group of dedicated coaches who are trained in the program's curriculum and methods.

AGES	DAY	DATE & TIME	COST
5-8	Su	Apr 21-May 19 1:00-2:00pm	\$135
9-12	Su	Apr 21-May 19 2:00-3:00pm	\$135
13-16	Su	Apr 21-May 19 3:00-4:00pm	\$135

# Health & Fitness

## TAI CHI FOR ARTHRITIS & FALL PREVENTION

Shorewood Community & Event Center, 5735 Country Club Rd

Reduce pain, stress and blood pressure while improving balance, flexibility, strength, overall health and sense of well-being and accomplishment. This form of Tai Chi is perfect for beginners of almost any age and ability and is recommended by the Center for Disease Control for the prevention of falls. Tai Chi is an ancient Chinese internal martial art and practicing it helps harness and cultivate life energy. As you learn the movements you will learn to focus on movement control, weight transference and integration of mind and body. Registration due one week prior to start date.

AGES	DAY	DATE & TIME	COST
16+	W	Jan 10-Feb 21 10:30-11:30am	\$56
16+	W	Mar 6-Apr 17 10:30-11:30am	\$56

## 55+ Programs



### SOUTHSHORE SENIOR PARTNERS

Shorewood Community & Event Center, 5735 Country Club Rd

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. For additional program and membership information call 952.474.7635 or visit shorewoodscec.com

### EngAGE WELL BALANCE AGILITY & FUN

Shorewood Community & Event Center, 5735 Country Club Rd

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	DATE & TIME	COST
55+	M	Weekly 9:00-9:45am	\$96 for 8 sessions or \$14/session

## Registration Information



### ONLINE

[ci.shorewood.mn.us/parksandrec](http://ci.shorewood.mn.us/parksandrec)



### BY PHONE

952.960.7902



### BY MAIL

Shorewood Community & Event Center  
5735 Country Club Rd  
Shorewood, MN 55331



### IN-PERSON

Visit the Shorewood Community & Event Center

### PROGRAM LOCATION

All programs are located at the Shorewood Community and Event Center unless otherwise listed: 5735 Country Club Rd.

### REGISTRATION POLICIES

- Total fee must be paid to secure registrations.
- Waiting lists will be started if a program fills, additional or expanded programs may be formed if possible.
- Withdrawal/refund requests must be made at least one full week prior to program starting unless otherwise noted.
- 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/parksandrec](http://ci.shorewood.mn/parksandrec)

### INCLUSION SERVICES

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, reasonable accommodations can be provided upon request to allow individuals with a disability to participate in Shorewood Park and Recreation services, programs, and activities. If you have questions regarding special needs and inclusion services call 952.960.7902 or email [parksandrec@ci.shorewood.mn.us](mailto:parksandrec@ci.shorewood.mn.us)

### CANCELLATIONS

We reserve the right to cancel programs if needed. Full refunds will be issued if a program is canceled. Cancellations made by Parks and Recreation will be sent via email from [parksandrec@ci.shorewood.mn.us](mailto:parksandrec@ci.shorewood.mn.us)