



Enjoying s'mores at Arctic Fever!

## Presidential Nomination Primary is March 5, 2024

Shorewood Polling Places will be open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm for voting ON Election Day, Tuesday, March 5, 2024

Precinct 1: Minnewashta Church, 26710 West 62nd Street

Precinct 2: Shorewood Community & Event Center, 5735 Country Club Road

Precinct 3: Excelsior Covenant Church, 19955 Excelsior Boulevard

To find your polling place, visit [pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us](https://pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us) and enter in your address to find out where you vote on Election Day. You may vote absentee at City Hall during regular business hours through Monday, March 4th, at 5:00 pm. City Hall will be open for voting on Saturday, March 2nd, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

## 2024 Elections Calendar

Below is a tentative schedule for the upcoming elections. Please see the city website for updates.

### March 4

Absentee voting for Presidential Nomination Primary closes at 5 pm

### March 5

Presidential Nomination Primary, polls open 7 am to 8 pm

### April 12

Absentee voting opens for County Commissioner District 6 special election

### April 30

Special Primary possible for County Commissioner District 6, polls open 7 am to 8 pm

### May 14

Special Election for County Commissioner District 6, polls open 7 am to 8 pm

### August 13

Primary Election, polls open 7 am to 8 pm

### November 5

General Election, polls open 7 am to 8 pm. Shorewood will vote for Mayor (1) and City Council (2) seats in the 2024 General Election. Candidates may file for city offices from July 30th to August 13th, 2024, at 5:00 pm.

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## State of the City 2024

The State of the City will be available to view online this April. Visit the City's website or [lmcc-tv.org](https://lmcc-tv.org) to view.

## Preparing Your Yard for Spring

Once warm weather is finally here, take a moment to walk around your property and pick up trash that has accumulated in the bushes, dispose of items stored outside your garage that are no longer used or in good condition, and dispose of ripped up and discarded tarps, any accumulated pet waste, and other trash. An hour of preventative clean-up improves neighbor relationships, saves unpleasant contact with code enforcement staff and provides a sense of a well-maintained community. Additional reminders:

- Parking vehicles or trailers is prohibited in required front yards except on the driveway
- All vehicles stored outside a garage must be licensed and operable
- Canvas and vinyl storage sheds are prohibited
- Grass and weeds must be kept at a height of twelve inches or less
- Trash cans may only be stored next to the street twelve hours before and after trash pick-up

## New Rules for Urban Farm Animals

City Council recently amended the rules for keeping urban farm animals. Those who want to keep chickens no longer need to seek the approval of their neighbors; however, all enclosures, runs, and coops need to be fully enclosed and farther away from their neighbors' homes than previously allowed to reduce the impact of the birds on their neighbors. All enclosures, runs, and coops must be placed in rear yards. Nets over open enclosures and runs are acceptable.

Urban farm animal permits will need to be renewed annually like other animal licenses. City staff will send out a reminder to all previous permit holders in March letting them know their license has expired.

Urban farm animals include chickens, guinea hens, domestic ducks, geese, and turkeys, bees, and rabbits. Enclosures/runs for bees or rabbits are not required to be fully enclosed. For a full listing of requirements for urban farm animals, contact staff or visit the City's website

## No Dumping Landscaping Materials on City Streets

When considering your spring landscaping projects, please remember to let your contractors know the City prohibits dumping landscaping materials in the public street. Such items must be delivered and stored on your property. Items dumped in the road will be removed at their owner's expense.

## City's Update of City Code

The City will be undertaking many amendments of the City Code to update the regulations to match new state and federal rules, modernize language, adopt implemented practices, and make zoning ordinance revisions to implement the City's Comprehensive Plan. The amendments will be done by topic and the entire project will take several years. If you would like to stay informed on the code updates, you can review the City Council and Planning Commission agendas or review the amendments as they are finalized. All are available on the City's website. Anyone can sign up for automatic notices when the agendas and ordinance notifications are available. Visit the City's website to sign up.



## Increasing Notice for Development and Public Projects

To provide more information on developments around the community, the City will be sending out new ways to let people know about new applications.

For private developments that require review by the Planning Commission and City Council, a postcard will be sent to nearby homeowners when a new application is received in addition to the notification letter that is sent ten days before a public meeting on the development.

Small development signs (18 inches by 24 inches) will also be placed near the street in front of the property letting people know that an application is submitted. A QR code on these signs link to the City's website, where more information about the application can be found.

For public improvement projects, these signs will be used for smaller projects with multiple access points, like a park project or a drainage project. They will also include a QR link to the City's website for more information.



## Tree Sale 2024 Begins April 1

The City of Shorewood is excited to announce that we will be selling trees to residents again this year! A limited number of container trees will be sold individually at wholesale prices to Shorewood residents beginning at 8 am on April 1. For a complete list of trees, visit the City website or pick up an order form at City Hall.

## Hennepin County Open Book Meetings

Hennepin County assessors will hold a series of meetings in April for property owners to discuss their property valuation. Meetings are scheduled at various locations around the County. Property owners may also contact the assessor directly before May 22, 2024. Watch your mailbox in March for your valuation notice and more information about the Open Book Meetings or contacting the assessor. More information can be found on Hennepin County's website at: <https://www.hennepin.us/residents/property/assessment#residential-assessment-offices>

## New Website to Launch in March

The City of Shorewood is partnering with CivicPlus®, a provider of integrated technology solutions exclusively for local governments, to launch a new, mobile-responsive, highly-functional civic website.

Our new website will provide a more user-friendly experience with documents, offer more dynamic content and more timely news, and improve administrative efficiencies, among other features. Updates about the new website will be available on the City's website and the next ShoreReport.

## Enjoy election season and want to make a difference? Become an Election Judge!

The City is looking for civic-minded people to join our talented team! Judges are paid \$15-\$17 per hour and it's fun! Election Judges must communicate clearly with voters, enjoy helping others, be available to work long hours, and show attention to detail. Other required qualifications include: U.S. citizenship, Minnesota residency, possession of voting rights, and the ability to read, write and speak English. Student Election Judges must be at least 16 years old and have approval from their parents. All Election Judges must complete a minimum of two hours paid training.

## Community Garden Registration Now Available Online

Renewal application deadline for returning gardeners is March 12. Shorewood Parks and Recreation will begin accepting applications for new gardeners on March 13 through May 1. Registration forms can be found online at the City's website, under the Parks and Recreation department.



## Step to it Registration Begins April 1

Join the challenge this May on behalf of your community and for a chance to win prizes! Step to it is not just about walking; almost any activity counts, including running, cycling, dancing, manual wheelchair use, and many others. Registration opens April 1. Visit [steptoit.org](http://steptoit.org) to learn more and register.



## Can you find Lucky's Pots O' Gold?

Starting March 1, explore your neighborhood parks and make your own luck by spotting a green pot of gold, hidden by Lucky the Leprechaun. Take a photo with the treasures you find, and send it to [parksandrec@ci.shorewood.mn.us](mailto:parksandrec@ci.shorewood.mn.us) before Monday, March 18. Pick up your share of the gold at the Shorewood Community and Event Center. Each entry will be entered into a drawing for a gift card. More information on the City's website.



## The 2023 Fall/2024 Winter Photo Contest Deadline is March 31

The 2023-2024 fall and winter photo contest is taking place! We are currently accepting photo submissions in the following categories: Winter Wonder, Fall Delights, People and Pets, and Wildlife.

Pictures should be taken in Shorewood between September 23, 2023 (the first day of autumn) and March 18, 2024 (the last day of winter). Winners in each category will have their photos framed and displayed at City Hall or the Shorewood Community and Event Center, and will each receive a framed print. Submissions will be accepted through March 31, 2024. Please submit photos to [cityhall@ci.shorewood.mn.us](mailto:cityhall@ci.shorewood.mn.us). Official rules can be found on the City's website.

Photo by Judith Benka

## Recycling is No Fairytale

Do you wonder what really happens to recyclables when they leave your home? This has become an increasingly common question, which is why metro counties are working together to assure you that recycling is no myth. It's real and it works here.

Minnesota and the Midwest are home to many recycling facilities that collect, sort, process, and manufacture items made from the bottles, boxes, and other containers we put in our recycling bins.

Plastic milk and laundry detergent jugs are made into durable decking, fencing, and landscaping products in Paynesville, and plastic drink bottles and produce containers are made into new plastic bottles in Wisconsin and Ohio.

Glass bottles and jars are sorted by color in Saint Paul, and the clear glass is sent to Shakopee to make bottles for drinks, pickles, salad dressing and more.

Recycled paper and cardboard are made into cereal and cracker boxes in Saint Paul, while recycled food cans are made into new products like wire and parts for cars and appliances at facilities in the Midwest.

Our efforts to recycle and reduce waste save energy, protect resources, and support local businesses and jobs. About 78,000 jobs in Minnesota are supported by the recycling industry.

You can be proud that recycling works in Minnesota. Learn more at [RecyclingExists.com](http://RecyclingExists.com).



## Annual Spring Clean-Up and Secure Paper Shred Event Scheduled for May 18

City of Shorewood's Annual Spring Clean-Up and Secure Paper Shred Event will take place on Saturday, May 18. More information, including price lists, is available on the City's website and will be mailed to residents in April.

## Recycling Pick-Up

Shorewood pick-up dates are highlighted in blue. Mainland residents' recycling is picked up every Wednesday, and Island residents' on Thursday.

To download the yearly calendar, find your collection day, or sign up for email reminders, visit the City website.

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### APRIL

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## **Making Sense of Local Government: The Public Works Department**

The Public Works Department is perhaps one of the most visible departments in the City, and nearly every resident and business directly benefits from the department's hard work each day.

### **Road Maintenance**

The Public Works Department spends a significant amount of time maintaining the City's streets. Work ranges from snow removal and de-icing in the winter to street sweeping in the spring and fall, to pothole patching in the summer. This constant attention helps to keep roads passable and safe. Larger scale and specialized maintenance projects, such as crack sealing, are often performed by contractors and help extend the life of roads, trails, and sidewalks.

### **Utility Maintenance**

Underneath most city streets are many different public and private utilities. Public utilities include water, sanitary sewer, and storm sewer lines. Private utilities include gas, electric, and communications lines. Public Works staff maintain public utilities by flushing hydrants, checking valves, cleaning sewer lines, and repairing manhole structures. If a water main breaks, Public Works staff work diligently to repair the break, typically with the aid of a utility contractor. Public Works staff do not work on private utility lines but do issue right-of-way permits and ensure City infrastructure is restored if damaged.

Crews also closely monitor the operation of the water system at wells and water towers to ensure the proper supply of water, as well as the operation of pumps and filters. Public Works utility operators have water operator licenses in order to properly and safely maintain the water system.

Additionally, many streets have curb and gutter which convey storm water and melting snow to catch basins and then to stormwater ponds. In areas without curb and gutter, crews maintain ditches and culverts to keep storm water flowing to ponds and other structures.

### **Parks Maintenance**

City parks require considerable attention throughout the year to ensure their use and enjoyment by residents and visitors. The same Public Works staff that maintain roads, maintain the City's parks. In the spring, crews are busy preparing

athletic fields, opening park buildings, and repairing any damage from winter operations or activities. In the summer months, crews mow grass and athletic fields, clean shelters, and complete maintenance projects. In the winter months, time is spent building and maintaining ice rinks, clearing trails and sidewalks, and performing tree trimming around the city. Throughout every season, staff empty trash and recycle containers in parks, maintain bathrooms, and general cleanup that is needed throughout the parks.

### **Other Roles and Duties**

Public Works staff perform many other roles and duties to support the operations of the City and serve its residents. Staff help to maintain public buildings, fix equipment, and support community events. Crews provide valuable insight in identifying problems for large construction projects, and often provide innovative solutions. Public Works staff are critical to a community's emergency response during a disaster or emergency event and work closely with Fire and Police both during and following an event. Whether going to work, playing outdoors, cooking a meal, or washing laundry, the Public Works Department makes possible the basic activities people enjoy every day.

## **Seasonal, Part-Time Job Opportunities**

Looking for a summer job? The City of Shorewood is hiring for seasonal positions! If you like the outdoors – this is perfect for you! Positions last approximately five months and are available in the Public Works department working in the City's parks and streets. The positions pay \$18/hour and are open until filled. Applicants must be at least 16 years old. Visit the City's website for more information and to apply.



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To report road, park, and other non-emergency City concerns online, visit [ci.shorewood.mn.us/SeeClickFix](http://ci.shorewood.mn.us/SeeClickFix)

The ShoreReport is the City of Shorewood's bimonthly newsletter. For more information on City events, activities, and news, visit our website [ci.shorewood.mn.us](http://ci.shorewood.mn.us)

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**Upcoming Meetings & Events**

**MARCH**

Lucky's Pots O' Gold (see page 3)  
 March 1 to 18 - Shorewood Parks

Election Day (see page 1)  
 March 5, 7 am - 8 pm

City Council Meeting  
 March 11, 7 pm - City Hall

Park Commission Meeting  
 March 12, 7 pm - City Hall

Planning Commission Meeting  
 March 19, 7 pm - City Hall

City Council Meeting  
 March 25, 7 pm - City Hall

Recycling Committee Meeting  
 March 26, 5:30 pm - Shorewood  
 Community and Event Center

Good Friday - City Hall Closed 1/2 Day  
 March 29

**APRIL**

Tree Sales Begin (see page 3)  
 April 1

Step to it Challenge Registration  
 April 1 (see page 3)

Planning Commission Meeting  
 April 2, 7 pm - City Hall

City Council Meeting  
 April 8, 7 pm - City Hall

Hand Only CPR & AED Orientation  
 April 9, 7 pm - South Lake Minnetonka  
 Safety Public Building

Park Commission Meeting  
 April 9, 7 pm - City Hall

City Council Meeting  
 April 22, 7 pm - City Hall

Recycling Committee Meeting  
 April 23, 5:30 pm - Shorewood  
 Community and Event Center

Election Day (Tentative)  
 April 30, 7 am - 8 pm (see page 1)