

Shore Report

News for Residents of the City of Shorewood

Upcoming Meetings and Events

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City hall closes at noon
- 4/6 7 p.m.
Planning Comm Meeting
- 4/12 7 p.m.
City Council Meeting
- 4/13 7 p.m.
Park Comm Meeting
- 4/26 7 p.m.
City Council Meeting

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April 2021

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Severe Weather Awareness Week

Each year Severe Weather Awareness Week is recognized in Minnesota. The week is designed to refresh, remind and educate everyone about the seasonal threats from severe weather and how to avoid them. It's also a great time to make and practice your emergency plan and build or refresh your emergency preparedness kit.

Statewide Tornado Drills

The most important events during Severe Weather Awareness Week are the two annual statewide tornado drills. In Minnesota, the 2021 statewide tornado drills are scheduled for Thursday, April 15.

Outdoor warning sirens will sound in a simulated tornado warning. The first drill is intended for institutions and businesses. The evening drill is intended for second shift workers and families.

Watch the city Facebook, Instagram and Twitter sites for daily tips during the week. Residents are also encouraged to go to ready.gov/plan to make sure individual households have emergency plans in place.

See page two for more about what the city is doing to keep critical services available during severe weather.

Discount for grad party rentals

Schedule your graduation party rental for Shorewood Community and Event Center and get a 10% rental discount just for saying you saw it in the ShoreReport. Summer rentals are starting to fill up, so pick your weekend and schedule it

with the center now. There is indoor space to social distance, enjoy outside patio area or enjoy Badger Park. Plenty of free parking and we do the cleaning! For a tour and more information, call the center at 952.474.7635.

Shorewood can win this challenge

The challenge is on! Everyone likes a fun challenge between friends. The City of Shorewood is participating in the 2021 Wyland National Mayor's Water Challenge for Water Conservation. Mayors nationwide challenge residents to conserve water, energy and other natural resources on behalf of their city through a series of informative, easy-to-use online pledges. This month-long competition takes place April 1 – 30. If you already went online to register in March, please do it again in April so

the city gets credit for 2021.

Activities that protect water are part of the challenge. It might be turning off the water when you brush your teeth or committing to not using your irrigation system when it is raining. It could also include turning out the lights when you leave the room or recycling. There is something anyone can do.

Learn more and take the pledge at ci.shorewood.mn.us/waterchallenge.

Tree sale underway

The annual tree sale is in the fall for 2021. Tree supplies are limited; orders are accepted until trees are sold out. All trees are neonicotinoid-free as required by Shorewood's Bee-Safe City Ordinance. Pick-up of trees will be arranged with residents the week of September 13. Pick-up takes place at Shorewood public works.

For tree descriptions and ordering details go to ci.shorewood.mn.us/treesale2021. If you do not have internet access, please contact the city at 952.960.7900 for a list of available trees.

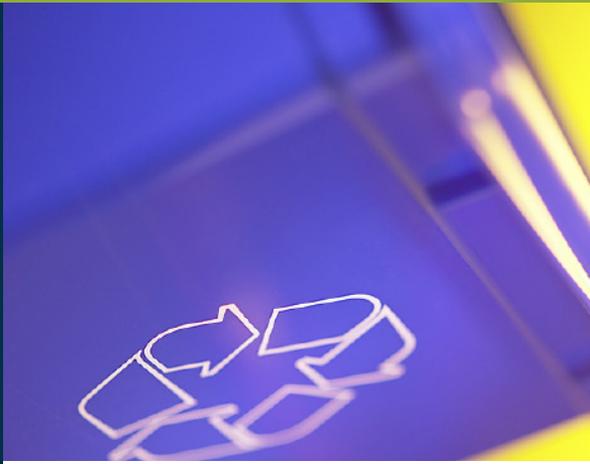
Open Book meeting for property valuation

The in-person Open Book meeting for Shorewood originally scheduled for April 21, 2021, has been canceled due to COVID. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether the property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor. The Hennepin County Assessor's office has established two virtual Open Book meetings: Tues., April 27, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., and Thurs., April 29 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. A Microsoft Teams meeting link will be forwarded to you by email for the meeting. If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect or do not have internet access, contact Appraiser Jeff Faust, 952.472.0619, to discuss your concerns. If you still disagree with the valuation or classification, the assessor will provide guidance.

Spring clean-up and shred events May 15

The city will host the annual spring clean-up drop-off event at the city public works facility, Saturday, May 15, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The free paper shredding event is in the city hall parking lot the same day 9 a.m. to noon.

Complete details on both events will be in the May ShoreReport newsletter, or online at ci.shorewood.mn.us/cleanup.



Recycling Weeks for April 2021

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

Report misses by noon the following day: 952.960.7900.

Keep dog waste picked up and in the trash

It's a beautiful, spring day. The sun is shining, the snow is melting, and the birds are singing. After a long winter, you're finally outside for a walk. The last thing you want to worry about is picking up after your dog who just did his business on the side of the trail. There's no one around, so what's the harm in just going on your way? After all, it's only one poop! Isn't it "natural"?

Unfortunately, dog waste is a bit more than that. Unlike the droppings of native animals such as rabbits and deer, dog poop is an environmental pollutant, a human health hazard and an eyesore in outdoor spaces. When dog poop

is left on the ground, it eventually breaks down and washes into the water supply, polluting our rivers, streams, and other local waterways. Dog waste can carry roundworm, E. coli, giardia, parvovirus, and salmonella, as well as other viruses, bacteria, and parasites that can be transmitted to people and pets who come in contact with them.

Sadly, the waste is not a natural fertilizer. Dogs have a different digestive system and diet than native species. The chemistry of their waste is unnatural to our local ecosystems. Since dogs have a high-protein diet, their waste contains high levels of

phosphorous and nitrogen, which can kill grass and harm soil quality.

It may be "just one poop" that you leave on the side of the trail, but if all of the owners of the 83 million dogs in the U.S. did the same thing, we'd be in a "crappy" situation.

Please practice responsible pet ownership to ensure dogs remain welcome in public places. And remember, dog waste bags belong in the trash, not in recycling bins.

Keely Schultz

City of Shorewood, GreenCorps

Shorewood is prepared for severe weather

There are examples around the country of communities being impacted by disasters, where a bit of preparation may have made it easier to weather the storm. Shorewood staff continually examines what hazards are likely, and how to be best prepared to provide critical services during unplanned emergencies and outages.

The recent power outages in Texas provide a perfect example of what can happen if not prepared. The lack of power and chilling temperatures forced many individuals from their homes to seek shelter elsewhere due to the lack of basic services.

The city has put infrastructure in place to avoid a similar situation. Examples include:

- Wells that produce city water have generator hookups, such that the supply of city water will not be interrupted. A city-

owned portable generator can be cycled to any of the wells to produce water, with the ability to rent or borrow additional generators if the city's infrastructure failed.

- Each water tower has three wells capable of filling each water tower. Wells have been spaced to avoid limited events from crippling any of the systems.
- The water systems have interconnections to neighboring cities that can be operated to either obtain water or provide water.
- Wastewater lift stations have backup power capabilities. The city also operates a separate generator capable of powering the lift stations.
- The city owns a portable fueling station capable of trailering fuel from great distances, if necessary.

- City Hall, Public Works and the Emergency Operations Center that houses the South Lake Minnetonka Police Department and Excelsior Fire District are all equipped with backup generation for the entire buildings.

These are just a few of the preparations to insure key critical city services remain operational during storm events or other disasters.

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SHOREWOOD

COMMUNITY & EVENT CENTER

5735 Country Club Road
952.474.7635

www.ShorewoodCEC.com

The community center is open on a limited basis due to COVID 19 restrictions. Call the center director, 952.474.7635, with questions or to reserve a future date.

Driver Refresher Class

Thursday, April 12, 1-5 p.m.
Call MN Safety Center to register,
1.800.234.1294.

Life Line Screening

Friday, April 16 (all day)
Register for an appointment by
calling 1.888.653.6441 or text the
word "circle" to 797979.



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952.960.7902

Busy Bee Quilters

Mondays and Wednesdays
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.

Dementia Support Group

First and third Fridays, 9 a.m.
Caregivers of loved ones with
dementia share tips, support
one another, answer questions
and are there for one another.
Caregivers of any age are
welcome. Questions or concerns?
Call Jane at 952.474.4673.

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.

Woodcarving

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

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. Instruction and supplies
are available.

Happy Feet

Monday, April 12; \$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.

Office and Meeting rentals

Kids at home and you have
a need for quiet office
space or a special meeting?
Temporary office and meeting
space is available for rent
at SCEC. Flexible hours and
free WIFI. Call the center at
952.960.7902 for rates and
more information.

SCEC closes at noon,
Friday, April 2, for the
Good Friday holiday.

Council Happenings

Since the last newsletter
the city council:

- Adopted a resolution approving a PUD development stage plan for the property located north of Hwy 7 between Eureka Road and Seamans Drive.
- Adopted a resolution approving a preliminary plat for the Villas at Shorewood for property located north of Hwy 7 between Eureka Road and Seamans Drive.
- Adopted a resolution to pursue local road improvement program grant funding for Minnetonka Boulevard with the Cities of Greenwood and Deephaven.
- Recognized the service of outgoing park commission members Justin Mangold and David Garske.
- Accepted a proposal and award contract for tree removal in Glen/Amlee/Manitou project area.

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

City council position filled

At the March 8 city council work session, council members appointed Nathaniel Gorham to serve on the city council. Mr. Gorham will complete the term of Mayor Jennifer Labadie, who resigned her council seat when elected mayor.

Mr. Gorham has previously served on the park and planning commissions for the city.

Step to it with Shorewood this May

Build healthy habits by tracking your activity through the Step to it Challenge, a fun, free program that encourages people of all ages and abilities to become more active. Join the challenge this May on behalf of Shorewood. Anyone living, working or going to school in Shorewood can join! The challenge is not just about walking; almost any activity counts, including running, cycling, dancing, manual wheelchair use, or many others.

Participate in the challenge for a chance to win Minnesota Twins tickets or other prizes. Get inspired, find more information, and register for the challenge by visiting steptoit.org.



"Team Clean Day" in Shorewood

Help keep Shorewood clean by spending an hour on Saturday, May 15, picking up trash in Shorewood parks and along Shorewood roadways. Put together your own team of friends or family, grab some gloves and a bag, and pick up the trash that spent the winter buried under snow. Place the bags next to or in one of the trash containers in any Shorewood park. If you find items too large to carry, contact public works with the location on Monday, May 17, 952.960.7914.

Post pictures of your team on the city Facebook or Instagram pages and include #ShorewoodCleanTeam so we can track your success! Please contact the city with questions, 952.960.7900.



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Free, but not curbside

Although reuse is encouraged by the city, having free items at the curb is not. The city gets many complaints about items left for periods of time curbside in the public right-of-way. Please use tools such as Facebook Marketplace and NextDoor.com to give away your usable items.

If you have an idea for a swap event for specific giveaways such as tools, garden items, or similar, contact the city GreenCorps member to see about coordinating an event. Call 952.960.7919 or email kschultz@ci.shorewood.mn.us, with suggestions, or if you need disposal options for hard-to-get-rid-of items.

Upcoming planning projects

Other Projects				
Project	Location	Phase	Tentative Review Schedule*	
			Planning Commission	City Council
Sign Ordinance	citywide	Discussion	4/6/2021	TBD
Fire Lane Study	10 sites	Surveying property locations	complete	TBD
Comprehensive Plan Update	citywide	Consulting	TBD	TBD

For more information about the above projects go to Active Applications under Planning and Building on the city website. Questions can be directed to the planning department, 952.960.7900. *Subject to change.

Spring Road Restrictions

Shorewood follows MnDOT's road restrictions. Spring Load Restrictions started March 4, 2021. Please discuss restrictions with services you hire (moving trucks, delivery and construction vehicles). Information can be obtained by calling the automated MnDOT's Seasonal Load Limit message center, 651.366.5400 or by checking the MnDOT Seasonal Load Limits website: ww.mndot.gov/loadlimits. Updates are on the city website.

Mayor Labadie presents to House committee

Mayor Jennifer Labadie testified in the Capital Investment Committee March 11. She shared the need for a safe crossing trail along Galpin Lake Road and Hwy 7 to the intersection at County Road 19 to improve pedestrian safety and connectivity to downtown Excelsior and Excelsior Elementary. This has been a priority for the residents of Shorewood for many years. Rep. Kelly Morrison is the author of bill HF241 which, if passed, could provide funding to make this trail a reality.

City Council: Jennifer Labadie, Mayor; Paula Callies; Nathaniel Gorham; Patrick Johnson; Debbie Siakel
City Administrator: Greg Lerud; Newsletter Editor: Julie Moore

Shorewood Parks

Badger Park Grand Opening

Save Wednesday, June 16 to celebrate the renewed Badger Park! Details in the May ShoreReport.

Manor Park | 20630 Manor Road

Tie-Die Party | Fri., June 18, 9 AM-noon, ages 5-12

Bring a nut-free snack, drink and a white cotton t-shirt and create a masterpiece you will wear all summer! \$30 per child.

Mess Fest Art Camp | Thurs.-Fri., June 24-25, 9 AM-noon Ages 3-6 (two-day camp)

Make clay lions with magnificent manes, birds snuggled down in their nests, a silly green frog and more! Explore and create with clay, paint, and more! Bring a nut-free lunch, snack and drink. Cost \$65 per child.

Myth Busting 101 | Wed., June 30, 1:00-2:30 PM | Entering grades 1-5 in the fall

Mind-blowing myths or scientific facts? Join Science Explorers to experiment to confirm or bust strange myths and wacky urban legends. \$5 per child.

KidPower with Rachael | Thurs., July 15 | 10 AM

Rachael Kroog offers a high-energy, interactive, entertaining and educational music show. KidPower reminds us we have the power to be kind. For all ages at Manor Park Picnic Shelter. No registration required.

The Mechanics of Gizmos and Gadgets-Gravity | Wed., July 28, 1-2:30 PM

Entering grades 1-5 in the fall

How did toys work before batteries? They relied on natural forces like gravity. Put science to work as you explore the hows and whys of gravity by experimenting and building gadgets that really work. \$5 per child.

Don't Bug Me | Fri., July 30, 9 AM-noon | Ages 4-9

Spring is here and the bugs are back! Learn cool facts about bugs while creating a bug-filled snow globe. Bring a nut-free snack and drink. Cost \$30 per child.

End of Summer Bash | Wed., August 18, 9 AM-noon | Ages 4-9

Summer is coming to an end. Don't let it slip by without creating some "sweet" art! Create art out of frosting, gumdrops, marshmallows and other candy treats. Bring a nut-free snack and drink. Cost \$30 per child.

Flip over
for more!



**Complete information and registration online,
ci.shorewood.mn.us/parks2021 or 952.960.7902.**

Shorewood Parks

Badger Park | 5745 Country Club Road

Dan Carlson Tennis Programs on the Badger Courts

Visit www.Carlsontennis.com to view camps for youth and adults.

American Flag Art | Wed., June 23 | 10 AM

Celebrate the USA with this crafty project in time for July 4th. Bring something to drink and wear an old shirt for painting. \$5 per child.

Tic-Tac-Toe Family Art | Wed., July 21 | 6:30 PM

Get ready to rock! Each family can make their own themed Tic-Tac-Toe game. Start by painting the rocks for the game pieces; then paint a canvas board to match. \$10 per family.

Horse or Cat Sunset Painting | Wed., August 4 | 10 AM

Kids will enjoy this simple painting project! They can choose from a horse or a cat against a lovely sunset background. Kids should bring something to drink and wear an old shirt for painting. \$5 per child.

Freeman Park | 6000 Eureka Road

Minnetonka Community Ed Summer Rec Program

Tuesday's: June 15-August 3, 9 AM-noon

Thursday's: June 17-August 5, 9 AM-noon.. For more information or to register go to www.minnetonkaschools.org.

More summer programs to be announced soon! Go to ci.shorewood.mn.us/parks2021.

Save the date:

Music in Freeman Park: Shalo Lee Band

Thurs., July 22, 6:30-8 PM

The great country-rock sound of Shalo and her crew will be back in Freeman Park for a fun, socially distanced music event. This event is more popular each year!



Safety Camp

Wed., August 11

Safety Camp for youth entering grades 3-5 in the fall. Campers learn safety from the professionals at Excelsior Fire District, South Lake Police Department and other safety organizations. Registration information will be in the May ShoreReport and online at ci.shorewood.mn.us/safetycamp.

Movie in the Park

Date and movie to be announced. Watch the May ShoreReport and online, ci.shorewood.mn.us/movie.

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