



Photo: Participants from South Lake Safety Camp pose in front of South Lake Minnetonka Police Department's SWAT vehicle. Next year's Safety Camp is scheduled for Wednesday, August 13, 2025. Early-bird registration (\$5 off) will begin January 6, 2025.

Highway 7 Updates

Improving the safety and efficiency of Hwy 7 has long been a priority for Shorewood and neighboring communities. Many initiatives are underway to help achieve this goal.

Corridor Study of Hwy 7

In 2023, the legislature allocated \$750,000 for MNDot to complete a corridor study of Hwy 7 from Hopkins Crossroad through Minnetrista, which includes nine communities and two counties. The study is currently underway and will establish a shared vision for investment in the corridor by identifying potential improvements to address access and safety concerns. The study is expected to be completed in mid 2025. Visit talk.dot.state.mn.us/hwy7study for more information.

Additionally, the legislature allocated \$200,000 to the City of Shorewood to develop a transportation management organization (TMO) made up of communities and stakeholders along the Hwy 7 corridor. Many TMOs exist around Minnesota to represent shared goals for a corridor and to seek state and federal funding for improvements. Updates will be posted on the City of Shorewood's website as they become available.

Safe Road Zone Grants for Hwy 7

The South Lake Minnetonka Police Department, in collaboration with the communities and law enforcement agencies along Hwy 7 in Hennepin and Carver counties, recently received a Safe Road Zone grant from the Minnesota Department of Transportation. \$200,000 was awarded for enforcement efforts, and an additional \$250,676 was awarded for roadway safety improvements along the highway, such as crosswalks, flashing lights, signs and messaging. The departments along the corridor will pair increased enforcement with engineering, education, and awareness activities throughout June 2025 to make Hwy 7 a safer roadway.

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Making Sense of Local Government: Conducting Elections

Conducting elections is one of the most important tasks of local government officials, particularly City Clerks, who serve as election administrators for their respective cities. As a subdivision of state government, cities must administer elections for federal, state, county, and special district offices and questions, as well as for city offices and questions. Minnesota State Statute outlines the process for conducting elections for voters and candidates on and before election day.

VOTER REGISTRATION The Legislature has established statewide voter registration with county systems linked to a centralized state system. The County Auditor serves as the chief custodian of the official registration system, while the Secretary of State administers the centralized state system. In Shorewood, the City Clerk, and other administrative staff, are trained and certified by the Secretary of State on the use of the state system, also known as the statewide voter registration system (SVRS), during each election cycle.

ABSENTEE (AND EARLY) VOTING To increase opportunities to vote, Minnesota expanded its system of absentee voting to allow people to vote even if they cannot, or do not, want to physically go to the polling place on Election Day.

There are two absentee voting procedures. One procedure allows people who live in Minnesota to vote absentee if they cannot make it to the polls on Election Day or if they simply want to vote early. In Shorewood, the City Clerk distributes and processes applications and ballots for these voters in all elections. The other procedure allows military and overseas voters to vote, pursuant to the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA). The County Auditor administers absentee voting for military and overseas voters.

ELECTION DAY The City Clerk recruits and trains election judges to work in the city's polling places on Election Day. Each precinct must have at least four election judges and at least one head judge responsible for the work performed in the polling place. At each polling place, no more than half the number of judges may belong to the same political party. At least two election judges in each precinct must be affiliated with different major political parties to perform certain election duties.

HANDLING OF BALLOTS Ballots for city elections are prepared by the City Clerk. The counting of votes must take place in public at the polling place immediately after the polls close. No one other than election judges may handle the ballots on Election Day. Election judges also must prepare the summary of results and secure and turn in election materials. Two election judges in each precinct shall deliver one set of summary statements, the envelopes containing the ballots, and all unused and spoiled ballots directly to the City Clerk for transmittal to the County Auditor's office. The City Clerk must return all polling place rosters and completed voter registration cards to the County Auditor within 48 hours after voting ends.

FILING FOR CITY OFFICES All citizens must have the opportunity to file for any elective office for which they qualify. In general, a candidate for elective office in a city or town must be (1) a qualified voter in the state of Minnesota, (2) a U.S. citizen, (3) at least 21 years of age on the date they would take office, and (4) a resident of the city for 30 days before the election. Candidates file for office with the City Clerk.



2024 Elections Schedule

Voting represents an opportunity to participate in local, state, and federal government and have your voice heard. In addition to the president, Shorewood City offices will also be on the November ballot. These will include 1 Mayor and 2 Councilmembers. To see who has filed for city office, visit shorewoodMN.gov/elections

September 20: Absentee Voting for the General Election begins. You may vote early at Shorewood City Hall during regular business hours or by mail to Hennepin County.

October 18: Direct Balloting period begins. Cast your ballots directly into the voting machine at Shorewood City Hall during regular business hours.

October 26: Saturday Voting hours (New in 2024). City Hall is open for voting on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

October 29: Extended Voting hours (New in 2024). City Hall is open for voting on Tuesday until 7 p.m.

November 2: Saturday Voting hours. City Hall is open for voting on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

November 3: Sunday Voting hours. City Hall is open for voting on Sunday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

November 4: Extended Voting hours. City Hall is open for voting on Monday until 5 p.m.

November 5: General Election. Polls are open for voting from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

To learn more about the elections process, visit shorewoodMN.gov/elections

Excelsior Fire Prevention Open House & Safety Fair

Fire won't wait. Plan your escape.



**Thursday, October 3, 2024
5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Fire Station #1, Excelsior**

The Open House is a fun-filled evening for kids of all ages and adults, packed with fire and life safety activities, exhibits, and demonstrations. This is an educational event that has an array of interactive opportunities and plenty of free hot dogs and beverages.

Fire extinguisher services for businesses and homeowners include \$10 inspection/tagging and FREE recycling from 1:00-8:00 p.m.

visit www.excelsiorfire.org

Shorewood Photo Contest

Since 2017, the City of Shorewood has hosted a biannual photo contest. Individuals of all ages who either reside, work, or go to school in Shorewood are encouraged to submit photos they capture while in Shorewood.

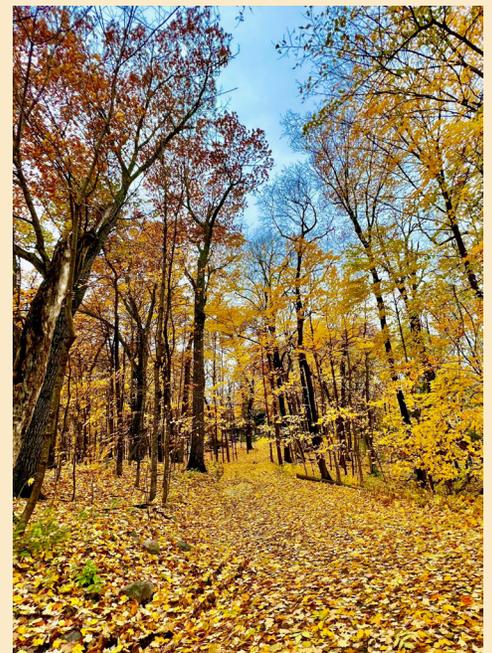
Spring/Summer Photo Contest is taking place

All ages are invited to submit photos taken in Shorewood between the first day of spring and the last day of summer (March 19-October 21, 2024). Categories include: Spring Wonder, Summer Delights, People and Pets, and Wildlife. Submit up to five entries no later than October 31, 2024, in jpeg format via the City's website or drop off a flash drive at City Hall. 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!

Official rules and entry form at shorewoodmn.gov/PhotoContest.

Fall/Winter 2023-2024 Photo Contest Winner

"Carpet of Yellow" by Judy Voigt England



Winter Warm Weather Program - Now accepting donations through Oct 30

Each year, ResourceWest provides winter gear to children (0-18) in the Hopkins and Minnetonka communities, so they have a safe, fun, and healthy winter. If you'd like to support and donate to this program, in-kind donations can be dropped off at Shorewood City Hall September 1 to October 30 (M-F 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.). ResourceWest accepts new or clean, gently used coats, new winter hats, and new waterproof gloves and mittens.

If you need winter outerwear for your child, please call 952-933-3860 to speak with a ResourceWest Staff member. Visit ResourceWest.org to learn more.

 **ResourceWest**
connecting people, creating hope

Storing Recreational Vehicles & Equipment

As the seasons change, so do the number of boats, trailers and other recreational vehicles and equipment in need of winter storage. Here are the rules for storing these items on your property.

- **Front yards and corner or double frontage lots:** Boats, vehicles and equipment may not be stored in the public right-of-way or anywhere in the required yard. There is an exception for one item that may be stored on the driveway at least 15 feet from the street if there is no other way to store the items in a side or rear yard. The required yard varies from 30-50 feet depending on your zoning district.
- **Side/Rear Yards:** No vehicles or equipment may be stored within the required yard setback. Interior side yard setbacks are 10 feet. Rear yard setbacks vary from 35-50 feet depending on your zoning district. Lakefront properties have greater setbacks.

For questions about lakefront property or to confirm your setback, please call City Hall at 952-960-7900.

Drop your post-Halloween jack-o'-lanterns and decorative pumpkins to be composted, not landfilled.

On November 3, from 12 p.m.-2 p.m., drop off unpainted and empty jack-o'-lanterns or whole pumpkins at Shorewood's Organics Recycling drop-off site, located at Southshore Park, 5335 St. Alban's Bay Road.

Shorewood's Recycling Committee is teaming up with volunteers to provide this drop service. These decorative squashes will be composted by the City's organics recycling contractor, Republic, and converted to dark crumbly compost. No paint, decorations, candles, or glitter please!



OKTOBERFEST AT BADGER PARK SEPTEMBER 28 | 2-4 PM

Join neighbors, family and friends at Badger Park and the Shorewood Community and Event Center for a host of FREE activities for all ages, including a variety of inflatables, face painting, balloons, a live DJ, and more!

Visit shorewoodMN.gov/Oktoberfest



SAVE THE DATE!

Arctic Fever

JANUARY 17 & 18, 2025

More details coming soon in future newsletters, Facebook, and at shorewoodMN.gov/events

Volunteers and sponsors are needed! If you are interested in sponsorship or volunteering for the event, please contact parksandrec@shorewoodMN.gov

City Budget Update

The City is currently working on its preliminary 2025 operating budget. A City Council budget work session was held Monday, August 12, and a second budget work session is planned for Monday, September 9. Agendas for work sessions can be found on the agendas and minutes page of the City's website.

The City Council is expected to adopt the 2025 preliminary budget and property tax levy at its September 23 meeting. The preliminary levy must be certified to Hennepin County by September 30, after which the levy cannot increase, but it may decrease before the final levy is set in December.

Truth-in-taxation

Property owners will receive truth-in-taxation notices in November from the County, showing proposed 2025 property taxes. The City Council will hold a truth-in-taxation public meeting on the proposed 2025 budget and property tax levy, tentatively scheduled at the regular City Council meeting on Monday, December 9. The Council may adopt the final 2025 property tax levy and budget at the December 9 meeting. The 2025 property tax levy must be certified to Hennepin County by December 28, 2024.

Convenient options to pay your utility bill

The City of Shorewood offers several convenient ways in which you can pay your City Utility Bill.



Save money and time by signing up for automatic payments.

You will still get a monthly bill showing your usages and the current charges. Payments will be deducted from your checking or savings account on the day before the due date on the bill.



Pay by credit or with debit card online.

Pay online with a checking account, savings account, credit or debit card. Visit shorewoodMN.gov/billing. Click on the Online utility bill payment. Click on the "First time user? Register Now" button to set up your account for the first time. You will need a recent utility bill to complete some of the information. Complete the information and click "Register". You will now be able to view your account balance, history, usage, and make payments. There is no charge for this service. You only need to register once and then will be able to login for future visits.



Pay in-person.

Drop off your utility bill with a check or money order payment at City Hall during business hours (M-F 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.) or in the drop box outside the front of City Hall, 5755 Country Club Road.



Recycling Committee hosts first field trip

Shorewood's Recycling Committee is comprised of a group of resident volunteers who come up with various ways to educate the community about traditional and organics recycling. In August, the group organized a trip to the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community (SMSC) Organics Recycling Facility in Shakopee. Participants learned, and saw firsthand, how organic materials - like paper and food - from residential, commercial and municipal customers are processed into nutrient-rich compost that can be used for gardening, farming, landscaping and more.

Shorewood's Recycling Committee currently meets the fourth Tuesday of each month from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the Shorewood Community and Event Center. Anyone is welcome to join, and encouraged to bring their ideas for projects that may help to reduce the amount of waste going to landfills.

Future opportunities are communicated via email. To sign up, look for the Recycling News email list online at shorewoodMN.gov/SignUp

Recycling Pick-Up

Please have recycling carts curbside on recycling day no later than 7 a.m. 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. Shorewood service days are highlighted in blue.

Visit shorewoodMN.gov/Recycling

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 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

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Upcoming Meetings & Events

SEPTEMBER

Labor Day
 September 2, City Hall Closed

City Council Meeting
 September 9, 7 p.m. @ City Hall

Park Commission Meeting
 September 10, 7 p.m. @ City Hall

Planning Commission Meeting
 September 17, 7 p.m. @ City Hall

General Election Absentee Voting Begins September 20

City Council Meeting
 September 23, 7 p.m. @ City Hall

Recycling Committee Meeting
 September 24, 5:30 p.m. @ Shorewood Community & Event Center

Oktoberfest at Badger Park
 September 28, 2 p.m. @ Badger Park

OCTOBER

Planning Commission Meeting
 October 1, 7 p.m. @ City Hall

Excelsior Fire Prevention Open House & Safety Fair
 October 3, 5:30 p.m. @ Fire Station #1

Park Commission Meeting
 October 8, 7 p.m. @ City Hall

Indigenous Peoples' Day
 October 14, Public Works Closed

City Council Meeting
 October 15, 7 p.m. @ City Hall

Direct Balloting Period
 October 18-November 4

Recycling Committee Meeting
 October 22, 5:30 p.m. @ Shorewood Community & Event Center

City Council Meeting
 October 28, 7 p.m. @ City Hall