



# Shore Report

News for Residents of the City of Shorewood

## Upcoming Meetings and Events

10/6 7 p.m.  
Planning Comm Meeting

10/12 Columbus Day  
City Offices Open  
Public Works Closed

10/13 7 p.m.  
City Council Meeting

10/20 7 p.m.  
Park Comm Meeting

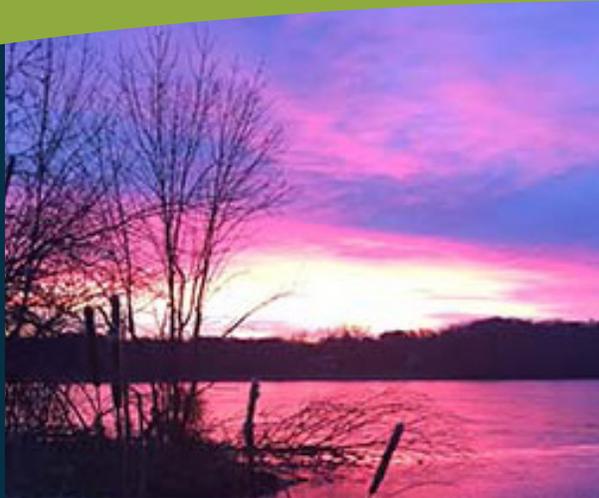
10/26 7 p.m.  
City Council Meeting

Absentee voting takes place in-person at city hall Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in October. City hall is open for voting Saturday, October 31, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and November 2 until 5 p.m.

Sign up for eNews, Recycling and Park Updates, Facebook, Twitter, and more!

Go to [www.ci.shorewood.mn.us](http://www.ci.shorewood.mn.us) to sign up for eNews!

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## The 2020 Election is coming soon General Election November 3

The city, county and state are encouraging residents to vote absentee by mail. Voting absentee (AB) by-mail is easy, safe and convenient, and the very best option during the COVID-19 pandemic. There is no exposure risk to you, city employees, or city election judges when you vote AB by mail. To request an application for an AB ballot go to [www.mnvotes.org](http://www.mnvotes.org) under other ways to vote or contact the city at 952.960.7900. City hall will have a drop box available inside during normal business hours if you would like to drop off your mail-in ballot for the city to courier to the county.

If you find voting by mail is not an option for you, in-person absentee voting is available at Shorewood City Hall for the November 3 General Election. City hall is open Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for in-person AB voting. To vote in-person, you must wear a mask, practice social distancing guidelines, and plan some additional time for possible wait times as only a limited number of voters will be admitted into the

voting area at a time.

If you are COVID-positive or symptomatic do not enter city facilities. If you require curbside AB voting call 952.960.7900 for an appointment during regular business hours. **More on page 2**

### Local Offices on the November Ballot

**Mayor (4-year term effective January 1, 2021)  
in alphabetical order (vote for one)**

Jennifer Labadie  
Guy Sanschagrin

**City Council (4-year term effective January 1, 2021)  
in alphabetical order (vote for two)**

Paula Callies  
Patrick Johnson  
Pamela McDonald

## Free paper shredding October 10

Residents are invited to the annual paper shredding event October 10. Please only bring paper that has personal account and private information that needs shredded. Other paper should be recycled in your curbside cart.

This event is free to the public, but we are asking that anyone bringing shredding bring non-perishable food items to help ICA Food Shelf with the dwindling supply of food. Residents not participating in the shred event can bring food for the food shelf to city hall during the month of October.

For more information on paper shredding and the Shorewood event, go to [www.ci.shorewood.mn.us/papershredding](http://www.ci.shorewood.mn.us/papershredding), or contact city hall at 952.960.7900.

Fall Paper Shredding Event  
Saturday, October 10  
9 a.m. to noon

**Please bring nonperishable items to donate to ICA Food Shelf.**

No plastic bags, plastic binders, or plastic folders with paper. No need to remove staples or paper clips.

## Deer Management

The deer management program with Metro Bowhunters Resource Base continues in October. The scheduled dates of the hunt are:

October 9-11

October 23-25

November 6-8

Back up: November 20-22

As a courtesy, property owners adjacent to the lots that are part of the management program were notified of neighboring property's inclusion in the program. If you have questions about the program, contact the city at 952.960.7900.

## Recreational fire permits

Homeowners with backyard fire pits are required to get a free recreational fire permit each year from Excelsior Fire District. Applications may be downloaded from [www.excelsiorfire.org](http://www.excelsiorfire.org), or fill out the permit at city hall. All homeowners with a bonfire must have a copy of the permit available upon request by fire personnel.

## Check smoke detector batteries

Residents are reminded to check smoke detector batteries and to replace carbon monoxide alarms and smoke detectors that are older than ten years old. This simple step can save the life of your family.



## Recycling Weeks for October 2020

All recycling must be curbside no later than 7 a.m. on recycling day. Mainland residents recycle October 14 and 28; Island residents recycle October 1, 15 and 29.

**Report misses by noon the following day: 952.960.7900**

## What's wrong with Shorewood Bur Oak?

Residents have been noticing lower leaves on local Bur Oak trees turning brown. While Oak Wilt is a possible cause of this symptom, it is more likely a combination of environmental stressors. Trees need a good healthy environment to grow. As trees age, they can become more sensitive to environmental stresses, such as drought, too much water, root compaction or change in grade around the trees. General health changes can make trees more susceptible to some insect or disease issues.

There are many causes for early leaf color change. One of the reasons for the change is a leaf disease called Bur Oak Blight (BOB). Not every bur oak will contract this disease but it is something to be aware of with oaks in the area.

Continue to keep trees healthy by watering them when dry. Providing wood mulch around the base of the tree (not piled or

against the trunk; shape like a donut around the base). If you feel that you are seeing more dead branches or other changes than in past years, consult an arborist. Getting a general health check-up or a proactive maintenance plan can help the tree avoid stress as it ages. Find an ISA Certified Arborist ([treesaregood.org](http://treesaregood.org)) or contact an arborist on the City of Shorewood Tree Contractor List. Ask any company you contact if they can provide tree health care services.

Additional resources are available on the city website, [www.ci.shorewood.mn.us/treecare](http://www.ci.shorewood.mn.us/treecare).

*Gail Nozal*  
ISA Board Certified Master Arborist MN-276BM  
Contracted City Forester



## Voting at the polls Election

Shorewood will take all precautions necessary to ensure the safest elections possible. To vote in-person, you are required to wear a face-covering and follow social distancing guidelines, which will be clearly marked. Each voter will receive a pen upon entering the polling place to complete the voting process and should plan to take it with them when they leave. Voting booths will be disinfected after each use. Please plan on the extra time it may take to ensure the safety of all who enter the polling place on Election Day. Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**Shorewood has four precincts open on election day as follows:**

**Precinct 1:**

Shorewood Community Center  
5735 Country Club Rd

**Precinct 2:**

Minnewashta Church  
26710 West 62nd Street

**Precinct 3:**

Shorewood Community Center  
5735 Country Club Rd

**Precinct 4:**

Excelsior Covenant Church  
19955 Excelsior Blvd

## Shorewood's Precinct 1 polling location changed

Precinct 1 (Enchanted and Shady Island Neighborhoods) polling location has been changed to the Shorewood Community & Event Center located at 5735 Country Club Road. Due to the COVID pandemic, the previous polling location has become unavailable. All voters in Precinct 1 have been notified of this change in polling location pursuant to MN State Statute §204B.16, Subd.1a.

# SHOREWOOD

## COMMUNITY & EVENT CENTER

### Car BINGO

Friday, October 23, 4 p.m.

Play BINGO in the safety of your own car! Other centers are doing it and it's a blast! Join us for some fun at Shorewood Community & Event Center. When you arrive, you will be directed to a parking spot and provided with instructions. Honk your horn if you're a winner and we'll bring you a prize! You must reserve a spot in advance by calling 952.474.7635



#### Drivers Improvement Refresher Class

Thursday, October 15  
1 pm to 5 pm

Keep your insurance discount and do not let your certification lapse. Call MN Safety Center to sign up 1-888-234-1294

#### Dementia Support Group

Friday, October 2 and 16  
10 a.m.; Ages: all

If you are caring for a loved one with dementia, or someone close to you is suffering from dementia, meet with other concerned caregivers. Questions? Call Jane at 952.474.4673.

#### Busy Bee Quilters

Monday and Wednesday  
9 a.m.-Noon; Ages: all

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

#### Beading

Tuesdays, 1 p.m. Ages: all  
No experience needed for this fun group. Instruction and supplies are available.

#### Knitting

Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.  
Ages: all  
Open to all interested in the needle arts. All levels of expertise welcome.

#### Woodcarving

Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m.; Ages: All  
Stop in and join this community of carvers. Learn how or carve and share your knowledge.

#### Fitness Class

Mon., Wed., Fri., 9 a.m.  
\$6 per class or purchase a discount package with monthly sign up at class; Ages: 55+  
Designed for active adults, uses low-impact exercises.

#### Happy Feet

Monday, October 19; \$40  
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.

**Due to COVID-19, the annual Oktoberfest celebration at SCEC will not take place in 2020. We hope to return with a great event in 2021!**

## Take Fall Pictures for the City Photo Contest

The fall/winter photo contest is taking place. Submit photos in the following categories:

- Winter Wonder
- Fall Delights
- Wildlife
- People and Pets

All photos should be taken during the fall and winter months. Pictures should be taken in Shorewood between September 22, 2020, and March 20, 2021. Winners in each category will have their photos

framed and displayed at city hall and will each receive a framed print. Submissions will be accepted through March 25, 4:30 p.m.

See complete rules online, [www.ci.shorewood.mn.us/photo-contest](http://www.ci.shorewood.mn.us/photo-contest). For additional information, contact the city at 952.960.7900, or email [cityhall@ci.shorewood.mn.us](mailto:cityhall@ci.shorewood.mn.us).



Fall winner  
Steve Quinlan

## Council Happenings

Since the last newsletter the city council:

- Listened to a Zoom presentation by Girl Scout Troop #18018 regarding the bat houses they donated to Shorewood Parks.
- Held a public hearing regarding a comprehensive plan amendment, rezoning and PUD concept plan for a development north of Highway 7 between Eureka Road and Seamans Drive. The council approved the amendment.
- Bolten & Menk provided an overview of the time line of the Glen Road project and an update on drainage options.

For complete minutes of council meetings, go to [www.ci.shorewood.mn.us/agendas](http://www.ci.shorewood.mn.us/agendas).

## COVID-19 Testing

If you want tested for COVID-19, the location depends on whether you are symptomatic or asymptomatic. Minnesota Department of Health provides an online source of testing sites. If you are symptomatic, there are many sites. If you are asymptomatic, there are test sites available, you might just have to look through the list a little more to find a location. Although testing is free, the office visit could be charged by your insurance, so please check with your insurance company first.

To find the list of locations, go to <https://mn.gov/covid19/for-minnesotans/if-sick/testing-locations/index.jsp>

If you have questions regarding COVID-19 testing, call the Minnesota Help Line:

651.297.1304

Monday - Friday:

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Weekends:

8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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### Help Clean Shorewood Drains

**R**esidents are encouraged to help keep storm drains in Shorewood clean of yard waste, sand and other debris. With the falling leaves, fall is an especially important time to clean drains. Shorewood drains lead directly into local lakes and wetlands. To officially adopt a drain, go to [www.adopt-a-drain.org](http://www.adopt-a-drain.org). If you don't want to "adopt", you can still help by making sure your yard waste does not end up in the streets.

## Active Planning Applications

See Active Applications under Planning and Building on the city website for links and more information.

| Active Development Applications |                                   |                            |              |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| Location                        | Type of Application               | Tentative Review Schedule* |              |
|                                 |                                   | Planning Commission        | City Council |
| 5710 Ridge Road                 | Variance to Shoreland Regulations | TBD                        | TBD          |

\*Subject to Change TBD= Not yet assigned.

| Other Projects                             |           |                  |   |              |
|--|-----------|------------------|---|--------------|
| Project                                    | Location  | Phase            | Tentative Review Schedule*              |              |
|  |           |                  | Planning Commission                     | City Council |
| Fire Lane Study                            | 10 sites  | Discussion Stage | For additional meetings see the website |              |
| Comprehensive Plan Update                  | City-Wide | Discussion Stage | November 17, 2020                       | TBD          |
| Zoning and Subdivision Regulations Updates | City-Wide | Discussion stage | October 6, 2020                         | TBD          |

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Contact planning staff at 952-960-7900 or [planning@ci.shorewood.mn.us](mailto:planning@ci.shorewood.mn.us) for more information

## Mill Street Trail Project Delayed

**T**he city was recently notified by Hennepin County that the Mill Street Trail construction project will be delayed due to the Covid-19 pandemic impact on the Hennepin County revenues. The project is not cancelled, but would be delayed until 2024 unless other funding sources are found.

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