

# Shore Report

News for Residents of the City of Shorewood

## Important Dates

- 10/8 7 p.m.  
Park Commission meeting
- 10/14  
Public works closed for Columbus Day
- 10/15 7 p.m.  
City Council meeting
- 10/22 7 p.m.  
Planning Comm. meeting
- 10/25 5:30-7:30 p.m.  
Oktoberfest
- 10/28 7 p.m.  
City Council meeting

## Sign up for eNews

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## SeeClickFix Reporting System

Residents may report non-emergency city issues with the new online or mobile SeeClickFix reporting system. See the city web site to report or for mobile app downloads.

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## highlights

- Yard Waste • Recycling P.2
- Community Center P.3
- Oktoberfest • Shredding Insert

## Winter wear collection at city hall

City hall is a drop off site for new/gently used coats, snowpants, and boots, and new mittens or gloves for children ages newborn to 18. Donated items are given to ResourceWest, the local resource center that provides winter clothing to area families in need.

Please drop off donations during regular

business hours, Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., through Friday, October 25.

If you have questions or know a family who might be in need of winter clothing, please contact ResourceWest at 952.933.3860. For more information online, go to [www.resourcewest.org](http://www.resourcewest.org).

## Municipal utility price increase

A reminder that in March the city council approved an increase in utility rates effective on the October utility bill for water, sanitary sewer and storm water. The water and sewer rates have not kept up with operating costs over the past several years. After an analysis of rates, staff recommended a series of increases over a ten year period to bring the funds up to cover costs. Storm sewer had been raised previously, so will not have to be raised to the same level.

Complete details on price increases was in the March Shore Report newsletter available from the city website, [www.ci.shorewood.mn.us/ShoreReport](http://www.ci.shorewood.mn.us/ShoreReport). Call city hall at 952.960.7900 with questions or billing issues.



## Dogs in public spaces must be leashed

The city has a leash law requiring dogs on public trails, sidewalks, the Southwest LRT Regional trail, along any public right-of-way (streets and roadways), or in any city parks to be on a leash of 6-feet or less at all times. Voice command is not an option for pets on public properties.

If you are in a public space in Shorewood and see an off-leash pet, please contact animal control at 952.258.5321. All animal bites should be reported immediately to animal control.

A complete copy of Ordinance 701 is available at city hall, or online at [www.ci.shorewood.mn.us/pets](http://www.ci.shorewood.mn.us/pets).



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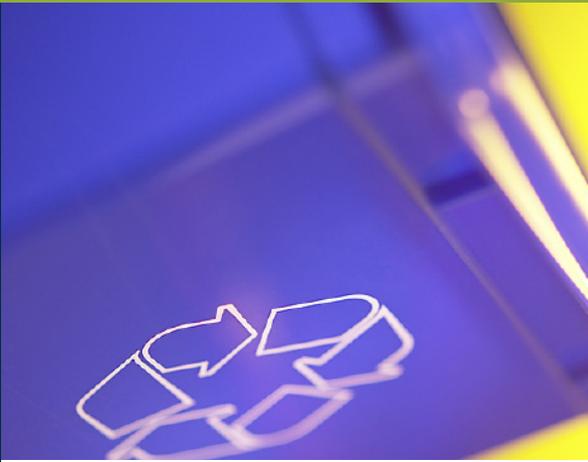
## City right-of-way

The public right-of-way is the area on, below, or above a public roadway, highway, street, cart way, bicycle lane or public sidewalk in which the city has an interest, including other dedicated rights-of-way for travel purposes and utility easements of the city. In Shorewood, rights-of-way for local streets can vary in width from 66 feet to as narrow as 50 feet. The non-driving area is important because that area is typically designated for utilities to install services that serve adjacent properties (electric, natural gas, phone, etc.) and provides snow storage for winter plowing.

The non-driving portion of the right-of-way is important for public safety and maintaining the streets. The city allows two private features to be put in the right-of-way without a permit: mailboxes and landscaping. Landscaping must be vegetative only and remain under three feet high. Keeping the right-of-way free of boulders and other obstructions reduces the number of potential problems for plowing, and reduces the risk/severity of damage or injury in the event of an accident.

Installing any portion of a sprinkler system in the right-of-way requires submittal of a survey showing the location of the sprinkler system in the right-of-way and the approval of the City Engineer. If approved, the application waives any rights to recover damages occurring as a result of the city's performance of public duties within the right-of-way.

For more information, contact the city, or go to the city website, [www.ci.shorewood.mn.us/ROW](http://www.ci.shorewood.mn.us/ROW)



## Recycle on the go

You recycle at home, but how often are you at home? Most of us are always on the go—running errands, at school or work, taking a vacation. That does not mean recycling cannot continue. It just takes a plan.

### Work or school

If your workplace or school does not have recycling, ask if you can start a program. Often the city or county can assist you in starting a program away from home. If you cannot start a program, keep a bag

by your desk or in your backpack specifically for recyclables that you can take home.

### In the car

Keep a box or bag in the back of the car to collect recyclables that you use. Reduce waste when running errands by having a reusable coffee cup or water bottle to eliminate the need for disposables and bring a bag.

### On vacation

Ask your hotel if they recycle, or

call the city you are visiting and ask about drop off options. If there are no options, see if you have room in your bag to take home your recyclables.

Don't forget to pack a reusable cup and water bottle.

For more on recycling go to [www.ci.shorewood.mn.us/recycling](http://www.ci.shorewood.mn.us/recycling).



## Clean grass and leaves from the street

Keeping your leaves and lawn clippings out of the streets and gutters prevent clogging of the storm sewers and have significant benefits for local lakes and streams.

### Leaves

When the leaves fall, many residents choose to use a leaf blower to gather the leaves and other tree debris from yards, driveways and sidewalks. It is unlawful to blow this debris into city roadways. Please collect your yard waste and dispose of properly. Disposal options are on the city website, [www.ci.shorewood.mn.us/yardwaste](http://www.ci.shorewood.mn.us/yardwaste).

### Grass

When mowing your lawn, make the first few passes with the lawnmower blowing the grass clippings into the lawn not the street. If there are grass clippings on the street or sidewalk, use a broom or leaf blower to blow them back into the lawn. Do not use a hose to wash them into the street or storm drains.

Adopt a neighborhood storm drain at [www.adopt-a-drain.org](http://www.adopt-a-drain.org).



## Fire Prevention Open House and Safety Fair

Thursday, October 3, 2019

5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

EFD Station No. 1, Shorewood

All ages enjoy the annual open house at Excelsior Fire District. A free hot dog dinner is provided. There are displays and demonstrations, activities, and fire truck rides for all ages.

Bring your old fire extinguishers for recycling. Extinguisher tagging and inspections are also available.





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## COMMUNITY & EVENT CENTER

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[www.southshore-center.org](http://www.southshore-center.org)

### A Trip Out of This World!

Wednesday, October 9th at 11:00 am

Fascinating power point presentation given by Tom and Mary Vande Hei about their astronaut son, Mark, and his voyage to the International Space Station.

This is a free program Call the center to register 952.474.7635



#### Driver Improvement Class

##### First Time Class

Saturday, October 19

8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Call MN Safety Center to sign up, 1.800.234.1294.

#### Flu Shot

Friday, Oct. 11

9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Call the center to register for your flu shot! Most insurance accepted.

#### Closet Organizing Workshop

Tuesday, Oct. 15

7 - 8:30 p.m.

Fall into a more functional Clothes Closet. Local Professional Organizer, Michele Dudley, with Reystone Organization, will offer tips to refresh your closets and create breathing space. Save time in your morning routine, by getting organized! Call the center at 952.474.7635 to register. Free

#### Happy Feet

Monday, October 21

Appointments: 763.560.5136

Age: 55+

Clients who regularly receive nursing foot care express an increased sense of comfort and well-being. Care includes foot soak, foot massage, care for corns, calluses or problem nails. Make your appointment today.

#### Chair Fitness

Wednesdays, 10-10:30 a.m.

\$6 per class

This class addresses the needs and challenges of those in need of the stabilizing safety of a chair during workouts. Light weights, stretching and music will be incorporated into the workout.

#### Line Dancing!

Wednesdays, 1 p.m., Ages: All

Join the fun and burn some calories as you tone your body and your brain in this one hour class. Call the center to register

#### Fitness Class

Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 8:30 a.m.

**\$6 per class or purchase a discount package with monthly sign up at class**

Ages: 55+

This program, designed for active adults, uses low impact exercises to get your heart pumping! Exercises can be adapted for all levels of fitness and physical ability.

#### Cribbage

Tuesdays, 1 p.m.

Interested in Playing Cribbage? Call the center 952.474.7635 to sign-up

**NEW!**

#### Busy Bee Quilters

Monday and Wednesday

9 a.m.-12 p.m.; Ages: All

Have a great time sharing personal quilt projects, helping each other, and making various service projects. For more information, call Linda, 952.475.1430.

#### Woodcarving

Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m.; Ages: All

Have you thought of woodcarving as a hobby or already carve? Stop in and join this community of carvers. Learn how or carve and share your knowledge. No fees or sign up necessary.

#### Knitting

Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.; Ages: All

Open to all interested in the needle arts. All levels of expertise welcome.

#### Beading

Tuesdays, 1 p.m.; Ages: All

No experience needed for this fun group. Supplies available, or bring your own. For more information contact Linda, 952.475.1430.

#### Mahjong

Wednesdays, 1 p.m.; Ages: All

Mahjong is a tile-based game which originated in China. Join a table each week for a fun and challenging game. Instruction is available.

#### Toastmasters

Thursdays, 12-1 p.m.; Ages: All

Improve speaking and leadership skills in this popular group. All ages. Guests welcome.

#### Bridge

Thursdays, 1 p.m.; Ages: All

Love the game of bridge? Want to join a table, or improve your skill? Call the center to reserve a spot for weekly games, 952.474.7635.

#### Dementia Support Group

Fridays, October 4 & 18

9-10 a.m.; Ages: All

First and third Fridays monthly

If you are caring for a loved one with dementia, or someone close to you is suffering from dementia and you could use some support, meet with other concerned caregivers. Learn from each other on ways to be a better caregiver, and to better take care of yourself. Questions? Call Jane at 952.474.4673, or Joanne, 952.474.6022. No RSVP necessary to attend.

## Council Activities

Since the last council meeting the city council:

- Set Truth-in-Taxation meeting date for 12/2/19
- Received a feasibility report and authorized preparation of plans and specifications for the Woodside Road and Woodside Lane Street Reclamation and Watermain Extension Project
- Interviewed three companies to consider for engineering services
- Approved a contribution for AIS inspection at the public access of Christmas Lake

## Park updates

### Freeman Park South Playground

The equipment on the climbing structure in the Freeman Park South Playgournd was restored and new equipment has been added, including a new swingset, double arch swing, and a walk-the-plank feature. The playground has a new engineered wood riber surface that is handicap accessible. Stop by and enjoy the space this fall.

### Badger Park Rehab

The majority of the structure construction in Badger Park should be finished by the end of October. The new playground, shelters and trails will be open for use once complete. Landscaping will be partially done with final work being completed in the spring. Watch for a spring grand celebration of Badger Park!



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### Household hazardous waste disposal

**P**aint, oil, lawn and household chemicals, and many other items should not be put in the trash. Instead, drop them at the free drop-off centers. Shorewood residents can conveniently take items to:

- Carver County Environmental Center
- Hennepin County Drop Off Centers

Get complete information at [www.ci.shorewood.mn.us/HHW](http://www.ci.shorewood.mn.us/HHW).

### School district election absentee voting taking place

**R**esidents of the Minnetonka and Westonka school districts may vote absentee for any reason in the upcoming election. Absentee voting began in September. If you are interested in voting early by absentee vote, go to the Secretary of State website to apply online for a ballot by mail: <https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/other-ways-to-vote>. To vote absentee in person, go to your school district office during regular business hours.

### Minnetonka school board elections

**M**innetonka school district residents will vote to fill four school board seats at the November 5, 2019, election. Eleven candidates have filed to run for the open seats. Candidates include: Mark E. Ambrosen, Don Amorosi, Katie Becker, Sarah Clymer, Kathryn Gimse, Julie Light, Christine Ritchie, Meghan Selinger, Trevor Thurling, Lisa Wagner, and Josh Wilcox.

### Westonka school district elections

**O**n November 5, 2019, Westonka residents will be asked to vote on a revoke and replace levy with a tiered payment structure. The district currently has three voter-approved operating levies in place, totaling \$1,096 per pupil. These will be replaced with a single, 10-year levy with a two-step increase.

If the levy passes, the current levy authority will increase to \$1,446 per pupil for taxes payable 2020 (generating approximately \$1 million in additional revenue) and to \$1,926 for taxes payable 2024 (generating an additional \$1 million). This will gradually bring Westonka's per pupil funding closer to that of neighboring school districts Orono and Minnetonka. Learn more on the referendum page: [www.westonka.k12.mn.us/referendum](http://www.westonka.k12.mn.us/referendum)

There are four candidates to fill four, four-year terms on the Westonka School Board: incumbents Dave Botts, Kelle Bowe, Ralph Harrison and Heidi Marty. The general election is November 5, 2019.

To find your election poll location for the school board election, call your school district, or visit the online poll finder, <https://pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us>. School election locations are generally different than city elections.

**If you have questions about the school district election, please contact your school district:**

Minnetonka schools, 952.401.5000

Westonka schools, 952.491.8000

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