



Shore Report

News for Residents of the City of Shorewood

Important Dates

- 12/3 7 p.m.
Truth-in-Taxation Hearing
- 12/4 Planning meeting
- 12/10 7 p.m.
City Council Meeting
- 12/11 7 p.m.
Park Comm Meeting
- 12/24 City Hall Closed
- 12/25 City Hall Closed
- 1/1 City Hall Closed

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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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Truth-In-Taxation Hearing December 3rd

Truth-In-Taxation public meeting at Shorewood City Hall is Monday, December 3 at 7 p.m. City staff will present information regarding the budget, property tax levy and the property tax impact on a variety of property types and values.

In September, the Shorewood City Council approved a preliminary 2019 General Fund operating budget of \$6,319,948—a 1.4% increase over the 2018 budget. Additionally, a preliminary property tax levy for 2019 was adopted for \$5,530,322, which is 3.0% higher than 2018. The proposed 2019 General Fund budget is available

at City Hall during business hours, or at www.ci.shorewood.mn.us under Government: City documents.

Residents are encouraged to contact City Administrator Greg Lerud or Finance Director Joe Rigdon, 952.960.7900, with questions or comments on the proposed budget and property tax levy.

Please note this is not the meeting to discuss your specific property valuation. That meeting takes place at a Board of Review meeting with the county assessor each May.

Election 2018 results

Almost thirty percent (29.33%) of Shorewood voters voted early by absentee ballot in the General Election. Some people voted by mail, some people voted at City Hall, but all together they helped to set a new record for early voters in Shorewood. The city voter turnout was over 83 percent (83.32%) for the 2018 General Election – another record for a mid-term election. Voter turnout trailed the 2016 Presidential Election by just under five percentage points.

Three candidates ran for the two city council seats with terms effective January 2019 to December 2022:

Candidate	Votes	Voter %
Jennifer Labadie	2322	44.12
Debbie Siakel	1954	37.13
Katharine "Avi" Mulhern	927	17.61
Write-ins	60	1.14

Election results were certified by the City of Shorewood Canvassing Board on November 13. Shorewood had 5357 registered voters at 7:00 a.m. on Election Day; 249 voters registered on Election Day at the precincts for a total of 4671 voters including the 1571 who cast absentee ballots in the period of early voting, September 21 to 3:00 p.m. on November 6.

A special thanks to an exceptional team of city election staff and all of the wonderful and civic-minded election judges in the community who worked tirelessly to pull off a near flawless election for the city. Thank you to all who voted, ran for office and to those at our precinct locations who take special care in readying the spaces for elections. And last but not least thanks to the Shorewood Public Works Department for the brawn—carting, carrying and delivering all of the equipment and supplies and tearing it down afterward.

City website upgrade

The Shorewood city website has been updated to a streamlined version. The look is much simpler and the hope is that it will be easier for residents to find the information they need. Residents are encouraged to go to the website, www.ci.shorewood.mn.us, and look at areas they

find of interest. If you have trouble finding what you are looking for, let the city know—call city hall at 952.960.7900, or email communications at jmoore@ci.shorewood.mn.us.

December 2018
www.ci.shorewood.mn.us

Community events

Excelsior Fire District's Kids' Free Movie

Saturday, December 1
Doors open 9:30 am
Meet Santa and Sparky!

Ferdinand (PG)

After Ferdinand, a bull with a big heart, is mistaken for a dangerous beast, he is captured and torn from his home. Determined to return to his family, he rallies a misfit team on the ultimate adventure.

The Giving Tree Project

Begins December 1
Add decorations to trees throughout downtown Excelsior. Decorated trees will be donated to families who could not otherwise enjoy a Christmas tree.

Shorewood is hiring

Rink attendants

The City of Shorewood is accepting applications for part-time Rink Attendants. Attendant positions are open to people 16 years of age and older and offers flexible hours in the afternoons, on weekends, and during winter break. The season generally runs mid-December through mid-February. For an application, stop by City Hall. Deadline: December 14, 2018.

Recreational fire permits

A new permit for bonfires is needed each year. The permits are free of charge and are issued by Excelsior Fire District. Permits must be available to emergency personnel upon request. Download your copy at www.excelsiorfire.org.



Recycling Weeks for December 2018

All recycling must be curbside no later than 7 a.m. on recycling day. Mainland properties recycle December 12 and 27; Island residents recycle December 13 and 28.

Second pick-up is one day late due to the Christmas holiday.

Report misses by noon the following day to the city, 952.960.7900, or Republic Services 952.541.5174.

Food too good to waste

Most people do not realize how much food they throw away every day — from uneaten leftovers to spoiled produce. About 94 percent of the food we throw away ends up in landfills or combustion facilities. In 2015, we disposed 37.6 million tons of food waste. By managing food sustainably and reducing waste, we can help businesses and consumers save money, provide a bridge in our communities for those who do not have enough to eat, and conserve resources for future generations.

From planning your meals, to storing food properly for increased life, there are things every person can do to help reduce food waste in the home. Under Environment: Sustainability on the city website, a section has been dedicated to help Shorewood residents educate

themselves on the food waste issue, and to become part of the movement to reduce the waste.

Waste reduction tips

A few of the easiest things to do so you can reduce food waste:

- Look in your refrigerator and cupboards first to avoid buying food you already have, make a list each week of what needs to be used up and plan upcoming meals around it.
- Find out how to store fruits and vegetables so they stay fresh longer inside or outside your refrigerator.
- Prepare perishable foods soon after shopping. It will be easier to whip up meals or snacks later in the week, saving time, effort, and money.
- Are you likely to have leftovers from any of your meals? Plan

an “eat the leftovers” night each week.

There are many more tips on the city website and on the city Facebook page during the holiday season. If you do find that you have food that must go into the trash, consider organics composting instead. Randy's Environmental customers can sign up for organics service free for one year through a Hennepin County grant. Customers of other haulers can use the Carver County Environmental Center organics drop-off, or start your own backyard compost with fruit and vegetable scraps.

For more information on food waste and composting, see the city website under Environment: Sustainability.

Trash hauling survey in 2019

In a process that began earlier this year, the City Council took the next step in investigating the solid waste collection system by approving a proposal for a scientific survey to be conducted by the Morris and Leatherman company. The proposal calls for developing a list of 20 questions and then calling 400 households in the city and survey them with questions about garbage

collection. The questions will be developed in consultation with the City Council, but representatives from Morris and Leatherman will develop questions that are neutral and not designed to elicit a specific response.

The survey is anticipated to be conducted in January or February next year. If you are called, the city encourages your participation in the survey. The people to be

called are going to be selected on a specific basis to ensure the sample is representative of the city as a whole.

Updates about the investigation of the solid waste collection system are posted at the city's website and can be found at this link: http://ci.shorewood.mn.us/environment_/trash_hauling.php

Sand/Salt Barrels Available for Winter

To help keep your driveway and walkway safe, residents of Shorewood can purchase a 50-gallon barrel filled with a sand and salt mixture.

Although too much salt is not good for cement or asphalt, this mix allows less salt use because it is mixed with sand for traction.

Residents using this mixture are encouraged to use sparingly and sweep up excess so it does not pollute our stormwater.

The cost is \$40 for the initial barrel and \$30 for refills. Send a check payable to City of Shorewood, along with the completed request form available

on the city website under Services or at city hall to: City of Shorewood, 5755 Country Club Rd, The Public Works Department will contact you to schedule a delivery time.

For more on reducing salt in our water system go to <https://tinyurl.com/yc24wtea>.

Shorewood Community and Event Center

5735 Country Club Road, Shorewood, 55331 • 952.474.7635
www.southshore-center.org

SCEC Holiday Lunch Thursday, December 13, 11 a.m. Ages: 55+ and guests

Join friends and community members for a fun-filled holiday party featuring photographer and author Doug Ohman with Lydia Holsten at the piano. Doug will share his photos of Minnesota churches and will share stories of his adventures around the state. Lunch and program \$5 for SSP members, \$7 for non-members. Call the center at 952.474.735 by Tuesday, December 11, to make your reservation. Have fun, enjoy a great meal, and meet new friends!



Dementia Support Group Friday, December 7 and 21 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, as well as how to better take care of yourself. For more information call Jane at 952.474.4673, or Joanne, 952.474.6022. No RSVP necessary to attend.

iPhones and iPads: Advanced

Tuesday, Dec. 11, 1-3 p.m.
**\$3 Southshore Senior
Partners members; \$5 others**

Learn to manage your storage, all about the iCloud, the Dock, sharing photos and videos, limiting ads, privacy and more. Bring your device and questions.

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

If you have wondered what Toastmasters is all about, or used to be in a group and are looking for a local group to join, a Toastmasters group is now at Southshore Center weekly. Everyone can benefit from tips on public speaking, so don't miss out on this fun opportunity. Stop by any Thursday to check it out!

Happy Feet Monday, December 17 by appointment, 763.560.5136 Age: 55+

Clients who regularly receive nursing foot care express an increased sense of comfort and well-being. The health and appearance of the feet are restored so that the client may once again participate in improved daily living. Care includes foot soak, foot massage, care for corns, calluses or problem nails.

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+

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. Call the center, 952.474.7635, with questions.

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. Currently the group is working on mittens, hats and scarves for Caring and Sharing Hands. For more information, call Linda, 952.475.1430. No RSVP necessary.

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. Bring your favorite pattern to share and learn great tips from fellow knitters!

Beading Tuesdays, 1 p.m. Ages: All

No experience needed for this fun group. An instructor is available if you are new to beading. 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. It requires tactics, observation, memory, teamwork and is generally played with four players. Join a table each week for a fun and challenging game. Instruction is available. Walk-ins welcome.

Bridge Thursdays, 1 p.m. Ages: All

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

Council Activities

Since the last council meeting the city council:

- Reviewed a draft of the 2040 Comprehensive Plan. The plan now will be reviewed by neighboring communities.
- Authorized payment for summer 2018 sealcoat projects.
- Approved new rate schedule for rentals of Shorewood Community and Event Center, including a discounted rate for local non-profit organizations.
- Authorized the upgrade of fiber optic to city buildings for increased internet speed and advanced online storage capabilities.
- Accepted a quote for a rubber play surface for the new playground area being installed in 2019 at Badger Park.
- Reviewed signage requests and staff recommendations for signage at Starbucks. Approved one sign based on staff recommendations.

For details on these items and other items on the city council agenda, go to the city website and select Agendas and Minutes.

Census 2020 is hiring

Census office managers and field operations positions are open for the 2020 Census team. Go to www.2020census.gov/jobs, or call 1-855-562-2020 for information or to apply. It takes a big team to complete the census, and you can be a party of making history!

Center is closed December 24-25 and January 1



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Warming House Schedule

(mid-Dec to mid-Feb)

Warming houses are available at ice rinks in Manor Park, Freeman Park and Cathcart Park. Rinks may be reserved for a small fee by calling the city, 952.960.7900.

Monday-Friday

3:30 – 9 p.m.

Saturday 11 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Sunday Noon – 9 p.m.

Holidays 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Closing times may vary slightly if rink is not in use or an attendant is not available. Closing will be posted.

Rental properties require city license

All rental properties must be licensed. To apply for a license, a property owner/manager must submit an application form, fee, well water testing results (if applicable), furnace test results and an inspection by Shorewood's Building Inspector. Licenses are good for three years and expire on December 31.

For complete information on the process and license fees, see the city website, Online Forms: Rental Housing or contact the Planning Department at 952-960-7909 or planning@ci.shorewood.mn.us.

Food and toy drop off at city hall

Each year, the City of Shorewood serves as a drop-off site for toys to be given to the Hopkins Minnetonka Family Resource Center and food for ICA foodshelf. The Toy Chest Drive provides toys to low income children up to age 18 in the local area. Items for teens are especially needed each year. Volunteers for sorting, counting and assisting with distribution are also needed. For information on volunteering, call the Resource Center at 952.933.3860. For information on the food shelf, please contact ICA at 952.938.0729. Toys and non-perishable food items may be dropped off at City Hall during business hours through Wednesday, December 12.



Spring and summer photo contest winners

Thank you to all who submitted photos taken in Shorewood in the spring and summer months of this year. This year's winners include Amy and Cash Wagner who sent in a beautiful sky view of the Shorewood water tower winning the category for Spring Wonder, Tiffany Schultz for her expertly caught photo of a green tree frog for the Pets and Wildlife category, and Mary Bloomgren for her entry called "City Crews do More than Flush Watermains" in the People of Shorewood category. Please find the photos on our website at www.ci.shorewood.mn.us or on the walls at City Hall. All winning photo entries receive a framed print of their photograph. Please watch for dates and contest rules for the 2019 Photo Contest in the January edition of the *Shore Report*.

**Scott Zerby, Mayor; Patrick Johnson, Jennifer Labadie; Debbie Siakel; Kristine Sundberg
City Administrator; Greg Lerud; Newsletter Editor: Julie Moore**

Arctic Fever 2019

Thursday, January 17; 5:30-8 p.m.

Art Via Vino \$40; 5:30 p.m. social time - paint from 6 - 8 p.m.
With a paintbrush in one hand and a glass of wine or soft drink in the other, enjoy step-by-step guidance from local artist, Marla Mullaney. Supplies provided. Come alone or with friend.

Friday, January 18; 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Free Pizza Party and Snowsculpting Voting

- Free Joey Nova's Pizza (while supplies last)
- Beer tasting by Excelsior Brewing
- Chair massages by Health Source Chiropractic of Minnetonka
- Ice carving demo
- Candlelight walk
- Pinecone hunt
- Photo booth
- Crafts and more!



Saturday, January 19

**Shorewood
Freeman Park**

6000 Eureka Rd

- Sleigh rides 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Bonfire 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Snowshoeing 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Dog sled rides 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Kid's jewel dig 11 a.m.
- Ice games
- Llamas 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Snowga 12:30 p.m.

**Excelsior
Downtown**

- Magic Show, 10:30 a.m.
Excelsior Library
- Wagon rides 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
- Fat bike race 2 p.m.
- Cabin Fever Party, 3-11 p.m.
Excelsior Brewing
- Coloring contest, Library

*Library: 337 Water Street
Brewery: 421 Third Street*

**Tonka Bay
Manitou Park**

5418 Manitou Rd

- Bonfire S'mores & cocoa
12:30-3:30 p.m.
- Snowshoeing 2-3:30 p.m.
- Snowmobile rides TBD
- Fat tire bike rides
12:30-3:30 p.m.
- Human bowling
2:30-3:30 p.m.
- Snow golf TBD
- Skating and photo board
- DNR snow and tell TBD

Sunday, January 20; 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Princess Brunch

Enjoy brunch at Lord Fletcher's with your princess, followed by crafts, character visits, music, stories, face painting, prizes including an American Girl Doll and more!

RSVP your reservation to 952.471.8513.

This is always a sell out, so register early!

www.arcticfever.net

Snowsculpt

Register your family or group to snowsculpt. It's free and you can win a great prize! Sculpting takes place, weather permitting, in Badger Park beginning January 12. All sculptures must be completed by 5 p.m. on January 18 for voting.

All levels and abilities encouraged! See the AF website for tips.

Hey kids ages 3-11: enter the 2019 Arctic Fever Coloring Contest! Color and drop off by Saturday, January 19 at 5:00 p.m. to the Hennepin County Excelsior Library, 337 Water Street, Excelsior. Prizes will be awarded in three categories: ages 3-5, 6-8, and 9-11. Winners will be notified by phone and names posted in the library. You may take your picture home after January 22.

Sponsored by the Friends of Excelsior Library and Artworks Art & Frame Inc.



(Print) First Name _____ Last Name _____

Age _____ Phone _____ (this will be cut off before hanging)