



The Village Bulletin

The Village of Shorewood Hills

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VILLAGE CAUCUS

Tuesday, January 17, 2012 at 7:00 pm

at the Village Hall
before the monthly Board meeting

The Municipal Judge and
three Trustees have terms expiring in April
(*see the article on page 5*)

*** Please note: The meeting has been moved to Tuesday due to the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

JANUARY

2	Village Offices closed for the New Year's holiday weekend	
9	Municipal Court (Traffic)	5:00 pm
9	Parks Committee	5:30 pm
10	Plan Commission	7:00 pm
11	Finance Committee	5:30 pm
16	Village Offices closed for the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday	
17	Village Caucus	7:00 pm
17	Board of Trustees (following the Caucus)	7:00 pm
23	Public Works Committee	7:00 pm

FEBRUARY

13	Municipal Court (Traffic)	5:00 pm
13	Parks Committee	5:30 pm
13	Public Works Committee	7:00 pm
14	Plan Commission	7:00 pm
15	Finance Committee	5:30 pm
20	Board of Trustees	7:00 pm
21	Spring Primary Election (polls open 7:00 am to 8:00 pm)	

*** 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.*

JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2012

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE DECEMBER 19, 2011 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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

Attendance – All trustees were in attendance.

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 [November 21](#) Board meeting minutes; a transient merchant permit for Fabian Seafood; and the appointment of poll workers for the next two year term.

Appearances and Communications – Tim Bolhuis of Pellitteri Waste Systems was in attendance to answer questions about the proposed contract extension for refuse and recycling pickup in the Village. Mr. Bolhuis gave a brief summary of Pellitteri's history with the Village and Dane County area. He also talked about future expansion of list of materials Pellitteri will accept for recycling. Staff indicated there have been very few complaints about Pellitteri's service and those that have occurred were dealt with promptly. One item suggested by the Board was for Pellitteri to provide feedback to residents with respect to cart placement, recycling efforts and anything else that would improve the relationship between Pellitteri and the Village (*see below for more on the contract extension*). Geoff Werner asked to speak about the increases in the Marina fees this year. He felt they were arbitrary and the fees were not applied equally between marina users. The Board asked staff and the Waterfront Committee to provide a report at the next Board meeting in January.

Ordinance L-2011-7 – The Board unanimously approved the second and third readings of [Ordinance L-2011-7](#) amending section 1.08 of the Village's code of ordinances related to ethics with some additional changes to the verbiage of the ordinance. The ordinance prohibits Trustees who are members at the Blackhawk Country Club from voting on the lease.

Pellitteri Service Agreement – The Board authorized staff to execute a new five year contract starting in 2013 that will save the Village about \$30,000 over five years. There is one year left on the current contract but Pellitteri would apply the cost savings in the new contract to the existing in January.

Stone House Development – In open session, Village attorney Matt Dregne summarized the proposed Development Agreement, Tax Increment Financing District (TID) Agreement and funding assistance for the mixed use apartment project on Marshall Court. The Board can choose to go into closed session when competitive or bargaining strategies are to be discussed. The Board did go into closed session to discuss the project further. After returning to open session it was announced that the Board unanimously approved the Development and TID Agreements with Stone House Development.

Quarterly Utility Billing – On a 5 to 1 vote, the Board unanimously authorized staff to proceed with utility billing quarterly rather than semi-annually. Billing more frequently should allow residents to more easily manage their utility bills and the presence of leaks may be identified more quickly, among other benefits.

Point and Pay – The Board unanimously authorized

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PROPERTY TAX BILL PAYMENT RULES

For property tax payment to be credited to 2011 (for income tax purposes), payment must be received by the Village by midnight on December 31. By the time this Bulletin is distributed, the Village Hall will likely be closed for the holiday weekend.

Payments may be deposited 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 may also be sent by US mail. If the envelope is postmarked on or before December 31, 2011, payment will be credited to 2011.

If you choose to pay your property tax in two installments, the first half of the bill must be received by the Village by midnight on January 31, 2012. The second payment should be made directly to the Dane County Treasurer by June 30, 2012.



GET READY NOW FOR WISCONSIN'S NEW VOTER PHOTO ID RULES

The Village of Shorewood Hills urges voters to plan now to make sure they have the right photo ID to vote starting in 2012: the next election will be February 21, 2012.

Voter Photo ID became law in Wisconsin in June. In addition to requiring voters to show an acceptable photo ID to receive a ballot, the law contains other important changes to the voting process. Here are the new rules for voting at the polls on Election Day and by absentee ballot:

Election Day

On Election Day, voters must show one of eight different kinds of photo ID to receive a ballot. Four of the most common types of acceptable photo IDs are a Wisconsin driver license (a driver license from another state does not suffice), a Wisconsin state ID card, a military ID card or a U.S. Passport. These photo IDs are valid as long as they expired after November 2, 2010 (the most recent general election).

Four other kinds of photo ID are also acceptable, if they have not expired: A Certificate of Naturalization; a driver license or state ID card receipt issued by the DMV; an ID issued by a Federally recognized Wisconsin Indian tribe; or, a photo ID issued by a Wisconsin accredited university or college that meets certain requirements, and is accompanied by proof of enrollment.

Some Wisconsin colleges and universities are issuing special student ID cards that comply with the Voter Photo ID Law, while a few are modifying existing student ID cards. Students who do not have one of the other acceptable forms of ID should check with their school for more information about getting an ID card.

The photo ID does not have to list your current address. The purpose of requiring a photo ID is to prove your identity, not where you live (the latter was required when you registered to vote). Also, the name on your photo ID does not have to match your name on the poll list exactly, so Jim is acceptable for James, Sue for Susan, etc.

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staff to enter into an agreement with Point & Pay, LLC for credit card and e-check payments. The firm chosen by staff has the low convenience fees paid by the user and there is no cost to the Village.

Resolution R-2011-11 – The Board unanimously approved [resolution R-2011-11](#) adjusting the Village fee schedule related to dog and cat licenses (*see the new fees in the article on page 8*).

Reimbursement Request – A resident requested reimbursement for repairs to his yard irrigation system. The system, which encroaches into the Village's right of way, was damaged during a recent road reconstruction project. Since the Village Engineer talks with each homeowner before a project begins to let them know that irrigation systems, invisible fences, physical fences, vegetation and the like should be removed from the right of way to avoid damage during construction, the Board unanimously rejected the claim.

Finance Committee – Mr. Benforado reported that, in January, the Committee will consider amending the 2012 budget. Additional borrowing will be discussed.

Public Works Committee – Ms. Center reported the Committee is working on the proposed 2012 road projects.

Pool Committee – Ms. Center reported the Committee is working on its debt servicing plan.

Recreation Committee – At the Committee's next meeting the programs' reimbursement to the Village will be considered.

Public Health & Safety Committee – Mr. Hurley reported that information on the Delivery of Future Fire and EMS Service study would be coming to the Board in February.

Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 10:15 pm.

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If you do not have a valid Wisconsin driver license or state ID card, you can receive a free state ID card from the DMV if you specifically request a free ID for voting purposes. Please note that if you do not have the documents needed by the DMV for the issuance of an ID card, the materials may take several weeks to obtain and may need to be purchased. Therefore, please start the process to obtain an ID as soon as possible. For more information contact the DVM.

Another important change on Election Day is that voters must sign the poll book next to their name to receive a ballot. Voters should sign the poll book as they would normally sign any other document, i.e. a check, the back of a credit card, etc. Voters with physical disabilities may be exempt from signing.

You can still register to vote on Election Day, but voter registration requirements have changed. A person must now be a resident of the Village for 28 consecutive days instead of the previous 10-day residency requirement. Also the use of a corroborating witness to prove residency is no longer allowed. If you plan to register at the polls, you must bring with you proof of residency issued in your name (a document issued in your spouse's name will not suffice).

Absentee Voting

The Voter Photo ID Law also made important changes to absentee voting.

During in-person absentee voting at the clerk's office, voters must present a photo ID. The period for in-person absentee voting has been shortened. It now begins the third Monday before the election, and ends at 5:00 pm the Friday before the election.

Photo ID will also be required for mail-in absentee voting, and absentee voters must provide a photocopy of their photo ID card with their absentee ballot request. Voters who fax or e-mail the clerk to request an absentee ballot should also fax or e-mail a copy of their photo ID.

Voters who are "indefinitely confined" due to age, physical illness or infirmity, or who are disabled for an indefinite period are exempted from some of the voter ID requirements. Instead of providing a copy of their photo ID, they may have their absentee witness verify their identity.

Attention STUDENTS home for the holidays (and parents of Students): If you plan to vote by ABSENTEE BALLOT from the Village in the upcoming elections—the primary on February 21, 2012 and/or election on April 3, 2012—you MUST be registered to vote in Shorewood Hills and complete an absentee ballot application AND submit it with a copy of your ID. Please see the Village website (<http://www.shorewood-hills.org/forms.htm>) to download the form(s) or stop by the Village Hall.

For specific questions on how the new Voter ID law affects you, please contact the Shorewood Hills Clerk's Office at 267-2680.

Voters are also encouraged to visit the Wisconsin Government Accountability's Voter ID website at: <http://gab.wi.gov/elections-voting/photo-id> for additional information about the new law.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FOUR CORNERS AND LAND REC PROGRAMS

The Village is seeking volunteers to help oversee the summer youth Four Corners and Land Recreation programs this year and next. It is only through the work of parent volunteers that we are able to offer these great recreational and learning opportunities for our children and build a better community. The programs also provide summer jobs for area high school and college students. Please contact the Village Hall if you are interested in learning more about how you can help.

NOTICE OF SPRING ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at an election to be held in the Village on **Tuesday, April 3, 2012** the following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed below. All terms are for two years beginning on Tuesday, April 17, 2012.

<u>Office</u>	<u>Incumbent</u>
Village Trustee	Marilyn Townsend
Village Trustee	Dave Benforado
Village Trustee	Barbara Center
Municipal Judge	Frank Remington

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a Village Caucus for the purpose of nominating candidates to appear on the spring election ballot for the above listed offices will be held on Tuesday, January 17, 2012 at 7:00 pm at the Village Hall. *Posted Nov. 7, 2011.*

VILLAGE CAUCUS – TUESDAY, JANUARY 17

The annual Village Caucus will be held on Tuesday, January 17, 2012 at 7:00 pm at the Village Hall before the regular monthly Board meeting (*please note that the meeting will be held on Tuesday due to the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday on Monday*).

The two-year terms of Village Trustees Marilyn Townsend, Dave Benforado and Barbara Center will end in April along with the term of Municipal Judge Frank Remington. At the Caucus the candidates for the three Trustees seats and Municipal Judge will be selected. Those nominated at the Caucus will be included on the ballot at the Spring Election to be held on Tuesday, April 3, 2012.

If more than two candidates for Judge or more than six candidates for Village Trustee are nominated at the Caucus, a “mini-election” will occur immediately that evening with the residents in attendance casting votes to determine who will be selected to run for election in April.

Please plan to attend the Caucus on **Tuesday, January 17, 2012**. It is a wonderful example of local democracy in action.

Anyone interested in running for an available seat or in learning more about the duties of a Trustee should contact the Administrator, Karl Frantz, at the Village Hall or any of the current Trustees.

A NOTE TO RESIDENTS FROM MUNICIPAL JUDGE FRANK REMINGTON

I have had the great pleasure of serving as the municipal judge in the Village of Shorewood Hills for the last four years. I am writing to you to say “thank you” for this wonderful experience and to say that I will not be seeking another term. I have taken a position as a Dane County Circuit Court Judge which does not allow me to also serve as your Municipal Court Judge. I will be on the April ballot running for the office of Dane County Circuit Court Judge, Branch 8.

We are very lucky to have a municipal court in the Village. A municipal court allows the Village to have a community based approach to the judicial process. Juvenile cases, which often involve underage drinking, is one example of that approach. I have tried, as your municipal judge, to send a strong message to kids about the seriousness of their transgression, yet I also understand the mistakes that come from acting and thinking like a child. Rather than dispense justice through a quick fine, I have sent many kids to counseling with the offer of dismissing the citation if they return to court and explain what they have learned from counseling, the experience, and why they will never offend again. I also believe that having a municipal court allows the community to have an effect on setting the priorities in the Village. Parking and speeding in the Village are two examples.

Village ordinance requires the municipal judge to be a lawyer. I encourage qualified candidates to think about running. The Village caucus is on Tuesday, January 17, 2012.

My appointment as Circuit Court Judge is bitter-sweet. I will miss the wonderful staff in the Village Hall, people who make Shorewood Hills a great place to live and work. But I am looking forward to the new challenge and experience of my new office. I appreciate the support I have gotten from friends and neighbors in the past. I hope to be worthy of your continued support on April 3rd.

Best Regards and Happy New Year.
Frank Remington

WINTER PARKING

The Village doesn't currently have winter parking restrictions but residents are asked to move their cars off the road before or as soon as possible after a snow fall so that the Public Works Crew can properly plow the streets.

We haven't had any significant snow accumulation yet this year but past experience has shown that when the heavy snowfalls arrive, the result is narrower roads as the winter goes on. If you can park in your driveway or even alternate which side of the street you park on after a snowfall, it will help the Crew clear the streets. Your efforts will also assist the transit of the ambulance and fire engines when responding to emergencies in the Village.

HOLIDAY REFUSE / RECYCLING PICKUP

The Village's waste and recycling hauler, Pellitteri Waste Systems, will be performing normal Monday refuse pickup on the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday (January 16) but will **NOT** be picking up refuse on Monday, January 2 (trash collection will be postponed until Tuesday).

Refuse and recycling pickup will be also affected Memorial Day and Labor Day in 2012. Pickups will be postponed until the Tuesday following these holidays. Copies of the Pellitteri's calendar were included with the recently mailed residential property tax bills. The calendar is also on-line, linked from the Village's home page at: <http://www.shorewood-hills.org/home.htm>

SEWER BACKUPS

The sanitary sewer in the Village has had some backups recently. It appears that paper toweling and handy wipes have been contributing factors in these backups.

PLEASE do not flush anything that is not supposed to be flushed. Paper towels and wipes do not breakup in the sewer pipe like toilet paper does. They hang up on misaligned pipes or rough lateral connections and other things in the pipes. Please flush toilet paper only. Thank you from the Public Works Crew.

ADOPT A FIRE HYDRANT

During the winter, the Fire Department needs your help! Keeping fire hydrants clear of snow is a difficult job every year. We are asking you and your neighbors to "adopt" the fire hydrant near your home and help clear the snow around it. A few minutes of time and effort after it snows can help ensure quick access to water when needed.

Using the water we are able to carry on our fire trucks, we have enough to fight a fire for only 3-4 minutes! If the fire hydrant closest to you is buried, we may have to abandon our fire attack to gain access to the hydrant. It can take six to eight minutes for a firefighter to dig out the hydrant. Saving that time could make all the difference in an emergency.

Please work with your neighbors to keep the fire hydrant(s) near your home free of snow. Clear a path from the road to the hydrant and maintain a clear area around it. To see a diagram of a snow-free fire hydrant and a map of the fire hydrants in the Village go to: <http://www.shorewood-hills.org/departments/fd/winter-tips.htm>.

Fire Department and Public Works staff will continue to do our best in keeping the Village fire hydrants clear. Your help would be appreciated and your efforts will not go unnoticed!

DISPOSAL OF CHRISTMAS TREES

There are a couple of options when you take your Christmas tree down. Many residents put the tree in their backyard after the holidays. It makes a wonderful bird refuge during the long winter months. You could also use the tree as mulch for your garden or tender shrubs. If you'd rather get rid of the tree entirely, the Village Crew will be **chipping Christmas trees until the end of January**.

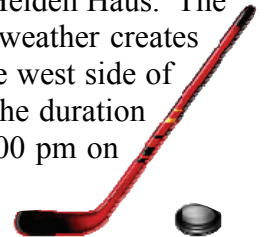
Place your tree at the curb in front of your house before January 31, 2012. Please be sure to **remove all ornaments, wires, straps or anything else** on your tree. The metal and other objects could injure a member of the crew or damage the chipper blades. At \$300 per blade they are expensive to replace!

Wreaths and garland cannot be chipped. Put those items out with your regular refuse.

ICE SKATING RINK UPDATE

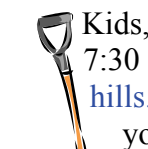
The hockey rink boards are up in anticipation of cold weather but alas, no such luck yet this year. Before the rinks are flooded, the ground must freeze. Due to the unseasonably warm weather, the ground has not frozen yet. We need several nights of temperatures in the 0-5 degree range and daytime temperatures not exceeding 25 degrees (15 degrees if it is sunny) to make ice. The annual cost to maintain the rink is approximately \$15,000. The ice is usually lost by late February, so at some point it may not be cost effective to have an ice rink this year.

There are a few rules and reminders to pass along, when (if) the weather cooperates long enough for a skating season. The ice skating rink at the south end of the school grounds is divided into an enclosed hockey area and an open skating area. For everyone's safety, please avoid playing hockey on the open skating side. Please consider the rink "closed" when the Heiden Haus is locked and the **RED** flag is flying on the Heiden Haus. The rink is usually closed when it has recently been flooded to make new ice or when warm weather creates bad ice. At night the lights can be turned on by skaters at the rink. There is a button on the west side of the Heiden Haus that operates the rink lights. Once pushed, the lights will remain on for the duration of the evening. The skating rink closes at 10:00 pm Sunday through Thursday and at 11:00 pm on Friday & Saturday nights. The lights will automatically shut off at these times.



SNOW SHOVELER DATABASE

Are your kids interested in helping out their neighbors when it snows? Do they want to earn some extra money? The Village Hall often gets inquiries about snow shovelers. For the past few years the Village Hall staff has managed a list of youngsters around the Village who were willing to shovel driveways and sidewalks. We'll be keeping a list again this year.

 Kids, if you'd like to be included on the snow shoveler list, please call Karla at the Village Hall (between 7:30 am and 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday) at 267-2680 or e-mail her at kendres@shorewood-hills.org. Include your full name, phone number, and if you'd shovel anywhere in the Village or just in your own neighborhood (please include your address if only working in your neighborhood).

Residents may call the Village Hall or e-mail Karla to get snow shoveler information.

2012 PARKING PERMITS

Every street in the Village is in a one- or two-hour restricted parking district. The only way to avoid a ticket is to have a parking permit. Parking permits allow residents to park on the street within 100 yards of their home for periods exceeding the posted restrictions. Current parking permits expire on December 31.

Residents are reminded to stop by the Police Department at the Village Hall to obtain 2012 Shorewood Hills Parking Permit sticker(s). There is no charge for the first sticker per household. Additional stickers are \$5.00 each.

2012 DESK CALENDAR

The Dane County Cultural Affairs Commission has worked to increase public access to the cultural resources in Dane County since 1976. The Commission relies on public donations and fundraising. Each year the Commission produces a desk calendar featuring local artists. This year Village resident and artist Sally Bilder's "Winter Picnic Point" is featured in January.

The 2012 calendar (which is titled "Welcome Home") is 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 info on the DC Cultural Affairs Commission is available on-line at: www.culturalaffairscommission.com.



PET LICENSES

All dogs and cats in the Village must be licensed annually. To obtain a license, please bring your pet's rabies vaccination record, including the vaccine's expiration date, to the Village Hall. If your dog or cat does not need a rabies booster, you may bring in the 2011 Village-issued license tag number or your copy of the 2011 license. We can obtain the necessary information from that record.

The deadline for obtaining licenses is **April 1, 2012**. There is a \$5.00 penalty after this date. The late fee increases to \$10.00 after June 1, 2011.

REMEMBER, even if your dog or cat is due for the rabies vaccination after the deadline, licenses must be obtained by April 1.

FEE (Dogs): Neutered or spayed	\$15.00	FEE (Cats): Neutered or spayed	\$ 8.00
Not neutered or spayed	\$20.00	Not neutered or spayed	\$13.00

Do NOT purchase your license from your veterinarian (that is a City of Madison program). In order for the Village to receive credit from Dane County, your records must be on file here in the Village. Also, if a pet is lost or running at large, we can locate the owners much easier if the records are at the Village Hall.

FAILURE TO LICENSE YOUR PET COULD RESULT IN AN \$84 FINE

2012 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

The Village Board typically holds its regular meeting at 7:00 pm on the third Monday of each month with the occasional exception to avoid holidays or other conflicts. In January, the Board will meet on Tuesday, January 17, 2012 following the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

In April, newly elected trustees take office 14 days after the spring election. The meeting has been pushed back one day until Tuesday, April 17, 2012 to avoid a "lame duck" Board meeting. There will also be a special Board meeting on Monday, November 5, 2012 to present the 2013 Budget to the public before it is approved at the regular November Board meeting.

Board Meeting Dates in 2012

Tuesday, January 17
 Monday, February 20
 Monday, March 19
 Tuesday, April 17
 Monday, May 21
 Monday, June 18
 Monday, July 16
 Monday, August 20
 Monday, September 17
 Monday, October 15
 Monday, November 5
 Monday, November 19
 Monday, December 17

HOLIDAY OFFICE SCHEDULE

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

- 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.

EXTRAS . . .

This is the first issue of the **Village Bulletin** that is available exclusively on-line. For more information on the e-mail notification list or other Bulletin delivery options, go to: <http://www.shorewood-hills.org/bulletin/home.htm>

The Shorewood Hills Community League is beginning work on a new Village Telephone Directory. The Info Update & Order form is on [page 11](#) or on-line ([follow the link on the Village home page](#)).

WORD OF THE WOODS

By Corey George

Street Tree Pruning Projects:

Village tree pruning projects are generally scheduled during the winter months. Trees are dormant at this time, as well as the disease and insect pests that harm trees. Frozen ground and snow also help to reduce damage to the landscape during these projects. The following streets are scheduled for tree pruning this winter:

- ◆ Sunset Drive
- ◆ Viburnum Drive
- ◆ Crestwood Drive
- ◆ Sumac Drive

The exact dates for pruning specific streets are subject to weather and site conditions, but we hope to **begin in January and finish by the end of March.**

One of the goals in our **Community Forestry Management Plan** is a 6-year pruning rotation. This means the Village is striving to prune the trees on each street at least every 6 years.

Please contact the Village Forester at the Village Hall at 267-2680 or cgeorge@shorewood-hills.org if you have any questions or specific tree maintenance requests.



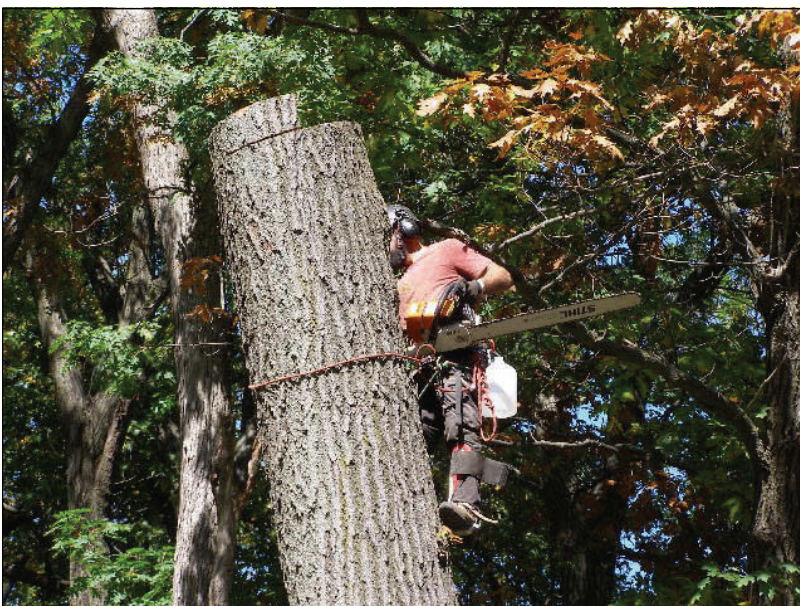
Trees, Shrubs and Community Forestry Management: Residents are encouraged to read over the Village ordinance regarding trees in the Village: <http://www.shorewood-hills.org/ordinances/chapter19.pdf>

Oak Pruning Season:

As our Village ordinance indicates, pruning of oak trees is allowed from October 1 to March 31, so now is a good time to schedule any pruning needs you may have with trees on your property.

Please contact the Village Forester at the Village Hall at 267-2680 or cgeorge@shorewood-hills.org if you have any questions or would like a consultation regarding tree pruning.

Garden Club Brown Bag Lunch #1 – Thursday, January 19, 2012 (*see the League Bulletin for details*).



SHOREWOOD HILLS LEAGUE BULLETIN

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We mourn the death of

Sarita Trewartha – former Sweetbriar Road resident

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

Please join us on Tuesday, January 17, 2012 for our next **Community League Meeting** where we will kick-off planning the Progressive Dinner and sample some tasty treats at Claudia Werner's house at 3523 Blackhawk Drive at 7:30 pm.

Progressive Dinner Planning

This is the year for the long-anticipated biennial Progressive Dinner! It's a League tradition and Shorewood Hills favorite, but only comes around every two years. We are starting the planning process and hope we get enough volunteers to make this one as memorable as previous events.

Before we can announce any details, we need the following:

- * If you enjoy cooking and consider yourself a “foodie”, this is YOUR event. We need individuals who are interested in developing the menu and preparing the food.
- * We need two host homes, spacious enough to accommodate up to 120 attendees – we all start at one house for appetizers and end at another house for dessert!
- * We will also need about 15 homes for the dinner portion of the event (each host seating 6-8 people at their table).

It is only through neighborly generosity that the Progressive Dinner is such a success. Please call Ann Rutecki at 233-4359 to volunteer or with questions. If you are unsure if your home would be suitable, just call Ann to get appropriate advice. Thank you—we cannot do it without YOU!

**Annual Skating Party**

The Shorewood Hills Community League is hosting a skating party on Sunday, January 21 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm (conditions permitting) at Heiden Haus. Warm up inside the club with hot chocolate and treats. For those not able to brave the snow and cold there will be space for games.

Village Telephone Directory

The League publishes a local telephone directory for Village residents each year. In order to get the most accurate information as possible, please update your contact information under the “Directory Information Update Form” (*see form on next page*) and return it to the Village Hall, **even if** you are not ordering a copy of the Directory. Titles, middle initials, nicknames, cell phone numbers and e-mail addresses are optional. Please complete the top portion of the form if you are ordering a directory.

GARDEN CLUB NEWS

Join the Garden Club for **Brown Bag Session #1** on Thursday, January 19, 2012. Meet at noon, downstairs in the Village Hall. **Topic: “Share and Show” – websites and other great on-line gardening resources.** Bring your lunch. Beverages and dessert provided. All residents are welcome.



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VILLAGE TELEPHONE DIRECTORY – INFORMATION UPDATE & ORDER FORM

Please return the completed form (with payment) to the Village Hall by **Wednesday, February 15, 2012**. If you have questions, please contact David Sykes at the Village Hall (267-2680) or dsykes@shorewood-hills.org

Directories ordered after February 15, 2012 will increase to \$20, and are subject to limited quantities. Some orders may not be able to be filled.

VILLAGE 2012 TELEPHONE DIRECTORY PRE-ORDER FORM
Payment and pre-order form must be received at the Village Hall by Wednesday, February 15, 2012

Name:	Address:	Phone:	
Type / Description	No.	Unit Price	Total
1st Copy (pre-order price only)	1 x	\$12.00 =	\$12.00
Additional Copies (pre-order price only)	x	\$10.00 =	
Tax Deductible Contribution to the Shorewood Hills Community League			
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VILLAGE 2012 TELEPHONE DIRECTORY INFORMATION UPDATE FORM

Mr. Mrs. Ms. Dr. Prof.					
			Nickname	Cell Phone	
	First Name (& M.I.)	Last Name	e-mail address		
Mr. Mrs. Ms. Dr. Prof.					
			Nickname	Cell Phone	
	First Name (& M.I.)	Last Name	e-mail address		
Street No.	Street Name		Home Phone	Alternate Phone (optional)	
Child Name	Birth Year	Child Name	Birth Year	Child Name	Birth Year
Cell Phone:		Cell Phone:		Cell Phone:	
Child Name	Birth Year	Child Name	Birth Year	Child Name	Birth Year
Cell Phone:		Cell Phone:		Cell Phone:	

Same listing as 2011 Directory (include your name address above) Opt-out. I **DO NOT** wish to be included in the Village Directory

SHOREWOOD HILLS LEAGUE BULLETIN

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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 <http://aaronkatcher.com>.

Math Tutor (Elementary, Middle and High School) – Current AP High School mathematics teacher and Shorewood resident. References upon request. Call or e-mail Steve Collins at stcollins1966@gmail.com or 608-233-9494.

WANTED

Our family of four loves living in the Village and is looking for a new house in Shorewood Hills. If you are thinking of selling your home we would love to talk. We are not working with an agent. Contact Steve at homebuyer3402@gmail.com or 608-217-3805.

FOR SALE

Sue Jefferson, “Your Neighbor and Neighborhood Realtor”

“Beware of little expenses: A small leak will sink a ship”
– Benjamin Franklin

Sue has these homes for sale in the Village:

- 3400 Tally Ho Lane – \$550,000
- 2901 Colgate Road – \$850,000-\$874,900 Market Range Pricing
- 3520 Topping Road – \$699,900
- 1106 Edgehill Drive – 424,900
- 3530 Blackhawk Drive – \$925,000
- 3441 Crestwood Drive – \$1,380,000
- 3217 Tally Ho Lane – on the market soon

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 – Spectacular 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.

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 residents and business within the 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.

BLACKHAWK COUNTRY CLUB WINTER ENTITLEMENTS

The winter season is a slow time for the Blackhawk Country Club. The lease agreement with the Village allows residents certain entitlements with respect to the use of the Blackhawk Country Club Clubhouse and the surrounding grounds. Some of the uses permitted under the lease include the following:

- **Social Membership Privilege** – Residents may apply for a social membership in the Club with the customary initiation fee waived.
 - **Restaurant and Bar** – Village residents may dine at the Club's restaurant and bar from January through March. Dining is on a cash basis without any dues or additional fees other than a 19% service charge which is added to each bill (the customary tip is included in this charge). Reservations and proper attire are required (call 231-2454).
 - **Winter Sports** – Residents may use the grounds for winter sports from December 1 to April 1. The first and tenth holes are the steepest hills and are particularly good for sledding. Some have even found that these sites work for practicing downhill skiing for beginners if you are sturdy enough to climb up the hill without a tow. There are more gentle slopes around the course for toddlers as well. Cross-country skiers are free to cut their own tracks, but it is often possible to find tracks that have been created by others. **On Saturday and Sunday afternoons from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm the Blackhawk Clubhouse is open for residents to come inside to warm up, to use the restrooms, or to purchase drinks or hot cocoa.** Please keep out of fenced off areas as they provide protection to the greens and other fragile parts of the course.
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THE HIDDEN OVERDOSE STORY

Prescription Painkiller Overdoses Outweigh Heroin and Cocaine Combined

(from a December 13, 2011 Public Health press release)

Despite all the headlines about heroin overdoses, the misuse of prescription painkillers is an even bigger problem. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), one in 20 people in the United States, ages 12 and older, have used prescription painkillers for non-medical reasons, with nearly 15,000 people dying each year from overdosing on these drugs. This outweighs the combined number of deaths from heroin and cocaine overdoses.

Misused painkillers include such drugs as hydrocodone (Vicodin®), oxycodone (Oxycotin®), oxymorphone (Opana®) and Fentanyl. In 2009, there were almost a half a million hospital emergency room visits due to the misuse or abuse of these products, costing up to \$72.5 billion a year.

Another interesting fact is that middle-aged adults die from prescription painkiller overdose at a higher rate than other age groups. Many more men than women die of overdoses. While it is true that heroin overdoses have increased and are still a serious problem, the misuse and abuse of painkillers is a much larger problem.

In Dane County we have seen a dramatic increase in poisonings over the last 10 years, and the numbers have now surpassed motor vehicle crashes as a leading cause of injury death. The majority of all poisonings (hospital visits and death) are due to drugs (prescription, over the counter and illicit), but of particular concern are opiates. Prescription painkillers account for 61% of those that end up in the hospital for opiate poisoning, while only 25% are from heroin. These rates are highest for adults over 35 years of age.

The CDC offers several suggestions on what individuals can do. Prescription painkillers should only be used as directed by a health care provider. Problems begin to develop when these medications are accessible to younger family members and if they are shared with or sold to others. It is very important to make sure that leftover medications are securely stored until they can be disposed of properly. Proper disposal does NOT include flushing them down the toilet or putting them in the trash.

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Fortunately, in Dane County, the MedDrop program now has four permanent medication drop-off locations:

- Madison Police East Precinct, 809 South Thompson Drive – Available 8:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday-Friday
- Middleton Police Department, 7341 Donna Drive – Available 24 hours in the lobby
- Fitchburg Police Department, 5520 Lacy Road – Available 7:30 am to 4:30 pm Monday-Friday
- Sun Prairie Police Department, 300 E. Main Street – Available 24 hours in the lobby

Another local response to this problem was recently announced by Dane County Executive Joe Parisi and Madison Mayor Paul Soglin. The county and city budgets include funds to coordinate an initiative to stop both heroin and prescription drug overdoses. These efforts will be coordinated by Safe Communities, a local public / private partnership that supports and sustains a range of safety initiatives through collaborations between area agencies, businesses, and neighborhood organizations. The next steps include a kick-off planning event after the first of the year to bring together multidisciplinary groups to locally address this growing epidemic.

For more information on painkiller overdoses nationally, see:

<http://www.cdc.gov/Features/VitalSigns/PainkillerOverdoses/>

For more local information on poisoning see the Featured Topics section on the home page of the Public Health website at: <http://www.publichealthmdc.com>.

For information on the activities of Safe Communities, see:

http://www.safercommunity.net/news_events/general/pdrug_overdose_prevention.html

For more details on the MedDrop program, see: <http://www.safercommunity.net/MedDrop/index.html>

2012 CLEAN SWEEP WINTER HOURS

The Dane County Clean Sweep program is trying out “Winter Hours” for the first time. There are several changes to the program during the winter:

- The Product Exchange will NOT be open.
- Latex paint will NOT be accepted (winter option: remove the lid, set aside to let the paint dry completely, then throw the can in trash).
- Water based cleaners and other non-hazardous materials that can be safely flushed down your drain or thrown in your trash will NOT be collected (winter option: flush or throw in trash as appropriate, or save to bring to Clean Sweep in May to be given away in the Product Exchange).

Please visit our website: www.danecountycleansweep.com to see our most current Clean Sweep Fact Sheet (2011) or for disposal options. Please note the Fact Sheet program rules still apply (except those listed above).

2012 Winter Hours: Tuesday through Friday
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
January 3 through April 27

Location: Dane County Highway Garage (north end)
2302 Fish Hatchery Road (on the corner of Fish Hatchery & Badger Roads behind the
Dane County Highway Garage on the north end of the property
Tel: (608) 243-0368

The Clean Sweep program will return to normal summer hours and operating procedures in May 2012. *PLEASE NOTE: This is a pilot program and winter hours of operation and program details may be amended as necessary. Please check our website for any changes to the program.*

WHOOPING COUGH ON THE RISE

(from a December 2, 2011 Public Health press release)

A small but worrisome increase in the serious disease, whooping cough, is of particular concern for infants. There has been recent media coverage of a spike in whooping cough (pertussis) cases in Milwaukee with 12 confirmed cases reported in November—double the normal rate.

In Dane County there were 7 pertussis cases in November. In comparison, there were 3 in October and 5 in September. According to Amanda Kita-Yarbro, Communicable Disease Epidemiologist for Public Health-Madison and Dane County, “while the overall number isn’t too unusual, 3 of the cases in November were in children under 1 year. It is unusual for Dane County to have 3 infants reported with pertussis in one month.”

Pertussis is very contagious, and infants under 6 weeks of age cannot be vaccinated. Babies do not have full protection until receiving at least 3 doses of the vaccine, around 6 months of age. The disease can be life threatening and infants who get infected often require hospitalization. However these infants can be protected from infection if all those in contact with the baby have been vaccinated.

The early symptoms of whooping cough are like the common cold, with runny nose or congestion, sneezing and maybe a mild cough or fever. After 1-2 weeks rapid violent coughing begins which empties the lungs forcing the child to inhale with a loud "whooping" sound. Check this link to hear the sound (please be aware that these recordings may be disturbing to hear, but nowhere near as disturbing as hearing them live from one’s own child): <http://www.pkids.org/diseases/pertussis.html>.

In light of current conditions, Public Health continues to recommend that parents and health care professionals make a sustained effort to make sure that children are immunized. The needed vaccine (DTaP) should be given in at:

- 2 months of age,
- 4 months,
- 6 months,
- 15 to 18 months,
- 4 - 6 years of age

Teens and adults should receive one Tdap vaccine booster to protect themselves from whooping cough and to protect those around them. Tdap is especially important for people who are in contact with babies—day care providers, grandparents, parents, babysitters and health care providers. Pregnant women should get Tdap vaccine in the second half of pregnancy to protect themselves and their newborns.

In Dane County, only 79% of all children turning 2 years old in 2010 completed all 4 of their DTaP shots. Increasing this percentage will help stop the spread of this infection.

Childhood immunizations require a bit more effort than getting just one flu shot. But the reward avoiding the risk and suffering that comes with a disease like pertussis. One in five two year olds in Dane County is currently unprotected from this illness. Listen to the recording of the infant coughing at the link above, and seriously consider helping to close that gap.

For more detailed information on pertussis and where to get free immunizations, see the following links:

<http://www.cdc.gov/Features/Pertussis/>

<http://www.publichealthmdc.com/disease/immunizations/clinics.cfm>

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