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Shoreview Receives Minnesota Construction Association Award of Excellence

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with its partners, EDS Builders, Inc. and Buetow and Associates, received the 2010 Green or Sustainable Project of the Year for the newly remodeled Shoreview Maintenance Facility. This currently is the only maintenance center in the State of Minnesota to be renovated and Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Certified.

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The City Council approved Lexington Estates Townhomes Association Three, Inc. request for a preliminary plat and amendments to the Planned Unit Development. The Council approved this plot as a key step in the process to convert Serene Court from a private street to a public street that will be maintained by the City. The Lexington Estates Townhomes Association have to follow the City's adopted policy regarding the conversion of private streets. The conversion of this street to a public road is also consistent with the City's goals pertaining to housing and neighborhood stabilization.

Taste of Slice to be held on Thursday, February 24

Join your neighbors at the Taste of Slice on Thursday, February 24 from 4:30-7:30 p.m. at the Shoreview Community Center. At the event you can sample delicious food from area restaurants, win drawings, bid on silent auction items and hear about the 2011 Slice of Shoreview celebration.

Cash bar will be available.

Tickets are \$15 per person in advance or \$20 per person at the door. Registration is available at www.shoreviewmn.gov, **Online Payments.**



Environmental Quality Committee Hosts 2011 Speaker Series



This winter and spring the Environmental Quality Committee is sponsoring a series of free presentations with information on a variety of issues that are affecting the environment around where you live.

Buckthorn: Identification, Impacts, Control February 16, 7 pm City Council Chambers

Laura Van Riper, Terrestrial Invasive Species Coordinator, MNDNR

Buckthorn is a non-native plant that has been classified as a noxious weed in Minnesota and can be found in many parts of Shoreview. It can quickly out compete beneficial native plants. Areas infested with buckthorn usually lack other vegetation, which can result in soil erosion and affect wildlife. Learn how it can affect the environment and what you can do to control the spread of buckthorn.

Emerald Ash Borer in Minnesota

March 16, 7 pm City Council Chambers

Mark Abrahamson, Entomologist, MN State Dept. of Agriculture

A little green bug is threatening to wipe out many trees in Shoreview and Minnesota. We'll have the latest information on where emerald ash borer has been found in the state, the impacts it is having, what is being done about it in Shoreview and the rest of the state, and what you can do to protect trees on your property.

Curbside Collection of Organics - Pilot Program

April 20, 7 pm City Council Chambers

Eureka Recycling

It's the newest frontier in recycling: organics composting. Eureka Recycling is wrapping up a study on collecting food waste including meat scraps, dairy products and non-recyclable papers from St. Paul residents. This organic material is then turned into nutrient rich compost. Find out what Eureka Recycling learned about what works and doesn't work for curbside collection of organic material, and if such a program could be coming to Shoreview.

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