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Police protection is provided by the Ramsey County Sheriff's Department. The District Office is located at 1411 Paul Kirkwood Drive, Arden Hills, MN 55112.

For non-emergencies call 651.484.3366

For emergencies call 911

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For emergencies call 911 Dispatch

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2015 Shoreview Citizen of the Year:

George C. Lang



Much of George Lang's story can be told in a lifelong resumé of service to others – solving problems and building up organizations by applying his professional skills, positivity and an eagerness to stay busy.

So it should have been no surprise that Mayor Sandy Martin and the City Council honored the Shoreview resident with the 2015 Citizen of the Year Award at the annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on Nov. 19, 2015.

However, George did not expect the recognition – because he simply has a zest for volunteering, and it has been a way of life.

"I'm always looking for something to do in a way that benefits and adds value to the situation," said George. "I can always rake leaves. But I like to try to figure out problems."

Growing up, George says he didn't have one particular role model – but society and its expectations served as a good example. "People were so busy. But when people needed help, you helped them."

However, he does credit Mayor Sandy Martin as being an inspiration which led to his involvement in Shoreview: "Sandy's energy is beyond me," he said, describing her as "so personable and friendly."

"Sandy asked me to get involved with the Shoreview Community Foundation about four or five times before I finally listened," said George, who became involved in the organization's formation and financials. "If she hadn't been pushing, it wouldn't have been formed. She was the guiding light and impetus. We were able to make good progress."

He also credits Councilmember Terry Quigley as someone who has encouraged him and his continuous involvement along the way.

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"I like to be involved somehow in something, so I joined the Planning Commission," said George, who applied when Mayor Martin

was already on the City Council. During his 12 years on the Commission, George recalls "a lot of growth and tear downs," including the former Rainbow Foods (on the corner of Hodgson Road and Highway 96).

A "mathematician by education (University of Notre Dame), and a financial guy by further education (University of St. Thomas)," George's volunteer work put those skills to good use in a number of organizations and causes. He has enjoyed a business career, a military career and a long list of involvement in numerous civic organizations.

For more than 30 years, he worked for the St. Paul Companies, which asked him to watch over an investment they made with CommonBond Communities in 1985. "It's a great organization that provides housing to low income seniors, families and those with special needs," the former Board Member said. George remains active as a volunteer with CommonBond.

A graduate of Cretin High School, George is originally from St. Paul. He had moved to Roseville and lived there for 12 years – then, with his wife, Carol, and growing family, he moved to Shoreview, looking for housing. They also faithfully attended St. Odilia's Catholic Church and enjoyed living closer. He served as Chairman of the Board at St. Odilia's Catholic Church.

He was also involved with the Shoreview Sister City Association during its formative years. Today's Shoreview-Einhausen Sister City Association (SESCA) was built from that foundation.

George served in the U.S. Army, on active duty for two years (serving in Vietnam from 1965-66), and in reserve duty as a Military Intelligence Officer for 26 years.

"In the Army, I was working on innovative types of things. It was fun watching ARPANET (the network that became the basis for the internet) grow and to work with the first computers and formative applications in their first stages." George later worked with the first computer terminals at St. Paul Companies.

As a Vietnam Veteran, George is among those willing to offer the highest form of service in fighting our wars and building our country's history. He was exposed to Agent Orange in Vietnam – the effects of which began to show up 25 years later – causing, among other ailments, peripheral neuropathy in his legs and arms.

This has not stopped George from continuing to share his time and talents to others. In fact, he may be reaping some health benefits from volunteering. "I thoroughly enjoy meeting new people. I like to help and learn from people behind the scenes. It's amazing how much knowledge is out there that can expand your base, and that can be learned from membership with various organizations."

George was one of the students to graduate from St. Thomas' first-ever MBA class in 1976. "Grad school was so busy that, when I was done, I was looking for things to do."

For him, one experience has built upon the next. He describes his Board involvement with the Catholic Community Foundation as being financially structured similar to the St. Paul Foundation, so "it was like training wheels for [my involvement with] the Shoreview Community Foundation." He still has ongoing involvement with CCF.

Adding to his list of service, George also volunteered for the Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Society, Knights of Columbus, the Jaycee's, and even the Winter Carnival's Kings Guard.

He was a former board member for PATH, Inc., an organization that supports foster care parents from an educational standpoint.

And – for 20 years – he served as Treasurer for the Roseville Area High School Parents' Group, assisting with their fundraising efforts and celebrations for the senior students.

In a Veteran's Day profile published two years ago by St. Thomas University's Opus School of Business, George said, "...I don't want the uncertainty of not having anything to do," and that he would like to continue the journey.

As one man who has accomplished this much – simply from a desire to stay busy, solve problems and help others – this year's honoree offers these words of wisdom: "You're never too old to volunteer. I think it's important to keep working or volunteer until you can't anymore. It's not as much time as you'd think."

2015 Caring Youth Award Winner: Susie Jackson

Susie Jackson received the 2015 Shoreview Caring Youth Award at the annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner in November. This annual award, created by the Shoreview Human Rights Commission, honors the City's outstanding youth – ones who help to make Shoreview a quality community.

Susie names Pastor Kyle Jackson of Incarnation Church as her role model, and her involvement at Incarnation has had a direct influence on her desire to serve others through volunteering.

The 16-year-old also points to her mother for helping her to develop a spirit of generosity when she was very young: "My mom has taken me to volunteering events ever since I was a young kid. She brought me to church every Sunday...it's always been in my life."

Together, they sponsor young children through Compassion International, an organization which enables financial sponsorship of, and communication with, children living in impoverished countries. Susie helps a young girl in Columbia, while her mother sponsors one in India.

When she first learned about this opportunity, Susie said it really made her think. "I go home and see the pantries stocked, so many clothes that they don't fit in the closets, a nice phone...and I thought to myself, 'It's not right.' I told my mom we have to do something about this."

Out of concern for poverty and world hunger, Susie has also donated time packing meals for Feed my Starving Children. Some of her past birthday parties included group volunteering opportunities there, and she has also participated in her church's Million Meal Mobile Pack.

She truly began to understand the importance of volunteering in 7th grade with help from her Confirmation teacher, Sally Lawless. She developed a heart and a will to serve others by applying what she has learned and sharing her talents at school and church.

A junior at Mounds View High, Susie is involved with the French Club and has competed on the track team. She took voice lessons at a young age and now uses her singing talent in two of the school's choirs – including the Belle Chantez, a small, select female ensemble. It is not surprising that Susie also enjoys singing in choir at Incarnation Church with friends.

She is also involved with the FLAME Youth Leaders group at her church, which aims to help high school-aged youth determine how to live out their faith and beliefs in daily life. In addition, she has volunteered as a summer camp counselor for Vacation Bible School, and she enjoys leading younger kids in the Alleluias, the worship band for Sunday School at Incarnation.

"Susie is an exemplary student and friend," said Pastor Jackson. "She is inclusive and an advocate for her friends and for those who need help."

Her advice to others about volunteering: "If you just jump into things that you're comfortable with, you'll go into other things [that you enjoy]."

She added that one should avoid having expectations that are too high. "You're not going to start volunteering with everything. It doesn't have to take as much time as you think."

For example, as a prayer partner, Susie has made a difference by dedicating ten minutes each night and writing a couple of letters of encouragement for someone else. "You can do all sorts of different things that make a difference."

As though being an excellent student and volunteer were not enough, Susie also works part-time at the North Oaks Golf Club as a banquet server. She acknowledges that "it's a balancing act."

But it is one that Susie enjoys. A lifelong resident of Shoreview, she considers living here a great thing. She loves her church and community so much that she has no plans to leave in the near future. Her immediate goals after high school are to continue her church involvement and attend a college nearby.



Susie Jackson was presented with the 2015 Caring Youth Award by Mayor Sandy Martin

City Council Adopts 2016 Budget

One of the City’s primary goals in putting together its budget and tax levy is to maintain the current services and programs that make Shoreview one of the premier places to live in the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area. Shoreview prepares and adopts a biennial budget during odd numbered years, and considers potential budget amendments for the second year of the biennial process.

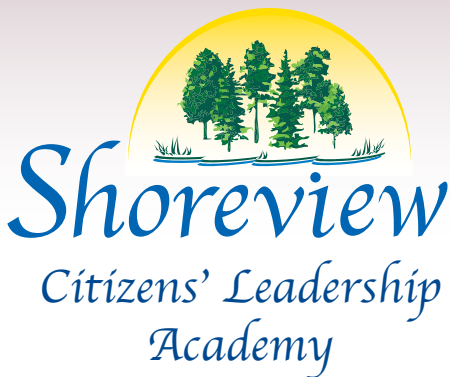
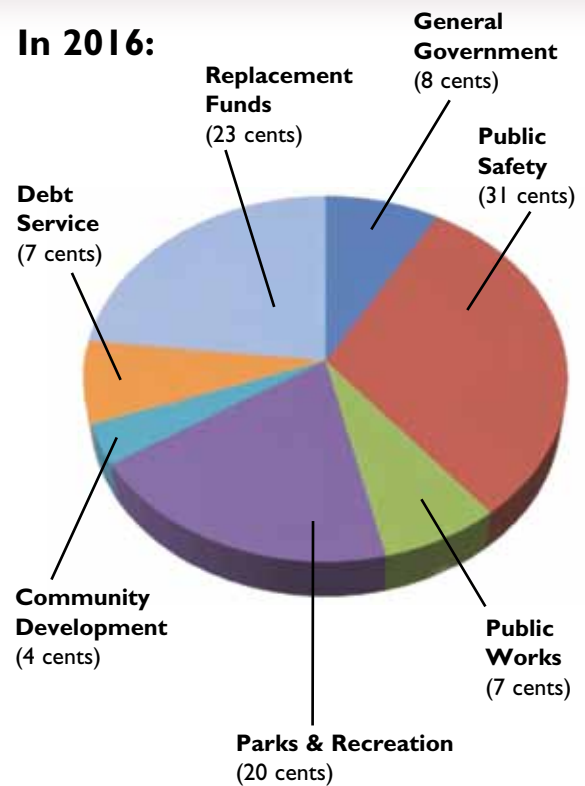
The 2016 budget is the first year of the City’s biennial budget. At the December 21, 2015 meeting, the City Council adopted the 2016-17 budget and tax levy that supports the City’s general fund operations, capital replacement funds and debt obligations.

The City’s 2016 budget of approximately \$26.0 million represents a 2.3% increase in spending across all City operational funds. This budget is supported by a tax levy of \$10,767,858 which is a 3.9% increase above the 2015 tax levy.

The tax levy primarily supports programs and services in the City’s general fund, as well as Capital Replacement Funds and debt service payments. The pie chart shows how the City spends each tax dollar that is received.

Look for more comprehensive budget information in a future issue of ShoreViews, or you can read about the City benchmarks on our website at ShoreviewMN.gov.

In 2016:



City government touches so many facets of our everyday lives – from the streets we drive on to the clean water that we drink. We know that our trash is picked up every week, and that help is minutes away should we ever have to dial 9-1-1 in an emergency. But exactly how does our City operate?

In an effort to promote understanding of local government and to foster future community leaders, the City of Shoreview has created a Citizens’ Leadership Academy (CLA) for residents. The six-week program, which will begin on March 30, 2016, will include a combination of tours, speakers, interactive participation and question-and-answer sessions. This program is designed to provide an overview of city government, to allow residents to become better acquainted with the programs & services and to provide an opportunity to meet new people.

Interested participants can submit an application and be selected on a first-come, first-served basis. Class size will be limited to 20 participants. There is no cost to attend the sessions, but participants are strongly encouraged to commit the time to attend each session. Light refreshments will be served.

Please check our website for further details, program dates and applications or contact Rebecca Olson at 651.490.4613 or email rolson@shoreviewmn.gov.



Shoreview Housing Market Update

Whether you are in the market to buy, sell, or just generally curious, you may find yourself asking the question, how does Shoreview compare? The following is a summary of the 2014 and 2015 market condition changes for the month of September for the City of Shoreview and the Twin Cities Region. The Real Estate market in the Twin Cities area has had some of the best outcomes in the past 15 years according to the Minneapolis Area Association of Realtors. For the 12-month period spanning October 2014 through September 2015, pending sales in the Twin Cities region were up 13.3 percent overall. With the continued increases in closed sales price and median sales price, coupled with the decreases in the months supply of homes for sale, Shoreview is still a higher demand area. The variety and quality of our housing choices and close proximity to the downtowns of Minneapolis and Saint Paul makes Shoreview easily accessible and one of the most desirable places to live and do business in the Twin Cities metropolitan area.

	Shoreview			Twin Cities Region		
	Sept '14	Sept '15	+ / -	Sept '14	Sept '15	+ / -
New Listings	40	65	62.5%	6,825	5,798	-6.9%
Closed Sales	41	45	9.8 %	4,566	4,633	12.0%
Median Sales Price	\$231,000	\$233,000	0.9 %	\$ 205,000	\$ 222,000	8.3%
Average Sales Price	\$272,440	\$253,414	7.0 %	\$ 250,719	\$ 265,943	6.1%
Days on Market Until Sale	42	56	12.4 %	71	65	-8.5%
Percent of Original List Price Received	95.4%	96.8%	1.5 %	95.6%	96.6%	1.1%
Inventory of Homes for Sale	123	114	-7.3 %	18,964	15,928	-16.0%
Months Supply of Homes for Sale	3.9	2.9	-25.6%	4.6	3.4	-26.1%

Heating Your Home: What You Don't Know Can Cost You

10%
Windows leak about 10% of your warm air. Seal them up with caulk and shut them tight and save.

11%
A 1/8 inch gap is like knocking a hole in your wall. Proper weatherstripping can reduce the 11 percent loss to nearly zero.

13%
Places where pipes, wires or lighting come into your house, heat can go. Seals, caulk and insulation can keep up to 13% inside.

14%
Did you know that 14 percent of your home heat escapes if the fireplace flue is left open?

15%
Another 15 percent of your heat gets out through leaky duct work. Sealing them up can yield a savings of 10-20 percent.

31%
of heat escapes through your ceiling, walls and floors. Checking and then replacing/adding insulation can lead to big savings.

Protecting the Groundwater is Everybody's Business

Do you currently have a well that you're not using? Think about this: Unsealed abandoned wells provide direct pathways for contaminants to quickly enter groundwater.

Groundwater is the main source of drinking water for most people in the metro area – and protecting it is in the best interest of your community and future generations.

If you have a well that is not currently in use and has not been sealed, please note that the State of Minnesota requires property owners to obtain a Water Well Maintenance Permit or to have the well sealed. If you choose to continue using your well for irrigation, no permit is required.

More information is available on the Minnesota Department of Health website at www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/wells/sealing.



Shoreview Human Rights Essay Contest for 6th - 8th graders



Winners will be chosen for this statewide contest by Essay Contest Committee of the League of Minnesota Human Rights. Visit www.leagueofmnhumanrights.org for details.

Shoreview Human Rights Commission



Winners will be announced at a future City Council meeting. Visit www.shoreviewmn.gov for details.

Empower Your Neighborhood in 2016

Neighborhood Watch is an organized group of neighbors working together with the Ramsey County Sheriff's Office to reduce the fear of crime and add to the safety and security of their neighborhood. It's designed to:

- Teach citizens techniques to reduce the risk of being victimized at home or in public.
- Train citizens on how to recognize and report suspicious activities.
- Help neighborhoods to make homes more secure.
- Show citizens how to properly mark property to identify it.
- Allow neighbors to get to know each other so that any out-of-place activity can be recognized, reported, and investigated.
- Develop a cohesive body of concerned citizens addressing issues concerning the entire community.

According to the National Crime Prevention Council, every day, neighborhoods across the U.S. confront any number of property and violent crimes and threats of crime. The strategy of Neighborhood Watch groups is to provide local law enforcement with extra eyes and ears to watch out for all types of criminal activity and promote neighborhood security. Community watches can address all types of crime, but their primary focus is

typically residential burglary and other crimes around the home, such as larceny and vandalism. Their presence can also help deter criminals who would attempt to conduct drug- or gang-related activities in the neighborhood.

Create your own Neighborhood Watch group to connect with – and strengthen – your community. Learn more by visiting www.co.ramsey.mn.us/sheriff and click on **Crime Prevention**.



Knowing your neighbors is an effective way to fight crime

Save the Date:
2016 Night to Unite
 Tuesday, August 2 • 5 P.M. to 9 P.M.

This Year, Plan Ahead to Prevent Theft from Auto

Theft from automobiles is a common event, but Ramsey County Sheriff's Office suggests taking these steps to minimize your risk and prevent your vehicle from being broken-into by criminals:

- Never leave your car unlocked! Lock your doors and roll the windows up tight.
- Do not leave valuables in your vehicle. If you leave personal property in your vehicle, make sure it is out of view.
- Before arriving at your destination, make an extra stop to lock valuables in your trunk (if you must leave them in your car).
- Remove all add-on radios, CD players, telephones, navigation devices (this includes any portable mounts).
- Park in well-lit areas or in areas visible to pedestrian and vehicle traffic.
- If you have an alarm, use it.
- Be wary when parking in places like movie theaters, gyms, or churches. Thieves know how long you'll be gone.
- Keep a record of the serial numbers for all of your valuables.
- Watch for suspicious persons. If you see any, call 9-1-1 and report them.
- When reporting suspicious activity, be as specific as possible. If safe to do so, try to get a description of the person, exact location, direction of travel, and vehicle information (license number, color, make, and model).



Always lock your car doors and roll your windows up tight.

Be a Good Neighbor: Don't Feed Wildlife

With plenty of park and open space areas, many varieties of wildlife are able to live in Shoreview, allowing residents to see deer, fox, geese, ducks, wild turkeys and other animals. However, this wildlife can become a nuisance for property owners if their populations become too concentrated in an area outside of their natural habitats. This often happens when homeowners either intentionally or unintentionally feed these animals.

Shoreview's City Code prohibits the feeding of wildlife in the City. It does allow for the feeding of songbirds, as long as it is done from a bird feeder placed at sufficient height or if designed to prevent access by wild animals. Many groups, including the Humane Society of the United States, either discourage or oppose the feeding of wildlife. Some key reasons include:

- Foods not formulated for animal consumption are rarely nutritionally adequate for wild animals and can cause serious health problems.
- Wildlife that become dependent on human food sources often gather in abnormally large numbers, which can spread disease in the animals.



- Feeding causes wildlife to lose their natural fear of people, and some animals can become aggressive towards people, particularly during breeding season.
- Providing food to wildlife in residential areas can lead to property damage to trees, plants, gardens, and in some cases, homes and automobiles.
- Pets, particularly dogs, can potentially become involved in altercations with wildlife, exposing both the wildlife and the pets to injury and/or disease.



Reduce Your Use of Salt This Winter

Winter Maintenance Tips from Rice Creek Watershed District

Minnesotans often have a love/hate relationship with winter, due to the cold temperatures as well as the need to remove snow and ice from driveways and sidewalks. The most common reaction for dealing with these issues – besides staying indoors – is to apply salt, which contains chloride and can be harmful to aquatic life such as fish.

When snow and ice melts, the salt goes with it, washing into our lakes, streams, wetlands, and groundwater. It takes only 1 teaspoon of road salt to pollute 5 gallons of water. Once in the water, there is no way to remove the chloride. High concentrations of chloride can harm fish and plant life and can also have a negative impact on your grass, gardens and trees. Therefore, less is more when it comes to applying salt to paved surfaces.

To reduce the negative impacts of salt:

- **Shovel.** The more snow and ice you remove, the less salt you will have to use, and the more effective it will be in terms of keeping your driveways and sidewalks safe.

- **15°F and below, the salt must go.** Most salts stop working at this temperature. Sand can be used for traction, but remember that sand does not melt ice and it eventually finds its way into the storm water collection systems, which often lead to wetlands, ponds, streams and lakes.
- **Be patient.** These products take time to work and are not always visible to the naked eye.
- **More is NOT better.** Use salt sparingly, only in icy areas where it is necessary. Consider purchasing a hand-held spreader to help you apply a consistent amount to your private property paved surfaces.
- **Sweep up.** Salt or sand that is visible on dry pavement is no longer doing any work and will be washed away and cause problems elsewhere in the environment. Avoid sweeping salt into the road. Instead, use this salt or sand somewhere else, or throw it away.



Shoreview Area Housing Initiative: *Meeting Challenges to Change Lives*

There is a quietly-growing force here in Shoreview that is helping to solve critical housing needs in our community. Founded in 2008, the Shoreview Area Housing Initiative (SAHI) purchases and renovates foreclosed or distressed homes in northern Ramsey County. These properties are currently rented to single parents at below market rates (31% of their income), targeting the long term homeless, domestic violence survivors and disabled veterans. In June, ground was broken for SAHI's 27th home which will house a veteran who was wounded while serving our country and his family.

Residents, in conjunction with SAHI and the referring agency, are required to create and maintain a "Life Plan." Life Plans are individualized but generally include support, services and education.

SAHI meets this challenge by providing below market rate rents and opportunities for lease-to-own purchase of properties at or below fair market rates, while continuing to support residents in their career and educational goals. This will enable them to transition from merely having a job to developing a career that will provide their families with a livable wage.

Education

Unstable housing leads to poor education. 11% of low income parents report that one or more of their children have trouble going to school because of their housing situation.

SAHI meets this challenge by creating a safe, stable environment for children in homes located in high performing school districts and support to parents and students through mentoring relationships. For the adults, SAHI will continue to subsidize rents for tenants allowing them to work and attend school to further their career and educational goals.

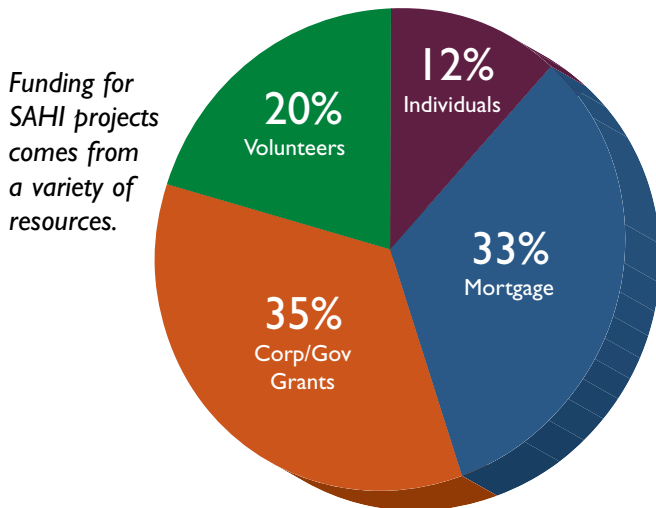
The Cycle of Generational Poverty

Unstable housing puts children at risk for a variety of negative experiences and reduces opportunities to thrive.

- 21% experience an emotional or behavioral problem – about three times the rate for the overall population.
- 8% of parents say their children skipped meals in the previous month because there was not enough money to buy food.
- 8% had been unable to obtain needed health care for at least one child in the past year.

SAHI meets this challenge by carrying out the core of its mission to provide a supportive environment and services that will foster and encourage self-awareness, self-discipline, high academic achievement, personal empowerment, and exposure to professional and personal growth opportunities. An emphasis is placed on education and community engagement, designed for each resident of the program, breaking the cycle of poverty and changing the trajectory of children's lives.

Visit www.sahimn.org for more information and to find out how you can help.



Funding for SAHI projects comes from a variety of resources. A typical SAHI purchase is \$85,000. Low-income families experience a complicated set of barriers to obtaining and maintaining housing. This keeps them trapped in a seemingly endless cycle, despite their best efforts to get ahead. Key challenges and SAHI's solutions include:

Wages and Affordability

More than one-third (34%) of low income working adults in the metro area earn less than \$8 per hour. At this rate, a full-time worker would spend more than half (52% or more) of his or her gross income for a one-bedroom apartment.

2016 ENVIRONMENTAL SPEAKER SERIES

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January 20th Recycling Myths and Mysteries Solved

Jean Buckley, Ramsey County Environmental Health Educator

Plastic bags, Styrofoam, frozen food boxes: They're all things people would like to recycle in their curbside cart. *But should you?* Putting the right things in your recycling helps the environment and the economy. The wrong things can damage equipment, injure workers and even ruin recyclables. Find out the real answers about some recycling myths and mysteries.



February 17th Rice Creek Commons: Neighborhood of the Future, Right Next Door

Blake Huffman, Ramsey County Commissioner

One of the most innovative developments in the country is going in right next door at the old Twin Cities Army Ammunition site. Hear how Rice Creek Commons is designed to be the largest net-zero energy redevelopment in the state. Hear how it will deliver a model of efficient energy and water usage that minimizes impact on the environment.



March 16th Shoreview's Innovative Responses to Infrastructure Challenges

Mark Maloney, City of Shoreview Public Works Director

Whether we're walking the trails or driving the roads, we get around without thinking much about what's under our feet or beneath our wheels. Yet, Shoreview is a leader in using innovative techniques and technologies that help us get where we're going while lightening our load on the environment. Find out what's so special about Shoreview's infrastructure.



April 20th Shoreview's State of the Waters

Eric Korte, Water Quality Monitoring Coordinator, Ramsey Washington Metro Watershed District

How good is the water in Shoreview's lakes, ponds and streams? Find out from Ramsey Washington Metro Watershed District, which monitors our surface water. Also learn about their efforts to control invasive species such as zebra mussels and curly pondweed, both of which have been found in and around Shoreview.

Presented by the Shoreview
Environmental Quality Committee

All presentations are held in the City Council Chambers starting at
7:00 P.M. and last approximately 45 minutes with additional time for questions.
Call (651) 490-4665 for more information.

Recycle Your Holidays™

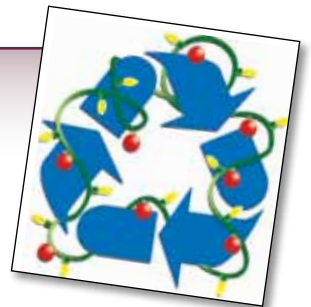
Get rid of unusable holiday lights and electrical cords – the right way

Don't know what to do with those tangled strings of holiday lights that no longer work – or those electrical cords that are fried or frayed? Making the switch to energy-efficient LED holiday lights? Either way, recycle the old lights using Recycle Your Holidays™ – a one-of-a-kind, statewide holiday light recycling program in Minnesota created and managed by the Recycling Association of Minnesota (RAM).

Drop off unwanted light strings at the Ramsey Household Hazardous Waste Collection Site at **Bay West, Inc.** located at **5 Empire Drive in St. Paul**. This location offers year-round recycling drop-offs.

The program is promoted statewide in partnership with WCCO, Great River Energy, Ace Hardware stores, and CERTS (Clean Energy Resource Teams). It employs over 200 individuals with disabilities at vocational centers throughout the state of Minnesota. Every part of the strand is dismantled by vocational center clients and properly recycled locally.

For more information or to find other drop-off locations, visit www.recycleminnesota.org/programs/recycle-your-holidays.



FREE FIX-IT CLINICS



Have broken stuff lying around? Don't trash it – fix it!

Get household items fixed for free and learn valuable repair skills at an upcoming Fix-It Clinic:

**Saturday, February 27, 10 A.M. to 1 P.M.
at the Shoreview Library, 4570 Victoria St. N.**

At Fix-It Clinics, residents bring in small household appliances, clothing, electronics, mobile devices and more to receive free guided assistance from volunteers with repair skills to disassemble, troubleshoot and fix items. Fix-It Clinics build community connections and reduce the number of repairable objects that are thrown in the trash.

Bring your broken household goods and clothing in need of repair. Please also bring any tools and supplies you think might help with the job. Events are first come, first served. Items must be carry-in – no oversized items. Visit RamseyRecycles.com for details and a list of more upcoming events.



Stay Informed and Connected in 2016

Online tools make it easy

Let's face it: We're all busy! That's why the City of Shoreview is continually striving to provide convenient options for residents to share and receive news and information. Start the new year by taking a few minutes to explore the City's online tools. You might find an easy and effective new platform for communication.

Facebook and Twitter are two of the most popular social media networks in the world. For that reason, they also provide a convenient way to stay up-to-date and involved with what's happening right here in Shoreview. Follow the City at facebook.com/cityofshoreview and twitter.com/cityofshoreview to have local updates and information flow right into your newsfeed.

Shoreview Channel 16 City Meeting Broadcast Schedule

Tune in to Shoreview Channel 16 for access to public meetings, community events and other local government information.

Shoreview City Council Meetings

Live: Every first and third Monday of the month at 7 P.M.

Replays: Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday at 12:30 P.M. and 7 P.M.
Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday at 12:30 A.M., 8 A.M. and 3 P.M.

Shoreview Planning Commission Meetings

Live: Every fourth Tuesday of the month at 7 P.M.

Replays: Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday at 12:30 A.M. and 8 A.M.
Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday at 7 P.M.

Shoreview Community Foundation Invites Grant Requests for 2016!



The Shoreview Community Foundation provides funds to nonprofit organizations that help serve our community. If your organization needs to raise funds, then the Foundation may be able to help. The Foundation's grant focus areas are:

- Recreational places (parks, open space, wetlands, woodlands)
- Community enhancements and leadership development
- Human services
- Arts and cultural activities
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Letters of inquiry proposing 2016 grant projects should be submitted to the Shoreview Community Foundation between January 1 and February 15, 2016. Initial inquiries need only contain a brief description of the project, the geographic area served and the amount requested. If the project is a strong candidate for funding, a full grant application will be requested. More details and grant guidelines can be found at: www.shoreviewcommunityfoundation.org.

**Let it snow
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...but let somebody else shovel it! Shoreview seniors age 60 and over can sign up for a convenient and affordable snow shoveling service through Northeast Youth & Family Services. NYFS is a non-profit social service and mental health agency based in the northern suburbs. Their Senior Chore Program helps seniors with indoor and outdoor chores. Rates are affordable and a sliding-fee scale is offered to low-income seniors.

For more information, please call Debbie Wells at 651.757.4061 or email debbiep@nyfs.org.



Build a Burger for the Troops:

Beyond the Yellow Ribbon of Suburban Ramsey County volunteers serve up burgers and fries at the White Bear Lake VFW, 4496 Lake Ave. S., every second Monday of the month from 5 to 8 P.M. Stop by for dinner and show your support for our Service members, veterans and their families!

The Shoreview Community Garden Club

welcomes all gardeners – beginners or experienced. Speakers talk on a wide range of gardening topics. Summer tours are held to gain information and ideas. The Club meets at the Shoreview Community Center on the first Wednesday of each month at 7 P.M. To learn more, call Sandi at 651.484.4341 or e-mail sandilauer@comcast.net.



Shoreview Historical Society Celebrates 25 Years

SHS History Weekend, January 30-31

In celebration of the 25th anniversary of the Shoreview Historical Society, a weekend of historical programs has been planned. Both programs are free and open to the public.

“Suburbia”– Saturday, Jan. 30 at 2 P.M., Shoreview Library

Shoreview is the perfect example of Suburbia, the newest exhibit at the Minnesota History Center (MNHS). Ranch houses, strip malls, and the love of the automobile are just some components of the suburban trend in the 1950’s. A speaker from MNHS will discuss Shoreview’s transition from farmland to a suburb!

Lake Region Hockey History – Sunday, Jan. 31 at 2 P.M., Shoreview Community Center

In the early 1960’s, a group of 3 fathers – Dick Wedell, Tom Wegleitner and Dick Tyson – formed a Little League of hockey with players from Shoreview and North Oaks and Lake Region Hockey was born. Some players went on to play in the Olympics and play professional hockey. The first hockey rinks in Shoreview were built at Shamrock and Bucher parks and were maintained by the homeowners.

A panel of speakers will discuss the transition of the Lake Region Hockey Association (LRHA): Its early days, its glory days and its future.

Gallery 96 Art Center’s Fall Exhibition

Gallery 96 held its fall exhibit at the Shoreview branch of the Ramsey County Library during the month of November. It was an “Artist’s Choice” show, meaning each paid member of Gallery 96 was eligible to enter one piece in the show on any theme of their choice. All entries were accepted and judged for cash prizes ranging from \$50 to \$300.

Congratulations to our winners as chosen by our judge, artist and board member of the St Paul Art Collective, Sharon Boerbon Hanson.

- 1st Prize: \$300 **Paul Gaston**
“Dark & Stormy Evening”
- 2nd Prize: \$200 **Tom Olmscheid**
“Domino Players, Havana Cuba”
- 3rd Prize: \$100 **Michael Gallagher**
“Untitled Vessel”
- Honorable Mention \$50 . . **David Bjorkquist**
“Turnagain Arm”
- Honorable Mention \$50 . . **Jeff Cooper**
“Three Birds on a Bean”
- Honorable Mention \$50 . . **Craig Mullenbach**
“Sunset Cranes”
- Honorable Mention \$50 . . **John Bain**
“Broken”

It was also announced at the open reception that Gallery 96 will work with the Friends of the Library to help raise funds for items not covered in the budget or the new Shoreview regional library, including items related to the display of art in the new building.

Shoreview Community Center Show

During the months of January – March, Gallery 96 will be holding its annual “Small Works’ show in the glass cases in the Fireside Lounge of the Shoreview Community Center. All works need to measure less than 7 by 7 inches so it is always fun to see what our artists come up with.



Art Discussions

Gallery 96 sponsors monthly art discussions, the second Tuesday of each month at the Shoreview Community Center from 7 to 9 P.M. These are lively discussions of art and friendly critiques of the work of members and others. All are welcome. Upcoming dates are January 12, February 9, March 8 and April 12.

More Information

In addition to its website at www.gallery96.org, a reminder that the public can keep in touch with Gallery 96 Art Center on Facebook! If you have a Facebook account, check it out. Other inquiries may be directed to: Gallery 96 Art Center, P.O. Box 270002, Vadnais Heights, MN 55127. Or send an email to info@gallery96.org



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