



Shore Report

News for Residents of the City of Shorewood

Upcoming Meetings and Events

- 3/2 Absentee voting
City hall open until 5 p.m.
- 3/3 7 a.m.-8 p.m.
Primary voting
- 3/9 7 p.m.
City Council Meeting
- 3/10 7 p.m.
Park Commission Meeting
- 3/17 7 p.m.
Planning Comm Meeting
- 3/23 7 p.m.
City Council Meeting

Please check for meeting updates on the city website, www.ci.shorewood.mn.us.

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Vote in the presidential primary March 3

In-person voting for the presidential nomination primary is at your polling location, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., Tuesday, March 3. Find your poll location at www.mnvotes.org.

During the seven days prior to the March 3 election, direct balloting absentee voting takes place at city hall. During direct balloting, you fill out your primary election ballot and feed it directly into the voting machine. City hall is open until 5 p.m. on Monday, March 2, for absentee voting. For more information, go to www.ci.shorewood.mn.us/elections.

What happens next?

The results of the presidential primary are tabulated and the state political parties use the information to provide delegates to their national convention.

The state primary election for other federal or state offices requiring a primary takes place Tuesday, August 11. Absentee voting for the state primary begins Friday, June 26.

A complete calendar of 2020 election dates is on the city website under elections.

Everyone deserves to be counted

The 2020 Census is officially underway, marking an important milestone for the nation's once-in-a-decade head count. Counting all residents is required by the U.S. Constitution and is used to determine the number of seats in the U.S. House of Representatives and to define legislative districts. It is also used to make many planning decisions about community services, like where to provide services for the elderly, locate job training centers, determine where to build new roads and schools, and to distribute federal funds to state and local governments.

In mid-March, households will begin receiving information on how to respond to the 2020 Census. By April 1, every household will receive an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census. You will have

three options for responding: online, by phone, by mail. Completing the information right away prevents the need for follow-up and saves the Census valuable time and money, so residents are encouraged to complete the information in a timely manner. Follow-up for those who do not complete the survey might include a phone call or a home visit by a Census counter. If you want to verify that the visit or the phone call you receive is legitimate, you may call the Census regional office, 1.800.865.6384. They will never ask for social security numbers or require any type of payment.

For more information go to www.census.gov.

Watch for property tax statements

In the month of March, property owners will receive a Market Value Notice from Hennepin County. This notice will affect property taxes assessed in 2019, payable in 2020.

If you believe the property information on your value notice is incorrect, or you disagree with the value or classification, contact the local assessor at 612.348.3046 first to discuss any questions or concerns. Often your issues can be resolved at this level. If your questions or concerns are not resolved, more formal appeal options are available.

Residents who do not agree with their property valuation after a discussion with the assessor may appeal their valuation at the Open Book meeting, Monday, May 4, 5-7 p.m., at Shorewood city hall. Instructions for additional appeals or what to do if you are unable to attend the Open Book meeting are printed on your valuation notice, or may be found on the city web site under Government> Property Tax.

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Lights On!

South Lake Minnetonka
Police Department

It is a common scenario, an officer pulls over a vehicle with a burned-out bulb except, now, instead of a ticket or warning, the officer hands the driver a Lights On! voucher for free light repair. The drivers can then redeem those vouchers for free repairs at any participating auto service provider.

In the first two weeks of the Lights On! program, SLMPD issued ten vouchers.

Lights On! is paid for by a non-government program offered by Minneapolis non-profit MicroGrants. Donations are accepted to keep the program going. Go to www.lightsonus.org for more information.

Be an SLMPD reserve

Reserve officers provide services that include duties such as riding with licensed officers on routine patrol, traffic and crowd control, crime prevention, residential and business checks, bike patrol, security and emergency call-outs. These unpaid volunteers donate a minimum of 120 hours per year serving the department.

Qualifications include:

- At least 19 years old
- Good physical condition
- Possess a valid Minnesota driver's license
- Have no felony or gross misdemeanor convictions
- Pass an oral examination
- Pass a background investigation

For further information about the program, or to apply, contact Officer Ricky Syhr at 952-960-1611 or Officer Justin Kuipers at 952-960-1624.



Think before you throw

The city recycling contract requires Shorewood to pay extra if too much "trash" is put in the curbside recycling carts. Residents generally do a great job keeping non-recyclables out of the cart, but there are some areas that can be improved.

Not in the cart

Plastic bags. Do not recycle your plastic bags in the cart and do not bag recyclables in a plastic bag. Plastic bags can be recycled at some retail outlets (Cub, Target, Staples, etc.).

Paper towels, plates, tissues. Although these can be put in an organics bin, the type of paper used and the food residue makes these non-recyclable. A list of free organics drop-off locations are listed on the city website under Recycling.

Shredded paper. We used to say put it in a paper bag, but now they don't want it in the cart at all. Save your paper for one of the city shred events, or small amounts can be composted.

Scrap metal and pans.

They are metal, which can be recycled, but they need to be taken to a drop-off center and should not be in the cart.

Large plastics and Tupperware.

Although many are made from plastics that can be recycled, these plastic items require special handling and should not be placed in the recycling cart. The same goes for black plastic and garden pots.

Check the city Facebook

Recycling Weeks for March 2020

All recycling must be curbside no later than 7 a.m. on recycling day. Mainland residents recycle March 4 and 18; Islands recycle March 5 and 19.

Report misses: City hall, 952.960.7900
by



page photo album for pictures of common items that cause confusion.

Keeping the recycling cart free of non-recyclables or recyclables not collected curbside keeps recycling costs down and also makes it easier for the material to be sold in recycling markets.

In Minnesota, it is illegal for recyclables to be collected and landfilled. If you are recycling correctly, your items are being recycled.

Be a garden volunteer

Each spring dedicated volunteers work in Shorewood Parks to prepare the gardens for summer splendor. The city is looking for volunteers to fill spots in our adopt-a-garden program.

A stipend is available for the purchase of plants and materials. Some of the gardens are complete

and just need summer up-keep and annuals planted in the beds for additional summer color. To volunteer or to get more information, please call city hall, 952.960.7900.



Where do you live?

You thought you lived in Shorewood. Your zip code is 55331 or 55364, but your mail comes addressed to Excelsior or Mound. Do you live in Shorewood? Yes.

Although several communities share the 55331 (mainland) or 55364 (islands) zip code, you still live in and pay taxes to City of Shorewood. In fact, if you

put Shorewood as your mailing address, it will still get to you as long as the zip code is correct.

When you are putting your address on property tax or legal documents (including Real ID and other state ID cards), use Shorewood as your city of residence. If it is only for postal mail or deliveries, Excelsior or Mound is fine.

We are happy to serve you as Shorewood city staff and city council. We are glad you are in Shorewood. Stop by city hall or watch for the city at area special events in 2020 to mark your spot on the Shorewood map. Thank you for being a part of our community.

#WeAreShorewood

Shorewood Community & Event Center

5735 Country Club Road • 952.474.7635 • www.ShorewoodCEC.com

Escape to the Lake

Wednesday, March 18, 10:30 a.m.

Popular Writer and Photographer Doug Ohman

His topic will be "Escape to the lake . . . cabins of Minnesota"

RSVP to the center, 952.474.7635



Do not miss the insert for the March 14 Spring Garden Fair. Gardeners of all levels will love it!

Happy Feet

Monday, March 16; \$40

Appointments: 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

Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 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. For more information, call Linda, 952.475.1430.

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! No RSVP necessary.

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. No RSVP necessary.

Cribbage

Tuesdays, 1 p.m.; Ages: All

Call the center to RSVP.

Mahjong

Wednesdays, 1 p.m.; Ages: All

Mahjong is a tile-based game which originated in China. 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.

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. Stop by any Thursday.

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, March 6 and 20

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, and to better take care of yourself. Questions? Call Jane at 952.474.4673, or Joanne, 952.474.6022.

Life Line Screening

Friday, April 3, by appointment

Preventative screening for your cardiovascular health. Call 888.653.6450 for an appointment.

Council Activities

Since the last council meeting the city council:

- Approved a change order for the 2019 street overlay project.
- Heard report by planning commissioner Gault about minor ordinance changes proposed by the planning commission.
- Discussed a comprehensive plan amendment for the rezoning of a plat at 24340 Yellowstone Trail. At this time the rezoning has not been approved.
- Approved an amendment to ordinance 571 changing the legal age to purchase tobacco in Shorewood from 18 to 21. This is to be in line with state statute.
- Authorized mowing contracts.
- Appointed Joanne Schmid to the park commission and Marc Riedel to the planning commission.

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide

Tuesdays from 8-Noon through April 14

To schedule an appointment with one of the IRS certified volunteers to help you with your taxes call Shorewood Community Center at 952.474.7635.



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City fall/winter photo contest pictures due March 26

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

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

All photos should be taken during the fall and winter months. 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 26 at 4:30 p.m.

Get complete rules and submission information on the city website under Community. If you have additional questions contact the city at 952.960.7900, or email cityhall@ci.shorewood.mn.us.

Planning applications

| Active Development Applications | | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| Location | Type of Application | Tentative Review Schedule* | |
| | | Planning Commission | City Council |
| 20505 Radisson Road | Variance to Lot Area | 3/17/2020 | 3/23/2020 |
| 5810 Club Lane | Minor Subdivision | 4/7/2020 | 4/27/2020 |
| 23100 Summit Avenue | Variance to Front Setback | 3/17/2020 | 3/23/2020 |
| 25165 Glen Road | Minor Subdivision | 3/17/2020 | 3/23/2020 |
| 20325 Excelsior Blvd | Preliminary Plat and Variances | 3/17/2020 | 3/23/2020 |

*Subject to Change

Contact Planning Staff at 952-960-7900 or planning@ci.shorewood.mn.us for more information. Updates are on the city website under Planning & Building.



Daylight saving time begins at 2 a.m. on Sunday, March 8. Remember to set your clocks forward one hour. Enjoy the extra hour of daylight!

Daylight saving time ends on Sunday, November 1, 2020.



Garden *Spring* Fair

Saturday, March 14, 2020

8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Shorewood Community & Event Center
5735 Country Club Road, Shorewood, MN 55331

For gardeners of all levels!

Vendors, speakers, lunch and conversation about all things gardening.
Hennepin County Master Gardeners receive four CEUs.

Cost: \$25

Seminar topics include: Unusual Herbs, Compost,
Growing Garlic and Garden Design



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Details and registration:
www.ci.shorewood.mn.us/gardenfair

or call 952.474.7635



Shorewood Tree Order Form

Numbers of trees are very limited. Your check will be returned if your choices are not available. Trees are first come first served.

Prior to the pick-up dates, you will receive a mailed reminder with details about your order. Please bring that paperwork to the pick-up event, or give it to your designated representative (if someone else is picking up the trees for you) to ensure a smooth pick-up process. Trees that are not collected on the designated dates will be planted in Shorewood parks. No refunds will be given.

Submit payment in the form of a check payable to City of Shorewood and mail to City of Shorewood Tree Sale, 5755 Country Club Road, Shorewood, MN 55331. Orders may be mailed or delivered in person to city hall. **A 24-hour drop box is located at city hall for your convenience.**

Tree Pick-Up

Trees **MUST** be picked up on designated dates or you **forfeit the tree and the money you paid for it.**
Leftover trees will be planted in Shorewood parks.

Friday, May 15, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
Saturday, May 16, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Minnetonka Public Works, East Driveway
11522 Minnetonka Blvd.
Minnetonka, MN 55305
(952) 988-8400

Please print

Name _____

Address _____

Daytime phone (____) _____ Email _____

Check # _____ Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Tree descriptions are available on the city website, www.ci.shorewood.mn.us/treesale. Online ordering is available on the city website.

| Species | Price | Quantity | Total |
|------------------------------|-------|----------|-------|
| River Birch | \$85 | | |
| Chokecherry | \$75 | | |
| Salix Prairie Cascade Willow | \$75 | | |
| Showy Mountain Ash | \$75 | | |
| Techny Arborvitae | \$65 | | |
| | | | |
| Total Due | | | |

Ordering Trees

- A very limited number of trees have been ordered and are offered on a first-come, first-serve basis. The intent of the sale is to diversify Shorewood's tree stock in an effort to reduce the effects of tree diseases such as Emerald Ash Borer and Dutch Elm Disease.
- Orders will be processed for single family homeowners. Townhouse and association properties should contact the city for order.
- Unlike a retail nursery, these trees do not have a warranty.

Comments:

Orders are first-come, first-served until sold. Send order to:

City of Shorewood Tree Sale
5755 Country Club Road
Shorewood, MN 55331

Before you mail the order, please confirm:

- Filled out order form completely?
- Checked www.ci.shorewood.mn.us to see if selection is sold out (or call city hall, 952.960.7900)?
- Enclosed check payable to City of Shorewood for exact amount?
- Checked your calendar to make sure someone can pick up your trees on May 15 or May 16?