

Shore Report

News for Residents of the City of Shorewood

Upcoming Meetings and Events

- 3/5 7 p.m.
Planning Comm Meeting
- 3/11 7 p.m.
City Council Meeting
- 3/12 7 p.m.
Park Commission Meeting
- 3/25 7 p.m.
City Council Meeting

Please check for meeting updates on the city website, www.ci.shorewood.mn.us.

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Half price community center rental

Through Friday, August 30, 2019, community center room rentals are half price Fridays, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Simply mention you would like the half price deal when you reserve the space. Deal applies to the following rates: resident, non-resident or non-profit. Full damage deposit is required. Contact the center director at 952.474.7635 to

make a reservation or for more information.

This offer is good while space is available. No half price rentals for dates after the promotional period are accepted. Shorewood Community and Event Center is located at 5735 Country Club Road next to Badger Park.

Suspecting a development near you?

The city planning department often receives calls from developers interested in property in the city, or from a resident inquiring about a possible development they suspect might take place on a property. Different levels of development have different steps in the process.

Not all developments in Shorewood require a public meeting, but all require an application. Individual developments that meet all zoning requirements, such as a single family home on a lot zoned for single family homes, would not require a public meeting. Public meetings are held when the property owner or developer's proposal:

- does not meet all requirements
- requires more review to meet zoning regulations
- includes a subdivision, changing the zoning district or proposes development in a custom zoning district (planned unit development).

Some requests require a notice published in the newspaper and many of the above, although not all, require a notice mailed to nearby property owners before a public hearing.

Larger residential applications and commercial developments/redevelopments require the most number of public meetings. Staff also encourages the developer to hold informal neighborhood meetings to introduce their proposal to the public before they submit an application.

If you have questions about a property near you, call or email city planning staff to inquire. Typically someone who wishes to redevelop a property calls



Shorewood's Planning Department reviews development applications, administers the zoning ordinance, reviews building permits and conducts inspections, processes rental housing licenses and investigates zoning, rental housing, nuisance and other property complaints. Staff includes: (Back row left to right; front): Wade Woodward, Building Official; Patti Helgesen, Assistant Planner; Joe Pazandak, Building Official; Marie Darling, Planning Director

with questions before they buy it. If no information is available, you can call back in a month for an update on inquiries or to see if an application has been submitted.

Staff is working on tools offered by the city's new website to increase the amount of public information available on submitted development applications earlier in the process. Watch online and in future newsletters for changes.

For more information about the planning and development process and for staff contacts, go to Planning and Building on the city website.

Property tax statements mailed

In the month of March, property owners will receive a Market Value Notice from Hennepin County. This notice will affect property taxes assessed in 2018, payable in 2019.

Confusing to many homeowners is the fact that there is a one-year delay between the time your property is valued and classified and the property tax you owe based on that value. The property tax you pay this year is based on your property's valuation and classification as of January 2 last year. The valuation notice you receive this month is what your home is valued at as of January 2 this year, and forms the basis of the property tax you will owe next year.

If you believe the property information on your value notice is incorrect or you disagree with the value or classification, contact your local assessor at 952.249.4640 first to discuss any questions or concerns. Often your issues can be resolved at this level. If your questions or concerns are not resolved, more formal appeal options are available.

Shorewood residents who do not agree with their property valuation after a discussion with the assessor may appeal their valuation at the Open Book meeting, Monday, April 29, 5-7 p.m., at Shorewood City Hall. Instructions for additional appeals or what do to if you are unable to attend the Open Book meeting are printed on your valuation notice, or may be found on the city web site under Property Tax and Valuation.

If you have questions, please contact the Finance Department, 952.960.7900.



Recycling Weeks for March 2019

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

Report misses: City hall, 952.960.7900 by noon the following day

The where and why of battery recycling

Household batteries can be recycled for no charge at Shorewood city hall. Although all household batteries are accepted, lithium-ion batteries, such as those in mobile phones and electronics, rechargeable and button batteries are especially important to recycle separately.

Lithium-ion batteries are usually flat and rectangular in shape. They have caused fires in recycling and trash facilities and should never be placed in recycling or trash carts. Button and rechargeable batteries contain heavy metals that can be recycled. Alkaline household batteries should be

recycled because they should not be burned and much of the trash in Hennepin County goes to the burner in Minneapolis.

Go to the city website under "I want to" and select "sign up for" to register for recycling emails. If you have questions about recycling, call city hall at 952.960.7900.

Find your way around the new website

The new website is user friendly, but the city wants continual resident input if there is an issue finding the information you are looking for on the site. Email suggestions or issues to jmoore@ci.shorewood.mn.us, or call the city at 952.960.7900.

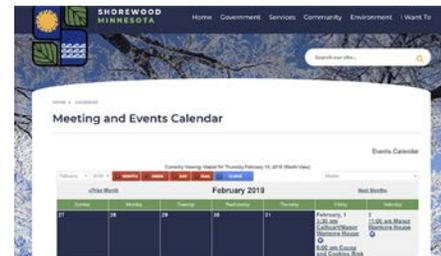
Website tips of the month:

- City meetings are listed on the city calendar. A link has been

added under "Agendas and meetings" to take you directly to the calendar.

- Under "community: festivals and events" you can find links to city events, such as the Spring Garden Fair, Safety Camp, Oktoberfest and more.
- You can apply for and pay for dog licenses online. Go to "I

want to" and "pay for" for the link.



Top fire safety tips for vacationers

Going on spring break, out of town for an event, on a family vacation, or just getting away? Whenever you leave your home for a week or two you want to take steps to keep your home safe while you are away.

Make your home fire safe Water and electricity do not mix

Water flooding your basement or leaking into electrical wiring can cause a fire.

- Repair leaks coming from pipes and appliances that use water.
- Make sure your sump pump is in working order.

Heat safe and smart

Your heating system is one of the few items that runs constantly in your home. A heating system that is not maintained can become a fire hazard or malfunction causing your pipes to freeze.

- Have your heating system

professionally inspected.

- Before you leave town for an extended period, change the furnace filters, even if you have done so recently.

While you are away mice will play

Tiny critters can start big fires when they chew on cords and wiring.

- Seal cracks in windows and around doors, fill holes and gaps in the foundation and around pipes.
- Have a pest control company take care of the creatures already living inside your home and keep the rest out.
- Put a cap over your chimney to keep larger animals out.

Close the door behind you

A regular household door can slow down the spread of fire by containing it to the room where it started. So on your way out, close

your doors.

- Close the doors to every room and the basement.
- Slide pocket doors and sliding doors all the way shut.

When you return home

- Check for any changes to your home. Smell the air and take a look around. Call 9-1-1 immediately if you smell gas or other unusual odors.
- Check the dryer vent on the outside of the home and the chimney to make sure no nests have been built blocking the air flow.
- Check the electrical panel to see if any circuits were tripped. Do not turn the circuit back on until a licensed electrician has looked at it if there is no known reason for the incident.

For a more detailed list of fire safety steps for vacationers go to www.excelsiorfire.org

Shorewood Community & Event Center

5735 Country Club Road • 952.474.7635 • www.southshore-center.org

Nineteen easy ways to Save Time, Money and Frustration Through Organizing

Tuesday, March 5, 10:30 a.m.-noon

Need ideas to help you get organized? Learn from local professional organizer Michele Dudley. Free program. Call the center at 952.474.7635 to register.

Driver Improvement Class

Thurs., March 7, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

This four-hour refresher course is for those who need to renew their certificate for a car insurance discount. Register and get more information at Minnesota Safety Center, 1.888.234.1294.

Paint, Paper, Scissors Painting Friday, March 15, 1-3 p.m.

No experience necessary! Make and Take Art; You will be painting "Chickadee". Perfect for spring and Eater! Call the center to register; \$25

Happy Feet

Monday, March 18; \$40

Appointments: 763.560.5136; Age: 55+

Clients who regularly receive nursing foot care express an increased sense of comfort and well-being. The health and appearance of the feet are restored so that the client may once again participate in improved daily living. Care includes foot soak, foot massage, care for corns, calluses or problem nails.

Busy Bee Quilters

Monday and Wednesday 9 a.m.-12 p.m.; Ages: All

Have a great time sharing personal quilt projects, helping each other, and making various service projects. For more information, call Linda, 952.475.1430.

Chair Fitness

Wednesdays, 10-10:30 a.m.; \$6

This class addresses the needs and challenges of those in need of the stabilizing safety of a chair during workouts. Light weights, stretching and wonderful music is incorporated into the workout.

Fitness Class

Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 8:30 a.m.

\$6 per class or purchase a discount package with monthly sign up at class; Ages: 55+

This program, designed for active adults, uses low impact exercises to get your heart pumping! Exercises can be adapted for all levels of fitness and physical ability. Call the center, 952.474.7635, with questions.

Woodcarving

Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m.; Ages: All

Have you thought of woodcarving as a hobby or already carve? Stop in and join this community of carvers. Learn how or carve and share your knowledge. No fees or sign up necessary.

Knitting

Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.; Ages: All

Open to all interested in the needle arts. All levels of expertise welcome. Bring your favorite pattern to share and learn great tips from fellow knitters! No RSVP necessary.

Beading

Tuesdays, 1 p.m.; Ages: All

No experience needed for this fun group. An instructor is available if you are new to beading. Supplies available, or bring your own. For more information contact Linda, 952.475.1430. No RSVP necessary.

Mahjong

Wednesdays, 1 p.m.; Ages: All

Mahjong is a tile-based game which originated in China. It requires tactics,

observation, memory, teamwork and is generally played with four players. Join a table each week for a fun and challenging game. Instruction is available.

Toastmasters

Thursdays, 12-1 p.m.; Ages: All

If you have wondered what Toastmasters is all about, or used to be in a group and are looking for a local group to join, a Toastmasters group is now at Southshore Center weekly. Stop by any Thursday.

Bridge

Thursdays, 1 p.m.; Ages: All

Love the game of bridge? Want to join a table, or improve your skill? Call the center to reserve a spot for weekly games, 952.474.7635.

Dementia Support Group

Fridays, March 1 and March 15 9-10 a.m.; Ages: All

First and third Fridays monthly If you are caring for a loved one with dementia, or someone close to you is suffering from dementia and you could use some support, meet with other concerned caregivers. Learn from each other on ways to be a better caregiver, and to better take care of yourself. Questions? Call Jane at 952.474.4673, or Joanne, 952.474.6022

Spring Garden Fair

Saturday, March 9; \$25
8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Register by March 2. Get complete information on the city website, <http://tinyurl.com/GardenFair2019>, or call the center at 952.474.7635.

This event is for gardeners of all levels.

Council Activities

Since the last council meeting the city council:

- Authorized purchase of a bucket truck, pick up and water meter reading unit for public works.
- Appointed planning and park commissioners.
- Appointed a recycling advisory committee.
- Held a public hearing for the Enchanted Point reclamation project.
- Authorized plans and specs for the Enchanted Point reclamation project.
- Passed a resolution to support a feasibility study with Three Rivers Park District and City of Tonka Bay for a regional trail crossing at County Road 19.
- Held a retreat with city staff to make plans for the upcoming year, to set goals, and to review past projects.

Thank you and welcome

Thank you to Sue Davis, Planning Commission, and Holly Ashmore, Park Commission, for their service on Shorewood commissions! Both are leaving this service to explore new ways to serve. Welcome to our new commissioners, Mike Hirner, Park Commission, and Dara Gault, Planning Commission.



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Spring Road Restrictions

Shorewood follows MnDOT's road restrictions. Spring Load Restriction starting dates are set on short notice based on existing weather conditions. Please discuss restrictions with services you hire (moving trucks, delivery and construction vehicles). Information can be obtained by calling MnDOT's Seasonal Load Limits automated message center, 651.366.5400 or by checking the MnDOT Seasonal Load Limits Web site: <https://tinyurl.com/ShorewoodWeight>.

Organized trash hauling phone survey

A sample of Shorewood residents will be called in late February or early to mid-March and asked questions regarding home trash removal and their opinions on the trash hauling system in Shorewood. The city council is evaluation options for residential trash hauling in the city. This is the next step in the investigation process that began last April. The survey will be conducted by Morris Leatherman Company and residents who see an incoming phone call from Morris Leatherman are encouraged to answer or to follow instructions for a follow-up survey. Your participation is helpful and we encourage your participation. The scientific survey is trying to reach a cross section of ages and areas of the city in order to get an accurate representation of resident preferences.

Residents are welcome to call the city with questions or email comments to cityhall@ci.shorewood.mn.us.

City fall/winter photo contest underway

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

- People of Shorewood
- Pets and Wildlife
- Events and Activities
- Splendor of seasons

All photos should be taken during the fall and winter months. 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, 2019, at 4:30 p.m.

Get complete rules and submission information on the city website under "Community". If you have additional questions contact the city at 952.960.7900, or email cityhall@ci.shorewood.mn.us.



Maybeth Sheridan, 2018

Trolley Drivers, Station Agents and Maintenance Crew Needed

Have you ever wanted to do something totally unique? The Minnesota Streetcar Museum needs volunteers to operate the historic Minnesota streetcars at its two streetcar lines, maintain track, and work at the station. The Excelsior Streetcar Line is located in downtown Excelsior. The Como-Harriet Streetcar Line is in the Linden Hills neighborhood near the Lake Harriet Band shell in Minneapolis.

Information meetings take place in late March followed by training. Operators must be at least 18 years old, physically capable of operating a streetcar for at least three hours, once per month and have a valid driver's license. For more information, visit the museum's website, TrolleyRide.org or contact Pat Cosgrove at volunteer@trolleyride.org or 952.953.6559. Sign up at <https://trolleyride.org/about/volunteer>. Applications are due March 22.

Scott Zerby, Mayor; Patrick Johnson, Jennifer Labadie; Debbie Siakel; Kristine Sundberg
City Administrator: Greg Lerud; Newsletter Editor: Julie Moore

Shorewood Tree Order Form

Sale pick-up May 17 and 18

Numbers of trees are very limited. Please supply a first and second choice if desired. Your check will be returned if your choices are not available. Trees are first come first served.

Prior to the pick-up dates, you will receive a mailed reminder with details about your order. Please bring that paperwork to the pick-up event, or give it to your designated representative (if someone else is picking up the trees for you) to ensure a smooth pick-up process. Trees that are not collected on the designated dates will be planted in Shorewood parks. No refunds.

Submit payment in the form of a check payable to City of Shorewood and mail to City of Shorewood Tree Sale, 5755 Country Club Road, Shorewood, MN 55331, or order and pay by credit card online at www.ci.shorewood.mn.us. Print orders may be mailed or delivered in person to city hall. **A 24-hour drop box is located at city hall for your convenience.**

Please print

Name _____

Address _____

Daytime phone (____) _____ Email _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Species	Price	Quantity	Total
American Elm *	\$85		
Thornless Hawthorn *	\$50		
Red Maple Brandywine *	\$90		
River Birch*	\$80		
American Larch (Tamarack) *	\$75		
Bald Cypress	\$70		
Norway Spruce		SOLD OUT	
White Pine		SOLD OUT	
Plastic tree guards (for trees marked *)	\$3		

Ordering Trees

- A very limited number of trees have been ordered and are offered on a first-come, first-serve basis. The intent of the sale is to diversify Shorewood's tree stock in an effort to reduce the effects of tree diseases such as Emerald Ash Borer and Dutch Elm Disease.
- Orders will be processed for single family homeowners. Townhouse and association properties should contact the city for order.
- Unlike a retail nursery, these trees do not have a warranty.

Total Due

Comments:

Orders are first-come, first-served until sold. Send order to:

City of Shorewood Tree Sale
5755 Country Club Road
Shorewood, MN 55331

OR

Order and pay online at
www.ci.shorewood.mn.us

Questions?
952.960.7900

Quantity of species is limited. Some trees are more popular than others. Complete one of the options below in case your selection is sold out:

If one or both of your selection is sold out, please note a second and third choice in the quantity column. You will be notified of the change by phone or email.

- If my first choice is not available, please cancel my order and mail my check back to me.

Before you mail the order, please confirm:

- Filled out order form completely?
- Checked www.ci.shorewood.mn.us to see if selection is sold out (or call city hall, 952.960.7900)?
- Enclosed check payable to City of Shorewood for exact amount or pay online?
- Checked your calendar to make sure someone can pick up your trees on May 17 or May 18?

Shorewood's 2019 Tree Sale

All trees are selected for the west metro area by an arborist. To view photos of the tree species, see the link on the city web site, www.ci.shorewood.mn.us. All trees are supplied on a first-come, first-serve basis. The earlier your order is received, the better your chance of getting your top selections. **Note the pick-up location is at Minnetonka Public Works.**

You will receive a postcard with your order and pick-up information in early May. **Please bring the materials with you to the tree pick-up.** If you have questions, please contact the city at 952.960.7900, or see the city web site: www.ci.shorewood.mn.us.

Use the chart below to determine which trees are best for your site:

Tree Pick-Up

Trees **MUST** be picked up on designated dates or you **forfeit the tree and the money you paid for it.** Leftover trees will be planted in Shorewood parks.

Friday, May 17, 9 am-12 pm
Saturday, May 18, 9 am-12 pm

Minnetonka Public Works, East Driveway
11522 Minnetonka Blvd., Minnetonka, MN 55305

Species	Cost	Sun or Shade?	Significant features	Height/Spread	Approx at pick up	Container
American Elm	\$85	full sun to part shade	Good for clay, sandy or peat/moist soil; small green flowers; round papery fruits; yellow-gold in the fall	60'X60'	6-8'	#10
Thornless Hawthorn	\$50	full sun	Good for clay or sandy soils; white flowers; reddish mini-applies; orange in fall	20'X20'	6-8'	#7
Red Maple Brandywine	\$90	full sun to part shade	Clay, sandy or peat/moist soil; seedless; purple/red in fall;	25'X12'	6-8'	#10
River Birch (clump)	\$80	full sun to part shade	Clay, sandy or peat/moist soil; catkins (like pussy willow); golden yellow in fall	40'X40'	6-8'	#10
American Larch (Tamarack)	\$75	full sun	Clay, sandy or peat/moist soils; deciduous conifer--drops needles in fall; gets cones; yellow in fall	50'X30'	6-8'	#10
White Pine			SOLD OUT			
Norway Spruce			SOLD OUT			
Bald Cypress	\$70	full sun	Does not like sandy soils; gets cones; reddish brown and drops needles in the fall	60'X30'		

- Growing tips for the type of tree you purchase will be emailed to those who purchase.
- Watering bags are available for purchase at the tree sale, cash only. Watering bags and plastic tree guards do not fill pine trees or river birch well.
- More information and photos of trees are available on the city website, www.ci.shorewood.mn.us under "Community". Trees were selected for Shorewood soils and we hope will accommodate the varying soil types found in Shorewood. If you have any questions, please email jmoore@ci.shorewood.mn.us, or call the city at 952.960.7900.
- When planning where to plant your trees, make sure they will not interfere with overhead wires as they grow and no trees should be planted in the city right-of-way.

Thank you for helping diversify the forestry in Shorewood. Although the Emerald Ash Borer has not yet reached our community, it is expected that eventually it will. Shorewood has a large number of Ash trees and planting new trees now will help keep or great wooded land-