

FOURTH OF JULY

Independence Day Dance - Kick off the holiday weekend with our Independence Day Dance, a Village tradition for years. Join us at the Fire Station on **Friday, July 3rd** from 8:30 pm until 11:30 pm for an evening of music and fun. A live DJ will be spinning discs for all tastes and ages. Typically the earlier part of the evening is dedicated to more nostalgic tunes. Grab your friends and neighbors and dance the night away. As always, admission is free to all. Refreshments will be available at nominal cost. Children are welcome!

Saturday, July 4th . . .

Softball Game - The traditional 4th of July Softball Game begins at 9:00 am on the ball diamond north of the School. The game has evolved from the “Married vs. Singles” game of the past to an East / West battle for Village supremacy. Bring your bats, balls and gloves and join in the fun.

Try-It Triathlon - New this year! The Recreation Committee is hosting a Sprint Triathlon for teens and adults (children entering sixth grade and up). Registration for the 500 meter swim, 5 mile bike ride and 2-3K run will start at 9:00 am outside Shorewood Hills Pool. There will be a modest fee.

Bake Sale - Join your neighbors and friends at the Fire Station for coffee and baked goods between 9:00 am and 1:00 pm. At the Shorewood Hills Community League’s Annual Bake Sale you will find numerous tasty treats prepared by Village residents. You might just find that perfect desert for your holiday dinner. Set-up begins at 8:00 am. You may drop off your donated confections from 8:00 am to 10:00 am for pricing.



Village Art Fair - The Village is full of talented artists working in various media. Stop by the Fire Station from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm to view art work created by your friends and neighbors. Contact Bill Muehl if you’d like to show your art.

Fire Department Photo - Each year the volunteer firefighters gather in front of the Station to take a Department Portrait. Getting them all together for a few seconds to take the picture is like herding cats and is often very comical. The motley “line-up” is at 1:00 pm before the parade.

Parade - The children’s parade begins promptly at **1:30 pm (start lining up at 1:15 pm)**. The theme for this year’s parade is ***Your Favorite Book!*** (characters in literature like Harry Potter, The Chronicles of Narnia, or Winnie the Pooh). Everyone who would like to join us on the trek around the School should gather in front of the Fire Station by 1:15 pm. Participants will be grouped into the following categories: Patriotic; Humorous; Decorated Bikes, Trikes and Wagons; and Theme Floats. Sorry, no automobiles allowed without special permission in advance.



Games - A variety of stage games, field events, and booth games follow the Parade. There is something for all ages, including the popular egg toss and fire truck rides – all adults on fire truck rides must be accompanied by a child (☺). Although these events are all free, don’t forget to bring a little money along for baked goods and beverages.

Walking Tour of the Village - Join Tom Brock for a walking tour of the Village. The tour is an historic overview of the Village pointing out architecture styles and other items of interest. The tour will leave from the Fire Station at 2:00 pm (after the parade), take about 1½ to 2 hours and be done long before the beginning of the Family Picnic.

Waterfights - This will be the 15th year the Fire Department has hosted an Adult Waterfight Tournament. Some fun, funny and competitive matches have been fought over the years. Gather your friends and family, practice in you back yard with a garden hose and prepare to battle for glory and prestige. Registration forms are available at the Village Hall, Fire Station or click [HERE](#) (please sign up early, space is limited). The Champs may compete against our rookie Firefighters, if they dare. We'll have waterfights for kids after the other field events have been completed and before the Adult Waterfight Tournament.

Family Picnic - Do you want to see your Village Board and other officials really work for you? Come to the Family Picnic on the school grounds across from the Fire Station. From 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm traditional favorites like brats, burgers, hot dogs and other tasty treats will be available for a small fee. Soft drinks and other refreshments will be available at the Fire Station. Get together with family and friends, bring dishes to pass within your group and you've got a first rate picnic dinner with a minimum of fuss. Don't forget to bring along your own napkins, plates, eating utensils and a trash bag. Please dispose of your trash and recycling properly.

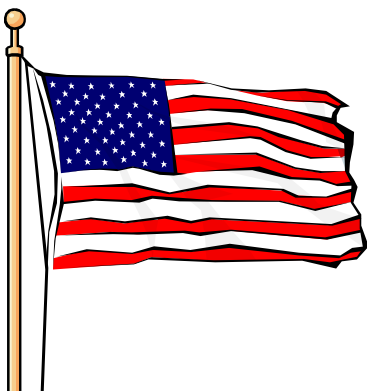
Fireworks - Put a finishing touch on a great day by joining us at the Blackhawk Country Club at dusk (about 9:00 pm) for our Annual Fireworks Display. The volunteers of the Fire Department began setting up and shooting the fireworks show at Blackhawk in 1948. Over the last 60+ years the show has evolved to be bigger, better and safer. This year's show should be excellent. We always have a surprise or two up our sleeves. While there is no charge for the show, donations are heartily encouraged and will be solicited at the Country Club. If you enjoy the show, please help! Contributions can be made at any time to the "*Shorewood Hills Fireworks Fund.*" Mail contributions to: 810 Shorewood Boulevard, Madison, WI 53705.

Fireworks Raffle - Would you like to join in the fireworks fun by firing off the start of the show? The Fire Department will be raffling off that privilege at the Independence Day Dance on Friday night and during the day on July 4th. Raffle tickets will be a buck each or 6 for \$5.00.

Madison Municipal Band - Unfortunately, the Madison Municipal Band has a new director and is reorganizing over the summer. We hope to have them back in the fall.

Rhythm & Booms - "*The Midwest's largest fireworks display*" will be held on **Saturday, June 27th** at Warner Park. The one-day celebration includes carnival rides, bingo tent, Oldies and Blues music stages and much more before the fireworks show. Check out the Rhythm & Booms website for more information (www.rhythmandbooms.com). We still think our Fireworks show is the "best" show around but even our Fire Department volunteers enjoy watching the "biggest" show in the Midwest.

We hope that everyone has a safe and enjoyable Independence Day Celebration! If you have any questions about the events, please call the Fire Station at 267-2680.



**** The Village offices ****
**** will be closed on ****
**** Friday, July 3rd ****
**** in observance of the holiday ****

