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Election Day is Tuesday, November 5

Voters will decide who will be the next President of the United States. Other key races on your ballot will include United States Senator, United States Representative, and Supreme Court Justices. In Minnesota, voters will decide local races, including county and city offices, and judicial seats. Shorewood residents will be voting for Mayor and two City Councilmembers.

Also, on the ballot in Minnesota, voters will decide on a Constitutional Amendment: Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Renewal. It is important to note that failure to vote on a constitutional amendment will have the same effect as voting no on the amendment.

Voting on Election Day

Polls are Open 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Shorewood residents vote at one of the following locations on Election Day:

- Precinct 1: Minnewashta Church, 26710 W 62nd Street
- Precinct 2: Shorewood Community & Event Center, 5735 Country Club Road
- Precinct 3: Excelsior Covenant Church, 19955 Excelsior Boulevard

Those who are eligible can register at the polls on Election Day. To learn more about registering to vote, check your registration, track a ballot, find your precinct, or look at a sample ballot, visit mnvotes.gov.

Winter Safety Reminders

Staff have been training and preparing equipment to get ready to maintain Shorewood streets this winter. The City is asking residents and businesses to do your part this winter season.

Parking: While the City does not have parking restrictions during the winter months, please keep streets clear of parked cars and recreational items.

Snowplows: Please use caution when driving around snowplows. Plow trucks are very large and have limited visibility, especially with winter conditions. Do not pass a plow through blinding snow and do not follow too closely. Children should not build snow forts next to or on the street. While it is fun, a plow driver cannot fully see children in these structures and it can lead to a very dangerous situation.

Adopt a fire hydrant: If you have a fire hydrant in your neighborhood, please make sure to clear a path to the hydrant and 3 feet around the hydrant. Removing snow around hydrants can save valuable time for firefighters during fire emergencies.

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Truth-in-Taxation 2025

On August 12 and on September 9, the City Council held work sessions to discuss the preliminary 2025 General Fund operating budget and property tax levy. The City Council adopted a 2025 preliminary budget and property tax levy at its September 23 meeting. The City then certified the 2025 property tax levy to Hennepin County in late September. In November, the County will send truth-in-taxation notices to property owners, showing proposed 2025 property taxes.

As part of its regularly scheduled City Council meeting on Monday December 9, the City Council will hold a truth-in-taxation public meeting on the proposed 2025 budget and property tax levy. The Council will adopt its final payable 2025 property tax levy and 2025 budget at the December 9 meeting and will certify the 2025 property tax levy to Hennepin County on or before December 28.

Overall proposed 2025 General Fund expenditures and transfers out are preliminarily budgeted at \$7,385,220, or a 13.9% increase from the 2024 General Fund budget. This includes two one-time transfers totaling \$550,000 for capital activity. Operating activity increased 5.4% over the 2024 General Fund budget.

General Fund 2025 revenues and transfers in are also preliminarily budgeted at \$7,385,220, or a 13.9% increase from the 2024 budget. This includes \$603,332 for public safety aid and transfers to capital funds. The increase is due to the proposed General Fund taxes increasing to cover 2025 expenditure increases. Property taxes account for 80.0% of the 2025 General Fund revenue budget and are increasing 4.7% over 2024 General Fund Property Taxes.

The City's 2025 overall preliminary property tax levy of \$7,593,570 is 6.7% higher than the 2024 total levy of \$7,115,274. The General Fund portion of the property tax levy is proposed to increase by \$478,296, or 4.7%, with all other non-General Fund tax levies (SCEC, capital and debt levies) budgeted to increase \$211,195, or 14.3%. The City's overall estimated market value increased by 3.4% from 2024 to 2025, including existing value increases and new construction. Based on a property tax capacity increase of 3.5%, the City is proposing to increase the estimated payable 2025 City tax rate by 0.714 from 22.359% in 2024 to 23.072% in 2025.

Property owners with no change in market values from payable 2024 to payable 2025 should experience an approximate 0.8% increase in the City portion of their overall property tax bill which would be estimated at \$7 for a \$400,000 valued home. In the event of a market value decrease or increase from payable 2024 to payable 2025, City property taxes would change proportionately.

Now Hiring! Community Center & Ice Rink Attendants

Attendants provide general services to guests and attend to the Shorewood Community & Event Center during events.

The ideal candidate is a customer service oriented individual who enjoys working independently during evening and weekend shifts in, at times, a fast-paced environment. Learn more and apply at shorewoodMN.gov/employment

Deer Management Program this November

The City is working with volunteer-based program Metro Area Bowhunters Resource Base (MBRB) for the City's deer management program this fall. Participating residents allow MBRB members to set up deer stands on their property. Stands are also set up in some parks and city properties. Deer have few predators in the area and this program helps manage the population. The final program weekend is November 15-17. If you have questions, please contact the planning department at 952-960-7900.

Rental Homes Need to be Licensed

A Rental Housing License is required to operate a rental dwelling in the City of Shorewood. The licensing process consists of inspection of the rental dwelling, a furnace test and a well water test (if applicable). Licenses are approved on a three-year basis and expire at the end of the third year. For example, all licenses issued in 2022 expire at the end of 2024. Landlords or property managers must submit the application form, fee, supplemental materials and complete a rental inspection before the end of the year. All inspections are in person. A reminder that short term rentals (anything under 30 days, such as Vrbo® or Airbnb) are not permitted in the City of Shorewood. Application and requirements can be found at shorewoodmn.gov/planning. To arrange a rental inspection, call City Hall at 952-960-7900.

Excelsior Fire District Hires First Full-Time Assistant Chief of Operations

Nate Basinger was recently hired as the first full-time Assistant Chief of Operations for Excelsior Fire District.

Assistant Chief Basinger has been the Assistant Chief as a paid-on-call member for the past year-and-a-half while



working as a construction project manager. He is excited for the opportunity to make the fire service his career and to continue working with Chief Mackey. We did a short interview with Assistant Chief Basinger in the June 2023 ShoreReport, when he first started with the district. This article is available to view at shorewoodMN.gov/ShoreReport

Making Sense of Local Government: Parks and Recreation

Have you ever watched the TV show “Parks and Recreation” and wondered if that’s how things actually work? While all the crazy stories don’t actually take place daily, there are some truths in the show! The Parks and Recreation Department plays an essential role in enhancing the quality of life for residents through both active and passive recreation opportunities. The City of Shorewood has seven parks, along with an extensive trail system and natural areas, that offer a variety of ways to stay active, healthy, and engaged with the community.

SPECIAL EVENTS Each year, the City hosts a number of special events that are free to the community. These events include Arctic Fever, Oktoberfest, Concert in the Park, and Movie in the Park. The goal is to provide fun, family-friendly activities that encourage community members of all ages to participate. There are also a handful of community engagement events that take place including Lucky’s Pots o’ Gold and Parks Bingo that provide an opportunity for the community to explore the parks on their own time. A sponsorship guide was recently launched to encourage local businesses to participate in these wonderful events while strengthening the community.

SHOREWOOD COMMUNITY & EVENT CENTER The Shorewood Community & Event Center (SCEC) is also managed by our Parks and Recreation Department. This building is home to South Shore Senior Partners, a local non-profit group that aims to engage those who are 55 years and older in a variety of activities and special events. The SCEC also hosts a number of special events including wedding receptions, birthday parties, business meetings, conferences, and more year round. There are three rooms available for rent, and discounted rates are available to residents of Shorewood!

PARKS & THE PARK COMMISSION The City of Shorewood has seven beautiful parks that offer opportunities to stay active in a number of ways. From playing soccer at the Freeman Park soccer fields, to biking on one of the many trails, to ice skating on Manor Pond in the winter, or going down the giant slide at Silverwood Park, there is an activity for you to enjoy! Park shelters are available to rent throughout the park system and are a great way to host an outdoor picnic, birthday party, or friends and family gathering. The athletic fields in the parks also allow our partnered athletic associations to hold games, practices, and tournaments. The Park Commission serves as an advisory board to help shape the city parks to serve the needs of all residents.

PARK MAINTENANCE The Public Works Department is primarily responsible for maintaining our parks and keeping them in good condition. Public Works works closely with the Parks and Recreation Department to ensure our parks and natural spaces are meeting the needs of the community. Public Works puts extensive effort in maintaining invasive species, completing routine park maintenance, and assisting with special events, all while managing the city streets, sewer, and other infrastructure.



Grab your skates and hit the ice rinks this winter!

The City of Shorewood has ice rinks with warming houses located at Cathcart Park and Manor Park. Weather permitting, the ice rink season runs from late December until mid February. For ice updates, visit shorewoodMN.gov/rinks

Warming house hours:

Monday - Friday: 4:00 p.m - 9:00 p.m.
 Saturday: 11:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
 Sunday: 12:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

City Hall accepting toy and food donations for holidays

City Hall serves as a collection site for new, unwrapped toys and gifts for children and teens, and non-perishable food items. All gifts are donated to ResourceWest for the annual toy chest program, and food items are donated to ICA Food Shelf. These services both serve the Shorewood community. Please drop off items in the bins at City Hall during regular business hours (M-F 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.) now through December 5. For a wish list, questions, or if you know a family who may benefit from these programs, visit resourcewest.org or icafoodshelf.org for more information.



Recycle holiday lights at City Hall year-round. Look for the drop-off bin at City Hall.

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). Shorewood service weeks are highlighted in blue. 2025 calendar available at shorewoodMN.gov/Recycling

NOVEMBER

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DECEMBER

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To report road, park, and other non-emergency City concerns online, visit shorewoodMN.gov/SeeClickFix

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NOVEMBER

Saturday Voting Hours
 November 2, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., City Hall

Pumpkin Drop
 November 3, 12-2 p.m., South Shore Community Park

Sunday Voting Hours
 November 3, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., City Hall

Extended Voting Hours
 November 4, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., City Hall

General Election
 November 5, 7 a.m.-8 p.m.

Veterans Day
 November 11, City Hall Closed

**City Council Meeting:
 Election Canvas Meeting**
 November 12, 7 p.m., City Hall

Recycling Committee Meeting
 November 19, 5:30 p.m., Shorewood Community & Event Center

Planning Commission Meeting
 November 19, 7 p.m., City Hall

City Council Meeting
 November 25, 7 p.m., City Hall

Park Commission Meeting
 November 26, 7 p.m., City Hall

Thanksgiving Day
 November 28, City Hall Closed

Day After Thanksgiving
 November 29, City Hall Closed

DECEMBER

Planning Commission Meeting
 December 3, 7 p.m., City Hall

**City Council Meeting:
 Truth-in-Taxation Hearing**
 December 9, 7 p.m., City Hall

Park Commission Meeting
 December 10, 7 p.m., City Hall

Christmas Eve
 December 24, 12 p.m., City Hall Closed

Christmas Day
 December 25, City Hall Closed

FREE!

Tai Chi Demos
NOVEMBER 6
 11:30 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

Try Tai Chi before signing up for the full classes when they resume in February. Registration is required for this free class at shorewoodMN.gov/register

January 17 & 18, 2025

Arctic Fever

FREE WINTER FUN FOR ALL AGES!

JAN
17

friday

5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Kick-Off Party

Shorewood Community & Event Center
5735 Country Club Road, Shorewood

Join us for food, beverages, and a variety of family friendly activities to get Arctic Fever started! Participants will have the opportunity to cast their vote for their favorite coloring contest entry (see back of flyer for more info).

JAN
18

saturday

10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Winter Activities

Freeman Park
6000 Eureka Road, Shorewood

Minnetonka Community Education's Winter Chase begins at 10:00 a.m. at Freeman Park. Join us from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for sleigh rides, llamas, and other winter activities!

Volunteers Needed!

Learn more & sign up shorewoodmn.gov/register
Questions? parksandrec@shorewoodmn.gov

Pre-registration required



Visit MinnetonkaCommunityEd.org to learn more.

ARCTIC FEVER 2025 COLORING CONTEST - Enter for a chance to have your art printed on next year's materials!

Color and drop off by Tuesday, December 31 at 4:30 p.m. to the Shorewood Community & Event Center, 5735 Country Club Road, Shorewood. Entries will be displayed in the Shorewood Community and Event Center. During the Arctic Fever Kick-Off Party on January 17, attendees will vote on their favorite. The winning entry will have their art printed on Arctic Fever 2026 materials. Entries will remain on display at the Shorewood Community & Event Center until January 31, 2025.



Artist's Name _____ Age _____