



Shore Report

News for Residents of the City of Shorewood

Upcoming Meetings and Events

- 9/1 7 p.m.
Planning Comm Meeting
- 9/7 Labor Day
City Offices Closed
- 9/14 7 p.m.
City Council Meeting
- 9/18
Absentee voting begins
for General Election
- 9/22 7 p.m.
Park Comm Meeting
- 9/28 7 p.m.
City Council Meeting

Hot topics on the web

The city website has more information of interest to residents. Hot topics this month include:

- Road construction
- Drainage projects
- Elections

Learn about these and more at www.ci.shorewood.mn.us/hottopics.

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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 and select "other ways to vote" or contact the city, 952.960.7900. If you find voting by mail is not an option for you, in-person absentee voting will be available at Shorewood City Hall beginning September 18, 2020 for the General Election on November 3, 2020. City Hall is open Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

To vote in person, you are required to wear a face covering and follow social distancing guidelines. 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.

Running for Shorewood Council

Below are the current filings for mayor and city council seats. Two seats are open for city council and one for mayor. All elected officials begin office January 2021 for four-year terms. For contact information go to www.ci.shorewood.mn.us/cityelection, or contact city hall, 952.960.7900.

(in alphabetical order)

Mayor

Jennifer Labadie
Guy Sanschagrin

City Council

Paula Callies
Patrick Johnson
Pamela McDonald



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Park Commission Opening

A resident is needed to volunteer for one opening on the Shorewood Park Commission. Meetings are on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. Park commissioners are appointed by the city council and serve in an advisory position

regarding shorewood parks and park activities. For more information and an application go to www.ci.shorewood.mn.us/commissions, or call city hall, 952.960.7900.

Census Collection Ends September 30 Make sure your family is counted

If you have not yet completed the Census, you can expect a home visit from a Census taker. Shorewood had a high online response rate, but there are still households not in the count. To avoid a knock on your door, complete the census online, by phone or by mail. Go to <https://2020census.gov/en/ways-to-respond/responding-online.html>

for details. If you need assistance, please contact the city at 952.960.7900.

For more information on the Census, go to www.2020census.gov.

Diseased tree program

The city offers free evaluation of oak, ash and elm trees in the city. Call city hall, 952.960.7900, to make an appointment for trees on your property. A link to qualified arborists for diseased trees is on the city website under Environment>Yard and Tree Care.

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, 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.

Conserve Shorewood water

In an effort to conserve water, lawn and garden sprinkling is prohibited between 11:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. daily through September. Failing to follow sprinkling restrictions can result in fines. Hand watering, water toys and private wells are exempt.

More information is available on the city website, www.ci.shorewood.mn.us/water.

Learn more about turfgrass options and water needs at www.ci.shorewood.mn.us/lawns.



Recycling Weeks for September 2020

All recycling must be curbside no later than 7 a.m. on recycling day. Mainland residents recycle September 2, 16 and 30; Island residents recycle September 3 and 17.

Report misses by noon the following day: 952.960.7900

Zero waste challenge delayed to October

Can your household join the five-day challenge?

During a five-day period, challenge your family to purchase only reusable packaging or no packaging at all. Thoughtfully consider the need for purchases. Prior to the week, an audit of your household trash will help determine areas you could work on during Zero Week. To learn more go to www.ci.shorewood.mn.us/zeroweek. If you are up for the

challenge, please email jmoore@ci.shorewood.mn.us. The city will begin a challenge group to share experiences, tips, field trip suggestions, giveaways and more!



Deer Management Program

2020 Program Begins in September

City of Shorewood will work again this year with the Metro Bowhunters Resource Base to provide a deer management program. The scheduled dates of the hunt are:

September 25 – 27
October 9 – 11
October 23 – 25
November 6 – 8
Optional/Back up: Nov. 20 – 22

The city has contacted land owners who have participated in the program in past years, or who have expressed interest in being a site location. If your property has not been a site in the past, but you are interested, please contact the city at 952.960.7905. Your site will be evaluated to determine if it is a suitable location, and program representatives will answer any

questions you have about the program. As a courtesy, property owners adjacent to the lots that are part of the management program will be notified of neighboring property's inclusion in the program.

Voting at the polls Election Day

Shorewood will take all precautions necessary to ensure the safest elections possible. To vote in person, please plan 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:

Precinct 1:
Shorewood Community & Event Center (Room 2)
5735 Country Club Rd

Precinct 2:
Minnewashta Church
26710 West 62nd Street

Precinct 3:
Shorewood Community & Event Center (Room 1)
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.

Flu Shot Clinic

Friday, September 25 from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m..

Call the center to make an appointment, 952.474.7635. Most insurance accepted.

Lifeline Screening

Tuesday, September 1

Get preventive screening for your cardiovascular health. Registration required: 888.653.6450.

Drivers Improvement

Refresher Class

Thursday, Sept. 3, 1 to 5 p.m.

First Time Class

Tues./Wed. Sept. 22/23, 1 to

5 p.m. **Must attend both days**
Call MN Safety Center to sign up
1-888-234-1294

Dementia Support Group

Friday, September 4 and 18
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, or Joanne at 952.474.6022.

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., 8:30 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, September 29; \$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.

Spring/Summer City Photo Contest

The spring/summer photo contest is taking place. Submit photos in the following categories:

- Spring Wonder
- Summer Delights
- Wildlife
- People and Pets
- Together Against COVID

All photos should be taken during the spring and summer months. Pictures should be taken in Shorewood between March 20, 2020, and September 21, 2020. 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 September 25, 4:30 p.m.

Contest rules:

- Entrants must live, work, or attend school in Shorewood

- Photos must be taken in Shorewood between March 20, 2020, and September 21, 2020. Each photo entry must include photographer's name, address, phone number, and email address, age (if under 18), intended category and title of the photo
- Photo submissions with professional logos or watermarks will not be considered
- Photos must be submitted to cityhall@ci.shorewood.mn.us, or on a flash drive brought to city hall. Files must be in high resolution jpeg format. Include the exact location of photo being submitted.
- Participants must have permission from any persons pictured in the photo to use that photo and permission of a parent in case of minors –

Subject permissions must be obtained before submitting photos.

- Once submitted, entrants grant reproduction rights (both print and digital) to City of Shorewood
- Each person may submit up to five photos

For additional information, contact the city at 952.960.7900, or email cityhall@ci.shorewood.mn.us.



Alice Cherian Fall Splendor 2018

Council Happenings

Since the last newsletter the city council:

- Awarded contract for the Beverly/Cajed drainage project.
- Authorized services by Blondo Consulting for the Woodside, Enchanted and Shady Island construction areas.
- Received a letter regarding storm water pond concerns. The letter and response is available on the city website, www.ci.shorewood.mn.us/drainageprojects.

For complete minutes of council meetings, go to www.ci.shorewood.mn.us/agendas.

Rechargeable and button battery recycling at city hall

In cooperation with Call2Recycle, residents are able to bring rechargeable batteries and small button batteries to city hall for recycling. Cell phones can also be included. Alkaline batteries (non-rechargeable AA, AAA, C, D, etc.) are not accepted at city hall at this time, but are recyclable at the Carver County Environmental Center or Hennepin County HHW drop-off centers. More information on battery recycling and the drop-off centers is available on the city website, www.ci.shorewood.mn.us/batteries.

Please do not collect large amounts of rechargeable batteries as each needs to be bagged separately. If you have large amounts, please consider taking them to one of the drop-off sites. If you have questions, please call the city, 952.960.7900, or email jmoore@ci.shorewood.mn.us.



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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 (subject to change)	
		Planning Commission	City Council
5710 Ridge Road	Variance to lake setback for deck	09/01/2020	9/28/2020

Help Clean Shorewood Drains

Residents are encouraged to help keep storm drains in Shorewood clean of yard waste, sand and other debris. Keeping drains clean helps improve drainage and water quality in the city. Shorewood drains lead directly into local lakes and wetlands. To officially adopt a drain, go to 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.

Other Projects

Project and Location	Phase	Tentative Review Schedule (subject to change)	
		Planning Commission	City Council
Fire Lane Study: 10 sites	Surveying property locations	Tentatively set for 09/01/2020	To be determined
Comp Plan Update: citywide	Incorporating Met Council comments	To be determined	To be determined
Zoning/subdivision regulation updates: citywide	Discussion stage	To be determined	To be determined
Mill Street Trail	Design phase yet to begin	To be determined	To be determined

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Shorewood Water



City Audit Results of Shorewood Water Funds

Water fund: Water has sufficient revenue for operating costs, but does not have adequate resources for planned capital improvements and related debt service payments. The water fund's net cash was in a deficit position at December 31, 2019.

Sewer fund: The sewer fund has adequate reserves to fund operations and short-term debt service. However, since the audit report, the city has received notice from Met Council that the amount they charge the city for sewer treatment will increase 20.5% in 2021 over the 2020. The amount paid to the Met Council for sewer treatment is the largest expense of the fund, \$826,307 in 2020, increasing to \$995,899 next year.

Storm Water fund: Over the past several years, storm water has emerged as a significant issue for the city. The issues are particularly acute in the western part of the city, which led the city to engage Barr Engineering to identify the issues and propose solutions to help mitigate the major storm water issues. The recommendations in that report identify over \$5 million dollars of storm water infrastructure work. The revenue for the storm water fund will have to increase every year to fund upcoming costs.

To view city audit information go to www.ci.shorewood.mn.us/audit.

Rate Increase Proposed

Last year, the city reported that utility rates for water, sewer, and storm sewer were going to be increasing each year. The increases are necessary to cover the utility fund expenses, including increasing operating costs, capital outlay, and debt service payments. These three utility funds are considered to be enterprise funds. This means that they function and operate as businesses, and the rates that each of the funds charge are expected to cover the expenses of that fund. Property taxes are not used to support the activities of enterprise funds.

The city normally considers utility rates early in the year, with the effective date of July. With the COVID-19 pandemic, the council decided to wait until later in the year to consider rates. At the September 14, council meeting the council is expected to approved the rate increases detailed in the tables on the back of this insert. The rates will go into effect for usage beginning October 1 and billed on the final quarter bill sent to residents in January.

Most cities in this area bill on a quarterly basis. The city examined the cost to go to a monthly billing as a way to even out utility costs. The result of the analysis was it was cost prohibitive. The city's utility billing system, however, can accept partial payments. If you prefer to divide your quarterly bill by three and pay on a monthly basis, that option is available to you. If paying by check, please write the account number on the memo line. The city also offers electronic payments by credit card for no additional charge. For information on paying one-time or as an auto-pay by credit card, go to www.ci.shorewood.mn.us/billpay, or call the city at 952.960.7900.

Water Efficiency Rebates

A grant from the Clean Water Legacy Amendment, Riley Purgatory Bluff Creek Watershed District and Met Council allows Shorewood property owners to purchase WaterSense toilets, sprinkler heads and sprinkler system controllers to conserve water, and to save money with rebates. Make sure all items are on the WaterSense product list in order to receive the rebate. Items not on the list will be declined.

Get complete information, WaterSense lists and an application at www.ci.shorewood.mn.us/waterrebates.

Award Amounts

The rebate cannot exceed the purchase price. Items purchased before February 1, 2020, and new construction do not qualify.

\$100 for WaterSense® toilets (maximum two per Shorewood residential property)

\$200 for residential WaterSense® irrigation controllers,

\$15 per WaterSense® sprinkler head replacement (maximum 15 sprinkler heads)

Water fund:

CATEGORIES	CURRENT RATES	PROPOSED RATES
First 5,000 gallons	\$20.18	\$ 22.20
Per/1,000 gal from 5,001 to 50,000	\$ 3.41	\$ 3.75
Per/1,000 gal above 50,000	\$ 4.90	\$ 5.39
Water Service – low income	\$17.32	\$ 19.05

Sewer Fund:

CATEGORY	CURRENT RATES	PROPOSED RATES
Residential	\$86.76/qtr. \$57.84/qtr. low income	\$94.57/qtr. \$63.05/qtr. low income
Commercial	\$9.81 base, \$86.76/qtr. fee for 1-28,500 gallons, \$2.26/1,000 gallons in excess of 28,500 gallons per qtr.	\$10.69 base, \$94.57/qtr fee for 1-28,500 gallons, \$2.46/1,000 gallons in excess of 28,500 gallons per qtr.

Storm Water Management Fund:

Current Basic System Rate: \$29.60	\$20.73/qtr.: lots less than 10,000 sq. ft.
	\$29.60/qtr.: lots 10,000 – 50,000 sq. ft.
	\$38.53/qtr.: lots 50,000 plus sq. ft.
Proposed Basic System Rate: \$31.97	\$22.39/qtr.: lots less than 10,000 sq. ft.
	\$31.97/qtr.: lots 10,000 – 50,000 sq. ft.
	\$41.61/qtr.: lots 50,000 plus sq. ft.

Conserve clean drinking water

Adjust irrigation programs to conserve water

To encourage rooting and drought tolerance, you should be irrigate your lawn infrequently (one time or less per week) with a sufficient volume of water to wet soils to a depth of six inches, assuming no rainfall has occurred. Depending on your soil type, your lawn may only need as little as a half-inch of water. Set irrigation programs to water during the morning hours. Watering during the heat of the day reduces the amount of water absorbed by the soil and made available to plants.

Audit your irrigation system

Using a grid of catch cans, measure water from sprinklers to audit the amount of water going on to lawns. Auditing your irrigation system is a good step toward water conservation. Irrigation contractors will perform this service for you if you contract with them.

There are three basic steps:

1. Check system components (sprinklers, valves and controllers).
2. Conduct a performance test using the catch cans.
3. Program the controller.

For more information on conducting an irrigation audit, go to www.ci.shorewood.mn.us/irrigation_audit.

More information on lawn and landscape water conservation is on the city website, www.ci.shorewood.mn.us/yardandtree.

Find leaks and fix them

A leak in your house can waste hundreds of gallons of water. You'll also be paying for water that you aren't even using! Here is how to find out if you have a leak at your house:

- Turn all water-using appliances off so that no water is being used. This means turning off all water inside and outside the house, including showers, sinks, washing machines, and any appliance that uses water.
- Find your water meter and watch it. Your meter will have a red or black round disc that is commonly called a "leak indicator." If it is spinning, you have a leak.

Toilets are a common source of water leaks. To check a toilet for a leak, flush the toilet and while the reservoir is still filling, add 2 or 3 drops of food coloring to the water in the reservoir. Wait 15 to 30 minutes. If the water in the bowl changes colors, the flapper valve needs to be replaced. You can buy a new flapper, with installation instructions, at your local hardware store.

More information on leaks and other home water conservation methods can be found at www.ci.shorewood.mn.us/consERVE.