

Shore Report

News for Residents of the City of Shorewood

Phil Zumsteg
Morning Frost



Upcoming Meetings and Events

- 1/1 Holiday
City offices closed
- 1/5 7 p.m.
Planning Comm Meeting
- 1/11 7 p.m.
City Council Meeting
- 1/12 7 p.m.
Park Comm Meeting
- 1/18 Holiday
City offices closed
- 1/25 7 p.m.
City Council Meeting

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City hotline for closures due to

COVID: 952.960.7918

January 2021

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Join a Shorewood Commission

Planning Commission

The Planning Commission serves as an advisory commission to the City Council on planning and development issues. The Planning Commission meets the first Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. A tentative second meeting is scheduled for the third Tuesday as needed.

Park Commission

The Park Commission serves as an advisory commission to the City Council on park and park programming issues. The Park Commission meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month.

To apply for one of these volunteer commissions, fill out an online application from the city website (Government>Employment) and submit by email to cityhall@ci.shorewood.mn.us, by mail or in person at city hall. Deadline January 11.

City Council Approves 2021 Budget

At its regular meeting on December 14, 2020, the city council adopted the final 2021 General Fund budget and the 2021 property tax levy. The city's 2021 adopted property tax levy of \$5,973,743 is 2.0% higher than the 2020 total levy of \$5,856,611. However, the city's payable 2021 tax rate is projected to decrease by 4.7%. This means that property owners with no change in market values from payable 2020 to payable 2021 should experience an approximate 4.7% decrease in the city portion of their overall property tax bill. In the

event of a market value decrease or increase from payable 2020 to payable 2021, city property taxes would change proportionately.

Services provided by the General Fund consist of public safety (including police and fire), public works (including roads and snow plowing), parks and recreation, and general government activities. Additionally, transfers out of the General Fund are scheduled to assist in funding for the Shorewood Community & Event Center.

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Message From Mayor Labadie



Thank you for electing me to serve as your next Mayor of Shorewood. I am humbled and honored by the trust that you have placed in me and I am very excited to get to work when I am sworn in on January 11, 2021. I appreciate your

confidence in me to do what's in the best interest of our city. I am committed to continuing Shorewood's tradition of excellence.

Congratulations to Patrick Johnson for winning re-election to Shorewood City Council and to newly elected council member Paula Callies. I look forward to working with the city council and all members of

Shorewood staff on behalf of Shorewood residents.

Thank you to Scott Zerby for his service as Shorewood Mayor for the past eight years and for his service as a council member for 10 years prior to becoming Mayor; I know that I have big shoes to fill and I promise that I will give it my all and do what is in the best interest of our city. Thank you to Kris Sundberg for her service as a council member for the past 8 years. Mayor Zerby and Councilmember Sundberg's commitment to Shorewood residents and their valuable contributions are recognized and greatly appreciated.

I look forward to serving the residents of the city and getting started as Shorewood Mayor.

Mayor Labadie has a Mayor's Message email you can receive. Go to ci.shorewood.mn.us/emails to sign-up.

Dogs and their owners

Picking up after your dog is not fun and can sometimes be a bit disgusting! But not picking up after pets is rude to others (and illegal), and poses human health risks.

- Dog feces contains bacteria and various parasites that can be harmful to people as well as other dogs!
- When dog waste is washed into our waterways, it can contaminate the water.
- Dog waste attracts rodents and bugs.

A reminder that poop bags or feces should not be placed in recycling containers, dog feces should not be used for fertilizer or in compost, and poop bags should not be left in parks or along trails, even temporarily.

Thank you for helping everyone love your pet!

String lights, electronics, and batteries

It is common this time of year to have things like string lights that no longer work, electronics that you are upgrading, or items with batteries that you need to get rid of. These items are accepted at Hennepin County drop-off facilities for recycling or proper disposal. Strings of holiday lights, cell phones and rechargeable and button batteries can be dropped off at city hall for recycling. Alkaline batteries are not accepted at city hall. Find options for disposing of common household items in the Hennepin County Green Disposal Guide, hennepin.us/green-disposal-guide, or contact the city, 952.960.7900, for assistance.



Recycling Weeks for January 2021

All recycling must be curbside no later than 7 a.m. on recycling day. Mainland residents recycle January 6 and 20; Island residents recycle January 7 and 21.

Report misses by noon the following day: 952.960.7900.

Easy, Sustainable New Year's Resolutions for 2021

The #1 New Year's resolution that Americans make each year is to exercise more; however, with many gyms temporarily shut down due to COVID, setting goals for 2021 might require a bit more creativity. Why not make a resolution that can teach you a new skill, improve your health, positively impact the environment and save money?

This year, the City of Shorewood invites you to make a Sustainable New Year's Resolution! We've put together a list of ten specific and easy actions anyone can take. If you

sign up for at least ONE resolution during January, you will receive a free "Sustainable Resolution Toolkit" with information, tips, and tools to help you get started and follow through on your specific resolution. Resolutions include:

- Throw away less produce
- Use a reusable water bottle
- Buy clothes secondhand
- Go meatless at least one day a week
- Turn off the lights when leaving the room
- Compost kitchen scraps
- Use reusable grocery bags
- Repair an Item (or learn how)

- Give gifts wrapped in reusable or recyclable material
- Contact a government official about sustainability
- Other (Create your Own)

Resources and a sign-up are on the city website, ci.shorewood.mn.us/resolutions.

*Keely Schultz
GreenCorps; City of Shorewood*



Paula Callies Re-joins Council

Paula and her husband Dave Downs have been residents of Shorewood for 23 years. Paula is an attorney in private practice and the owner of Callies Law, PLLC. She was previously on the Shorewood City Council 2005-2008 and has been a member of the Planning Commission and Shorewood Parks Foundation.

Paula has been actively involved in other community activities such as Rotary and is a current Board member of Tasks Unlimited, Inc., a non-profit organization serving persons recovering from mental illness. You may often see Paula and Dave walking around Christmas Lake and biking on nearby trails.



Patrick Johnson Re-elected to Council

Patrick and his family are proud to call Shorewood home. They relocated from New York City in 2012 where he was on the board of a parks conservancy which fostered the building a park along the Hudson River. Through this volunteer work he discovered the enjoyment of board service. After relocating and looking for a similar position, Patrick joined the Shorewood Planning Commission where the first project was overseeing Planned Unit Development of the Minnetonka Country Club.

In 2016, Patrick was elected to the Shorewood City Council and has been honored to serve the community. "I am proud of the work council has done over the past 4 years to carefully refine our Capital Improvement Plan to tackle some of the city's largest issue, drainage and road conditions."

Outside of council, he works as a marketing director for a "Big 4" accounting firm and serves as a volunteer ski instructor at the Blizzard ski school. During winter you will find Patrick on the ski

slopes and in the summer, sailboat racing out of Wayzata Yacht Club. If not there, he will be biking up and down the LRT with his wife and two daughters.



The community center is closed until Monday, January 11 due to COVID-19 restrictions. Call the center director, 952.474.7635, with questions or to reserve a future date. Please watch the website for program updates and online activities.

Programming on hold until January 11.

Dementia Support Group Canceled due to COVID restrictions in January.

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.

Happy Feet

Monday, January 18, \$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.

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.

Closed for the holiday

The community center is closed January 1 and January 18 for holidays.

Snap Winter Pictures for City Photo Contest

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. For additional information, contact the city at 952.960.7900, or email cityhall@ci.shorewood.mn.us.

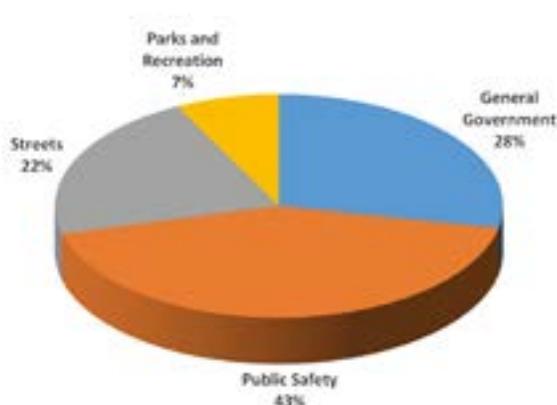
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Overall 2021 General Fund expenditures (excluding transfers out) are budgeted at \$5,579,120, or a 3.3% increase from the 2020 General Fund budget. General Fund 2021 revenues (excluding transfers in) are budgeted at \$5,462,938, or a 16.5% decrease over the 2020 budget. This is due to property taxes being directly levied to various capital projects funds (including parks, street improvements, and large equipment), and no longer considered to be revenues of the General Fund.

The 2021 budget is available on the city website, ci.shorewood.mn.us/budget.

Please call the city, 952.960.7900 with questions.

General Fund Services



Council Happenings

Since the last newsletter the city council:

- Approved plans for the Glen/Amlee/Manitou 2021 road construction project.
- Adopted the 2021 city budget and property tax levy.
- Adopted amendments to the city zoning regulations.
- Recognized staff members for years of service.

For complete minutes of council meetings, go to www.ci.shorewood.mn.us/agendas.

Staff Recognition

The city council recognized two staff members for years of service awards:

Larry Brown	25 years
Greg Fasching	10 years

Congratulations and thank you to the staff members for service to City of Shorewood.

Hennepin County Plastic -Free Challenge

Start the New Year off right by resolving to reduce your impact with the Plastic-Free Challenge! The month-long challenge will help you reduce plastic consumption, especially single-use plastics, in ways that fit best in your lifestyle. Join now at hennepinplasticfree.ecochallenge.org. Need more tips or have questions? Call the city at 952.960.7919.



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Shorewood wells should get arsenic checks

Several homeowners with private wells have reported high arsenic levels. The city encourages well owners to have water checked if they have not previously done so. Test kit supplies and information on the test are available at city hall. Arsenic tests combined with annual bacterial tests run \$105-\$150 at most certified locations. 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
454 Lafayette Avenue	Variance for an addition	Jan 5, 2021	Jan 25, 2021
5730 Club Lane	Variance for a fire pit	Jan 5, 2021	Jan 25, 2021
26352 Smithtown Road	CUP for telecommunication antennas	Jan 5, 2021	Jan 25, 2021
Eureka Road and Hwy 7	PUD Dev. Stage Plan and Preliminary Plat for 14 lots	Jan 5, 2021	Jan 25, 2021
4320 Dellwood Lane	Variance for stoops	TBD	TBD

Other Projects				
Project	Location	Phase	Tentative Review Schedule*	
			Planning Commission	City Council
Fire Lane Study	10 sites	Discussion at Joint Park and Planning Commission Meeting	Jan 12, 2021	TBD
Comprehensive Plan Update	Citywide	Review of Final Amendments	Jan 5, 2021	Jan 25, 2021

* subject to change

Arctic Fever 2021

The difficult decision has been made to cancel the organized day of events for Arctic Fever 2021. The unpredictable nature of the COVID19 pandemic lead to this decision. The safety of our community takes precedence.

That does not stop you from getting outside this winter! Go to the Arctic Fever website or Facebook page for some fun things to do in the parks to celebrate our Arctic Fever winter!

Things to do in the parks all winter:

*Cross-country ski
Snowshoe
Build a snow fort
Hike the trails
Ice skate
Sled*

Ice fun:

Check out the great ice crafts and other winter fun at arcticfever.net

Enjoy winter!

Snowman building contest

Build a snowman in your own yard before January 11. Send a photo to 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

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)