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City Prepares for Winter with Comprehensive Winter Operations Policy

To ensure the safety and well-being of residents, the City has developed a comprehensive Winter Operations Policy that outlines strategies for snow and ice removal.

City Priorities

At the heart of the City's Winter Operations Policy is a commitment to providing safe and accessible roadways, sidewalks, trails and facilities for all residents. Snow and ice removal is prioritized on busier thoroughfares, followed by residential streets, pedestrian facilities, and building facilities. The City's goal is to complete snow removal within 24 hours of a snowfall, and the City's public works staff work hard to achieve this goal. During the winter months, the City is committed to maintaining essential services, such as garbage collection, emergency response, and school transportation.

Change In Materials

Historically, winter operations included using a 60/40 sand/salt mix for a de-icing material to improve traction on winter roads. However, there are drawbacks to using sand for winter operations, including:

- Sand provides temporary traction and does not melt ice and snow.
- Sand negatively affects storm water drainage including clogging catch basins and pipes and other drainage features.
- Sand is expensive to clean up and dispose of from the street, storm water structures, and ponds.

Moving forward, salt will be the primary material used to provide safe roadways. Salt helps melt snow and ice and improves road conditions for drivers. The proper application of salt minimizes environmental impacts and creates safer conditions for drivers. Public works staff have attended training over the past year to make this transition in materials in order to responsibly maintain Shorewood's roadways while providing a high level of service that residents expect.

Partnering with Residents

Residents can help with timely and effective snow removal by avoiding parking on City streets during snowstorms. Also, maintain safe distances from plows and equipment to avoid accidents. Finally, removing snow from around fire hydrants and catch basins aids responders in the event of an emergency.

Staying Informed

For more information on the City's winter operations, please visit the City's website. For updates and emergency alerts visit ci.shorewood.mn.us/alerts

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2024 Elections Information

Presidential Nomination Primary is March 5, polls open 7 am-8 pm

Voting gives you a chance to actively shape your community, select leaders, and contribute to decision making. Voting fosters accountability, civic duty, and ensures that government reflects the needs of your city. Both federal and local elections are taking place in 2024. This year, you'll have a say in electing the U.S. President, a District 6 Commissioner, two council members, and a mayor.

This newsletter will cover voting for the Presidential Nomination Primary. Future newsletters will include details for upcoming elections.

Visit ci.shorewood.mn.us/elections for updates and information.

How to Register to Vote

Registering to vote is easy, but it does require some planning ahead. There are three ways that you can vote: online, by mail, or in person, when you vote. Visit mnvotes.org/register to learn how.

How to Vote January 19 to March 4



To vote **by mail**, you must first apply for an absentee ballot. Call City Hall to request an application at 952.960.7900, or download the application from mnvotes.org/absentee. Mail completed application to Hennepin County Elections, 300 South 6th St. MC 680, Minneapolis, MN 55487.



To vote **in person**, visit City Hall between January 19 and March 5, 8 am - 4:30 pm, Monday - Friday. City Hall will also be open for in-person voting on Saturday, March 2, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm, and Monday, Monday, March 4, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm. Please note, City Hall will be closed in observance of Presidents' Day on Monday, February 19. Direct balloting begins Friday, February 16 at City Hall, in which early voters may feed ballots directly into the ballot counter.

How to Vote on Election Day, March 5, 7 am - 8 pm

To vote in person on Election Day, visit your designated polling place.



Precinct 1: Minnewashta Church, 26710 West 62nd St



Precinct 2: Shorewood Community & Event Center, 5735 Country Club Rd



Precinct 3: Excelsior Covenant Church, 19955 Excelsior Blvd

If you are unsure of your polling place, visit pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us to enter your address and find out where you vote on Election Day.



Sample Ballots will be available to view at City Hall and online. Visit ci.shorewood.mn.us/elections for all 2024 elections info.

Shorewood Advisory Boards & Commissions

There will be open seats for advisory boards and commissions in 2024. These positions are not elected; commissioners and board members are appointed by City Council members. Any resident over the age of 18, is eligible to apply for these positions by January 31, 2024. Terms begin in March 2024. Applications are currently being accepted for Planning Commission, Park Commission, Lake Minnetonka Communications Commission, and Minnetonka Community Education.

To learn more and apply, visit ci.shorewood.mn.us/commissions

Political Campaign Signs May Be Posted January 19

Pursuant to MN Statute 202A.14, subd. 3 and Shorewood City Code, from 46 days prior to the primary election up to 10 days following the general election, anyone can place any number or size of signs on their property.

If you plan to place the signs close to the street, there are a few additional rules to remember. **Signs must be at least five feet from streets** and the five feet is measured from the following:

- The curb of a paved roadway.
- The paved street surface for those streets without curbs or shoulders.
- The edge of the aggregate surface for gravel streets or those paved streets with improved gravel shoulders.

Signs are limited to thirty inches in height if they are placed within thirty feet of a street intersection.

No political signs may be placed on public lands (including parks and open spaces).

If you have questions about campaign sign locations, please contact the Planning Department, 952.960.7909.

Making Sense of Local Government

Police and Fire Protection in Shorewood

There are a variety of ways that cities provide police and fire protection services to their communities. While many cities have their own departments, it is not uncommon for cities to share these services with neighboring communities through a service contract. Small cities often find such arrangements to be more cost effective and result in better service for residents.

Shorewood provides police and fire protection services in partnership with its neighboring communities using joint powers agreements. Under the state's Joint Powers Act, such agreements enable cities, counties, school districts, tribes, and many other types of public entities to cooperatively provide services common to them. A governing board, comprised of members of the agreement, oversees the administration and delivery of the service.

The South Lake Minnetonka Police Department (SLMPD) includes the cities of Shorewood, Tonka Bay, Excelsior and Greenwood. The mayors of each city comprise the governing board. The police chief reports to the board and is responsible for both day-to-day and strategic operations of the department. The chief also meets regularly with the city administrators to provide updates and receive feedback from the member cities.

The SLMPD is comprised of eighteen sworn officers, one full-time civilian public safety officer, four part-time community service officers, and two administrative support staff. The 2024 SLMPD budget is \$3,550,635 and Shorewood's share is \$1,538,043. Budgetary costs are distributed among the member cities using a formula that includes population, tax capacity, and incidents. More information about the SLMPD can be found at www.southlakepd.com.

The Excelsior Fire District (EFD) includes the same member communities as the SLMPD, but also includes the City of Deephaven. Council members from each member city make up the governing board. Like the SLMPD, the fire chief reports to the board and meets regularly with the city administrators.

The EFD currently employs four full or part-time staff members and is budgeted for fifty paid-on-call firefighters. The department also uses duty crews, which allow firefighters to schedule time at the station during periods of higher call volumes. Duty crews improve response times, allow paid-on-call firefighters to schedule their time around work and family, and allow training and equipment maintenance to occur more efficiently. The 2024 EFD budget is \$2,054,000 and Shorewood's share is \$746,361. Budgetary costs are distributed among the member cities using a formula that includes population, tax capacity, and parcel numbers. More information about the EFD can be found at www.excelsiorfire.org.



Posing with a llama at Arctic Fever last year!

Message from the Mayor

Looking forward to the new year!

While serving as Shorewood Mayor for the past three years, I have met so many Shorewood residents! Thank you to all the residents who came to City Council meetings this past year, attended community events, invited me to your "Night to Unite" parties, and served on commissions or as volunteers.

People have often asked, **"If I have a question or an issue that I would like to bring to the attention of the City Council, how do I do this?"** Here are three ways to bring something to the attention of the Mayor and City Council:

1. Contact us through our city emails
2. Call us at City Hall, 952.960.7900
3. Attend a council, commission, or board meeting.

Thank you for giving me this opportunity to serve as Shorewood Mayor! I am extremely passionate about serving our community and I look forward to continuing this service in 2024! I wish you peace, joy and good health!



Know Before You Throw

Metal can be recycled over and over again without wearing out; however, not all things metal should go in your recycling bin. Common household items, such as hangers, pots and pans, pipes, and auto parts can damage the recycling sorting facility equipment and harm workers. These metals are recyclable anywhere scrap metal is collected. Food and beverage cans are just fine to go into your bin; just make sure to empty and rinse them. It is okay to leave the labels on these items, but do not crush them as the sorting machines may not be able to recognize them as recyclable once they are flattened.



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Mark Your Calendars

January 2024

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	1-New Year's Day (City Hall Closed)
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	2-Planning Commission Meeting (7 pm)
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	8-City Council Meeting (7 pm)
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	9-Park Commission Meeting (7 pm)
28	29	30	31				15-MLK Jr Day (City Hall Closed)
							19-Early Voting Begins
							19 & 20-Arctic Fever
							22-City Council Meeting (7 pm)
							23-Recycling Committee Meeting (5:30 pm)

February 2024

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	
				1	2	3	6-Planning Commission Meeting (7 pm)
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	12-City Council Meeting (7 pm)
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	13-Park Commission Meeting (7 pm)
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	16-Direct Balloting Begins
25	26	27	28	29			19-Presidents' Day (City Hall Closed)
							26-City Council Meeting (7 pm)
							27-Recycling Committee Meeting (5:30 pm)

Recycling Pick-Up

Shorewood pick-up dates are highlighted in blue. To download the yearly calendar, find your collection day or sign up for email reminders, visit ci.shorewood.mn.us/recycling

JANUARY

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FEBRUARY

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New website coming in Spring!

Jan**19**&
Jan**20**



Arctic Fever

Make winter memories on a horse drawn carriage ride, tromp through the snow with a llama, catch a magic show and much more at Arctic Fever! Start the festivities with pizza, beer, cookies and more at the Kick-Off Event on Friday, January 19 from 5:30-7:30 pm at the Shorewood Community and Event Center, 5735 Country Club Road.

Become a sponsor or volunteer!

To learn about sponsor benefits and volunteer details, please email parksandrec@ci.shorewood.mn.us or call 952.960.7902

Arctic Fever is hosted by City of Shorewood, City of Tonka Bay and Excelsior Branch of Hennepin County Libraries

Thank you to our sponsors!



Event schedule and COLORING CONTEST at arcticfever.net

First Aid Training with Excelsior Fire Department

Hands-on CPR trainings are available for those ages 18 and over. Trainings will be held at the South Lake Minnetonka Public Safety Building. Visit ci.shorewood.mn.us/parksandrec/catalog to register online.

Jan
30

Hand Only CPR & AED Orientation Class

Learn how to handle a cardiac arrest emergency and perform Hand Only CPR, also known as compression only CPR. Excelsior Fire will share the signs of a heart attack, determining if someone is in cardiac arrest and how to respond. Additionally, become familiar with AEDs (Automatic External Defibrillator) by discovering how to locate AEDs in public buildings, where they are in the Excelsior Fire District and how to use one with confidence. Cost: FREE. Ages: 18+

This course will be held on Tuesday, January 30 from 7:00-8:00 pm at South Lake Minnetonka Public Safety Building, 24100 Smithtown Rd.

Feb
28

Friends & Family CPR

Spend an evening with Excelsior Fire to complete training in infant CPR, child CPR and adult CPR and receive a certificate of participation. Ages 18+. Light dinner provided. \$15 fee.

This course will be held on Wednesday, February 28 from 5:00-8:00 pm at South Lake Minnetonka Public Safety Building, 24100 Smithtown Rd.



Feb 20 to
Mar 26

Roots & Wings Nature Based Play

Discover the astounding therapeutic benefits of nature through play with occupational therapist, yoga instructor and co-owner of Roots and Wings Therapeutic Services LLC, Michelle Pettit. Michelle is passionate about providing services that are meaningful, bring joy, and support learning, growth, connection and autonomy. Visit our online catalog for program descriptions and registration.

All sessions are held every Tuesday, from February 20-March 26 at Eddy Station in Freeman Park, 6000 Eureka Rd. Ages, fees, and times vary. See online catalog for details.

9:00 am Kids Yoga (ages 3-6)

9:45 am Outdoor Play Enrichment (ages 2-6)

11:00 am Grounded Arts (ages 2-6)

12:30 pm Grounded Arts (ages 18+)



Visit us online to browse, register, and learn more!

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plan your next event with us!

The Shorewood Community & Event Center can accommodate groups up to 180. The Center hosts conference rooms, breakout spaces, a commercial kitchen, and Badger Park is just steps outside our doors.



Visit ci.shorewood.mn.us/parksandrec/catalog for more information, see availability, and to make your reservation.

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