

SOUTHSHORE SENIOR PARTNERS TIMES

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SHOREWOOD COMMUNITY & EVENT CENTER

Arctic Fever 2026

City of Shorewood

Arctic Fever is the annual fun community event that gets us all out and about for some free winter family fun! Events run on:

January 16th & 17th, 2026

Join us at the Kick-Off Event on Friday, January 16th from 5:30pm-7:30pm. This event is held at Shorewood Community & Event Center. Enjoy a Free Pizza party, Magic Show, Llamas, Cookie Decorating, S'mores, and more.

Saturday January 17th has a large number of exciting events in the community too!
11am-1pm at Freeman Park, 6000 Eureka Road.

* *Additional Schedule details of many fun events are on **Page 2** and also at: www.arcticfever.net*

*"Let your smile change the world,
don't let the world change your smile."*

Lake Minnetonka Klondike Dog Derby

The 4th annual Lake Minnetonka Klondike Dog Derby brings a piece of the past to Excelsior. On Friday, the public is welcome to watch veterinarians give the dogs a pre-race checkup, and even Hug-a-Husky.

Saturday is Race day!
Events are free, and are on:
Feb 13th & 14th, 2026

More details on teams of 8-dogs each for 40-mile course starting and finishing on Water Street in downtown Excelsior:



klondikedogderby.com



Free tax service available for seniors and low-income persons/families by:

AARP - IRS CERTIFIED TAX-AIDE COUNSELORS FOR YOUR 2026 TAXES

- * Federal and State Tax Preparation
- * State Property Tax
- * Renters Rebate Returns

Appointment Dates and Times available to reserve:

Thursdays from: February 12 to April 9
9:00am, 10:15am, 11:30am, 12:45pm

We have a new Tax Appointment specific phone line.
You can start making your Tax Preparation appointment starting on: **1/29/2026 (Thursday)**

Tax Appt Reservations are required at: 952-960-7923
Appointments will be held at Shorewood Community & Event Center

We're excited to announce a new class:

Fit, Fabulous & Fun!

Join Tiffany (A.C.E. Certified Fitness Professional) of **Love & Light Fitness** every Thursday for 45 minutes to have **Fit, Fabulous and Fun!** Each class will start with gentle movement incorporating dance, strength, balance, mobility and flexibility with the use of a chair.

Start your New Year right! All are welcome to come and try a class for free.

When: January 8th, 2026 (Thursday)
10:00am—10:45am

Where: Shorewood Community & Event Center

10-class punch cards will be offered for \$30 or pay as you go for \$5 per class.



Cribbage
Tues—1pm!

Call the Center for information 952-474-7635 Visit our website: ShorewoodMN.gov/SSSP
or stop by: 5735 Country Club Road, Shorewood MN 55331

In Our Neighborhood

Arctic Fever 2026

City of Shorewood

Jan 16th (Fri) - Kick-Off Event

Shorewood Community Center — 5:30-7:30pm

- * Free pizza party Llamas
- * Face Painting Balloon Twisting
- * Cookie Decorating Kid's Band
- * Photo Booth Magic Show

Jan 17th (Sat)

Freeman Park—11:00am-1:00pm

- * Warm up with a s'more & hot chocolate.
- * Make winter memories on a dog sled ride or tromp through the snow on snowshoes.
- * Bring the grandkids for kick-sledding, walking the gnome trail, horse driven wagon rides and treasure hunting (Geocaching)

Note: Free Admission. Some activities have a fee.

UPDATED ADDRESS OR PHONE?

Have you recently moved or have an updated name or address? Contact us at:

ShorewoodSSSP@gmail.com or call: 952-474-7635

BOOK CLUB

2ND THURSDAYS MONTHLY - 1:00PM

Read any book of your choosing in the denoted theme and tell the group about the book you chose.



Date	Theme
Jan 8th	Historical Fiction
Feb 12th	Biography
Mar 12th	Science Fiction

DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP

Caregivers of loved ones with dementia share tips, support one another, and discuss your questions. Caregivers of any age are welcome.



1ST & 3RD FRIDAYS: 9:00AM

Any questions, call Jane Stein: 952-240-8835

JUST WRITE IT!

3RD THURSDAYS MONTHLY
12:00PM-2PM

what's
your
story?

Have your children or grandchildren ever asked you what your life was like when you were their age? Have you ever considered writing about your story? Do you have a story tucked away half finished?

SSSP is offering a Writer's Class where you can get help finishing that story or even to begin a new one. It could be about events in your life or a topic you want to explore. Your writing need not be limited to life stories. Fiction, non-fiction, essay, poetry, whatever you choose can be discussed and reviewed at each session. Upcoming dates are:

Jan 15th Feb 19th Mar 19th

FREE PARK DAYS

Free entrance to all Minnesota state parks and recreation areas.



One fee-free day each season. All 75 state parks and recreation areas offer free admission to everyone.

- Fee-free dates this quarter: Jan 19, 2026 (Mon)

WOOD CARVER'S GROUP

Tuesdays and Fridays at 9:30am.
Come one day or both days!



Wood carvers of all skill levels welcome. Start something new or finish something old. Come ask questions of other carvers and make some new friends!

THE CENTER WILL BE CLOSED

January 1st	Thursday	(Happy New Year)
January 15th	Monday	(MLK Day)
February 16th	Monday	(Presidents Day)

SSSP BOARD MEMBERS

The SouthShore Senior Partners are dedicated to encouraging seniors (55+) in maintaining a healthy and active life style. Our programs provide seniors with a time to socialize and participate in a variety of recreational and learning opportunities.

SSSP Board Members are:

Sally Bergman Jeanna Raap
Tena Brandhorst Theresa Zerby
Twila Grout

If you are interested in joining our board, contact Tena at the Center.

Upcoming Events

ONGOING ACTIVITIES EACH MONTH

Monday's

- ◇ Busy Bee Quilters
 - 9:00 am—Noon
- ◇ EngAGE Physical Therapy class
 - 9:00 am — Register at 612.888.9882
- ◇ Bingo
 - 1:00 pm — *Win prize money!*

Tuesdays

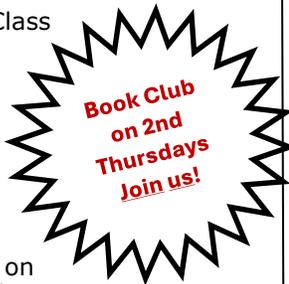
- ◇ Card Crafters
 - 9:00 am — *Bring your friends!*
- ◇ Woodcarvers
 - 9:30 am *Join us for projects (Tu Fr)*
- ◇ Knit and Crochet
 - 10:30 am - *No sign up needed*
- ◇ Cribbage
 - 1:00 pm — *Join us!*
- ◇ Crafts & Creative Arts
 - 1:00 pm — *Beading, needlepoint, paper crafts, diamond painting, string art, etc*

Wednesdays

- ◇ Mahjong
 - 1:00 pm — *Join us for a fun game!*

Thursdays

- ◇ Fit, Fabulous & Fun!
 - 10:00 am — Fitness Class
- ◇ Bridge Cards
 - 1:00 pm
- ◇ Book Club
 - 1:00 pm — Join us on *2nd Thursdays monthly*
- ◇ Write Your Story Club
 - 12:00 pm — Join us on *3rd Thursdays monthly*



Fridays

- ◇ Dementia Support
 - 9:00 am — *1st & 3rd Fridays*
 - Join Jane Stein at: 952-240-8835
- ◇ Woodcarvers
 - 9:30 am — *Come enjoy! (Tue & Fri)*

ENGAGE WELL: BALANCE, AGILITY & FUN!

Join Sue Kanter of EngAGE Physical Therapy and Wellness for her Balance, Agility, Power and Strength class.

Mondays 9:00am to 9:45am

Call Sue with questions and to sign-up
612-888-9882 or

suek@engagephysicaltherapymn.com

	Bridge Thurs (1pm)		Cribbage Tues (1pm)
	Mahjong Weds (1pm)		Woodcarving Tues (9:30am) Fri (9:30am)

WISH TO RENT THE EVENT CENTER??

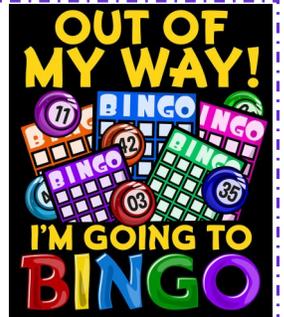
We have a great space for your Event, Retirement Party, Celebration of Life, etc.
Contact us at Parks & Rec, at: 952-960-7902 or
Email: rentals@shorewoodMN.gov

SOUTHSHORE SENIOR PARTNERS BINGO!!

Mondays at 1:00 pm
Cost: \$0.25/game

You get 3 cards/chances per game
for your \$\$

Prizes are from the money collected.



CRIBBAGE FUN!!

Everyone loves a fun game of cribbage, or come and learn! We would love to have you join us.

Tuesdays — 1:00 pm

♠ cribbage
♥ cribbage
♣ cribbage
♦ cribbage

"Fifteen, two,
Fifteen, four,
if you know cribbage,
there could be more!"



WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

The Senior Partners staff the reception desk at the Shorewood Community & Event Center Mon-Fri.. Can you volunteer 3-1/2 hours of your time to greet people, answer the phone, and be a smiling face? For more info, call Tena: 952-474-7635

Bring your old, unwanted glasses (without cases) to the Center. The local Lions Club collects these glasses for re-distribution to the poor in developing countries.



BAKERY ITEMS!

Mondays & Tuesdays (half price)
Breads, Rolls, Cookies, Sweets, etc.

Wednesdays are free!

Thanks to Shorewood Cub Foods!



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COMMUNITY & EVENT CENTER

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Our group is a non-profit which rents space at the Shorewood Community & Events Center from the City of Shorewood. We rely on contributions, fundraising and membership to continue our programming. If you are not already a member or supporter, please consider signing up. Thank you!

SouthShore Senior Partners

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Become a SSSP Member Today and Join the Fun!

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Membership Cost: _____ **Birth year:** _____

Basic Annual Membership: \$30

Basic Double Membership: \$50 I am 55+: Yes or No

* Supporting Member: * \$51 - \$99 **All Memberships renew annually*

* Sustaining Member: * \$100+

* **Any contribution over the basic membership is tax deductible.*

Membership Benefits:

*I would like to volunteer!

◆ SouthShore Sr Partners newsletter

Interests are: _____

◆ Special Events discount

◆ Pride in supporting access for older adults of our area!

* *Clip out & mail to: Shorewood Community & Events Center
5735 Country Club Road, Shorewood, MN 55331-8926*



Do you have an event or an activity that you would like to see on our calendar? Let one of our board members know of your ideas!

**Share ideas
Start something good**