



2022 Fall/Winter Shorewood Photo Contest entry. See page 3 for 2025 Shorewood Photo Contest Details.

Fall Street Sweeping Begins Mid-October

Street sweeping of all 50 miles of city streets will begin in mid-October and will take approximately 5-6 weeks to complete. If you see the sweeper in your area, please move parked vehicles off the street so that the crew can sweep the entire street. Street sweeping removes sediment, leaves/vegetation, vehicle debris/waste and litter from the street and prevents the waste from getting into catch basins, ponds, lakes and rivers. Street sweeping is required by the City's stormwater permit and is performed once in the spring and once in the fall.

2025 Mill & Overlay Complete

Final paving for all streets included in the 2025 mill and overlay were complete in August. Final restoration work may continue through September. Please contact Resident Project Representative Lauren Schmidt at 651-421-0995 for any follow up questions or to report concerns.

Ash Tree Removals in Freeman Park

The City of Shorewood, in coordination with Hennepin County, is removing dead ash trees in Freeman Park due to the emerald ash borer (EAB). The removals are necessary to protect public safety, reduce the spread of EAB, and begin long-term efforts to restore a healthy and resilient urban forest. We anticipate removal efforts in Freeman Park to take 12-18 months to complete. We appreciate residents' patience with removal efforts as park trails will be closed where tree removal efforts are occurring.

The City of Shorewood plans to develop a reforestation plan that will include replanting trees in Freeman Park with more diverse species to improve long-term forest health and canopy coverage. If you have any questions, please contact the City at 952-960-7913.

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2026 City Budget Update

As in years past, there will be several budget work sessions over the next several months, during which we will review the various City funds, discuss the proposed property tax levy and tax rate, review tax impacts on properties, update the 10-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), and update the Fee Schedule, etc.

The first two work sessions consisted of goal setting, discussing the schedule and process, and seeking direction from the Council on initiatives and expectations for the 2026 budget, and then review of the long-term financial management plan. Personnel, fees, and franchise fees were discussed at the City Council Work Session on July 28.

The public is invited to participate in City Council meetings where the budget is discussed. Residents can also contact council members or City staff directly to provide their input. During each budget work session, a dedicated time slot is provided for public feedback. This offers a chance to engage in direct dialogue with city officials and council members.

Work sessions are held on the second and fourth Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at Shorewood City Hall, unless noted otherwise on the City's website. Please see the calendar below for upcoming meetings where the budget will be discussed.

- **Monday, September 8 (City Council Meeting):** City Council approves preliminary 2026 Budget, sets proposed 2026 Tax Levy, and establishes Budget Hearing Date. Adopt 2026 fee ordinances and fee schedule.
- **Monday, September 22 (City Council Budget Work Session #6):** 2026-2035 Capital Improvement Plan and Debt Service Funds.

Detailed budget information will be available to view on the City's website on both the Agenda web page and the City Budget web page.

In addition to public comments during work sessions, residents may schedule one-one-one appointments with the Finance Director or City Administrator. Appointments can be made Tuesdays between 12-3 p.m. or Wednesdays between 7-11 a.m., alternative times can be made available if needed. Please call Jeanne Schmuck at 952-960-7903 to schedule a time.

Receive a Credit on Your Next Utility Bill

The City of Shorewood offers rebates for the purchase of WaterSense® certified toilets, smart irrigation controllers and irrigation spray sprinkler heads, as well as Energy Star® labeled clothes and dishwashers. Residents can submit a rebate application along with copies of receipts and photos of installed products to receive money back in the form of a utility bill credit on the City's website at shorewoodmn.gov/rebates.

Water Efficiency Rebates are made possible through support from the Metropolitan Council and the Clean Water & Land Legacy Amendment.

Storing Recreational Vehicles & Equipment for Winter

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.

Deer Management Program

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 to hunt deer on their property using bows. Stands are also set up in some parks and city properties. Deer have few predators in the area and this program helps manage their population.

The program weekends are October 10-12, October 24-26, and November 15-17. If you have questions or are interested in volunteering your property, please contact the Planning Department at 952-960-7900.

New Agenda Management Software is Coming to Shorewood

This fall, the City will be introducing new agenda management software to our website. This new software will make meeting information more accessible, improve accessibility for residents, and significantly reduce the need for printed materials. Changes to the agenda center on the City's website will be communicated via email and the November-December issue of the ShoreReport. If you have questions about this software or need assistance in finding meeting agenda items in the transition, please contact City Hall at cityhall@shorewoodmn.gov or 952-960-7900.

Events & Activities

Oktoberfest

📅 Saturday, September 27 ⌚ 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

📍 Badger Park, 5745 Country Club Road

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 inflatables, face painting, balloon twisting, and more!

Once activities conclude at Badger Park, head across the street to the Excelsior American Legion Post 259 for live music, German food, beverages, and more family activities.

Volunteer With Us

Volunteers are the key to making our events successful. Responsibilities range from assisting with setup, monitoring activities, assisting with parking, preparing snacks, and more. We're sure to have a role that you'd enjoy! Sign up to volunteer at shorewoodmn.gov/volunteer.

This event is in partnership with Excelsior American Legion Post 259, and Excelsior Morning Rotary.

Winter Warm Wear Program Now Accepting Donations Through October 3

Each year, ResourceWest provides winter gear to children, ages 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 now through October 3. 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. Visit ResourceWest.org to learn more.



Pumpkin Stop, Drop & Roll

📅 Saturday, November 8 ⌚ 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

📍 South Shore Park, 5335 St. Alban's Bay Road

Stop by Shorewood's Organics Drop-off Site at South Shore Park on Saturday November 8, to **drop** your post-Halloween jack-o'-lanterns to break into pieces. Before giving your pumpkin a toss, **roll** your pumpkin to compete in lawn bowling for your chance at a prize!

Shorewood's Recycling Committee is teaming up with volunteers to provide this 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. In addition to dropping off pumpkins, you may also drop off unwanted string lights to be recycled and gently used winter coats to be donated, all in efforts to reduce, reuse and recycle. Learn more about this event at shorewoodmn.gov/pumpkindrop.



Photo by Scott McGinnis

Excelsior Fire District Fire Prevention Open House and Safety Fair

📅 Thursday, October 2 ⌚ 5:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

📍 Fire Station No. 1, 24100 Smithtown Road

The Open House is a fun filled evening for kids of all ages and adults. The evening is packed with fire and life safety activities, exhibits, and demonstrations. This is a FREE educational event that has an array of opportunities, including fire truck rides, live firefighter skill demonstrations, a fishing pond, door prizes, and dinner!

Park and Ride Service is available 4:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Pick up is at Excelsior Elementary School West Entrance (Door 2W2), 441 Oak Street. Drop Off at the front of Station No. 1.

Summit Companies will also be providing convenient fire extinguisher services for businesses and homeowners. Re-chargeable fire extinguisher inspection and tagging is ONLY \$10.00 per extinguisher! Open house exclusive-fire extinguishers will be for sale at reduced prices. FREE Fire Extinguisher Recycling will also be available. For more info, visit excelsiorfire.org.

Submit Your Photos for the 2025 Shorewood Community Photo Contest

This year, the City is hosting a photo contest with all NEW categories, including animals, events, nature, recreation and lifestyle, showcasing Shorewood, and a category just for youth! Individuals of all ages who either reside, work, or go to school in Shorewood are encouraged to submit photos they captured while in Shorewood during any season throughout 2025. Photos will be evaluated based on creativity, composition, and expression of the category. Deadline for submission is December 31, 2025. For official rules and to submit your photo(s), visit shorewoodmn.gov/photocontest.



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To report road, park, and other non-emergency 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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September

Labor Day
 September 1, City Offices Closed

Planning Commission Meeting
 September 2, 7 p.m., City Hall

City Council Work Session
 September 8, 5:30 p.m., City Hall

City Council Meeting
 September 8, 7 p.m., City Hall/Virtual

City Council Work Session
 September 22, 5:30 p.m., City Hall

City Council Meeting
 September 22, 7 p.m., City Hall/Virtual

Park Commission Meeting
 September 23, 7 p.m., City Hall

Oktoberfest
 September 27, 1 p.m., Badger Park

October

Excelsior Fire District Fire Prevention Safety Fair & Open House
 October 2, 5:30 p.m., Station #1

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

Indigenous Peoples' Day
 October 13, Public Works Closed

City Council Work Session
 October 14, 5:30 p.m., City Hall

City Council Meeting
 October 14, 7 p.m., City Hall/Virtual

City Council Work Session
 October 27, 5:30 p.m., City Hall

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

Park Commission Meeting
 October 28, 7 p.m., City Hall

Recycling Pick-Up Schedule

Please have recycling carts curbside on recycling day by 7 a.m. Recycling is collected every other week on Wednesday (for mainland) and Thursday (for islands). Service weeks are highlighted in blue.

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