



# Shore Report

News for Residents of the City of Shorewood

## Important Dates

- 11/5 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
City hall open for voting
- 11/6 Election Day  
Polls open 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.
- 11/12 City hall closed  
Veterans' Day
- 11/13 7 p.m.  
City Council Meeting
- 11/20 7 p.m.  
Planning Commission Meeting
- 11/22 and 11/23  
City hall closed  
Thanksgiving holiday
- 11/26 7 p.m.  
City Council Meeting
- 11/27 7 p.m.  
Park Commission meeting

## Sign up for eNews

Save paper and postage and keep up-to-date on your favorite city services! Sign up for eNews from the city website.

## SeeClickFix Reporting System

Residents may report non-emergency city issues with the new online or mobile SeeClickFix reporting system. See the city web site to report or download from your app store.

**City of Shorewood**  
**5755 Country Club Road**  
**Shorewood, MN 55331**  
**952.960.7900**  
[cityhall@ci.shorewood.mn.us](mailto:cityhall@ci.shorewood.mn.us)



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## General Election November 6

General Election day is Tuesday, November 6. Polls are open 7 a.m.– 8 p.m. During the 2016 election, Shorewood had approximately an 88% voter turnout. City election staff would like to top that number this year.

If you would like to vote early, you can vote between now and November 5. To vote early, go to city hall, 8 a.m.– 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday; Saturday, November 3, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.; Monday, November 5, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Beginning October 30, Direct Balloting begins. This is when absentee voters put the ballot right into the voting machine at city hall.

On November 6, all voting takes place at your poll location. If you are not sure where you vote, go to [www.mnvotes.org](http://www.mnvotes.org), or call city hall, 952.960.7900.

Sample ballots are available at city hall, or online at [www.mnvotes.org](http://www.mnvotes.org).

## Coat and winter wear collection

City hall is drop off for new/gently used coats, snowpants, and boots, and new mittens or gloves for children ages newborn to 18. Donated items are given to ResourceWest, the local resource center that provides winter clothing to area families in need.

Please drop off donations during regular business hours, Monday through Friday 8 am to 4:30 p.m., between now and November 30.

If you have questions or know a family who might be in need of winter clothing, please contact the ResourceWest at 952.933.3860. For more information online, go to [www.resourcewest.org](http://www.resourcewest.org).

## Toy chest and ICA food collection

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, [www.resourcewest.org](http://www.resourcewest.org), for the annual toy chest; food items are donated to ICA. These services both serve the Shorewood community. Please drop off items in the bin at city hall during regular business hours through December 15.

## Change your clocks, change your batteries

When you are setting your clocks back for the end of daylight savings time November 3, you may want to take a few minutes to test and change the batteries in your smoke alarms.

Daylight Savings Time ends November 3, and it's a great reminder to change batteries and update alarms. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) reported that between 2009 and 2013, three in five home fire deaths occurred in homes that either did not have smoke alarms or the alarms did not work. More than half of the non-working smoke alarms either had missing or disconnected batteries. Dead batteries caused nearly a quarter of smoke alarm failures.

- Every household should have smoke alarms within 15 feet of each bedroom and at least one alarm on each floor of the home. The

NFPA provided the following tips for installing and maintain your smoke alarms:

- Install alarms close to each sleeping area of the house and on every level of the house. When putting in hard wire alarms make sure they are interconnected so when one sounds, they all do.
- Change alarm batteries at least twice a year.
- Test alarms at least once a month.
- Replace all smoke alarms when they are ten years old.

Please visit the NFPA website, <https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education>, for more information on home escape plans, smoke alarms and fire safety.

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

## Excelsior Fire Movie Sat., Dec. 1 Doors open at 8:45 am

Admission is a  
nonperishable food item  
for the ICA Food Shelf

**S**anta and Sparky will arrive in a North Pole Edition Fire Truck at 11 a.m. Thanks to our gracious movie sponsor Excelsior Real Estate and to the Dock Cinema for donating the theater and the staff. For more information [www.Excelsiorfire.org](http://www.Excelsiorfire.org).

## Giving Tree Project Begins December 1

**A**dd decorations to trees throughout downtown Excelsior. Decorated trees will be donated to families who could not otherwise enjoy a Christmas tree. To adopt or get more information go to [www.Excelsiorfire.org](http://www.Excelsiorfire.org).

## Disposal Guide: Get Rid of Your Stuff

**F**all clean up can be frustrating, especially when you find yourself with a pile of stuff that needs to go. But where?

With a click on your computer or smart phone, find ways to recycle, reuse or dispose of items from your home with the new online resource for Hennepin County residents, Green Disposal Guide: [www.hennepin.us/greendisposalguide](http://www.hennepin.us/greendisposalguide).

The Green Disposal Guide provides simple content about how to get rid of items. You can download a mobile app right to your phone for information on the go!

Yard waste, mattresses, paint or fluorescent light bulbs and more—find out how to get rid of your stuff. The online Green Disposal Guide also has tips for shopping smarter, living greener and creating less waste.



## Recycling Weeks for November 2018

All recycling must be curbside no later than 7 a.m. on recycling day. Mainland residents recycle November 14 and 28; Island residents recycle November 15 and 29.

**Report misses by noon the  
following day: 952.941.5174**

## Simple recycling keeps textiles out of trash

**T**he city has partnered with Simple Recycling to provide curbside collection of unwanted clothing, shoes and small home goods on your regular recycling collection day. This service is free and completely voluntary. All types of clothing, shoes, accessories, and small home goods such as kitchenware, books and toys are accepted. To participate, take the following steps:

- If you did not receive the specialized orange Simple Recycling collection bags., you may pick up additional bags at city hall.
- Place clothing, shoes and home goods inside the bag and tie shut. Please make sure that all items are clean and dry.
- Set the orange bag at your

front curb by 7 a.m. on the ground next to your recycling cart on your recycling collection day. When collected, a replacement bag will be left for you.

Visit [www.simplerecycling.com](http://www.simplerecycling.com) for more information. If your Simple Recycling collection is missed, call the city at 952.960.7900.

## Political sign rules for properties



**P**olitical signs have different rules than other signs placed by residents and businesses in the city.

- Signs may not be located on publicly owned property. Signs cannot be posted in city parks, along city or regional trails or on library or public school district properties.
- Signs may not be attached to trees, utility poles, fences or placed on the roof of any structure.
- Signs that are located on or adjacent to private property must be located at least five 10 feet from the edge of

a public street, must not obstruct driver visibility at intersections and must be placed with the consent of the property owner.

- All signs must be removed within 10 days following the election.

If there is a sign you see in violation, do not remove it. Contact the city at 952.960.7900. The city will investigate the sign and remove signs that are in violation.

## Conserve water this winter

**A**s the calendar flips to winter, your water conservation switches from outdoor water uses, to indoor uses. There are many ways to conserve water in the home. These minor suggestions go a long way toward water conservation:

### Fix a leak

Small household leaks can add up to gallons of water lost every day.

### In the bathroom

- Turn off the tap while shaving or brushing teeth.
- Showers use less water than

baths, as long as you keep an eye on how long you've been lathering up.

### In the kitchen

- Plug up the sink or use a wash basin if washing dishes by hand.
- Use a dishwasher—and when you do, make sure it's fully loaded!
- Scrape your plate instead of rinsing it before loading it into the dishwasher.
- Keep a pitcher of drinking water in the refrigerator instead of letting the faucet

run until the water is cool.

- Add food wastes to your compost pile instead of using the garbage disposal.

### In the laundry room

- Wash only full loads of laundry or use the appropriate water level or load size selection on the washing machine.
- To save money on your energy bills, set your washing machine to use cold water rather than hot or warm water.

For more on saving water in the home, go to <https://www.epa.gov>.

# Think ahead to Arctic Fever

Our great winter festival is January 18-20. We hope snow will be plentiful during the festival, but there are great winter events for the entire family either way! Watch for details in the December Shore Report, but save the date for lots of fun!



## Celebrate the season

Enjoy Christkindlsmarkt, a three-day festival held annually in Excelsior. It is a celebration of the holiday season filled with activities for the whole family.

Come for the Grande Parade, open-air market featuring German seasonal traditions and delicious treats; shop for traditional gifts and unique treasures and visit with friends at the Biergarten.

The KinderWorld is all for the kids - a Sugar Plum Fairy-themed center for Enchanted Frozen Sisters, storytelling, and activities.

It's an event you don't want to miss!

**November 23-25**

**Event Hours:**

**Friday/Saturday: 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.**

**Biergarten open until 10 p.m.**

**Sunday: 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.**

To see a complete schedule of events and to get a map of the location go to: <https://www.excelsiorchristkindlsmarkt.com>



## Remember winter driving?

Each year when cold weather hits we have to remind ourselves how to drive. Everything changes: speed, stopping distance, unpredictability of what your car will do when you brake. You need to be prepared for the unexpected.

### AAA winter tips

- Avoid driving while you're fatigued. Getting the proper amount of rest before taking on winter weather tasks reduces driving risks.
- Never warm up a vehicle in an enclosed area, such as a garage.
- Make certain your tires are properly inflated.
- Never mix radial tires with other tire types.
- Keep your gas tank at least half full to avoid gas line

freeze-up.

- If possible, avoid using your parking brake in cold, rainy and snowy weather.
- Do not use cruise control when driving on any slippery surface (wet, ice, sand).
- Always look and steer where you want to go.
- Use your seat belt every time you get into your vehicle.

### What is black ice?

Black ice is actually invisible ice that is almost totally transparent. It can easily catch drivers off-guard and cause crashes.

Black ice forms when the air temperature is warmer than pavement, which causes moisture to rapidly freeze and creates a thin, transparent layer of ice on the roadway.

### What to do to be safer

- Slow down on bridges, overpasses and tunnels, and in the early morning when the air temperature is rising faster than the pavement temperature
- Avoid applying brakes on ice as it may cause a vehicle to skid
- Do not use cruise control during winter driving conditions
- Use a safe speed for winter driving conditions, regardless of the posted speed limit
- Keep a safe stopping distance from the vehicle in front of you
- Do not use a cell phone while driving and remember that texting is prohibited while driving in Minnesota.

## Council Activities

Since the last newsletter the city council:

- Accept Hennepin County recycling grant
- Approved renting goats for buckthorn removal at Freeman Park
- Approved new name and signage for Shorewood Community and Event Center, formerly called Southshore Center
- Approved the development of a road construction communication plan by WSB.
- Discussed options for treatment of algae on Manor Pond
- Approved professional services agreement for Enchanted and Shady Island reclaim project
- Approved a professional services agreement for the 2018 inflow and infiltration abatement project

*Minutes and agendas for city council meetings are available on the city website. You can register for email updates from the home page of the city website by signing up for the "General City News and Events" category.*

## Election Dates

**November 3**

Extended hours for absentee voting  
**10 a.m. – 3 p.m.**

**November 5**

In-person absentee voting for General Election closes at 5 p.m.

**November 6**

General Election day



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**Rink Attendant Applications Being Accepted**  
The City of Shorewood is hiring part time, seasonal rink attendants to work at the ice rinks of Badger, Manor and Cathcart parks December to approximately February. Schedule is flexible and hours are evenings on school days, during the day and evenings on weekends and school breaks. For an application and more information, see the city web site under Jobs, or stop into City Hall.

### Fall deer management wraps up

The deer management program with Metro Bowhunters Resource Base finishes this month. The scheduled dates of the hunt are:  
November 2 – 4  
Back up: November 16 – 18

As a courtesy, property owners adjacent to the lots that are part of the management program were notified of neighboring property's inclusion in the program. If you have questions about the program, please contact the city at 952.960.7900. If there is an emergency situation, call 9-1-1.

### Connect to city water

Homeowners on properties in Shorewood with city water available to the property who currently only use a private well were recently sent a card in the mail indicating the access. The city council has approved an incentive plan to encourage connection. Many of the households on the list have already paid all or part of the water access connection charge, so the only cost to the homeowner would be having a plumber connect to the existing water line. Residents of these properties can still maintain a well for uses such as sprinkler systems.

More questions are answered on the city website. If you are currently on a private well and are interested in learning more, want to know if an assessment has previously been paid, or have a question that is not in the FAQ section on the website, please contact the city at 952.960.7900.

**Safe.  
Tested.  
Reliable.**  
City water is available to your home.  
Connection incentives currently available.

# Shorewood Community and Event Center

[www.southshore-center.org](http://www.southshore-center.org) 952.474.7635



## Veterans Day

Join us Monday, November 12 as Southshore Senior Partners and Excelsior American Legion celebrate Veterans Day at Shorewood Community and Event Center with a traditional turkey dinner and a special Veterans program.

**Lunch & Program**  
**Monday, November 12, 11 am**  
Veterans: Free; Guests \$6

### Apple device for beginners

**Tuesday, November 13, 1-3 p.m.**

**\$3/SSP members; \$5 non-members**

Limited space, so register early by calling the center.

### Happy Feet

**Monday, November 19**

**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. Make your appointment today.

### Chair Fitness

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

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 will be 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.

### 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. Currently the group is working on mittens, hats and scarves for Caring and Sharing Hands. For more information, call Linda, 952.475.1430. No RSVP necessary.

### 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, November 2 and 16**

**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. No RSVP necessary to attend.

The center is closed  
November 23-24 for  
the Thanksgiving  
holiday.

## Household & Outside Maintenance

**Affordable home and outside maintenance services for residents aged 60+. We can help with:**

Yard Work/Lawn Mowing	Safety Device Installation
Painting	Cleaning
Minor Repairs	Errands/Grocery Shopping

 **Senior Community Services**  
Senior Community Services is a nonprofit supported by your local city.

**952-746-4046**

# Paint★Paper★Scissors

Make & Take Art Events

Join in the creative fun for kids  
at Shorewood Community  
and Event Center



## Tic Tac Toe

Saturday, November 3, 10:00 - 12:00

*This is a fun activity for kids and grown ups!*

Age 8 and older – min 10, max 20 \$20

Get ready to rock! Make your own themed Tic Tac Toe game. We'll begin with painting rocks for the game pieces. Then you'll paint a canvas Tic Tac Toe board to match. This is a great class for kids who have lots of creativity! A great "make your own gift" idea to give friends and family.

## Bottle Cap Bug Magnet Maze

Friday, November 9, 10:00 - 12:00

Age 5 and older – min 10, max 20 \$20

Let your imagination run wild! Create some super-fun bottle cap bugs. We'll make a maze that the bugs will follow via a magnet power.

Register online: <https://shorewood.revtrak.net/Activities-and-Events>

Register by phone: 952.960.7900