



The Village Bulletin

The Village of Shorewood Hills

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VILLAGE BUDGET MEETING

You are invited to participate in a public information meeting regarding the 2012 Village budgets. The meeting will be held on Monday, November 7, 2011 at 7:00 pm at the Village Hall.

At the meeting, Village staff will give a presentation on all of the Village funds including: general operating, water, sewer, stormwater, marina, pool, capital projects, debt service and tax increment financing. The Finance Committee has spent the last couple of months working on all of the budgets. Decreased State funding and levy limits have made this process challenging. Because of the timing of the Village's debt service, this year an unusual one-time increase to the Village's tax levy is allowed. The Finance Committee and the Board of Trustees have tried to balance the allowed increase with how much residents will be asked to pay in property taxes.

Please plan to attend this meeting if you wish to learn more, express your opinion and / or offer suggestions.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

All events will be at the Village Hall unless otherwise noted***

NOVEMBER

7	Special Board Meeting (Budget Presentation)	7:00 pm
8	Immunization Clinic	7:30 am to 9:00 am & 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm
8	Plan Commission	7:00 pm
14	Municipal Court (Traffic)	5:00 pm
14	Parks Committee	5:30 pm
14	Public Works Committee	7:00 pm
16	Finance Committee	5:30 pm
21	Board of Trustees	7:00 pm
24+25	Village Offices Closed in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday	

DECEMBER

12	Municipal Court (Traffic)	5:00 pm
12	Parks Committee	5:30 pm
12	Public Works Committee	7:00 pm
13	Plan Commission	7:00 pm
19	Board of Trustees	7:00 pm
23+26	Village Offices closed for the Christmas holiday weekend	
30+1/2	Village Offices closed for the New Year's holiday weekend	

** The calendar includes all meetings and dates submitted at the time of publication
*** Meeting dates / times are subject to change. Check with the Village Hall or the meeting chair.

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2011

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE OCTOBER 17, 2011 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

(Complete detailed minutes will be available on our website or at the Village Hall)

Attendance – Mr. Ridders was excused.

Consent Agenda – In an effort to expedite meetings, items on the consent agenda are considered as a group and are adopted with one motion. Any Board member may unilaterally remove an item from the consent agenda if he or she believes the item needs discussion. Consent agenda items included approval of the [September 19](#) Board meeting minutes.

Public Hearing – The Board held a public hearing regarding a change of zoning classification for 2707-2719 Marshall Court from C-3 Medical Office Commercial District to a Planned Unit Development (PUD) District. The Plan Commission reviewed the proposed project at several meetings and a public hearing on October 4. Village consultants on the project and the developers were in attendance to present the most recent revisions to the plan and answer questions from the Board and audience. The Plan Commission recommended approval of the ordinance change to the Board. Paula Hogan spoke of her concerns regarding the project. No one else spoke in favor or opposition and the public hearing was closed.

Ordinance L-2011-8 – The Board unanimously approved the first reading of [Ordinance L-2011-8](#) changing the zoning classification for 2707-2719 Marshall Court from C-3 to PUD following the public hearing. Following a third reading of this ordinance the Board will consider general and specific development agreements with the developers before the project can move forward.

Ordinance L-2011-7 – The Board deferred action on [ordinance L-2011-7](#) amending section 1.08 of the Village's ordinances related to ethics.

Revisions to Grievance Procedure – The Village has an existing grievance procedure for employees already in place but a new State law that was written into the State Budget Bill mandates that the Village implement a procedure that complies with certain measures in that new law. After review the Board unanimously approved the new procedure.

2012 Budget – Mr. Benforado reported on the Finance Committee's work on the 2012 Budget to date. The State Budget Bill limits tax levy increases to 0% except for new growth. This year, due to the Village's debt service schedule, however, the Village could exceed those limits. The exception will not be available in future years. Because of the debt exception, the Village could increase the levy this year by almost 10%. If the Village does not utilize the full increase, the levy increase next year would be limited to about 1%. It is a use it or lose it proposition that was included in the State Budget Bill. Previously municipalities could bank unused levy capacity to use in future years. The Finance Committee sought input from the Board on how much of a levy increase should be pursued, staff wages and use of the Village's fund balance. The Finance Committee used a 5% levy increase and a step increase plus 2% raise for staff, per the Personnel Committee's recommendation, as a starting point. After a lengthy discussion the consensus of the Board was for a staff raise of 1% plus a step, limit the levy increase to 4.3% and use 2-3% of the Village's \$600,000 fund balance to balance the budget (it was noted that the Village will be paying less in wages in benefits in 2012 than in 2011 due to the employee required pension contribution). This approach would increase Village taxes on a \$600,000 home by about \$130.

Resolution R-2011-10 – The Board unanimously approved [Resolution R-2011-10](#) proclaiming May 12, 2012 as International Migratory Bird Day in Shorewood Hills as part of an application for the Village to become a certified Bird City USA. Roma Lenehan and Nancy Heiden of the Parks Committee are pursuing the certification.

Closed Session – The Board went into closed session to discuss the development agreement and possible TIF funding for the proposed Stone House affordable housing project on Marshall Court.

Public Health & Safety Committee – Mr. Hurley reported on the draft comprehensive study of fire and EMS services. The Committee will be reviewing the draft report shortly.

Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 11:30 pm.



ROAD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT KICKOFF

Walk Oxford Road on November 1

Walk Columbia Road and Swarthmore Court on November 14

The Village is considering the possible reconstruction of Oxford Road, the south end of Columbia Road and Swarthmore Court in 2012. Your input is vital to the success of these projects. On Tuesday, November 1, 2011 at 5:00 pm, interested residents are invited to walk Oxford Road with the Public Works Committee, Village Engineer and other staff. We will begin at University Bay Drive and work our way west. You may join the walk at any point. The walk is anticipated to be completed by 6:30 pm.

On Monday, November 14, 2011 at 5:00 pm you are invited to do the same for Columbia Road and Swarthmore Court. We will begin at the Columbia Road / Harvard Drive intersection and work our way down Columbia Road toward Swarthmore Court. You may join the walk at any point and it will end by 6:30 pm.

Further discussion regarding the comments received during the Oxford Road walk will occur at the Public Works Committee on Monday, November 14, 2011 at 7:00 pm at the Village Hall. The Committee will discuss Columbia Road and Swarthmore Court at its December meeting. We hope to see you on the November 1 and November 14.

VILLAGE WATER RATE INCREASES

In response to an increase in the wholesale rate the Shorewood Hills Water Utility pays for the water it purchases from the Madison Water Utility, the water volume rate and fixed meter fees the Village charges its customers have gone up. The Public Service Commission, the state agency that regulates water rates, recently notified the Village that its new rates will be effective at the start of the current billing cycle. The rate increase therefore will be in effect in the billing period that started October 1, 2011 and will be reflected on the water bills customers will receive in the spring of 2012.

The water volume usage charge has increased from \$3.43 per 100 cubic feet (for the first 75,000 cubic feet used) to \$3.58 per 100 cubic feet. The charge for water usage over 75,000 cubic feet has increased from \$3.03 to \$3.18 per 100 cubic feet. The fixed fees levied each six month period for water service increased as follows:

- 5/8 and 3/4 inch meters = \$42 to \$42.28
- 1 inch meters = \$63 to \$63.42;
- 1 ½ inch meters = \$105 to \$105.70
- 2 inch meters = \$150 to \$150.99

PROPERTY TAX BILL PAYMENT RULES

If you would like your property tax payments to be credited to 2011 for income tax purposes, it must be received by the Village by midnight on December 31. The holiday office closing schedule means that if you'd like to pay your taxes in person and have the payment credited to 2011, you will have to stop by the Village Hall before 5:00 pm on Thursday, December 29.

If you can't make it into the office by that time, you may leave your payment in the Village's green Drop Box in the Village Hall parking lot. The Drop Box will be emptied at midnight on December 31. Any payments made after midnight will be credited to 2012.

Payment sent by mail post-marked on or before December 31, 2011 will be credited to 2011. If you have questions about property taxes, please contact the Village Hall.



TAX BILL – LAST CHANCE FOR ADDRESS UPDATES – The Village and other taxing entities are finishing up their budgets so that Dane County can print tax bills at the end of November. Now is the time to make sure your mailing address is accurate. Check last year's tax bill. If the address is incorrect, contact the Village Hall at 267-2680 or by e-mail at info@shorewood-hills.org. Village policy is to send the tax bill only to the property owner. Tax bills will not be sent to your financial institution. Any address changes must be received by November 11. Property tax bills are expected to be sent out in mid-December.

MAJOR IMPACTS OF WISCONSIN'S NEW VOTER PHOTO ID LAW

Below is a brief summary of the changes required by the new Voter Photo ID law. Many provisions of the law will make it more difficult for Shorewood Hills residents to vote. We at Village Hall are committed to ensuring every Village citizen 18 years of age and older who would like to vote is able to do so. If you need assistance or have any questions about the new regulations, please contact the Village Hall at 267-2680.

The requirements of the new Voter Photo ID law will be implemented at the next election in Shorewood Hills, the Spring Primary on February 21, 2012. Some of the provisions of the law include:

REGISTRATION TIMING: Voters must now reside at their new address for 28 consecutive days before registering, rather than 10 days as required previously. Voters who have moved within Wisconsin less than 28 days before the election must vote from their previous address, either by absentee ballot or at that polling place. Voters who have moved to Wisconsin from another state less than 28 days before an election will not be eligible to vote in Wisconsin.

PROOF OF RESIDENCY: A voter who registers at the Village Hall 20 days or more before an election will not need to provide proof of residency. When registering within 20 days of the election, however, proof of residency is required. It is no longer possible to use a "corroborating witness" to prove residency. If one's ID does not include one's Shorewood Hills address, another form of residency must be provided: a utility bill, property tax bill, bank statement, paycheck (each with the voter's name and Village address indicated) are among the acceptable forms of proof.

The last day to register to vote at the Village Hall now is the Friday before the election, rather than the day before. However, voters can still register at the polls on Election Day. Proof of residency must be provided when registering at the polls.

ABSENTEE VOTING: The window for absentee voting has been shortened to two weeks: in-person absentee voting begins the third Monday before the election, and ends at 5:00 pm on the Friday before the election. All in-person absentee voters must present a valid photo ID when voting. Absentee voters who request a ballot by mail, fax or email must provide a copy of their photo ID with their absentee ballot request or when they return the ballot. Indefinitely confined absentee electors are not directly impacted by the new law: the witness certification on the absentee envelope will substitute for a photo ID.

A note to parents of college students who will not be in town for the primary / spring election: If your sons / daughters would like to vote in Shorewood Hills this winter / spring, remind them to stop at the Village Hall when they are home for winter break to register to vote (if they have not already done so) and to complete an absentee ballot request. They will need to bring proof of ID.

VOTING DAY: The new law requires EVERY voter to provide proof of identity. **All voters must present a valid photo ID at the polls** to be eligible to vote, including those who are known by the poll workers. A valid ID includes: a Wisconsin driver's license (out of state licenses are not acceptable), a WI DOT-issued ID card (which is FREE from the DOT when obtained for voting purposes), a US passport, a college ID (that includes the date of issuance, signature of student, a expiration date no later than two years after the date of issuance and a separate document that proves enrollment), an ID card issued by a Wisconsin Indian tribe. Please contact the Village Hall if you have questions about the validity of your ID.

Voters will no longer be able to mark a straight-party ticket. Instead, each candidate must be selected and marked on the ballot individually.

Every elector must sign the poll list before being issued a ballot which will likely mean longer lines at the polls.

Please refer to the Government Accountability Board's web site: www.gab.wi.gov or phone: 266-8005 for further details about these changes.

MAILING OF THE VILLAGE BULLETIN TO END IN 2012

Municipal budgets are getting squeezed tighter and tighter each year. The Finance Committee and Board have been seeking cost cutting measures in a number of areas. To that end, beginning in 2012, the Village Bulletin will only be published on-line. Paper copies will not be mailed as a regular course of business. This change will save the Village \$10,000 to \$12,000 per year in printing and postage costs.

The Village Bulletin will continue to be a valuable resource for keeping informed about what is going on in the Village. The on-line Bulletin will continue in its present format with e-mail notification sent out when it is posted. Residents, business owners and interested parties, who are not already signed up for the on-line Bulletin, are encouraged to add themselves to the Village's e-mail notification list. You may do so by sending an e-mail to info@shorewood-hills.org that includes your name, address and a quick note requesting to be added to the list ("on-line Bulletin please" would be sufficient).

For those residents who are not on-line or would prefer a paper copy, there are two alternatives: 1) Printed copies will be available at the Village Hall for you to pick up during regular business hours; or, 2) You may pay a subscription fee of \$15.00 per year and the Village Staff will mail the Bulletin to you via the post office.

Also, please note, as a cost saving measure, the Village has not been publishing a December issue of the Bulletin for the past few years (neither on-line nor print). This will be the last mass mailing of the Village Bulletin.

FALL LEAVES & BRUSH PICKUP

Trees are one of the signature characteristics of the Village which makes leaf collection have a much larger task than most communities. The Village Crew has been working hard to keep up in recent weeks. Residents are reminded that they should **NOT** bag their leaves but rake them next to the curb instead. Leaf piles should be three feet from obstructions like trees, poles, signs, mailboxes AND brush piles. Please keep the leaves out of the street and make sure that you keep all rocks, construction debris, soil and branches out of your leaf piles. Rocks, nails, dirt, etc. wreak havoc on the leaf picker and endanger the operators.

When picking up leaves, the Crew makes an entire round of the Village from one end to the other (usually once a week). Special pickups are not possible. If the Crew picks up your neighbors' leaves but not yours, the reason may be as simple as the truck was full, a car was parked in front of the leaf pile, or time ran out in the day. They will get back to your leaf pile as soon as possible. The Crew will pick up leaves until they are covered with snow or frozen to the ground.

The Crew will continue to chip brush left at the curbside of residences while the weather cooperates. The Village's wood chipper can take branches up to 12 inches in diameter. For ease of pickup, residents should arrange the brush on their curb in such a way that the ends of the branches are all oriented in the same direction. Longer branches are easier for the Crew to feed into the chipper, so residents don't need to cut branches down to any specific length. Brush piles should also be three feet from obstructions like trees, poles, signs, mailboxes AND leaf piles.

Village residents doing their own work are allowed to pile grass clippings / greens in the quarry and leave brush on the curbside for chipping. If you hire a contractor, like Green Acres, Barnes, etc., to do your yard work, then the contractor is responsible for hauling the material out of the Village.

HOLIDAY OFFICE SCHEDULE

The Village offices will be closed on the following days in observance of federal holidays:

- Thursday, November 24 – Thanksgiving Day
- Friday, November 25 – Day after Thanksgiving
- Friday, December 23 – Christmas Eve Observed
- Monday, December 26 – Christmas Day Observed
- Friday, December 30 – New Year's Eve Observed
- Monday, January 2 – New Year's Day Observed
- Monday, January 16 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

When federal holidays fall on a weekend, the holiday is typically observed on the closest weekday to that holiday.

BOATING SEASON COMING TO AN END – 2012 CONTRACTS

The 2011 boating season was a real success. We want to thank all current users and put out a welcoming mat for anyone interested in joining the marina.

The closing date for mooring and lifts was October 17 and all lifts are out of the water. It is important that anyone not planning to return for the 2012 season let us know as soon as possible. Letting us know helps as we prepare for the new year. We can also help you sell your lift to an incoming user, if needed.

We will soon be preparing the 2012 Users Contract Agreement. The contract deadline is January 31, 2012. During the period from January 1 through January 31 both current resident users and current non-resident users can renew their contracts. **We have two fee structures.** The fee structures listed on the contract will not change, if you pay before January 31, 2012.

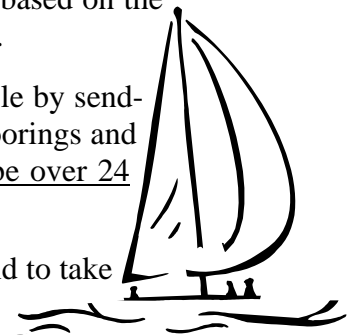
Anyone who pays after January 31, 2012 will fit into the second fee structure that includes an additional \$100 for sailboats and motorboats and an additional \$25 for kayaks and canoes. Please keep these dates in mind since it is cheaper to pay early.

We are also asking users to read the contract carefully and include the following information: your e-mail, phone, and cell phone plus back-up emergency person(s) with their e-mail, phone, and cell phone. When there is an emergency, it is crucial to have these numbers available.

After February 1, 2012 new residents, as well as new non-residents, can apply for marina boat slips and moorings. Residents will have priority over non-residents through February 28, after which non-residents cannot be bumped for the 2012 boating season. After February 28, 2012 assignments will be based on the time and date of the submitted contract and fee payment recorded at the Village Hall.

If you are trying to get into the marina, you need to get on the list as soon as possible by sending an e-mail to info@shorewood-hills.org or contacting the Village Hall. Slips, moorings and kayak racks go quickly. Sailboats cannot be over 26 feet and motorboats cannot be over 24 feet. Incoming sailboats will be limited to moorings and can not be placed on lifts.

We encourage residents and non-residents to visit our stunning lakefront facilities and to take advantage of boating on beautiful Lake Mendota.



DOG COMPLAINTS

It has been said that “good fences make good neighbors.” The same may not be true for invisible fences that keep noisy pets in your yard. The Village Hall has received some complaints from around the Village regarding dogs being left outside all day. They are presumably free to roam in the owner’s yard “behind” invisible (or real) fences. Whenever anyone walks by or bicycles past, the dog(s) bark continuously and disturb the neighborhood. Please be a good neighbor. If you have a dog that barks a lot, keep it indoors as much as possible.

The Village Hall has also received complaints about dog waste around the Village, especially in the Village parks and walking path between Harvard Drive and the Pool area. According to the complainants, the situation seems to be worse during the winter months. Picking up after your dog is not only the law but common courtesy. Thank you for your continued efforts in these areas.

NEED A HOLIDAY GIFT IDEA?

Shorewood Hills: An Illustrated History was written by, Village resident, Tom Brock in 1999. His book is a broad overview of the rich and fascinating history of the Village. It is full of historic photos, newspaper articles and maps illustrating life in Shorewood Hills.

The hardcover book makes a wonderful holiday gift. It is available at the Village Hall, during regular business hours, for only \$31.65 (tax included).

FD CAR WASH – THANK YOU!

For once we avoided the rain (and snow) and had a beautiful day for the Fire Department's Annual Car Wash Fundraiser on October 8. The warm spell made for a busy day where the Fire Department volunteers washed well over 100 cars. The SHFD would like to thank all of the residents who supported them during the fundraiser and throughout the year.

The money raised during the annual Car Wash is used for the Fire Department Association's non-firefighting activities including: maintenance of the Mack parade truck, prizes and supplies for the July 4th celebration and possible community improvement projects. For the past few years a large portion of the contributions have been going toward needed maintenance of "The Mack."

If you missed the Car Wash but would still like to donate, contributions can be made at any time to the **SHFD Association**. You may drop your donation off at the Fire Station or Village Hall or mail it to the Fire Department at: 810 Shorewood Boulevard, Madison, WI 53705. Thank you!

CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS, CHANGE YOUR BATTERIES!®

Daylight Savings Time ends on November 6. Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour.

While changing your clocks, change the batteries in your smoke detectors.

A reminder from the International Association of Fire Chief's and Energizer Batteries®

FALL COMPUTER RECYCLING ROUNDUP

The Services Committee, in conjunction with the Fire Department, would like to thank everyone who participated in the recycling event on October 8. We were able to fill two of the Public Works one-ton dump trucks with unwanted electronics. The load was taken to Resource Solutions on Madison's north side where the items and components will be recycled. That is a lot of material that will not be going into a landfill. Items residents dropped off included: computers, TVs, monitors, dehumidifiers, space heaters, printers, keyboards, portable phones, and other home electronics. A fee was charged for some items because the recycling center has costs it must pass on to customers for items like picture tubes and Freon®-filled appliances.

We will likely have another recycling roundup in the spring in conjunction with the EMS Association's Car Wash fundraiser. In the meantime, below are some other recycling options:

- *Resource Solutions Corp. (the FD's Recycling Partner) – 244-5451 / www.recyclethatstuff.com*
- *Pellitteri Waste Systems (the Village's contracted hauler) – 257-4285 / www.pellitteri.com*
- *Fire 13 e-Waste Solutions (in Verona) – Toll Free: (866) 913-6038 / www.file13usa.com*
- *Dane County Dept of Public Works Recycling Info – www.co.dane.wi.us/pwht/recycling.aspx*
- *Best Buy has a national recycle for a fee / store credit program – www.bestbuy.com*

2012 DESK CALENDAR

The Dane County Cultural Affairs Commission has been around since 1976. Its mission is to foster public participation in local arts and increase public access to the cultural resources in Dane County. The Commission relies on public donations and fundraising. One of the Commission's projects is a desk calendar featuring local artists including some of the Village's own. In a past calendar, one of Ann Rutecki's paintings was featured. The January painting in the 2012 calendar (which is titled "Welcome Home") features "Winter Picnic Point" by Village resident Sally Bilder.

The 2012 calendars are now available at the Village Hall during regular business hours for \$10.00 each (a small portion of the proceeds are retained by the Village). More information on the Dane County Cultural Affairs Commission is available on-line at: <http://www.culturalaffairscommission.com>.

HOLIDAY FIRE SAFETY TIPS

The winter holidays are a time for celebration, and that means more cooking, home decorating, entertaining, and an increased risk of fire due to heating equipment. The Shorewood Hills Fire Department wants you to have a safe and enjoyable holiday season. Please follow these National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) holiday safety tips:

Holiday Decorating

- Use caution with holiday decorations and whenever possible, choose those made with flame-resistant, flame-retardant or non-combustible materials.
- Keep candles at least 12 inches away from decorations and other combustible materials.
- NEVER leave a burning candle unattended. Extinguish candles when you leave a room.
- Purchase only lights and electrical decorations bearing the name of an independent testing lab, and follow the manufacturer's instructions for installation and maintenance.
- Carefully inspect new and previously-used light strings and replace damaged items before plugging lights in. Do not overload extension cords.
- Check your strands of lights to determine the number of strands that may be connected together. Connect no more than 3 strands of push-in bulbs and a max of 50 screw-in bulbs.
- Always unplug lights before replacing light bulbs or fuses.
- Use clips rather than nails to mount light strings.
- Turn off all light strings and decorations before leaving home or going to bed.

Holiday Trees

- Try to keep live trees as moist as possible by giving them plenty of water daily.
- Do not purchase a tree that is dry or dropping needles. Check for fresh, green needles.
- Place your tree in a sturdy tree stand designed not to tip over.
- Make sure the tree is at least three feet away from any heat source, such as a fireplace or radiator.
- Try to position the tree near an outlet so that cords are not running long distances.
- Do not place the tree where it may block exits.
- Safely dispose of the tree when it begins dropping needles. Dried-out trees are highly flammable and should not be left inside or leaning against a house or garage.

Holiday Entertaining

- Unattended cooking is the leading cause of home fires in the U.S. When cooking for holiday visitors, remember to keep an eye on the stove.
- If smokers are present, provide plenty of large, deep, sturdy ashtrays and empty them frequently. Cigarette butts can smolder in the trash and cause a fire. Completely douse cigarette butts with water before discarding them into a trash can or dispose of them in a metal can.
- After a party, always check on top, between and under upholstery and cushions, and inside trash cans for cigarette butts that may be smoldering.
- Keep matches and lighters up high, out of sight and reach of children (preferably in a locked cabinet). Ask smokers to keep their smoking materials out of reach of children.

If you have questions about these tips or other fire safety topics, please feel free to contact the Fire Department at 267-2680 or by e-mail at fd@shorewood-hills.org. Happy holidays to all!

COMMITTEE OPENINGS

There are currently two vacancies on the Village's **Pool Committee**. The Committee is comprised of 9 member: 6 residents and 3 non-resident pool members. The 2 openings are among the 6 resident seats. If you are interested in a Pool Committee position or would like more info, please contact the Village Hall.

RESISTANCE IS FUTILE . . . OR IS IT?

Misuse of Antibiotics is becoming a Public Health Issue

(from an October 24, 2011 press release)

Antibiotics have become one of the most important tools of modern medicine. They have saved countless lives over the decades that they have been used. However, antibiotics can have an adverse impact on our health and environment if they are not used prudently or disposed of properly.

As bacteria are increasingly exposed to antibiotics, they begin to genetically adapt so they can “fight back” and be able to survive the next antibiotic attack. For example, when a child gets a bad cold, parents might take the child to the doctor and ask for an antibiotic, hoping that this will cure the illness. Antibiotics have absolutely no effect on viral illnesses, which include most colds and flu-like complaints. When the doctor yields to such parental pressure to use antibiotics, the child is given a medicine he or she does not need. Some of the bacteria present in the child's body will start to develop a resistance to the medicine, so that when the child truly needs an antibiotic during a future illness, that treatment may no longer be effective.

When treating bacterial infection with an antibiotic, many patients start to feel better half-way through their treatment, so they stop taking the medication. Infection-causing bacteria have been reduced during the treatment, but by stopping treatment early, they are given a chance to “recover” from the initial antibiotic attack. This might create an even more serious version of the illness than the patient started with. One disastrous outcome of such misuse was the development of multidrug and extensively drug resistant tuberculosis strains. These TB infections are now difficult to treat because they no longer respond to the most medications.

A growing problem with antibiotics is their repeated and ongoing entry into the environment. The mass production of chicken and beef includes the persistent and growing use of antibiotics to prevent infections. In fact, the agricultural use of antibiotics now accounts for the majority of antibiotic use in this county, which poses a threat to our soil and surface water. When these antibiotics continually attack bacteria which are naturally present in both animals and the environment, resistant strains of disease causing bacteria increase. This can lead to diseases that are more severe and harder to treat.

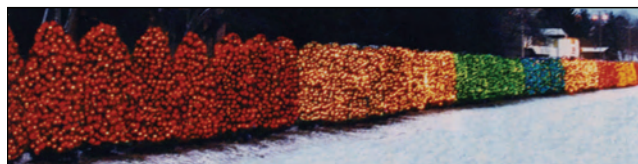
Improper disposal of antibiotics (and other prescription and over-the-counter medications) increases the risk that these medications will show up in soil and water. Flushing unused medications down the toilet, or putting them out with the trash is not a good approach for maintaining a healthy environment.

In Dane County, there is a safe and responsible way to dispose of unwanted medication, the MedDrop program. MedDrop has special drop off programs taking place throughout the year. Within the next few months, MedDrop will open several permanent collection sites. For more information on MedDrop, go to: <http://www.safercommunity.net/MedDrop/index.html>

For all these reasons, the CDC is sponsoring “Get Smart about Antibiotics Week,” a national outreach effort to educate the public about the unhealthy and costly consequences of the misuse of these otherwise life saving medicines. For more information, go to: <http://www.cdc.gov/getsmart/index.html>

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

On Saturday, November 5 beginning at 8:00 am volunteers are needed to help string the holiday lights on the trees that line University Avenue along the railroad tracks near Marshall Court. This holiday tradition was started by Dr. Jack Kammer in 1997. Join other volunteers from Shorewood Hills and the greater Madison area in the lower Marshall Court parking lot. For more details see the flyer at: <http://www.shorewood-hills.org/holiday-lights.pdf>



SHOREWOOD HILLS LEAGUE BULLETIN**NUMBER 4547 - NOVEMBER 2011**

The Shorewood Hills Community League would like to acknowledge births and deaths of village residents. Please help us by notifying Betsy Kramer (238-9982) with such information.

COMMUNITY LEAGUE EVENTS

You are invited to the
NEWCOMER WELCOME
 on Thursday, November 3, 2011 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm
 at the home of Claudia and David Brown, 3418 Circle Close

All residents are invited to meet their neighbors, and especially welcome those who are new to the Village as of last fall. Please come and enjoy good conversation and refreshments (**adults only, please**).

*Please be sure to RSVP – allowing us to properly prepare for the reception.
 Call Ann Rutecki at 233-4359 by October 31. Thanks!*



The Shorewood Hills Community League invites you to the

ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

at the Heiden Haus
 Sunday, December 4, 2011
 from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm



Join your neighbors and enjoy hot chocolate, a bonfire, horse drawn wagon rides, treats, healthy snacks, the tree lighting and hopefully, ice skating!
 Come share what makes the holiday season special for your family.
 All residents are welcome, no matter the age!!

Please call Jela Trask at 232-1733 (home) or 312-218-5808 (cell) if you would like to help us carry on this traditional Shorewood Hills event. It takes volunteers like YOU to make it happen. Thank you!

GARDEN CLUB NEWS

CRANBERRY SEASON AHEAD – The Garden Club will again have fresh cranberries for sale in November. These cranberries come directly from the grower, are larger than the typical grocery store variety and are fresh, fresh, fresh! 1 lb bags cost \$2.50 and a 5 lb bag is \$10.

Please call Georgene Stratman at 238-4860 to place your order!! Cranberries will be available the week of November 7.

Join the Garden Club at its **HOLIDAY GATHERING** on December 8, 2011 starting at 7:00 pm at the home of Mary K. McCanna, 1011 Oak Way. Choose a work of art (painting, sculpture, music, etc.) and let it inspire you to create an arrangement (plant materials, please). Bring a reproduction of the art work that sparked your imagination, along with your special creation.

Please let *Annette Mahler (233-6732 or nettelein@yahoo.com) if you plan to display a piece.* Join us for a social evening, enjoy refreshments and share your creativity!

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CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

SERVICES

Green Acres Lawn Service – Now is the time to sign-up for snow removal. Snow removal includes the removal of snow from the driveway, sidewalk and walkway up to the front door. Temporary snow removal service is also available for people leaving town or on vacation. We also provide sand and salt service. Free estimates, fully insured. Call Rob at 831-8050.

Guitar Lessons – Whether your goal is strumming songs or becoming a guitar hero, lessons are available right here in the Village! Experienced teacher with 20 years playing experience in all styles available – all ages, all skill levels welcome. Contact Aaron Katcher (608) 661-0226 or visit aaronkatcher.com.

FOR SALE

3407 Viburnum Drive – Newly updated 2-story with 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, office, eat-in kitchen, 2-car garage, spacious yard which backs to park. \$577,000. See website: <https://sites.google.com/site/3407vib> – 238-4815 (home); 322-4815 (cell); mccaughan@engr.wisc.edu (e-mail).

3406 Viburnum Drive – 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath, large eat in kitchen, stainless steel appliances, hardwood & ceramic floors, formal dining room, sun room, den, family room, and small office lower level. \$675,000. Please call 238-5466.

SHOREWOOD HILLS COMMUNITY LEAGUE BULLETIN ADVERTISING POLICY

The Shorewood Hills Community League Bulletin accepts ads from Village residents and businesses. The Bulletin does not accept non-resident commercial ads. Non-residents wishing to buy or rent homes in the Village may place ads for such if they provide a Village reference. Limit ads to 150 words or less.

Commercial ads placed by businesses within Shorewood Hills Village limits: 50¢ per word. Residents of the Village: 30¢ per word. Residents under the age of 18: 10¢ per word. Make payment to the Shorewood Hills League. Mail or deliver payments to Annette Mahler, 3220 Tally Ho Lane, Madison, WI 53705. Ads may be sent by mail or e-mail to: nettelein@yahoo.com. Questions? Call 233-6732.

The Bulletin is published monthly. Ads are due on Friday preceding the Village Board meeting. The League is not responsible for, nor does it endorse, services advertised in the Bulletin.

FOR SALE (CONTINUED)

Sue Jefferson, “Your Neighbor and Neighborhood Realtor”
“Like the trees, we are visitors, guests of the earth.”

– Kim Strafford

Sue has these homes for sale in the Village:

- 3305 Shady Lane – \$699,900
- 3400 Tally Ho Lane – \$550,000
- 2901 Colgate Road – \$874,900 (\$850,000 Market Range Pricing)
- 3520 Topping Road – \$699,900
- 3524 Blackhawk Drive – Sold

Soon to be on the market: 3217 Tallyho Lane; 1106 Edgehill Drive; 3441 Crestwood Drive; 3530 Blackhawk Drive. Call Sue Jefferson of the Stark Company Realtors, cell 608-279-3701, for all your Real Estate needs. “Trusted, Respected and Proven.”

Shackleton Square Condo – 2822 Marshal Court #9 – Specular top-floor, 4 bedroom, 3 bath, condo with south and west sun exposure! Stunning full renovation since 2007 with custom designs by Chicago artisans! Top quality gourmet kitchen with storage galore! Sub-zero refrigerator, double ovens, and granite countertops! Large dining and living rooms with hardwood floors! The gorgeous sunroom overlooks the lush courtyard! Huge master suite with walk-in shower, onyx vanity and large dressing area! 3 additional bedrooms and 2 baths or use as studies / libraries! 2 underground parking spaces and large storage locker! 2,179 square feet! \$399,900! For more information contact Susi Haviland of Stark Company Realtors at (608) 576-9211.

Please be advised that the Village will not be publishing a December issue of the Village Bulletin. Nor will a Community League Bulletin be done for December. The Village will also not be printing and mailing the Village Bulletin (including the League Bulletin) starting with the January 2012 issue. The Village Bulletin (and League Bulletin) will be available on-line. For additional details please see the article on page 5.

SHOREWOOD HILLS PTO**CRAFT-A-MONGOUS!**

Shorewood Hills Elementary School
1105 Shorewood Boulevard
Saturday, November 12 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Wonderful art from over 30 local artists / crafters of all ages will be displayed (and for sale—start your holiday shopping now!). Paintings, ceramics, fiber arts, jewelry, photography, sculpture, and more. There will be a silent auction, bake sale and book fair in addition to the craft fair!

The Village Bulletin is also available on-line. Go to www.shorewood-hills.org/bulletin.htm for details.

HOME HEALTH UNITED IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

Tuesday, November 8, 2011

7:30 am to 9:00 am & 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm

Flu Shots = \$30 (or FluMist® Intranasal Spray = \$32)

Cash, check, VISA or MasterCard accepted.

Medicare B and Medicaid may be accepted.

Bring your insurance card and a photo ID.

Not all Medicare Advantage Plans are accepted.

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