



Shore Report

News for Residents of the City of Shorewood

Upcoming Meetings and Events

3/2 7 p.m.
Planning Comm Meeting

3/8 7 p.m.
City Council Meeting

3/9 7 p.m.
Park Comm Meeting

3/14 2 a.m.
Daylight savings time starts; clocks forward one hour

3/22 7 p.m.
City Council Meeting

Sign up for eNews, Recycling and Park Updates, Facebook, Twitter, and more!

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Open Book Meeting Options

The in-person Open Book meeting for Shorewood originally scheduled for April 21, 2021, has been canceled due to COVID. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether the property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor. The Hennepin County Assessor's office has established two virtual Open Book meetings: Tues., April 27, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:30

p.m., and Thurs., April 29 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. A Microsoft Teams meeting link will be forwarded to you by email for the meeting. If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect or do not have internet access, contact Appraiser Mike Smerdon at 612.267.4480 to discuss your concerns. If you still disagree with the valuation or classification, the assessor will provide guidance.

Mayor's Water Challenge

The City of Shorewood is participating in the 2021 Wyland National Mayor's Water Challenge for Water Conservation. Mayors nationwide challenge residents to conserve water, energy and other natural resources on behalf of their city through a series of informative, easy-to-use online pledges. This month-long competition takes place April 1 – 30.

Cities compete in categories based on population. The city with the highest percentage of residents who register to take the challenge wins. Individuals who participate in the Mayor's National Water Challenge are eligible to win prizes! The grand prize given to an individual is free utilities for one year (up to \$3,000).

What are you pledging to do? You can pledge to do things as simple as take shorter showers, turn the water off when you brush your teeth, recycle, pick up pet waste, walk/bike more often, etc.

How to register? Take one minute out of your

day and go to mywaterpledge.com. You could help our city win while helping us protect our planet.

1. Go to www.mywaterpledge.com
2. Register & take a 4-step conservation pledge on behalf of the City of Shorewood.
3. Encourage your friends & neighbors to take part and register on behalf of Shorewood.

Why pledge early? There is great information including activities for parents, teachers, and youth organizations online that are perfect for Earth Day on April 22 and it is never too early to become "water wise." If all of Shorewood signs up, Shorewood will win this contest!

Look for mayor videos, links and city updates at ci.shorewood.mn.us/waterchallenge.

"I hereby challenge residents to help Shorewood become the nation's most "water wise" city by registering for the National Mayor's Water Challenge."

Mayor Jennifer Labadie

Parks Survey

The park commission and city staff would like community input on park equipment and upcoming park improvements. Please take a quick survey online at ci.shorewood.mn.us/parksurvey. If you do not have internet access and would like to complete the survey please call city hall, 952.960.7900. A survey can be mailed to you.

The city has six parks under the jurisdiction of the park commission: Badger, Cathcart, Freeman, Gideon Glen, Silverwood, South Shore Community Park.

Office Space Survey

Shorewood Community & Event Center (SCEC) recently completed a survey to evaluate the option of renting temporary use office space at the center. The response indicated that some residents would be interested in being able to rent office or meeting space for business purposes.

If you are interested in learning more about short-term office space rental at the community center, please contact center director Twila Grout, 952.960.7902, or by email, tgrout@ci.shorewood.mn.us.

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City hotline for closures due to

COVID: 952.960.7918

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Leash your dogs

Dogs using Shorewood parks, trails and public spaces must be on a leash six feet or less in length. Voice command is not a permitted substitute. For dogs who need to be off-leash, 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 9-1-1 for the animal control officer.

City photo contest

Submissions for the fall/winter Shorewood photo contest are due to the city by 5 p.m., March 25.

All photos must be taken in Shorewood. Please submit jpeg photos by email and include the location and date of the photo, category of entry, your name and contact information to: cityhall@ci.shorewood.mn.us. All photos for the fall contest should be taken during the fall to winter season, September 22, 2020, to March 20, 2021. More information, including categories and complete rules, and photos from previous winners is available on the city website, ci.shorewood.mn.us/photocontest.

Community gardens

Residents interested in a community garden spot should contact Parks Director, Twila Grout, beginning March 1, to inquire about open spots. Any open spots will be first-come, first-served. Email tgrout@ci.shorewood.mn.us, or call 952.960.7902. For rental costs and more information, go to ci.shorewood.mn.us/communitygardens.



Recycling Weeks for March 2021

All recycling must be curbside no later than 7 a.m. on recycling day. Mainland residents recycle March 3, 17 and 31; Island residents recycle March 4 and 18.

Report misses by noon the following day: 952.960.7900.

Waste less: Zero waste challenge

Nobody likes waste. Whether it's wasted time, wasted space, or wasted money, most of us want to do everything we can to prevent misusing our resources. However, many do not think of the daily waste they throw in the trash.

The average person throws away six pounds of waste each day, about 40% of which is food waste. This means each individual disposes of over one ton of waste per year. Whether it is excessive packaging from retail or online purchases, unwanted or broken items or uneaten/spoiled food, waste costs money and uses up space. Think of the plastic bottles filling massive landfills when they

could be easily replaced with reusable. Overly-packaged food takes up more room in your fridge. Additionally, this waste is a waste of money. Think of all the Ziploc bags purchased compared to the price of just one Tupperware container. Production includes costs (dollars and resources) for petroleum, water, and energy to produce single-use plastics that are tossed.

Reducing this waste may seem like an overwhelming task, but it is achievable. Start with baby steps.

This month, the City of Shorewood is hosting our first Zero Waste Challenge. Participants will

track their waste for one month, learn tips for reducing waste, and earn prizes for the most waste reduced. The first ten people to sign up will receive a free "zero waste kit."

By creating a community around creating less waste, we hope to make the journey towards reduction easy, fun and accessible. Visit ci.shorewood.mn.us/zerowastechallenge to get more information and register for the challenge. If you do not have internet access, please call the city at 952.960.7919 for information.

*Keely Schultz
City of Shorewood, GreenCorps*

Deconstruction grants available

To help divert waste from landfills, Hennepin County has grants available to homeowners and developers to deconstruct buildings and salvage building materials rather than landfill them.

Deconstruction involves carefully dismantling buildings to salvage materials for reuse.

Commonly salvaged building materials include old growth lumber, doors, flooring, cabinets and fixtures. Deconstruction provides numerous environmental and social benefits compared to standard demolition. Grants help offset added time and labor costs.

Grants of up to \$5,000 for

residential properties are available for demolition or renovation projects that are 500 square feet or larger on structures built prior to 1970.

Learn more about the grants including eligibility and requirements at hennepin.us/deconstruction.

Plans for Galpin Lake Trail

Several years ago, the city prepared a feasibility study to examine a trail project that would connect Galpin Lake Road at Chanhassen north to Highway 7. The study showed the cost of this trail segment would be very expensive due to some unique circumstances: limited right of way, Galpin Lake and an adjacent wetland. This added cost necessitated seeking outside funding to assist with construction. In 2019, the city worked with legislators to submit a state bonding bill request to assist with the construction of the Galpin Lake

trail connection. It was not funded.

The city has again worked with our representative and senator to submit a bonding bill request in 2020. It is not a bonding bill session, but there is a possibility of a small bonding bill being considered as a COVID stimulus measure. City staff is prepared should that become a possibility.

Late in 2019, the city worked with Bolton & Menk engineering to prepare a Safe Routes to School planning grant. We were notified last month that the application was approved. The next step is to be assigned an engineer from

the DOT, which is expected to be late spring or early summer. In addition to representatives from Minnetonka schools, and the cities of Excelsior and Shorewood, there will be a need for a community member or two to serve on the planning committee.

Watch the newsletter for funding progress and the schedule for a planning committee. If you have any questions or have interest in serving on the committee, please contact Greg Lerud at 952.960.7905, or by email, glerud@ci.shorewood.mn.us.

The community center is open on a limited basis due to COVID 19 restrictions. Call the center director, 952.474.7635, with questions or to reserve a future date.

Driver Refresher Class

Thursday, March 4
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Refresher Class
Call MN Safety Center to register,
1.800.234.1294

Dementia Support Group First and third Fridays, 9 a.m.

Caregivers of loved ones with dementia share tips, support one another, answer questions and are there for one another. Caregivers of any age are welcome. 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, March 15; \$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.

The community center closes at noon, Friday, April 2, for the Good Friday holiday.

Refrigerator recycling pays

An estimated 190 million refrigerators and refrigerator-freezers are currently in use in the United States. More than 68 million refrigerators are over 10 years old, costing consumers \$5.5 billion a year in energy costs. By properly recycling your old refrigerator and replacing it with a new ENERGY STAR certified refrigerator, you can save more than \$200 over the 12-year lifetime of the product.

Use the ENERGY STAR Savings Calculator to find out exactly how much money you'll save by replacing your existing refrigerator, <https://www.energystar.gov/products/appliances/refrigerators/flip-your-fridge>.

If you do purchase a new refrigerator, or decide to get rid of that extra refrigerator running in the basement or garage, you can get paid by Xcel Energy, and the pick-up is free.

How to Recycle Your Refrigerator with Xcel Energy:

1. Make an appointment for your free refrigerator* pick-up by calling 800-599-5795, or you can schedule online. Your rebate will be a \$50 check.
2. Plug in your fridge or freezer the night before the pick-up date. Please note that the unit must demonstrate full operational capability when inspected at the time of pick-up.
3. Xcel will pick-up the refrigerator or freezer and recycle it for free.
4. You will also get two free LED light bulbs for use in your home.
5. The rebate check will be mailed to you within four weeks after pick-up.



According to Xcel Energy, you could receive \$50 or more in annual energy savings while helping reduce emissions of greenhouse gases and ozone-depleting chemicals.

**Primary (kitchen) and secondary (garage/basement/other) refrigerators/freezers are accepted. Units must have been operating in your home for at least six months.*

Council Happenings

Since the last newsletter the city council:

- Notified of cancellation of Open Book Meeting.
- Accepted bids and awarded contract for the Glen Road, Amlee Road and Manitou Lane reconstruction project. Project was awarded to WM Mueller and Sons.
- Accepted proposal for monitoring cultural resources for the Glen/Amlee/Manitou project area.
- Discussed plans to appoint a resident to the city council.

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

City commission positions filled

At the February 8 city council work session, council members interviewed a number of residents who applied for city commissions and boards. The overwhelming response from city residents to fill open positions made the decision difficult, but councilmembers are appreciative of everyone who applied.

Appointed for a three-year term: Samantha Tauer, Parks Commission; Todd Eggenberger, Planning Commission; Matt Gallivan, Parks Commission; Nathaniel Gorham, Planning Commission. Tom Lesser, was appointed to a term as the Lake Minnetonka Communication Commission (LMCC) board representative for Shorewood.



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City tree sale

The annual tree sale is in the fall for 2021. Tree types will be announced on March 5, with the sale open for purchase beginning March 17. Tree supplies are limited; orders are accepted until trees are sold out. All trees are neonicotinoid-free as required by Shorewood's Bee-Safe City Ordinance.

For tree descriptions go to ci.shorewood.mn.us/treesale2021 beginning 10 a.m. March 5. If you do not have internet access, please contact the city at 952.960.7900 for a list of available trees.

Upcoming planning applications

Active Development Applications

Location	Type of Application	Tentative Review Schedule*	
		Planning Commission	City Council
25360 Birch Bluff Road	Variance for a new house	3/2/2021	3/22/2021
24680 Smithtown Road/5675 Christopher Road	Minor Subdivision	3/2/2021	3/22/2021
Eureka Road and Hwy 7	PUD Dev. Stage Plan and Preliminary Plat for 14 lots	Recommended Approval	2/22/2021

Other Projects

Project	Location	Phase	Tentative Review Schedule*	
			Planning Commission	City Council
Fire Lane Study	10 sites	Surveying property locations	1/12/2021	TBD
Comprehensive Plan Update	citywide	Consulting	TBD	TBD
Mill Street trail	Mill Street	Feasibility study complete	not set	not set

For more information about the above projects go to Active Applications under Planning and Building on the city website. Questions can be directed to the planning department, 952.960.7900. *Subject to change.

City Council: Jennifer Labadie, Mayor; Paula Callies; Patrick Johnson; Debbie Siakel; Open Seat
City Administrator: Greg Lerud; Newsletter Editor: Julie Moore