



# Shore Report

News for Residents of the City of Shorewood

## Important Dates

- 12/2 7 p.m.  
Truth-in-Taxation Hearing
- 12/3 7 p.m.  
Planning Comm meeting
- 12/9 7 p.m.  
City Council Meeting
- 12/10 Canceled  
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.

City of Shorewood  
5755 Country Club Road  
Shorewood, MN 55331  
952.960.7900  
[cityhall@ci.shorewood.mn.us](mailto:cityhall@ci.shorewood.mn.us)



2018 Winter wildlife  
Maybeth Sheridan

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December 2019

## Truth-In-Taxation hearing on property tax

Each December the city holds a meeting to inform Shorewood tax payers of the details behind Shorewood's tax numbers for the coming year. The city Truth-in-Taxation hearing is Monday, December 2, 7 p.m., in the city council chambers at city hall.

### Budget numbers

- Shorewood preliminary 2020 General Fund operating budget: \$6,541,196 (4.3% increase)
- Preliminary property tax levy for 2020: \$5,856,611 (5.9% increase)

A copy of the proposed 2020 General Fund budget is available at city hall, or on the city website, [www.ci.shorewood.mn.us/2020budget](http://www.ci.shorewood.mn.us/2020budget). 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 with the county assessor each May.

## Hiring seasonal rink attendants

The City of Shorewood is accepting applications for part-time rink attendants. Attendant positions are open to anyone age 16 and older. The position 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, or download a copy from the city website under "Employment".



## Last month for Simple Recycling service

Simple Recycling is ending service in Shorewood. The orange bags can still be placed by your recycling cart in December. Beginning in January, residents with usable clothing and household items are encouraged to donate them to one of the many non-profit organizations in the area.

Non-usable cotton textiles can be included with many donations. Ask at your non-profit. Polyester, nylon and other similar fabrics should be thrown in the trash if they are not usable.



## Community events

### Excelsior Fire District's Kids' Free Movie: ELF

Saturday, December 7  
Doors open 9:30 a.m.  
Join Santa and Sparky at The Dock movie theater in Excelsior for a free holiday show. Bring food for the ICA Food Shelf to help our neighbors in need.

[www.excelsiorfire.org](http://www.excelsiorfire.org)

## Recreational fire permits

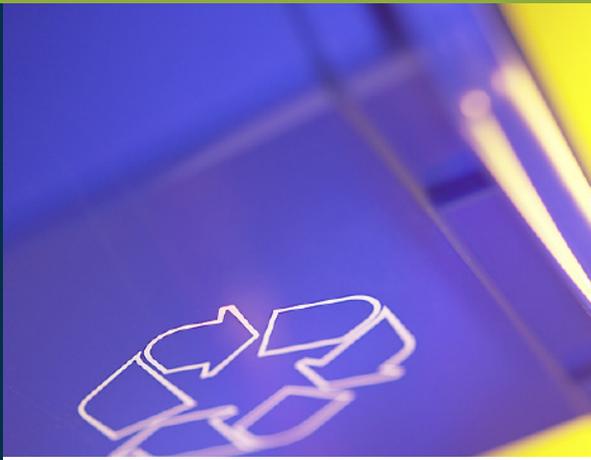
New bonfire permits are needed each year. The permits are free of charge and are issued by Excelsior Fire District. Permits must be available to emergency personnel upon request. Copies are available at [www.excelsiorfire.org](http://www.excelsiorfire.org) or at city hall.

## Sand/Salt barrels available

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

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.

Barrels are \$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, Shorewood, 55331. The public works department will contact you to schedule a delivery time.



## Battery recycling ends at city hall

### Recycle batteries at other locations

Hennepin County discontinued battery collection at community locations, including Shorewood city hall. This change is because of a fire hazard. Hennepin County will continue to accept batteries at the county's drop-off facilities in Bloomington and Brooklyn Park.

### Rechargeable batteries

Button and rechargeable batteries can be taken to county drop off centers, including Bloomington and Brooklyn Park in Hennepin County and Chaska Environmental Center in Carver County. Shorewood residents are able to use any of these facilities. Some retail stores also accept rechargeable batteries. Check [www.call2recycle.org](http://www.call2recycle.org) for locations.

### Alkaline batteries

County drop-offs accept alkaline, single-use batteries for recycling. It is not illegal to throw them in the trash, but haulers prefer they be recycled.

### Battery safety

- Place batteries in a clear plastic bag OR place clear tape on both the positive (+) and negative (-) terminals.
- Bring bulging or damaged lithium ion batteries to a drop-off facility as soon as possible. Do not place them in any recycling or trash containers.



Learn more about battery recycling online at <https://www.hennepin.us/batteryrecycling>.

## Presidential primary returns to Minnesota

Legislation passed in 2016 creating a presidential nomination primary. This will be Minnesota's first presidential primary since 1992.

### What to know

- You will be able to vote early (in-person or by mail) or on Election Day. Early voting begins on January 17.
- When you vote, you must choose which major party's ballot you want.
- Which party you choose will not be public information, though it will be available to each major party.

### On the ballot

- By law, only major parties can participate in the primary. There are four major parties in

Minnesota. The chair of each major party will submit a list of candidates for the party's ballot no later than December 31, 2019.

- Those candidates will appear on the ballot even if they drop out of the presidential race before March 3.
- Each party decides if they want to include a write-in choice or an option to vote for 'uncommitted'.

### What's next?

- Party delegates will go to a national convention where a final candidate is nominated.
- Parties must use the presidential primary results to choose the delegates.
- Each party handles delegate elections according to their party rules.

### Precinct caucuses

- Precinct caucuses will take place on February 25 to conduct other party business.
- The presidential primary replaces the presidential straw poll that used to be held during the precinct caucus.



# Southshore Community & Event Center

5735 Country Club Road, Shorewood, 55331 • 952.474.7635

[www.ShorewoodCEC.com](http://www.ShorewoodCEC.com)

## Southshore Holiday Lunch

Thursday, December 12, 11 a.m.

Ages: 55+ and guests

Join friends and community members for a fun-filled holiday party featuring Lydia Holsten at the piano and the smooth vocals of Fred Montana. Price includes lunch and program complete with door prizes. \$5 for SSP members, \$7 for non-members. Call the center at 952.474.7635 by Monday, December 9, to make your reservation. Have fun, enjoy a great meal and meet new friends!



### Happy Feet

Monday, December 16

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.

### Fitness Class

Monday, Wednesday, Friday,  
8:30 a.m.; \$6 per 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 (begins Dec. 3)

Tuesdays, 1 p.m.

Interested in Playing Cribbage? Call the center 952.474.7635 to express interest.

### 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.

### Knitting

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

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

### 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.

### 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, December 6 and 20

9-10 a.m.; Ages: All

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. Call Jane at 952.474.4673, or Joanne, 952.474.6022 with questions.

## Instant Pot

Get it out of the box!

Tuesday, December 10, 11 a.m.; \$12

If you have an Instant Pot that is still in the box, bring it with you to this fun class. Experienced but want to try some new recipes? You can come, too! This popular class fills up quickly, so call the center at 952.474.7635 to register right away. This is a hands-on class. We will enjoy an Instant Pot meal when we are done.



The center is closed December 24-25 and January 1 for the holidays. Closes at noon December 31.

## Council Activities

Since the last council meeting the city council:

- Appointed Debrah Zorn as city representative for LMCD.
- Presented spring/summer photo contest awards. Winners were Dawn Reese for "Bleeding Heart" in the Pets & Wildlife category, and Kara Schmitz for "Summer, Sweet, Summer" in the People of Shorewood category, and "Bee Friendly" in the Splendor of the Seasons category.
- Approved hiring of Katriona Filipovitch Molasky as Planning Technician.

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

## Engineering services

Earlier this year the city council requested proposals from firms to serve as the city engineer. At their October 15 meeting, the council directed staff to negotiate with Bolton & Menk to serve as the contracted city engineer. As of the date of this article, it is anticipated that the contract will be approved at the November 25 council meeting. If approved, effective December 2, Bolton & Menk will become the city's engineering firm, and Andrew Budde will become the contracted city engineer. Watch the city website for office hours and contact information.

## Street Inspector

The city recently promoted Andy Eslinger as the city's street inspector. Andy was a utility operator for the City of Shorewood, and he will now work with the engineering firm to provide construction observation for future projects as well as record management for the city.



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### Warming House Schedule

(mid-Dec to mid-Feb)

**Warming houses are available at ice rinks in Manor 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.*

### 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.

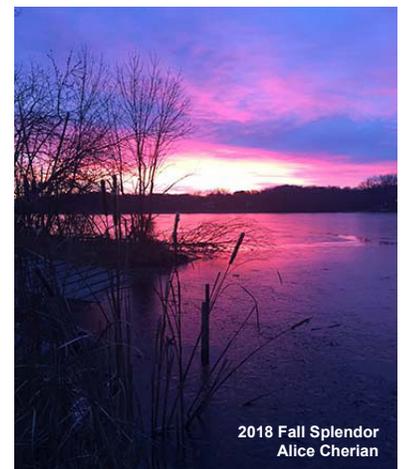


### Shorewood photo contest currently underway Get snapping!

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

- People of Shorewood
- Pets and Wildlife
- Events and Activities
- Splendor of Seasons

All photos should be taken during the fall and winter months. Pictures should be taken in Shorewood between September 23, 2019, (first day of fall) and March 19, 2020 (last day of winter). 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 23, 2020, at 4:30 p.m. See complete rules online, [www.ci.shorewood.mn.us/photo](http://www.ci.shorewood.mn.us/photo) contest.



2018 Fall Splendor  
Alice Cherian

**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!



**Arctic bowling**  
Country Club Lanes  
Saturday, 1:30-6 p.m.  
Reserve a lane  
952.474.5959

**Saturday, January 19**

## Shorewood

### Freeman Park

6000 Eureka Rd

- Sleigh rides 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Geocaching 11 a.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 and snow 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

12:30-3:30 p.m. or as noted  
Bonfire S'mores & cocoa

- Snowshoeing 2-3:30 p.m.
- Snowmobile rides
- Fat tire bike rides
- Human bowling
- Snow golf
- Skating and photo board
- DNR snow and tell
- Manitou Mystery Mush
- Henn Cty Water Patrol

**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](http://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.