



Photo: "Aurora" by Judy Englund. This photo was submitted for Shorewood's photo contest. To learn more about how you can submit your photos for the 2025 photo contest, visit shorewoodMN.gov/photocontest.

Planning and Park Commissioner Openings

Applications are currently being accepted for Park and Planning Commissioners, with terms beginning in March of 2025. Applications are due January 31, 2025. Learn more about each commission below. To apply, visit shorewoodMN.gov/boards-commissions. For more information, please contact City Hall at 952-960-7900.

Park Commission

The Park Commission is responsible for advising the City Council in matters relevant to parks, natural resources, recreation functions, and the community center.

Planning Commission

The Planning Commission serves as an advisory board to the City Council by making recommendations regarding commercial site plans, subdivisions, conditional use permits, planning, zoning, and sign regulations, and other planning-related items.

2025 Mill & Overlay

Staff is preparing a Pavement Management Plan that will assist the City in efficiently maintaining and prioritizing its pavement maintenance with the goal of guiding the maintenance for the next 5 years and beyond. The initial step in this process was identifying which streets to include in the 2025 Mill & Overlay, which are anticipated to include: Orchard Circle, Sylvan Lane, Smithtown Circle, Eureka Road-north, Shorewood Oaks area, Boulder Bridge area, and portions of Country Club Road, Wild Rose Lane, and Yellowstone Trail. Road construction will begin in Spring 2025. Sign up to receive email updates at shorewoodMN.gov/SignUp.

What is mill and overlay?

As a cost-effective method of prolonging the life of an aging pavement, "mill and overlay" refers to a road maintenance technique in which the top layer of existing asphalt is first removed using a milling machine (the "mill") and then replaced with a new layer of asphalt (the "overlay), creating a smoother surface and effectively resurfacing the road without a complete reconstruction.

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Have you renewed your dog license(s) for 2025?
shorewoodMN.gov/services

Making Sense of Local Government: Implementing the Comprehensive Plan

In 2023, the Metropolitan Council completed their review of Shorewood's 2040 Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan establishes general land use and infrastructure plans for the city within the larger metro area. The comprehensive plan provides long term guidance for development and investment in Shorewood, but it is only part of the process. The next step in the process is implementing the objectives in the comprehensive plan using a variety of different tools. The most important tools are the City's zoning and subdivision ordinances, including the zoning map, and state law requires these tools to be consistent with the comprehensive plan. These ordinances provide specific details about how parcels can be used and developed. The zoning maps identify specific areas where the ordinances apply.

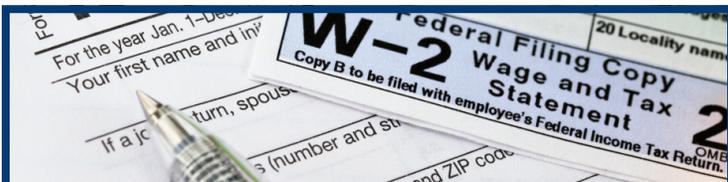
Currently the City is reviewing and updating its land use ordinances and zoning map to align with the Comprehensive Plan. Some zoning districts are planned to be amended, certain properties will be proposed for rezoning, and some regulations, such as grading standards and protections for steep slopes, need to be updated.

In December, the City amended the only high density zoning district and applied it to three parcels along County Road 19 guided for high density development in the 2040 Comprehensive Plan. Additional ordinance modifications and rezonings are planned in 2025 for medium- and lower-density areas. The Planning Commission will review all proposed ordinances and zoning changes at their meetings and take public comment on the proposals before preparing a recommendation to the City Council. Residents can participate by reviewing proposals, attending public meetings and submitting input for consideration by the Planning Commission and City Council. Sign up for automatic notices of Commission meetings and agendas on the City's website. The Comprehensive Plan is available to view and download on the Planning Department webpage on the City's website.



Excelsior Fire District Adds Electric Bikes to Fleet

To help save lives, Excelsior Fire District has some brand-new, unexpected equipment that is only used by a small number of fire units throughout the state – electric bikes! Two electric bicycles have been added to the Excelsior Fire District's inventory of firefighting vehicles. "Our goal is to respond as quickly as possible," Excelsior Fire District Chief Curt Mackey stated. Critical equipment is installed on the bikes to provide life-saving assistance. The purpose of the bikes is to reach areas that are difficult for conventional fire equipment to reach, like people during large public gatherings. According to Chief Mackey, "it's a really powerful way to get in and out of tight spaces." The bikes will be used all year round and cost \$5,000 each. They were donated by the Excelsior Morning Rotary Club.



AARP Tax-Aide Appointments

The Shorewood AARP Foundation Tax-Aide provides tax assistance to anyone, free of charge, with a focus on taxpayers who are over 50 and have low to moderate income. You don't need to be an AARP member to use the service. **Appointments will be on Thursdays at the Shorewood Community & Event Center starting February 13.** The tax appointment line will start taking appointments Monday, January 27th until all appointments are full. Please call 952-960-7923 to secure your spot!



SOUTH LAKE SAFETY CAMP

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION!

January 16 - May 31, 2025



shorewoodMN.gov/register

South Lake Safety Camp is back August 13, 2025. Join our South Lake safety crew learning the ins and outs of fire, water, personal, and bike safety in a fun day camp environment right here in Shorewood! Secure your spot and save \$5 off registration if you register before May 31.

2025 City Budget

Shorewood City Council approved the preliminary 2025 City Budget at the December 9, 2024, City Council Meeting. The 2025 budget includes a net tax levy certification for taxes payable in 2025 in the amount of \$7,593,570. This equates to a 6.7% increase from last year. The 2025 levy is estimated to result in an increase for the average homeowners' taxes in 2025 of \$7, or 0.8% (for no change in assessed value). The City's tax base value is expected to increase approximately 3.4% including existing value increases and new construction. This would equate to an increase in the estimated City Tax Rate from 22.359% to 23.072% which is an increase of 0.714 in the estimated tax rate.

The **General Fund** reflects a projected revenue stream of \$7,385,220 – an increase of 15.8% over the projected 2024 revenue stream. The 2025 General Fund budget is funded primarily from ad valorem taxes (property taxes in proportion to the value). The General Fund operating expenditures are expected to increase 15.8% in 2025 to \$7,385,220. This includes two one-time transfers totaling \$550,000 for capital activity. Operating activity increased 7.1% over the 2024 General Fund budget.

The City's **Special Revenue Fund** is the Shorewood Community and Event Center (SCEC). The levy support for this fund has a levy increase of \$17,000 to create a balanced budget with 66% levy support. This budget reflects an increase of \$12,893, which is mainly personnel costs of \$17,096, and capital outlay is reflected at \$21,000.

Debt Service Funds are used for the collection of ad valorem taxes and revenues from other sources for the payment of principal, interest and fiscal agent fees of general obligation bonds. The debt service levy is proposed at \$1,095,957. This is an increase of \$107,695 from 2024 fiscal year.

Capital Project Funds include the Park Improvement Fund, the Equipment Replacement Capital Fund, the Street Improvement Projects Fund, and the Municipal State Aid Street Improvement Fund. Budgeted expenditures for these funds are detailed and included in the 2025-2034 Capital Improvement Plan. The Park Improvement Fund budget includes a \$150,000 transfer in 2025 as well as a Property Tax Levy increase of \$7,000 for 2025. The Equipment Replacement Capital Fund budget includes a transfer of

\$400,000 and the Property Tax Levy increase of \$37,000 in 2025. The Street Improvement Capital Fund is supported by Property Tax Levy, Municipal State Aid (MSA) Funds, and Bond Proceeds. The 2025 CIP reflects \$798,000 in street projects to be funded through the Street Improvement Fund. The property tax levy of \$170,500 is 55% of the \$310,000 pavement maintenance.

The Municipal State Aid (MSA) Street Improvement Capital Fund is supported by the MSA Street program and is administered through the State of Minnesota's Department of Transportation. There are two projects within the CIP that qualify for the utilization of MSA dollars. There is 10% of the Eureka Road project that does not meet the criteria for MSA dollars as some drainage and work outside of the right-of-way does not qualify for this funding. The Mill Street Trail ROW project led by the County will also qualify for this funding in 2025.

Annually, the City Council will adopt the 10-year **Capital Improvement Plan** (CIP). The CIP lists major capital improvements, and the sources to pay for them. It includes activity of the SCEC, capital project funds, and enterprise funds activity. There are \$3,963,500 projects for 2025 and a total of \$31,228,910 for projects across the next five years.

Enterprise Funds include the Water, Sanitary Sewer, Stormwater Management, and Recycling funds. Included within these budgets are capital expenses to fund the utility portion of street projects, and other utility infrastructure projects. These improvement projects are detailed in the 2025-2034 Capital Improvement Plan. The Water Fund has planned increases in the base rates and consumption rates included in 2025. The water rates have a projected need to increase the base fee by 10.0%, or \$7.94 per quarter for the average residential customer. The sanitary sewer rate will increase by 16%, or \$19.78 per quarter. Stormwater rates are to increase 8%, or \$3.22 per quarter. The 2025 rate would be \$43.49 per residential equivalent factor (REF). These increases are needed to assist with the cost of additional regulations for water quality for stormwater systems imposed by the State of Minnesota. A \$2 rate increase in recycling fees will offset the 15% increase in recycling/organic contractual services.

More detailed information and supporting documents and charts can be found online at shorewoodMN.gov/citybudget.

How Property Tax Dollars Buy City Services

The cost of City services for the owner of a single-family home in Shorewood with the assessed value of \$400,000 is \$72.55 per month for 2024. Here is what that \$72.55 per month pays for:



Public Safety

\$23.05 / month



General Government

\$16.95 / month



Public Works & Engineering

\$13.18 / month



Street/Trail Reconstruction

\$11.38 / month



Parks & Recreation

\$6.68 / month



Facilities, Vehicles & Equipment

\$1.31 / month

City of Shorewood Communication Tools

The City of Shorewood uses a variety of tools to help keep community members informed about City services, issues, and events. Learn more about some of these tools below.

Website & Social Media

Communications staff develop and maintain the City’s website, working with city departments to post updates. They also maintain the City’s social media sites such as Facebook, Instagram and X, and provide city posts on Nextdoor.

Notify Me®

Stay up-to-date with general news and information from the City of Shorewood by subscribing to Notify Me® email and text notifications via the city website’s Notify Me® feature. By signing up, you can receive automatic notifications for: Calendar Events, News Flash notifications, and website Alerts.

News Flash

News Flash (news articles found on the website home page) informs residents of what is happening in and around Shorewood. Web users have the option to sign up for notifications or changes to news articles that are posted on the website via email and text messages through Notify Me®.

Email Lists & Electronic Newsletters

The City of Shorewood regularly sends emails to inform community members about news and provide updates relating to various topics, such as city projects, agenda packets, and events. You can subscribe to all email lists or choose by topics of interest.

ShoreReport

Each household in Shorewood receives a printed newsletter in the mail called the ShoreReport. It includes news articles, event and meeting calendars, and important information. The ShoreReport is published every other month and is available online in addition to print. If you have not received the ShoreReport, sign up to be added to the mailing list and the ShoreReport email list.

Other Publications

A wide variety of print materials, such as flyers and postcards, are produced by city staff and project partners. Many items are mailed directly to homes to keep residents informed of important citywide events or included as links and downloads throughout the City’s website.

Visit the City’s website to sign up for the latest city news, meeting information and other updates at shorewoodMN.gov/communications.



New Website Tool to Report Non-Emergencies

Citizen Request Tracker™ (CRT™) is used as a reporting and tracking tool to report problems and concerns in the City of Shorewood. CRT™ serves as a tool to report non-emergencies, such as incidents with trees, vandalism, and potholes. Once a request is submitted, it gets routed to City staff. All progress on an incident is tracked through each user’s CRT™ portal. To get started, visit shorewoodMN.gov/report.

How to Report a City-Related Emergency

A telephone call is the quickest way to alert city staff about urgent matters.

Sanitary Sewer & Water

Emergency Phone: 952-292-7023

Street, Stormwater, & Trees

Emergency Phone: 952-292-2968

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 is available at shorewoodMN.gov/recycling

JANUARY						
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FEBRUARY						
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23	24	25	26	27	28	

■ Holiday - Service is delayed by one day if your collection is on or after the holiday ■ Recycling

LUCKY'S POTS O' GOLD

Lucky the Leprechaun will be hiding his pots of gold in Shorewood Parks starting March 1!

Explore your neighborhood parks and make your own luck by spotting a green pot of gold. Take a selfie with the pot and submit it to parksandrec@shorewoodmn.gov before Monday, March 17. Then stop by the Shorewood Community & Event Center (M-F 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.) to pick up your share of the gold (one per participant)! Each entry will be entered into a drawing for a gift card. Remember, the luck is believing you're lucky!

shorewoodMN.gov/LuckysGold



Community Garden Registration

Community garden registration for returning gardeners is open January 6-March 9. New gardener registration opens March 10-May 1. Shorewood Community Gardens can be found at Freeman Park South (6000 Eureka Road) and Southshore Park (5355 St. Albans Bay Road). Visit the City's website at shorewoodMN.gov for more information.

WARMING HOUSES & ICE RINKS

Cathcart Park
26655 W 62nd St
Hockey boards

Manor Park
20630 Manor Rd
Free skate on pond

Dec-Feb

Ice rink season runs from late December until mid February, weather permitting.

952-960-7902

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



Scan for updates

For more info, visit shorewoodMN.gov/rinks

Name a Shorewood SNOWPLOW



Arctic Fever

Submit ideas at the kick-off event on January 17

Shorewood's First Annual Name a Snowplow Contest! Bring your best names to name Shorewood's Plow to the Arctic Fever Kick-Off night on January 17. Submitted names will be posted for voting on the city website from January 20- January 31. Winning names will get the opportunity to have their picture taken with their named snowplow and enjoy a ride in the plow. Cast your vote at shorewoodMN.gov/vote



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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-emergencies city concerns online, visit shorewoodMN.gov/report

The ShoreReport is the City of Shorewood's bimonthly newsletter. For more information on city events, activities, and news, visit our website at shorewoodMN.gov

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JANUARY

New Years Day
 January 1, City Hall Closed

Planning Commission Meeting
 January 7, 7 p.m., City Hall

City Council Meeting
 January 13, 7 p.m., City Hall/Virtual

Park Commission Meeting
 January 14, 7 p.m., City Hall

Arctic Fever
 January 17-18
 Visit arcticfever.net for details

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
 January 20, City Hall Closed

City Council Meeting
 January 27, 7 p.m., City Hall/Virtual

FEBRUARY

Planning Commission Meeting
 February 4, 7 p.m., City Hall

City Council Meeting
 February 10, 7 p.m., City Hall/Virtual

Park Commission Meeting
 February 11, 7 p.m., City Hall

Presidents' Day
 February 17, City Hall Closed

City Council Meeting
 February 24, 7 p.m., City Hall/Virtual

2025 Arctic Fever

Presented by Lucky's Station

January 17 5:30-7:30 p.m. BADGER PARK	January 18 10 a.m.-1 p.m. FREEMAN PARK
Kick-Off Party and activities for all ages!	Winter Chase, dog sleds, llamas and more!

Sponsored by Bolton & Menk
 Real People. Real Solutions.

City of Shorewood **ArcticFever.net**

FREEMAN PARK

WINTER CHASE

January 18 | 10-11 AM

Visit MinnetonkaCommunityEd.org to learn more.