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# SHOREWOOD CONNECTION

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER • SPRING 2024



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CONNECTION  
INSIDE YOU WILL  
FIND PARKS &  
RECREATION  
PROGRAMS & EVENTS,  
UPDATES ON VILLAGE  
HAPPENINGS, AND  
MORE!

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# MAYOR DEBOLD



## LETTER TO RESIDENTS

Friends and Neighbors of Shorewood,

I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays, as well as the chilly winter months. As we move into a new season, I look forward to seeing the community “come alive” again as the weather changes and outdoor activities resume!

Spring in the Village brings with it not only a change in the temperatures, but also more exciting activities. On March 22nd, there will be a flashlight egg hunt at Cene’s Four Seasons Park. This is a free event for kids ages 9-13. The following day, March 23rd, Troy Fire Station 2 will be hosting a pancake breakfast with the Easter Bunny. After breakfast there will be an Easter egg hunt for children ages 3-8. Be sure to check the Village’s website for more information.

Shorewood’s annual garage sales will be April 19-20th, so if you are doing spring cleaning and have some things to sell, this is the time to do it! Also, on Saturday, April 20th we will celebrate Earth Day. The Village will be doing a service project to clean up a park, and we will also be planting a new tree. There will be crafts and activities to learn more about Earth and the environment so make sure to mark your calendars for this event.

Finally, our annual Memorial Day ceremony will take place on May 27th. I hope to see residents come out and pay tribute to those who lost their lives while serving our country, as it truly is a beautiful event.

Safely enjoy springtime, everyone!

Kind Regards,

*Clarence “CC” DeBOLD*

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## VILLAGE MEETING SCHEDULE

The President and Board of Trustees are the Governing Body of the Village of Shorewood. As a citizen, your comments and concerns are important to us. We invite you to participate in Village Meetings.

Meetings are typically held at Village Hall, One Towne Center Blvd. unless otherwise specified. All meetings are open to the public. Village Board meetings are cablecast live on SCCTV - Cable Channel 6, and replayed every day at 7:00 am and 7:00 pm. Village Board meetings are also streamed live and archived on the Village website at [vil.shorewood.il.us](http://vil.shorewood.il.us) as well as uploaded to [YouTube](#) **Village of Shorewood Community Cable Television**. (AT&T customers may access SCCTV on channel 99 and search "Shorewood.")

**Village Board of Trustees Regular Meetings** - 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the Month, at 7:00 pm

**Village Board Committee of the Whole Meetings** - 4th Tuesday of the Month, following the Village Board of Trustees Regular Meeting

**Planning & Zoning Commission Meetings** - 1st Wednesday of the Month, at 7:00 pm

**Citizens Advisory Committee Meetings**- 4th Thursday of the Month (September-May), at 7:00 pm

Notices for these meetings, as well as Special, and Rescheduled Meetings of the above listed Boards and Committees, will be posted on the Village website and the bulletin board in the Lobby of Village Hall. In addition to being sent to all registered news media in accordance with provisions of the Open Meetings Act, agendas and supporting documents are posted on the Village website at [shorewoodil.gov](http://shorewoodil.gov).

## GET INVOLVED

### CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

This committee serves as a forum to promote the exchange of ideas between the Village of Shorewood and its residents. The committee meets on the Fourth Thursday of the month from 7:00 - 9:00 pm at Village Hall from September-May.

The Citizens Advisory Committee is still looking for members! If you would like to be part of this exchange please contact Trustee Luciano at:

[AL11312001@yahoo.com](mailto:AL11312001@yahoo.com) or 708-259-3539

### PARKS AND RECREATION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Parks and Recreation Department is looking for volunteers 18+ to assist at various events throughout the year. All of our events rely heavily on the support of our community from the Shorewood Businesses to the great amount of community members. If you would like to volunteer for an hour, an event or a season, we would love for you to contact us!

Call 815-741-7710 to find out how you can help.

## RESOURCES

### Shorewood Village Hall

One Towne Center Blvd. | 60404  
vil.shorewood.il.us  
815-725-2150

Monday - Friday | 8:00 am-4:30 pm

### Shorewood Police Department

903 W. Jefferson St. | 60404  
24 Hr. Non-Emergency Dispatch:  
815-725-4636  
Records Dept: 815-725-1460  
Emergency: 911

Monday - Friday | 8:00 am-4:30 pm

### Finance - Utility Billing

815-207-4631

### Public Works

815-553-2321

### Parks & Recreation

815-741-7710

### Code Enforcement

815-553-2310

### Building Permits

815-553-2310

### Inspections

815-553-2309

### Business Licensing

815-553-2310

### Troy Fire Protection District

Non-Emergency: 815-725-2149  
Emergency: 911

### Station 1

700 Cottage St. | 60404

### Station 2

25454 W. Seil Rd. | 60404

### Troy Township

25448 W. Seil Rd. | 60404

### Assessor's Office

815-744-5806

### Highway Department

815-828-5275

### Supervisor's Office

815-744-1968

### Shorewood-Troy Public Library

650 Deerwood Dr. | 60404  
815-725-1715

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## PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

### RIVER OAKS PARK RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

RIVER OAKS ESTATES SUBDIVISION



The River Oaks Park in the River Oaks Estates Subdivision is the next park to be updated in our multi-year Park Replacement Program. Built in 1999, the neighborhood park is located at the southwest corner of Ranchwood and Colonade. The new park will include new playground equipment and surface, site furniture, signage, educational landscaping, and an updated ½-court basketball surface.

Design will be completed over the winter season with construction anticipated to begin late Summer 2024 and completion by Fall 2024.

### RIVER'S EDGE PARK

BETWEEN RIVER CROSSING & LAKE OF THE WOODS SUBDIVISIONS



The Village purchased a 36-acre vacant parcel using grant funds awarded to the Village by the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) in 2021. The clearing and mass grading of the property was completed in 2023.

We are currently in design to construct Phase A of the multi-year multi-phase park project. Phase A will include river access, a playground, shelter, parking lot, volleyball courts, and a portion of the trail system. The total cost for this phase is estimated to be near \$1.2 million where the Village was fortunate to be awarded a \$600,000 grant from Open-Space Lands Acquisition and Development (OSLAD).

Design will be completed over the winter season with construction anticipated to begin early Summer 2024 with completion by Fall 2024.



### Birds and Native Trees

Did you know that birds like to nest in native trees because of the increased insect population native trees bring? Adding natives to your yard may lead to more fun bird species spotted out your window!

Lower DuPage River  
Watershed Coalition



Shown above is the River's Edge Park Concept Plan. Highlighted in pink you will see the Phase A components.



## A MESSAGE FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT



The Spring and Summer months are rapidly approaching and with this comes the time for people to emerge from their winter activities and spend time outdoors. This includes children who will be more likely to enjoy outdoor activities. Motorists need to be aware that school is still in session. Also, the likelihood of children playing or riding bicycles outside when the weather improves is higher and so is the risk of tragedy. Drivers are asked to be more aware of their surroundings and obey all speed limits and traffic laws, particularly when traveling through neighborhoods or near schools.

Mid-March is not only a time to be aware of winter weather and potentially hazardous driving conditions, but it is also the time when revelers will be celebrating the St. Patrick's Day holiday. This is a particularly dangerous night and weekend for impaired and distracted driving. This year, the holiday is on a Friday which may lead to further risk of bad judgment on the part of motorists who have been drinking. Please, use rideshare apps, designate a sober driver, and recognize the signs when a friend has had too much to drink.

This season is also a good time to remind drivers not to be distracted or use their cell phones while driving. The State of Illinois and the Illinois Department of Transportation have designated April as Distracted Driving Month. This is a time of year when these groups partner with local law enforcement to make the public aware of the dangers of distracted driving. The Shorewood Police will be conducting increased education and visible enforcement during this time to aid in preventing this behavior.

The Shorewood Police Department has another new face this year. The Department welcomed a new member, Daisy DeLira. Officer DeLira came to us after serving seven years in the United States Army. Once she is done with her field training, she will be assigned to the Patrol Division.



## BUILDING DEPARTMENT REMINDERS

Code Enforcement is responsible for enforcing building codes, zoning codes and other municipal ordinances adopted for the safety, health and well-being of the public. Enforcement Inspectors are part of a problem-solving team that informs property owners of violations and uses their knowledge and experience to help find solutions to compliance issues. The goal of the Code Enforcement Department is to build relationships with the community to support safe and healthy living and working conditions. Enforcement Inspectors patrol residential and commercial zones, follow-up on concerns from residents, homeowner associations and area businesses and identify code compliance issues to provide a positive impact on the property values and image of our community.

### Common Code Enforcement Issues:

- Construction site maintenance and hours
- Exterior building maintenance
- Failure to obtain business licenses or contractor's registrations
- Failure to obtain permits
- Garbage nuisances
- High weeds and grass
- Parking of recreational vehicles and trailers
- Property maintenance
- Temporary signage

### BUSINESS UPDATES

PLEASE JOIN US IN WELCOMING THE FOLLOWING NEW BUSINESSES TO SHOREWOOD:

**Cheesecakes by James** is a specialty bakeshop that sells a variation of cheesecakes by the slice. Platters and preorders are also available for pickup. Stop by the new cheesecake destination at **150 Brook Forest Avenue** to find your new favorite dessert.

**Corrigan's Pub** is a family-friendly sports bar that serves Irish-American dishes and hosts bingo night and various live performers. Whether you want a classic burger, or a corned beef, cabbage, and potato entrée, Corrigan's Pub has a dish waiting for you at **700 W Jefferson Street**.

**Dental Design Studio** is a new comprehensive dentistry facility in Shorewood. A variety of preventative, cosmetic, periodontics, oral surgery, and restorative services are available. Stop by and meet the Dental Design Studio team at **609 Rollingwood Drive** for all things oral care.

**EKids Pediatric Quick Care** is a new pediatric-focused urgent care affiliated with Emediate Care in Shorewood and is equipped to handle many non-threatening emergencies. Located at **1039 Brook Forest Avenue**, the new pediatric urgent care facility with x-ray capabilities help save you and your little one an overcrowded trip to the ER.

**Emediate Cure** is a walk-in urgent care facility equipped to handle sicknesses and injuries that are not life threatening. Now located at **100 W Jefferson Street**, high-level medical care, including onsite x-rays, are available in a quick and efficient manner.

**Making Sweet Memories** is a new dessert destination offering cake, cupcake, and cookie decorating classes for children and adults. Venues include parties, classes, and events. Visit the fun bake shop at **807 W Jefferson Street** to create a special treat you can eat.

**The Royal Tea Room** is a dine-in English-inspired tea café that offers an afternoon tea meal offering. Exquisite teas and treats of all sorts are available. Gather all mothers, daughters, sisters and friends at **315 Vertin Boulevard** for a delightful tea and dining experience.

**G.R.I.T. Rx** is a Group Resistance Integrated Training facility with 3 different workout class formats. Classes include weight lifting, functional training, and cross conditioning. Stop by Shorewood's newest workout facility at **857 Center Court** to see what class works for you.

**Madrigal Consulting and Counseling** is a private practice counseling organization committed to helping clients reach their potential with solution-based therapy at **220 Channahon Drive**. A variety of counseling services are available for those seeking extra support or guidance in their lives.



The Village of Shorewood  
**Business Directory**

Scan the QR code for an updated Business Directory!





## SEASONAL REMINDERS

### TOP 10 WATER CONSERVATION TIPS

*Ways To Incorporate Water Conservation In Your Home*

1. **Purchase and install WaterSense labeled toilets.**
2. **Don't let the water run when brushing your teeth, washing your face or shaving. Most of it will be wasted. Just take what you need and save the rest.**
3. **Control your irrigation.**
  - Ensure the direction of water is maximized as well as adding auto features for on and off.
4. **When loading your dishwasher or washing machine, make sure that you are filling them up. Running a cycle through one larger load saves more water than running multiple, smaller loads.**
5. **If everyone in the U.S. flushed the toilet just one less time per day, we could save a lake full of water about a mile long, a mile wide, and four feet deep..... Every day!**
6. **Check for leaks. A faucet drip of only two tablespoons a minute is equal to 105 gallons of water in a week.**
7. **Do your lawn sprinkling early in the morning, between 6:00 am –9:00 am. After 10:00 am, both heat and evaporation increase, robbing the lawn of moisture.**
8. **Purchase a cover for your pool or hot tub. Making sure your pool or hot tub is covered when not in use can help reduce evaporation.**
9. **Landscape for water conservation.**
  - Try the concept of Xeriscape which means "landscape for water conservation."
10. **Be Smart. Example: When cleaning your fish tank, use the dirty water to water your house plants. The water is rich in nitrogen and phosphorous.**

### OUTDOOR WATERING RESTRICTIONS

Water conservation is something everyone should practice. Except for the air we breathe, water is the single most important element in our lives. It's too precious to waste.

In an effort to conserve water for fire protection, health and environmental reasons, the Village of Shorewood asks for your cooperation in complying with the following regulations:

**DAYS:** Addresses ending in even numbers may water on even number calendar days. Addresses ending in odd numbers may water on odd number calendar days. This applies year round including weekend and holidays.

**HOURS:** 6:00 am to 10:00 am & 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm

**NEWLY SODDED AND SEEDED LAWNS:** Permits for newly sodded or seeded yards can be obtained to allow for watering outside of the odd/even permitted days. No permits will be issued between June 15th and September 15th.

### SEWER DUMPING

Please help keep water clean by refraining from dumping anything down sewer grates. The sewer grates drain directly into rivers, streams and ponds.



### STORMWATER RUNOFF

Rain that does not absorb into the ground becomes runoff that picks up pollutants as it travels across lawns and roads. **The polluted runoff eventually travels through storm drains into our local waterways and contaminates the water.**



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## SEASONAL REMINDERS

### YARD WASTE DISPOSAL

Waste Management will resume yard waste collection with the weekly scheduled pick-up on Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. The last day for pick-up is Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>.

Yard waste includes grass clippings, leaves, tree branches, and brush. Grass clippings and leaves must be placed in Kraft paper bags or an acceptable yard waste container from Waste Management.

Brush and branches must be cut into 4ft. lengths and bundled with string or twine. Each bundle must not exceed 50 lbs. Limbs cannot exceed 4 inches in circumference. Unbundled brush will not be collected.

Residents can rent or purchase a 96-gallon yard waste cart from Waste Management. Please call Waste Management for more information or if you have any questions, (800) 964-8988



### SPRING LEAF PICK-UP

The Village Spring Leaf Pick-Up is planned for Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup> through Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. Dates are subject to change and are weather dependent. For more information please visit:

[https://cms2.revize.com/revize/shorewood/departments/public\\_works\\_department/leaf\\_collection\\_programs.php](https://cms2.revize.com/revize/shorewood/departments/public_works_department/leaf_collection_programs.php)



### SPLASH PADS

Splash pads will be open Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup> (Memorial Day Weekend) through Monday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> (Labor Day Weekend). Please check the Village's website for daily hours of operation.

**Wynstone Park**  
21235 Wynstone Dr

**Westshore Park**  
701 Westshore Dr

**Towne Center Park**  
1 Towne Center Blvd

### VILLAGE WIDE CLEANUP DAY

During this cleanup, unlimited amounts of household bulk waste will be picked up on our regular pick up day.

Village Wide Cleanup Day 2024 will be  
**Tuesday, April 23**

### DOES YOUR HOME HAVE AN IRRIGATION SYSTEM?

Did you know that you are required to get an RPZ [Backflow Assembly] test annually whether you use it or not?

Studies have found that the most common cross-connections come from irrigation systems since water can accumulate by the sprinkler heads. If there is a loss in water pressure, water could be sucked back through the pipes bringing any chemical fertilizer, pesticides, animal waste or other bacteria and parasites that were on the ground, back into your plumbing system.

Don't forget to submit the test results to the village's consultant, BSI, it's required by the state.



## SEASONAL REMINDERS

### Waste Management At Your Door Service

Introduced in Shorewood in 2016, Waste Management offers a way to dispose of home-generated special materials and the ability to schedule a collection at your home - safely, easily, and responsibly. These items may include paints, household cleaners, compact fluorescent lamps (CFL), automotive products, garden chemicals, batteries, electronics, and more. This service is available to Shorewood residents at no additional cost, it is included in your monthly refuse payment.

For more information, or to schedule a pick up contact Waste Management one of two ways:

- Go to [WMATYOURDOOR.COM](http://WMATYOURDOOR.COM)
- Call (800) 449-7587 - Available 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. CST M-F

The materials accepted through this program include:

Automotive products	Electronics
Garden Chemicals	Mercury containing items
Paint Products	Sharps, needles, and lancets
Household Cleaners	

How does this service work?

1. Residents contact this service to schedule a pickup of their items.
2. A Collection Kit with instructions will be mailed to your home.
3. Read the instructions carefully, there are some items unable to be collected.
4. On the day of your collection, place the Collection Bag near your front door or garage area. Then the materials will be picked up at your home.

### Additional Information

**Bulk Items:** One (1) bulk item will be collected with the weekly pick-up (i.e., couch, small tables, mattress, chair, etc.). Carpet is considered a bulk item and must be cut and rolled into 4-foot lengths. Each roll must not weigh more than 50 lbs. All carpeting and padding must be secured with tape or string. Up to eight (8) rolls of carpeting and padding will be accepted each week.

## Stopping Water Theft Can Help Keep Rates Low

Most people don't realize that there is a cost associated with producing and delivering water. When water is stolen, that cost must be spread out across those customers who are paying, increasing their bills. When businesses or contractors access water without authorization, they typically open a fire hydrant. This could damage the hydrant and even cause a main break if not operated correctly.

Opening a fire hydrant without proper authorization and equipment (meter and backflow device) is illegal. If you suspect that someone is stealing water, you may report this to the Village of Shorewood Public Works or our Police Department.

Try to get the following information:

- Street name and closest address (of suspected violation)
- Name and phone number of the business (if visible on the vehicle)
- License Plate Number
- Photo

Email to: [PWLine@shorewoodil.gov](mailto:PWLine@shorewoodil.gov) or call 815-553-2321 or call Police Non-Emergency at 815-725-4636



## MAINTAIN YOUR LAWN TO PROTECT RIVERS & STREAMS

Many people like the look of a neatly mowed, bright green lawn. Plus, many communities and Home Owners Associations require residents to maintain their lawns to a certain standard. Traditional lawn maintenance depends on regular mowing, watering and chemical applications—most notably, fertilizers.

Lawn fertilizer contains nutrients, such as nitrogen and phosphorous, that encourage turfgrass to grow quickly. However, the fertilizer we put on our lawns also affects the health of our local rivers and streams.

### WHAT LAWN FERTILIZER DOES TO THE WATER

When it rains, excess fertilizer on your lawn and sidewalk is picked up by stormwater and carried down storm drains that lead directly to local rivers and streams.

The amount of nutrients introduced to a stream from lawn fertilizers and other sources is much more than a stream can naturally manage. Many stretches of local waterways are stressed by several factors—such as other pollutants, dams that interrupt a stream’s natural flow, in-stream habitat degradation and stream bank erosion. Excess fertilizer further throws off the stream ecosystem.

The same nutrients in fertilizers that encourage grass to grow cause algae in bodies of water to grow too. Spikes in algae harm water quality and suck oxygen from the water that fish and other aquatic life need to survive. These “algae blooms” also detract from the natural beauty of our local streams and impact recreational opportunities like fishing and kayaking.

You may have heard about the “dead zone” in the Gulf of Mexico. Dead zones are areas in a body of water with oxygen levels so low that they cannot sustain life. Did you know that fertilizers used on Midwest agricultural fields are a major cause of the Gulf of Mexico dead zone? The fertilizers on farm fields run off into local waterways that feed into the Mississippi river and accumulate in the Gulf of Mexico. These fertilizers provide a feast for algae that eventually die off, deplete oxygen and kill fish.

While lawn fertilizers are not used to the same degree as agricultural inputs, we should keep in mind that the fertilizers we use locally have an impact on local streams as well as downstream waters.

### FERTILIZER BEST PRACTICES

If you’re using fertilizer on your lawn, there are a few things you can keep in mind to lessen the burden on rivers and streams.

#### *Follow Product Instructions*

Be sure to read the instructions on the fertilizer package and apply the right amount of product to your grass at the right time. More fertilizer does not make the product work better. In addition to hurting water quality in our rivers and streams, excess fertilizer can cause “fertilizer burn” and damage your grass.

#### *Organic Fertilizer is Still Fertilizer*

Synthetic fertilizers are manufactured while organic fertilizers are made from natural sources. Organic or not, treat all fertilizer products carefully. Organic fertilizer still contains nitrogen and phosphorus that affect the health of our waterways and should be used according to the instructions.

#### *Sweep Excess Fertilizer Off Hard Surfaces*

Fertilizer that falls on hard surfaces, such as driveways, sidewalks and curbs, are swiftly picked up by stormwater runoff and brought into nearby streams. Sweep excess fertilizer off hard surfaces to protect waterways.

### LAWN FERTILIZERS IMPACT LOCAL STREAMS.

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#### ALGAE...

- degrade water quality
- kill fish
- detract from the natural beauty of our streams
- impact recreation like fishing and kayaking





## MAINTAIN YOUR LAWN CONT'D

### TAKE CARE OF YOUR YARD NATURALLY

Lawn care doesn't have to involve the use of chemicals. Consider these tips for a healthy lawn and to limit your impact on local rivers and streams:

- **Choose a grass better suited to our area.** If you're seeding new grass, select a hardier grass that requires less watering and fertilizer.
- **Don't mow too low.** Mowing a lawn too short exposes surface roots and dries out the soil faster. As a general rule, try not to mow more than 1/3 of the height of the grass at a time.
- **Focus on improving the health of your grass and soil over time** instead of using large amounts of fertilizer as a quick fix.
- **Use a mulching mower to help naturally fertilize lawns.** Mulching mowers leave behind shredded grass clippings that act as compost to fertilize your lawn without adding chemicals.
- **Dispose of lawn clippings and other yard waste properly.** Do not dump anything along streams, wetlands, or in other natural areas.
- **Consider native plant landscaping.** This will reduce the amount of lawn on your property, requiring less fertilizer, watering and mowing. As another benefit to nearby streams, native plants filter out pollutants in runoff and infiltrate the water into the soil. Native plants also improve the local ecosystem by providing habitat for birds and butterflies.
- **Have tolerance.** "Weeds" like clover are actually good for your lawn as they help to fix nitrogen in the soil making it available for you grass to easily use. The clover flowers also provide food for native pollinators.

## TAKE CARE OF YOUR LAWN NATURALLY

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With this information in mind, you can maintain your lawn in a healthy way that protects the water quality of local rivers and streams!

**Clean, Healthy Water = Vibrant, Healthy Communities**

# 12 • SPECIAL EVENTS



## SAVE the DATE

SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2024  
9AM-NOON



theconservationfoundation.org/sweep

Thank you to our 2023 sponsors:




## SAVE THE DATE!

# PLANT SWAP

SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024  
12:00PM-2:00PM

TROY TOWNSHIP BUILDING  
25448 W SEIL RD

Bring your plants, cuttings, seeds, or plant accessories to share with others and make new plant friends! Free for all Village of Shorewood and Troy Township residents.

## Shorewood Community Garden

### Community Garden

This amenity provides a space for residents to grow fruits and vegetables for their families at Cene's Four Seasons Park (25520 W Seil Rd).

### Garden Guidelines

- Plots are 10'x10' and are limited to 10 per household.
- Village of Shorewood and Troy Township residents can reserve a garden plot for \$25 and \$15 for each additional plot.
- Please visit the Village of Shorewood Recreation Department (1 Towne Center Blvd. Suite 201) to register and reserve a plot.
- For more guidelines please visit our website (shorewoodil.gov)

### Growing Season

May 1 - November 1

All landscape waste, stakes, and fencing must be removed by November 1.

Priority Garden Plot Registration opened January 1<sup>st</sup> for Returning Gardeners.

Open Registration begins March 12<sup>th</sup> for any remaining plots. *\*Availability will be limited\**

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## Flashlight Egg Hunt

Join us for a fun night under the stars searching for hidden eggs. This event will be held at Cene's Four Seasons Park, which has plenty of space to hide eggs! This event will begin at 8:00 pm. Bring your flashlights and Easter basket. *Be sure to dress for the weather.*

Date: Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>

Time: 8:00 pm

Age: 9 to 13 years old

Price: FREE! *No registration required*

Location: Cene's Four Seasons Park - Sled Hill



## Easter Egg Hunt

Grab your Easter baskets and head over to Cene's Four Seasons Park for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt! Thousands of eggs filled with treats will be waiting for you to scoop them up! The hunt will begin at 10:30 am! Group 1 will start first, followed by Group 2, then Group 3. *Be sure to dress for the weather.*

Date: Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>

Time: 10:30 am

Age: Group 1: 3-4 years old

Group 2: 5-6 years old

Group 3: 7-8 years old

Price: FREE! *No registration required*

Location: Cene's Four Seasons Park



Take pictures with the Easter Bunny and enjoy a pancake breakfast. There will be coloring pages provided and other fun activities. Then, stick around to enjoy a family friendly Easter Egg Hunt at Cene's Four Seasons Park at 10:30 am.

Date: Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>

Time: 9:00 am

Age: All ages

Price:

- Option 1 - \$10.00 - 'Big Breakfast' with Hotcakes
- Option 2 - \$8.00 - Hotcakes Only
- Children 2 yrs and under are free; *breakfast not included.*

Location: Troy Fire Station #2

Purchase at Village Hall—Residents Only

Deadline: Friday, March 16

***\*Pre-Registration Required. Registration is limited to Shorewood residents only. All attendees are required to register\****

## HUGS for Hounds Doggie Egg Hunt

Shorewood HUGS presents their 14th annual "HUGS for Hounds" Doggie Easter Egg Hunt! All proceeds go to Will County Humane Society. Prizes will be awarded for Best Easter Outfit, Biggest Dog, Smallest Dog, and more!



Date: Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>

Time: 11:00 am *\*Registration begins at 10:00 am\**

Price: \$7 donation per dog

Location: Cene's Four Seasons Park

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT:

<https://www.shorewoodhugs.org/hugs-for-hounds>





## 14 • SPECIAL EVENTS

### Memorial Day Ceremony of Rememberance

Please join us on Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at the Veterans Memorial in Towne Center Park at 9:00 am for a ceremony in remembrance of those who have secured our freedom.

Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup> | 9:00 am | Venterans Memorial | Towne Center Park

### Earth Day Celebration Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> 2 - 4 pm | Shorewood Park

Let's Celebrate Earth Day!

All skill levels and ages are welcome to meet at Shorewood Park to help us plant a tree, do a service project, learn about water conservation, native plantings, rain barrels, have fun with educational crafts, activities, and more!

### SPRING GARAGE SALE WEEKEND

The 2024 Spring Community Wide Garage Sale will take place Friday and Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.

An address list of participating garage sales will be available April 16<sup>th</sup> on the Village website.

Fill out your registration online at [vil.shorewood.il.us](http://vil.shorewood.il.us)

Register by April 12<sup>th</sup>

**NO LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED**

**GARAGE  
SALE**

**APRIL 19TH AND 20TH**

# Summer Preview

Summer in Shorewood is always full of fun!  
Be on the lookout for these great events and more!



TOWNE CENTER PARK • JUNE 6 - JULY 25 • 6:30-9:00PM

The Village of Shorewood is looking for vendors to participate in our upcoming summer market!

The Artisan Market will run on Thursdays during June and July from 6:30 - 9:00 pm alongside our Party in the Park events. Party in the Park features movies and bands each week that draws crowds of all ages!

Are you a business that sells produce, small batch food products, crafts, or other goods? Looking to reach an audience of 400-1,000 people on a weekly basis?

Contact [parks@shorewoodil.gov](mailto:parks@shorewoodil.gov) or 815-741-7710 to learn more!

**8**  
**JUNE**



**12-6**  
**PM**

SHOREWOOD  
BBQ AND BREWS  
★ EST 2022 ★

LET'S KICK OFF SUMMER IN SHOREWOOD!  
JOIN US FOR A GREAT AFTERNOON OF BBQ, BEER,  
AND LIVE MUSIC! BRING A BLANKET OR LAWN  
CHAIRS TO SIT AND LISTEN TO THE BANDS!

**BBQ | BREWERIES | MUSIC**  
**TOWNE CENTER PARK**  
SAVE THE DATE!

**BOAT REGATTA  
BASH**

**July 13<sup>th</sup> | 4pm**  
**Towne Center Park**

The Boat Regatta Bash is back for 2024!  
We'll be on island time from starting  
at 4:00 pm. The day starts out with  
Cardboard Boat Races and ends with live  
music! From spectacular sinks, to food  
trucks and more this event will surely  
have something for everyone!



# Shorewood Summer Camp

Shorewood Summer Camp is back for 2024! Campers will discover new friendships, create arts and crafts, explore their inner scientist, play in the splash pads and more! Camp activities will build off of the interests of the kids in order to provide an enjoyable, recreational experience for all.

**DAYS:** Tuesday - Thursday

**TIME:** 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

**AGES:** 5-11 years old

**LOCATIONS:** Four Seasons Park  
Wynstone Park  
Towne Center Park

**DATES:** June 11 - August 1  
*(Skip week July 4<sup>th</sup>)*

Registration open  
**NOW!**

## CAMP OPTIONS

Entire Summer: \$330R / \$370 NR

Each Additional Sibling: \$300 R / \$340 NR

Flex Pass (Choose any 4 weeks): \$220 R / \$240 NR

Flex Pass Additional Week: \$60 R/NR

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER, PLEASE VISIT:  
[shorewoodil.recdesk.com/Community/Program](http://shorewoodil.recdesk.com/Community/Program)



## YOUTH

**BUILD A BUNNY CRAFT NIGHT**

This fun evening begins with the creation of your very own new stuffed bunny! We will be bringing them to life by stuffing them, adding our very own wish heart, creating a birth certificate and decorating a special tee shirt for our new friend! Once complete, we will be creating some cute Easter crafts with our bunnies to make the day extra special!

Age: 3+  
Location: Village Hall  
Deadline: March 6

Wed	Mar 13	6:00 - 7:00 pm	\$20R/\$25NR
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**MOM AND ME CRAFT NIGHT**

Come enjoy an evening of fun with your little ones as we make some adorable Mother's Day inspired crafts! This will be a great opportunity to get creative and messy with all of the materials necessary to create some wonderful memories to take home!

Age: 3-10  
Location: Village Hall  
Deadline: May 1

Wed	May 8	6:00 - 7:00 pm	\$10R/\$15NR
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**KIDS INTRO TO FISHING**

This fun class will introduce kids to the sport of fishing! We will be focusing on how to cast, feeling comfortable baiting a hook, taking off a fish, and growing a general love for the outdoors! Children are encouraged to bring their own equipment if they have it. Poles and bait will be provided.

Age: 4-12  
Location: Cene's Four Seasons Park  
Deadline: May 23

Thur	May 30	5:45 - 6:45 pm	\$10R/\$15NR
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**MESSY MONDAYS**

Leave the mess to us with a fun monthly craft for your little one! Each 45-minute class will include a story, a fun themed craft, all of the necessary supplies and lots of fun!

Age: 2-5 (Guardian required to stay)  
Location: Village Hall  
Deadline: One week prior to class start date

**March - Hop to it!**

Join us for a morning of fun crafting! We will be creating some great Easter themed crafts to get us ready for the holiday!

Mon	Mar 18	10:30 - 11:15 am	\$5R/\$8NR
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**April - April Showers Bring May Flowers**

April showers bring May flowers! Let's celebrate this flower filled month with some crafts that will have all of us budding with joy!

Mon	Apr 15	10:30 - 11:15 am	\$5R/\$8NR
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**May - Caterpillars and Butterflies**

Join us for a morning all about caterpillars and butterflies! We will be learning a little bit about the life cycle and crafting some fun creations!

Mon	May 20	10:30 - 11:15 am	\$5R/\$8NR
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## YOUTH/ADULT

### CHILDREN'S UKULELE

This course meets for 1 hour each week for 4 weeks. It is designed for children 5-11. Students will learn the basic chord grips and strumming patterns to play their favorite songs. The instructor will teach a predetermined set of 2 or 4 songs to sing and play utilizing these chords. The class will be split into half-hour lecture/half-hour individual practice with one on one time with the instructor. Students must provide their own uke, strings, and tuner.

Age: 5-11

Location: Village Hall

Deadline: One Week Before Class Start Date

Tue	Apr 23 - May 14	4:00 - 5:00 pm	\$90R/95NR
Tue	Jun 4 - Jun 25	4:00 - 5:00 pm	\$90R/95NR

### MULTISPORT

Kick off your little one's love of sports with this introductory class! Participants will stay active and work on balance, motor skills, and hand eye coordination all while learning the basics of basketball, volleyball, soccer, t-ball and more! Each class will focus on a new sport and teach the very basic rules and mechanics all while playing fun games.

Age: 5-8

Location: Cene's Four Seasons Park

Deadline: April 22

Mon	Apr 29 - May 20	5:30 - 6:15 pm	\$35R/\$40NR
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### YOUTH PICKLEBALL

Pickleball is one of the world's fastest growing sports!! The game is easy to learn and tons of fun! Join us for a four-week session to learn the basic rules, scoring and techniques and have a chance to experience game play. This will be a done in a fun and relaxed environment. Bring your own paddle and water bottle!

Age: 8-12

Location: Cene's Four Seasons Park

Deadline: April 22

Mon	Apr 29 - May 20	6:30 - 7:15 pm	\$35R/\$40NR
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### NFL FLAG FOOTBALL: 6-8 YEARS

Brought to you by the Village of Shorewood Parks and Recreation Department.

We are a fully Co-ed flag football league dedicated to teaching football the correct way. We believe the game of football, when introduced properly, serves to help children build self-esteem, coordination, athleticism and so much more. We want all kids to play no matter the skill level! The first week will be an organized practice. Starting week 2, games are 40 minutes long with a dedicated 15-20 minute practice time before. All participants will receive a flag jersey and flag belt to keep! The fields are 30 yards wide and 70 yards long. We will be following the NFL Flag rule book that will be distributed prior to the league start. Bring athletic shoes and a water bottle.

**Interested in being a coach or referee? There is a discount that will be added if you help out the league! Call 815-741-7710 for more information.**

Age: 6-8

Location: Cene's Four Seasons Park

Deadline: March 25

Sun	Apr 7 - May 5	8:00 am-12:00 pm	\$100R/\$110NR
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### NFL FLAG FOOTBALL: 9-11 YEARS

Brought to you by the Village of Shorewood Parks and Recreation Department.

We are a fully Co-ed flag football league dedicated to teaching football the correct way. We believe the game of football, when introduced properly, serves to help children build self-esteem, coordination, athleticism and so much more. We want all kids to play no matter the skill level! The first week will be an organized practice. Starting week 2, games are 40 minutes long with a dedicated 15-20 minute practice time before. All participants will receive a flag jersey and flag belt to keep! The fields are 30 yards wide and 70 yards long. We will be following the NFL Flag rule book that will be distributed prior to the league start. Bring athletic shoes and a water bottle.

**Interested in being a coach or referee? There is a discount that will be added if you help out the league! Call 815-741-7710 for more information.**

Age: 9-11

Location: Cene's Four Seasons Park

Deadline: March

Sun	Apr 7 - May 5	8:00 am-12:00 pm	\$100R/\$110NR
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## YOUTH/ADULT

## HIKING TYKES!

Join us to explore nature with your little one! Each session we will be taking a short hike into the woods where we will explore a different topic each week. We will learn about birds, animal homes, wildflowers and trees, and all sorts of other fun nature topics. We will then get creative with a craft or related activity in the pavilion. This class will take place fully outdoors.

Age: 3-5

Location: Ca-Crest Park

Deadline: May 1

Wed	May 8 - May 29	10:30-11:15 am	\$20R/\$25R
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## MAGIC CLASS!

Children are guaranteed to have a great time as they learn a collection of fascinating and mesmerizing tricks from the "Magic Team of Gary Kantor"! Amaze family and friends with tricks that involve cards, ropes, coins, mind-reading, and more. All materials are provided, and each child receives a magic kit to take home. Children are grouped by age and always learn tricks that are age-appropriate. Additionally, you can sign up for this class again and again since brand new tricks are always taught at each session! *Each child receives a magic kit to take home.*

Age: 5-12

Location: Village Hall

Deadline: March 7

Thur	Mar 14	6:45-7:40 pm	\$25R/\$30R
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## TEEN/ADULT GUITAR LESSONS

This course meets for 1 hour each week for 4 weeks. It is designed for the adult beginner. Students will learn basic chord grips and strumming patterns to play some of their favorite songs. The instructor will teach a predetermined set of 2-4 songs utilizing the CAGED system chord grips. The class will be split into half-hour lecture/half-hour individual practice with one on one time with the instructor. Students must provide their own guitar, strings, amp (if electric), and tuner.

Age: 12+

Location: Village Hall

Deadline: One Week Before Class Start Date

Sat	Apr 27 - May 18	10:00 - 11:00 am	\$90R/\$95NR
Sat	Jun 8 - Jun 29	10:00 - 11:00 am	\$90R/\$95NR

## SENIOR WALKING CLUB

Join us for a morning of fresh air, fun and exercise! The Senior Walking Club will be meeting monthly this Spring at Four Seasons Park for a guided walk throughout the biggest park Shorewood has to offer. Following the walk, we will enjoy some coffee and light refreshments. This is open for all fitness levels so grab some friends and your favorite walking shoes and join us at Four Seasons Park!

Age: 55+

Location: Cene's Four Seasons Park

Deadline: One Week Before Class Start Date

Tue	Mar 19	9:00 - 10:00 am	\$5R/NR
Tue	Apr 23	9:00 - 10:00 am	\$5R/NR
Tue	May 21	9:00 - 10:00 am	\$5R/NR

## DOMINOS AND DOMINOS!

Join us for lunch and some fun! We will be playing a handful of domino games and enjoying pizza and refreshments!

Age: 55+

Location: Village Hall - Board Room

Deadline: April 3

Wed	Apr 10	12:00 - 2:00 pm	\$8R/\$10NR
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# 20 • PLAY

## ADULT

### PICKLEBALL LEAGUE - RECREATIONAL

Mixed doubles league. Brought to you by the Village of Shorewood Parks and Recreation Department. This fun and rapidly popular game has been sweeping the nation. Join the league in pairs of two at your specified skill level. We will separate it by recreational and competitive. Bring your own equipment.

League is doubles play, but must register individually. Include partner's name in notes section. Season consists of a 5 game season followed by a single elimination tournament on last day. Games are self-officiated.

Age: 18 & Up  
Location: Cene's Four Seasons Park  
Deadline: March 26

Tue	Apr 2 - May 7	5:30 - 7:00 pm	\$20R/\$25NR
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### PICKLEBALL LEAGUE - COMPETITIVE

Mixed doubles league. Brought to you by the Village of Shorewood Parks and Recreation Department. This fun and rapidly popular game has been sweeping the nation. Join the league in pairs of two at your specified skill level. We will separate it by recreational and competitive. Bring your own equipment.

League is doubles play, but must register individually. Include partner's name in notes section. Season consists of a 5 game season followed by a single elimination tournament on last day. Games are self-officiated.

Age: 18 & Up  
Location: Cene's Four Seasons Park  
Deadline: March 26

Wed	Apr 3 - May 8	5:30 - 7:00 pm	\$20R/\$25NR
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### FLAG FOOTBALL LEAGUE

The Village of Shorewood Parks and Recreation Department will offer a 7-on-7 Adult 18 & over Flag Football League on Sunday mornings. All teams will get 5 regular season games and qualifying teams will play a single elimination tournament at the end of the season.

Age: 18 & Up  
Location: Cene's Four Seasons Park  
Deadline: March 31

Sun	Apr 7 - May 12	8:00 am - 12:00 pm	\$400/Team
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### TRIVIA AND TREATS!

Bring your skills and get ready for some laughs at a fun afternoon of Trivia! An array of treats and refreshments will be available. Prizes will be awarded to winning teams! Teams will be arranged at the event into groups of 4-6. If you would like to request an individual(s) for a team please mention their name in the notes section.

Age: 55+  
Location: Village Hall - Board Room  
Deadline: April 25

Thur	May 2	11:00 - 1:00 pm	\$10R/\$12NR
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For Inquiries please call  
**Shorewood-Troy Public  
Library at 815-725-1715**

*\*\*All programs listed are 21& up and registration is required\*\**

### TECH HELP TUESDAYS

Drop in on the 2nd or 4th Tuesday of every month to get your technology questions answered! Registration is NOT required for this in-person event.

Recently giffen a new phone, tablet, or streaming service? Learning how to us ebooks? Interested in a new social media platform? The librarian on hand can help with all of that!

Please bring with the type of device you need assistance with, as well as any relevant passowrds or login information.

Tue	Mar 12	1:00 - 3:00 pm	FREE!
Tue	Mar 26	1:00 - 3:00 pm	FREE!
Tue	Apr 9	1:00 - 3:00 pm	FREE!
Tue	Apr 23	1:00 - 3:00 pm	FREE!
Tue	May 14	1:00 - 3:00 pm	FREE!
Tue	May 28	1:00 - 3:00 pm	FREE!

## PARK AND RECREATION POLICIES

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Per Village of Shorewood Policy, a service charge of \$25.00 will be incurred by the registrant for checks returned for insufficient funds.

Attendance in class is limited to registered participants only. Parents and siblings are not allowed in class unless otherwise stated. Recreation programs are designed for specific age groups. Participants must be the age designated in the class description before the course begins. Birth Certificates may be required.

### BROCHURE CHANGES AND ERRORS DISCLAIMER

Occasionally, there may be an error that appears in print or online regarding registration dates, times, fees or other information. When such errors occur, the Village of Shorewood will do everything possible to correct the situation promptly. We thank you for your patience and understanding when these situations arise.

### REFUND AND TRANSFER POLICY

Refunds will be given to participants if any class or program is cancelled by the Village of Shorewood. Refund requests may be granted to those participants who contact the Parks and Recreation Department at least 1 day prior to the scheduled course/event deadline. Course transfers may only occur if the funds will be put towards another class within that brochure season.

All refunds are issued by check. Refund checks are approved by the Village Board during their two monthly meetings.

### WAIT-LIST POLICY

Wait-lists are formed when registration for a program has reached its enrollment maximum. If space becomes available, participants are removed from the wait-list and enrolled into the program.

*Most events and programs have a Enrollment Minimum and Maximum. In order to make sure you have a spot, be sure to register as soon as possible. Our programs and events fill up quickly!*

*Don't wait, register today!*

### EQUAL ACCESS

No participants shall, on the basis of race, sex, creed, national origin, or disability, be denied equal access to programs, activities, services or benefits, or be limited in the exercise of any right, privilege, advantage, or opportunity.

### RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS AND BOUNDARIES

A Village of Shorewood Resident is described as a person whose legal domicile is within the boundaries of the Village of Shorewood. Residency is the principal place of habitation of the individual occupying the home, apartment, condominium, or estate. It shall be the principal yearly residence for the family residing at that location. The resident must be able to produce a valid driver's license or state I.D., and a current property tax bill or voter's registration card verifying residency at that location if requested.

### REGISTRATION OPTIONS

#### Walk In

Walk in registration is processed at Shorewood Village Hall in suite 201. Office hours are Monday-Friday from 8:00 am until 4:30 pm.

#### Online Registration

Registration can be done online at this URL:

<https://shorewoodil.recdesk.com/Community/Home>

### PHOTO & VIDEO POLICY

The Village of Shorewood staff, or approved photographers, may take photographs of participants enrolled in Village programs, special events, or those utilizing our parks. These photographs or videos may be used in our brochures, fliers, social media, or website. No identification will be used in Village publicity materials, and all photographs and video are property of the Village of Shorewood.

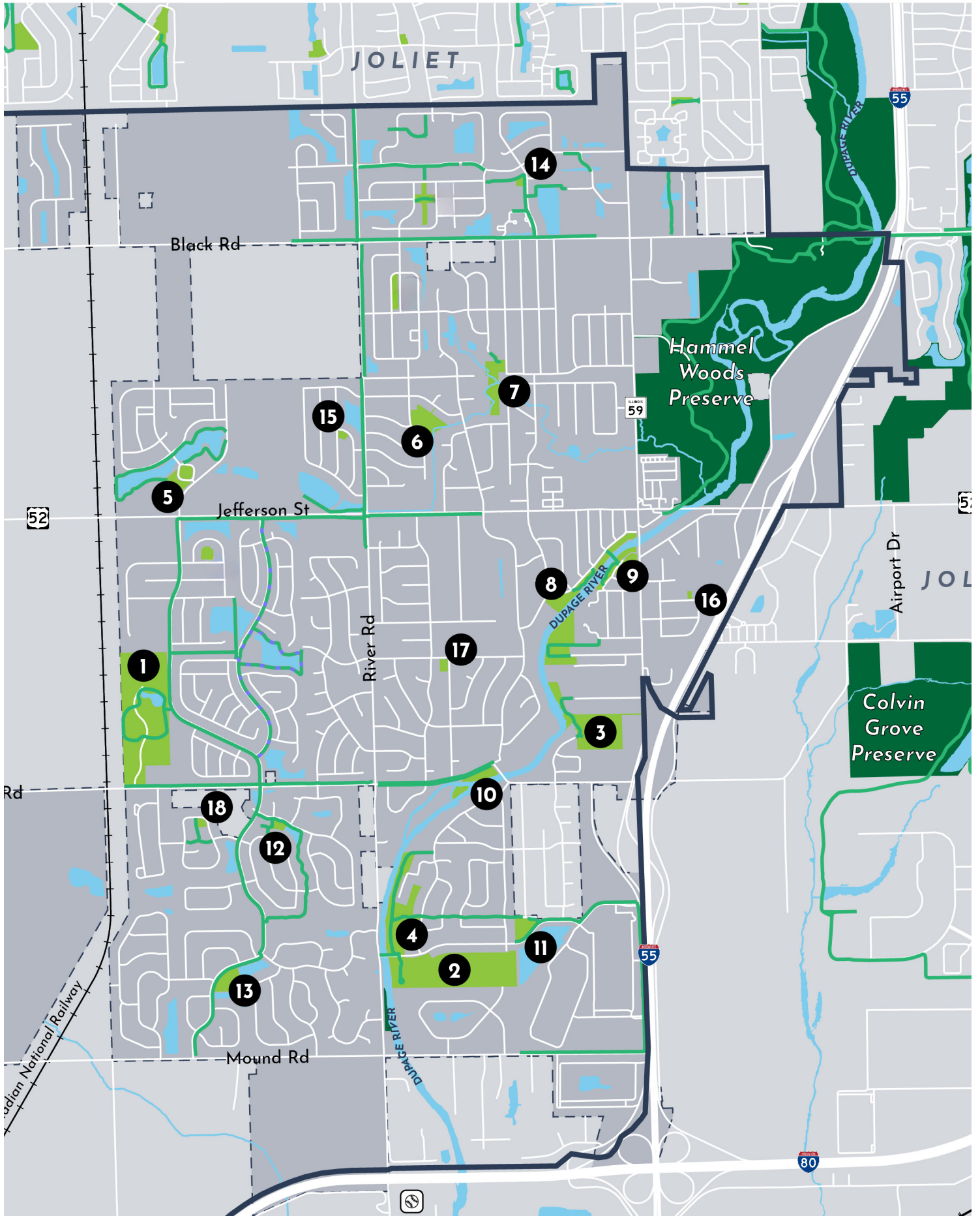
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## Parks in the Village

- 1 Cene's Four Seasons Park
- 2 River's Edge Park
- 3 Shorewood Park
- 4 River Crossing Park
- 5 Towne Center Park
- 6 Country West Park
- 7 Ca-Crest Park
- 8 West Shore Park
- 9 Little Coyote Park
- 10 Seil Road Park
- 11 Heartland Park

- 12 White Tail Park
- 13 Wynstone Park
- 14 Huntington Park
- 15 Kits Korner Park
- 16 Diana Park
- 17 River Oaks Park
- 18 Fawn Park



Park/Open Space



Nature Preserve



Village Boundary



Water



Existing Shared-Use Path/Trail



Existing Private Path/Trail

## THANK YOU TO OUR 2023 PRESENTING SPONSORS!



Congratulations to winner of the 2023  
Festival of Trees Decorating Contest!

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Thank you for your votes towards all  
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 Watch us on YouTube  
<https://www.youtube.com/user/SCCTV6>

 Find us on LinkedIn  
<https://www.linkedin.com/company/village-of-shorewood>

 Join us on Nextdoor  
<https://nextdoor.com/agency-detail/il/shorewood/village-of-shorewood/>

## 2024 Year At A Glance

### March

Flashlight Egg Hunt  
Breakfast with the Bunny  
Easter Egg Hunt

### July

Party in the Park  
Artisan Market  
Boat Regatta Bash

### April

Earth Day Celebration  
Spring Garage Sale Weekend

### August

National Night Out  
Family Camp Out

### May

Memorial Day Ceremony

### September

Touch-A-Truck  
OktoBREWfest  
Fall Garage Sale Weekend

### June

Party in the Park  
Artisan Market  
Children's Fishing Derby

### December

Holiday Market  
Festival of Trees  
Holiday Lights Tour

