

WINTER HAS ARRIVED IN SHOREWOOD! THE HOLIDAY SEASON AND NEW YEAR NATURALLY INVITE US TO PAUSE, REFLECT ON THE PAST YEAR, AND APPRECIATE THE PEOPLE AND MOMENTS THAT HAVE MATTERED MOST. THE SHOREWOOD HOA BOARD WANTS TO EXPRESS OUR GRATITUDE TO HOMEOWNERS WHO OFFERED FEEDBACK, IDEAS, AND CONSTRUCTIVE INPUT, AND TO THOSE WHO OFFERED THEIR TIME AND TALENTS. WE ARE A BETTER NEIGHBORHOOD WHEN WE WORK TOGETHER TO SUPPORT ONE ANOTHER AND STRENGTHEN OUR SHARED SENSE OF COMMUNITY.

THAT SPIRIT OF CONNECTION IS EASY TO SEE THROUGHOUT SHOREWOOD, EVEN IN THE COLDER MONTHS. IT'S WONDERFUL TO SPOT NEIGHBORS STOPPING TO CHAT WHILE SHOVELING OR WALKING THEIR DOGS, AND KIDS TREKKING THROUGH THE SNOW TO THE FAMOUS WHISPERING WOODS SLEDDING HILL. THESE SMALL INTERACTIONS REMIND US OF THE WARMTH THAT MAKES OUR NEIGHBORHOOD SPECIAL.

AS THE SEASON SHIFTS, IT'S ALSO A GOOD TIME TO REFOCUS ON TAKING CARE OF ONE ANOTHER. WITH DARKER EVENINGS AND SLICK ROADS, PLEASE REMEMBER TO DRIVE SLOWLY AND STAY ALERT AS MANY NEIGHBORS USE THE STREETS AND SIDEWALKS FOR EXERCISE YEAR-ROUND. A LITTLE EXTRA CAUTION BEHIND THE WHEEL GOES A LONG WAY IN KEEPING EVERYONE SAFE.

WINTER OFTEN GIVES US OPPORTUNITIES TO SHOW KINDNESS IN SIMPLE WAYS: HELPING CLEAR A DRIVEWAY, CHECKING ON SOMEONE DURING A COLD SNAP, OR OFFERING A FRIENDLY WAVE FROM THE WARMTH OF YOUR CAR. THESE GESTURES STRENGTHEN OUR SENSE OF COMMUNITY AND REMIND US WHY SHOREWOOD IS SUCH A GREAT PLACE TO CALL HOME.

THANK YOU FOR CONTINUING TO MAKE OUR NEIGHBORHOOD A PLACE WHERE PEOPLE LOOK OUT FOR EACH OTHER. LET'S CARRY THAT SPIRIT FORWARD ALL SEASON LONG.

-THE SHOREWOOD HOA BOARD

2026 ANNUAL MEETING

JOIN US FOR THE 2026 ANNUAL MEETING ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH AT 6:30PM AT WESTVIEW ALLIANCE CHURCH.

OUR ANNUAL MEETING IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO STAY INFORMED, GET INVOLVED, AND HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF OUR NEIGHBORHOOD. FOR MORE INFO, VISIT WWW.SHOREWOODFW.COM/ANNUALMEETING



2025 HOLIDAY LIGHT CONTEST

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR WHEN THE NEIGHBORHOOD SWITCHES FROM SPOOKY TO SPARKLY! WE'RE EXCITED TO KICK OFF THIS YEAR'S HOLIDAY LIGHT CONTEST AND CAN'T WAIT TO SEE HOW THE CREATIVITY IN OUR COMMUNITY SHINES! FOR ALL CONTEST DETAILS, VISIT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE OR WWW.SHOREWOODFW.COM/CONTEST



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ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES.



WINTER SERVICES FROM UNCOMMON GROUNDS LANDSCAPING

WITH UNCOMMON GROUNDS LAWN & LANDSCAPE ALREADY PLOWING AND SALTING SHOREWOOD'S STREETS, WHY NOT MAKE IT EASY AND HAVE US CLEAR YOUR DRIVEWAY, TOO? WE OFFER RELIABLE PLOWING AND SALTING SERVICES FOR DRIVEWAYS AND SIDEWALKS, AND WHEN YOU'RE READY TO THINK SPRING, CONTACT US TO SCHEDULE A SPRING CLEAN UP! YOUR FUTURE-SELF WILL THANK YOU! CONTACT RAJ AT 260-446-6276 FOR PRICING AND TO SCHEDULE SERVICES!

HELP US GO DIGITAL!

STAYING CONNECTED HELPS OUR COMMUNITY RUN SMOOTHLY, AND THE FASTEST WAY TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE BOARD IS THROUGH THE HOA LIFE PORTAL.

THE HOA LIFE SOFTWARE HAS MANY EXPANDED ABILITIES LIKE DIGITAL VOTING, AND OPTIONS TO PAY DUES ONLINE, BUT IN ORDER TO UTILIZE THESE SERVICES, WE NEED MORE HOMEOWNERS USING THE PLATFORM.

IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY, PLEASE LOG IN AND UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION.

VISIT [HTTPS://PORTAL.HOALIFE.COM](https://PORTAL.HOALIFE.COM) YOU'LL BE ASKED FOR YOUR ADDRESS AND A PIN NUMBER THAT IS UNIQUE TO YOUR LOT. IF YOU HAVE MISPLACED YOUR PIN NUMBER, EMAIL SHOREWOODFW@GMAIL.COM WITH YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS AND WE'LL PROVIDE IT TO YOU!



2026 DUES ANNOUNCEMENT

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN—DUES STATEMENTS FOR 2026 WILL BE MAILED TO EACH HOME AROUND DECEMBER 1ST AND ARE DUE BY JANUARY 1, 2026. DUES FOR 2026 ARE \$179 FOR HOMES ON REGULAR LOTS AND \$236 FOR HOMES ON POND LOTS.

HOW TO PAY YOUR DUES

WHILE SHOREWOOD DOES NOT CURRENTLY OFFER A DIRECT ONLINE PAYMENT OPTION FOR HOA DUES, MANY BANKS PROVIDE A CONVENIENT ONLINE BILL PAY FEATURE THAT ALLOWS YOU TO PAY ELECTRONICALLY THROUGH YOUR PERSONAL BANKING ACCOUNT. IF YOU PREFER TO PAY ONLINE, SIMPLY CHECK WITH YOUR BANK TO SEE WHAT OPTIONS THEY OFFER.

YOUR BANK WILL MAIL A PHYSICAL CHECK ON YOUR BEHALF, MAKING IT AN EASY AND RELIABLE WAY TO STAY CURRENT WITH YOUR DUES—WITHOUT NEEDING TO WRITE AND MAIL A CHECK YOURSELF. PLEASE NOTE THAT ANY CHECKS SENT IN DECEMBER WILL NOT BE DEPOSITED UNTIL AFTER JANUARY 1, 2026. PLEASE PLAN ACCORDINGLY AS YOU BALANCE YOUR CHECKBOOKS!

WHY WERE DUES RAISED FOR 2026?

WE UNDERSTAND THAT ANY INCREASE IN DUES IS SIGNIFICANT, AND WE WANT TO BE TRANSPARENT ABOUT THE REASONS BEHIND THIS YEAR'S ADJUSTMENT. THE INCREASE IS NECESSARY TO COVER SEVERAL IMPORTANT UPCOMING EXPENSES:

- EAST POND MOTOR REPLACEMENT: THE MOTOR AT THE EAST POND NEAR OUR ENTRANCE NEEDS TO BE REPLACED TO KEEP OUR PONDS HEALTHY AND ATTRACTIVE.
- ENTRANCE LIGHTING: WE WILL BE PURCHASING REPLACEMENT LIGHTS FOR THOSE THAT ARE CURRENTLY OUT, ENSURING OUR ENTRANCE REMAINS WELL-LIT.
- POND TIMER REPLACEMENT: THE TIMERS ON THE SAILWIND/TIMBERLAKE POND ARE DUE FOR REPLACEMENT TO MAINTAIN PROPER POND FUNCTION.
- ENHANCED SNOW REMOVAL: WE HAVE INCREASED OUR SNOW PLOW TOLERANCE—PLOWS WILL NOW COME FOR SNOWFALLS OF 2" OR MORE (PREVIOUSLY 3"). IN ADDITION TO ALL INTERSECTIONS, OUR MAIN STREETS WILL NOW BE SALTED (CUL-DE-SACS EXCLUDED), IMPROVING SAFETY FOR EVERYONE.
- TREE & STUMP REMOVAL: WE'VE ADDRESSED DOWNED TREES IN OUR COMMON SPACES AND ALONG THE FRONT POND, INCLUDING STUMP REMOVAL, TO KEEP OUR SHARED AREAS SAFE AND BEAUTIFUL.

WE APPRECIATE YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORT AS WE INVEST IN THE LONG-TERM CARE AND SAFETY OF OUR NEIGHBORHOOD.

NEIGHBORHOOD EXPENSES

OUR HOA DUES SUPPORT THE CORE SERVICES AND AMENITIES THAT MAKE SHOREWOOD THE KIND OF PLACE WE'RE PROUD TO CALL HOME. HERE'S A SNAPSHOT OF HOW THOSE FUNDS ARE USED:

- ESSENTIAL SERVICES & SAFETY: ROUTINE OPERATIONS LIKE SNOW REMOVAL AND STREET SALTING ENSURE OUR STREETS STAY SAFE AND ACCESSIBLE IN WINTER.
- LAWN, LANDSCAPING, AND POND MAINTENANCE: YOUR DUES HELP CARE FOR OUR PONDS AND FOUNTAINS (INCLUDING TREATMENTS, REPAIRS AND WINTER STORAGE) AND SUPPORT UPKEEP OF OUR COMMON SPACES, TREES AND LANDSCAPING.
- UTILITIES: COSTS RELATED TO THE ELECTRIC UTILITIES TO POND FOUNTAINS & FRONT ENTRANCE LIGHTS.
- INSURANCE & ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS: COVERING INSURANCE FOR COMMON AREAS AND BOARD LIABILITY, AS WELL AS ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES LIKE MAILINGS, WEBSITE HOSTING, AND LEGAL/ACCOUNTING FEES.
- COMMUNITY EVENTS & IMPROVEMENTS: SUPPORTING NEIGHBORHOOD GATHERINGS, CONTESTS, AND ONGOING IMPROVEMENTS TO OUR SHARED SPACES.
- SOFTWARE, & WEBSITE: COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE HOA LIFE PLATFORM AND WEBSITE.

THE ASSOCIATION IS ON TRACK TO END 2025 WITH A MODEST SURPLUS, WHICH MEANS WE'RE OPERATING RESPONSIBLY AND KEEPING COSTS IN CHECK WHILE PREPARING FOR WHAT LIES AHEAD.

PLEASE VISIT WWW.SHOREWOODFW.COM/FINANCIALS TO VIEW OUR 2026 BUDGET, FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, AND A DOCUMENT EXPLAINING WHAT FALLS UNDER EACH LINE ITEM ON OUR FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. THE ANNUAL VERSION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES WILL BE ADDED TO OUR WEBSITE IN THE BEGINNING OF JANUARY.



IMPORTANT DATES

- DECEMBER 12, 2025: HOLIDAY LIGHT CONTEST SUBMISSIONS DUE
- DECEMBER 14-20, 2025: HOLIDAY LIGHT CONTEST VOTING
- JANUARY 1, 2026: ANNUAL DUES ARE DUE
- FEBRUARY 10, 2026: ANNUAL MEETING, 6:30PM WESTVIEW ALLIANCE CHURCH
- MAY 14-16, 2026: SPRING GARAGE SALE WEEKEND
- SEPTEMBER 17-19, 2026: FALL GARAGE SALE WEEKEND
- DATE OF EASTER EGG HUNT AND OTHER SOCIAL ACTIVITIES TO BE DETERMINED

2ND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH: HOA MONTHLY BOARD MEETING, 6:30PM AT WESTVIEW ALLIANCE CHURCH



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