



### 2025 Tree Sale orders must be placed by September 6

The City is changing the process by which tree sales will be conducted in 2025. Instead of trees arriving in the fall (September), they will now arrive in the spring (April-May 2025) for residents to pick up and plant. Residents must place orders between July 1 – September 6, 2024 to ensure trees will arrive in 2025.

Tree species to choose from include: Parkland Pillar Birch, Royal Frost Birch, MN Strain Redbud, Kentucky Coffeetree, Berry White Hydrangea, Siouxland Poplar, Northern Pin Oak, Greenspire Linden, Black Hills Spruce, Techny Arborvitae, Winecrisp Apple, and Zestar Apple. Visit [shorewoodMN.gov/TreeSale](http://shorewoodMN.gov/TreeSale)

### Do you have concerns about an ash, oak, or elm tree?



The City offers free arborist evaluations for trees that may be experiencing complications due to insects or disease. To make an appointment for your property, contact City Hall at 952-960-7900. Inspections typically take 15-45 minutes. Property owners do not need to be on site when certified professionals are conducting evaluations. If you would like to find a qualified tree care professional for other concerns, visit [shorewoodMN.gov/TreeCare](http://shorewoodMN.gov/TreeCare)

### Email updates now available for Park Commission and Planning Commission agendas and agenda packets

Residents have been able to sign up for automatic notices when the City Council packets are published. Now, residents can also receive an automatic notice when the agenda and packet are published for the Parks and Planning Commissions. Sign up for these email lists at [shorewoodMN.gov/SignUp](http://shorewoodMN.gov/SignUp)

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Photo: Shorewood City staff with 38 bikes recovered from the annual Spring Clean-Up. 15-20 of these bikes will be returned to the road locally. Some of the bikes will see new life as parts for other bikes, and the rest (about half) will be shipped to Africa. By reducing the need to manufacture new products, these bikes will reduce Minnesota's carbon footprint by more than 5,700 pounds of carbon dioxide.

## Making Sense of Local Government: The City Budget Process

The City budget is the financial plan for the City's General Fund for the coming year that provides city services, such as police and fire services, street and park maintenance, planning and zoning, and elections administration, to name a few. Preparation of a City budget is mandated by state statute.

The budget process begins in the early spring when valuation notices are mailed by Hennepin County to Shorewood property owners. The Hennepin County assessor's office determines the value of each property in Shorewood. Visit the County's website at [www.hennepin.us/residents/property/assessment](http://www.hennepin.us/residents/property/assessment) to view a short video describing how property values are determined.

To address valuation concerns, the City of Shorewood uses the Open Book meeting format, which allows property owners to address questions about their property assessment with Hennepin County assessing staff on a one-on-one basis. Property owners may appeal their value to the County Board of Appeal and Equalization if they are not satisfied after meeting with assessing staff.

In June and July, City staff begin preparing the following year's budget. City staff members work with City Council to develop a plan that prioritizes city services and community goals, while maintaining responsible spending. The proposed budget takes into account resident feedback and that which the City Council and staff have received regarding services, public improvements, and community needs. The City Council has final authority for adopting the annual budget and establishing the property tax levy.

The budget proposal and preliminary tax levy are discussed with the City Council in August and September of each year. By the end of September, the Council must adopt its preliminary tax levy for the following year. At this point, the levy cannot be increased but it may be decreased. In November, Hennepin County mails Truth in Taxation hearing notices to property owners. In early December, the City Council holds the Truth in Taxation hearing to receive comments on the annual budget. The Council then adopts its annual budget and certifies its levy to the County and State.

It is important to remember the City's budget only makes up a portion of your property taxes. The County and School districts, along with smaller taxing jurisdictions, such as a watershed district, rely on property taxes as well. For more information about the City budget, process, and meetings, and to sign up for City budget updates, visit [shorewoodMN.gov/CityBudget](http://shorewoodMN.gov/CityBudget).

## Message from the Mayor: Night to Unite is August 6

"Night to Unite," formerly known as National Night Out, occurs nationwide on the first Tuesday in August. This annual event is a night where people across the U.S.A. get together with their neighbors, meet members of their local police and fire departments, and get to chat with their city leaders.

National Night Out began in 1984 as a community building campaign to promote partnerships between local law enforcement agencies and their communities to improve neighborhood camaraderie, and to make local neighborhoods a safer, more caring place to live.

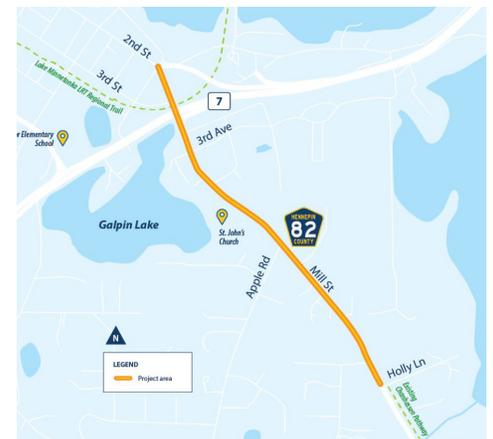
The South Lake Minnetonka Police Department, Excelsior Fire District & local city leaders will attend parties as requested by party hosts through their submitted requests. Party hosts should register their parties at [www.southlakepd.com](http://www.southlakepd.com)



## Share your ideas for improving Hwy 7 from Hopkins to St. Bonifacious!

The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) is studying Hwy 7 from Hopkins to St. Bonifacious to improve this 18-mile stretch of road that has a history of safety problems. They want your input to help find solutions that meet the current and future transportation needs of the area.

Visit [talk.dot.state.mn.us/hwy7study](http://talk.dot.state.mn.us/hwy7study) to share your input on the survey and comment map by Sunday, July 7.



## Mill Street Trail Project delayed by one year

Next year, Hennepin County will begin securing easements and other property rights to begin the project, with construction scheduled to begin in 2026. They are requesting more funding sources from other levels of government to help pay for the project.

The City of Shorewood had a request for funding for the Mill Street trail and watermain project through the bonding bill. Unfortunately, this bill was not passed by the legislature. As a result, the City plans to seek funding for this project again next year. More information about this project can be found at [hennepin.us/millstreet](http://hennepin.us/millstreet)

## Hello from our new Parks & Recreation Manager!



It has been a pleasure meeting everyone since starting my new role! As former Program Manager with Minnetonka Community Education, and former Recreation Supervisor with the City of Chanhassen, I have also seen lots of familiar faces. It has been a joy to learn about all of the incredible things the City of Shorewood and its parks system has to offer.

### July is Park and Recreation Month!

Since 1985, the United States has celebrated Park and Recreation Month in July to promote building strong, vibrant, and resilient communities through the power of parks and recreation and to recognize the more than 160,000 full-time park and recreation professionals — along with hundreds of thousands of part-time and seasonal workers and volunteers — who maintain our country's local, state, and community parks.

I encourage you all to celebrate Park and Recreation Month by visiting some of our unique parks and completing our Parks and Rec Photo Bingo (see next page)! I appreciate the warm welcome, and I hope to see everyone at one of our upcoming Concert in the Park, Movie in the Park, or Oktoberfest events!

Sincerely,  
Mitchell Czech



**CONCERT IN THE PARK:  
SHALO LEE BAND**  
THURSDAY, JULY 11 @ 7:00 PM  
Freeman Park, 6000 Eureka Rd  
[shorewoodMN.gov/ConcertInThePark](http://shorewoodMN.gov/ConcertInThePark)



**MOVIE IN THE PARK:  
MIGRATION**  
FRIDAY, AUGUST 23 @ DUSK  
Freeman Park, 6000 Eureka Rd  
[shorewoodMN.gov/MovieInThePark](http://shorewoodMN.gov/MovieInThePark)



**OKTOBERFEST:  
FAMILY-FRIENDLY FUN**  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28  
Badger Park, 5745 Country Club Rd  
[shorewoodMN.gov/Oktoberfest](http://shorewoodMN.gov/Oktoberfest)



## SOUTH LAKE SAFETY CAMP

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7 @ 8:15 AM - 3:30 PM

South Lake Public Safety Building, 24100 Smithtown Road

Campers will spend the day learning about fire and safety in a fun camp environment. Highlights include a bike safety course, SWAT presentation, K-9 demonstrations and spraying a fire hose! Safety Camp is open to kids entering grades 3-5 who reside in Deephaven, Excelsior, Greenwood, Shorewood, or Tonka Bay. Cost: \$30. To register, visit [shorewoodMN.gov/SafetyCamp](http://shorewoodMN.gov/SafetyCamp)

## SNAPOLOGY COMBAT ROBOTS

Learn engineering strategies for building sturdy structures using LEGO® bricks and then apply that knowledge to build a robot for friendly competition. You'll have a blast as you play robot football and complete the hoop challenge in this fun robotics program.

AGES	DAY	DATES	TIME	COST
All	Daily	7/8-7/11	9 am-12 pm	\$140

## YOUTH BEGINNER GROUP TENNIS

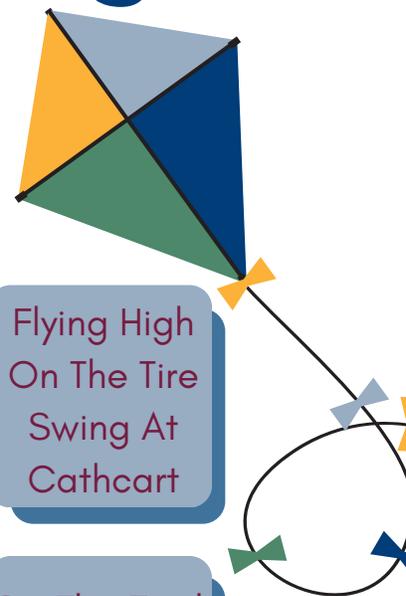
The Group Lessons Program will introduce and develop participants in the lifelong game of tennis. Each lesson will build the fundamentals of athleticism, stroke play techniques, and game play.

AGES	DAY	DATES	TIME	COST
5-8	Tue & Fri	7/22-8/23	9:30-10:30 am	\$250
9-12	Tue & Fri	7/22-8/23	10:30-11:30 am	\$250
13-16	Tue & Fri	7/22-8/23	11:30 am-12:30 pm	\$250

# Shorewood Parks & Recreation Photo Bingo



Scan the QR code to submit photos and your bingo card for your chance to win a prize pack!



Playing Kick Ball At Freeman

Catching A Frisbee at Manor

Grilling Food At Badger

Most People On BIG Slide At Silverwood

Flying High On The Tire Swing At Cathcart

Playing Tennis At Badger, Cathcart or Manor

Best Park Sunset

Best Chalk Drawing On Trail At Freeman

Family At Concert In The Park July 11th At Freeman

On The Trail At Gideon Glen

Flying A Kite At Freeman

Hug The Biggest Tree You Can Find

**FREE**  
Followed  
@ShorewoodMNParks

Blowing Bubbles At Eddy Station

Watching A Little League Game At Freeman, Cathcart or Manor

Leave A Painted Rock At Shorewood Community & Event Center

Traveling On The LRT Through Shorewood

Craziest Tri-Swing At Badger

Eating Popsicles At Silverwood

Longest Chalk Caterpillar At Badger

Best Basketball Shot at Cathcart

Drawing Of Your Favorite Park

Walking Your Dog

Favorite Spot At Manor Pond

Playing Lacrosse At Badger Turf

## Voters have two more opportunities to visit the polls in 2024

The Statewide Primary is August 13 and the General Election is November 5.

Voters have two more chances to visit their polling places in 2024: once for the August Statewide Primary and again for the November General Election. Polling places are operated effectively and accurately because of the integrity, training, and commitment of Shorewood election staff and residents who step up to serve their communities in this very important manner. Thank you for your continued dedication and hard work this election season!

### Mark your calendars for upcoming election dates

- **June 28:** Absentee Voting for the Primary Election begins. You may vote early at Shorewood City Hall during regular business hours or by mail. Additional voting hours are posted on our website.
- **July 30 – August 13:** Candidate Filing for City Offices begins. 1 Mayoral seat and 2 City Council seats will be on the November ballot this year.
- **August 13:** Primary Election. Polls are open from 7 am to 8 pm.
- **September 20:** Absentee Voting for the General Election begins. You may vote early at Shorewood City Hall during regular business hours or by mail. Additional voting hours are posted on our website at [shorewoodMN.gov/elections](http://shorewoodMN.gov/elections)
- **November 5:** General Election. Polls are open from 7 am to 8 pm.

Visit the Shorewood website at [shorewoodMN.gov/elections](http://shorewoodMN.gov/elections) for additional information on Elections 2024



### Water-saving tips for your lawn this summer

By following these tips, you can keep your lawn and landscaping healthy while conserving a valuable resource.

- Daily watering is not necessary. Lawns need about 1 inch of rain or water per week. Deep soaking is better for roots than frequent watering.
- Know your schedule. Water early in the morning to minimize evaporation.
- Mulch, Mulch, Mulch. A layer of mulch around plants helps retain moisture in the soil.
- Upgrade your sprinkler control technology. New water-efficient sprinkler controls can connect to your home Wi-Fi and include weather forecasting control, remote operations from a smartphone app, timer/schedule features, and rain sensors.
- Follow City's watering ordinance. Residents and businesses should only water before 11 am and after 4:30 pm, May 1-September 30. This allows Shorewood's water system an opportunity to replenish the supply in the city's water storage tanks, and ensures there is enough water for all uses.

**City Hall accepting donations for Back-to-School Supply Drive**

ResourceWest provides school supplies to help students in the Hopkins and Minnetonka School Districts to start the school year strong. Throughout the month of July, residents can drop off school supply donations at City Hall.

If you need school supplies for your child, please call 952-933-3860 to speak with a Social Services Staff member. The final day to drop off donations is July 31.

### Recycling Pick-Up

Please have recycling carts curbside on recycling day no later than 7 am. Recycling is collected every other week on Wednesday (for mainland) and Thursday (for islands). If your collection day falls on or after a holiday, it will be delayed one day throughout the week.

Visit [shorewoodMN.gov/Recycling](http://shorewoodMN.gov/Recycling)

#### JULY

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#### AUGUST

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**Shorewood City Hall**  
 5755 Country Club Rd  
 Shorewood, MN 55331  
 P: 952-960-7900

**Community & Event Center**  
 5735 Country Club Rd  
 Shorewood, MN 55331  
 P: 952-960-7902

## Shorewood City Council

Reach your City Councilmembers via email or call 952-960-7900

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To report road, park, and other non-emergency City concerns online, visit [shorewoodMN.gov/SeeClickFix](http://shorewoodMN.gov/SeeClickFix)

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

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## Upcoming Meetings & Events

### JULY

Fourth of July  
 July 4 - City Hall Closed

City Council Meeting  
 July 8, 7 pm - City Hall

Park Commission Meeting  
 July 9, 7 pm - City Hall

Planning Commission Meeting  
 July 16, 7 pm - City Hall  
 (rescheduled from July 2)

Concert in the Park  
 July 11, 7 pm - Freeman Park

City Council Meeting  
 July 22, 7 pm - City Hall

Recycling Committee Meeting  
 July 23, 5:30 pm - Shorewood  
 Community & Event Center

Candidate filing for City offices  
 begins July 30

### AUGUST

Planning Commission Meeting  
 August 6, 7 pm - City Hall

Night to Unite  
 August 6

South Lake Safety Camp  
 August 7, 8:15 am

City Council Meeting  
 August 12, 7 pm - City Hall

Election Day (Primary Election)  
 August 13, 7 am-8 pm

Movie in the Park  
 August 23, Dusk - Freeman Park

City Council Meeting  
 August 26, 7 pm - City Hall

Park Commission Meeting  
 August 27, 7 pm - City Hall