

SHINING A SHIELDED LIGHT ON THE VILLAGE OUTDOOR LIGHTING ORDINANCE

Mark Your Calendars!!! – **April 1!** – *Vote AND Be Illuminated !!*

Stop by the **Lighting Information Table** in the Village Hall lobby on the first floor. Pick up information about the Village Outdoor Lighting Ordinance, ask questions, and possibly see examples of compliant lighting fixtures!!!

By January 2009 all residential and commercial property owners in the Village will need to be in compliance. The provisions for lighting improvement included the use of fully or partially shielded lights to prevent glare and skyglow, proper positioning of shielded fixtures to prevent light trespass on neighboring properties and maximum lighting limits and light curfews.

As you look at your residence in the evening, do you see any of the following?

- Glare from your exterior lights?
- Lights that cast a dark shadow onto your neighbor's property along your property line?
- Lights shining upward into the night sky?

If so, changes to consider are:

- Re-aim fixtures so that the light is directed only to the area you want illuminated
- Replace an existing lamp with one that has less wattage
- Add shields to existing fixtures to prevent glare
- Add motion sensors to all-night security lights

The entire ordinance is available on the Village website: www.shorewood-hills.org; click on Village Ordinances, Chapter 22. A printed brochure explaining the basic provisions of the ordinance and suggestions for compliance is available at the Village Hall. Or you can find “Dark Sky” information and a printable version of the brochure on the Village website at: www.shorewood-hills.org/dark_sky/dark_sky.htm.

We hope you will take a few minutes to read through the informational brochure or the ordinance and consider what changes might be needed on your property. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact one of the members of the Village Dark Sky Committee listed below.

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