

# FOURTH OF JULY

When scheduling the Village's Fourth of July celebration, we avoid any conflicts with the Rhythm & Booms event which is usually held on the Saturday closest to July 4. To that end, the dance has been scheduled for Friday, July 1. All other activities will fall on Monday, July 4, as usual. Below is a more detailed schedule of events.

**Independence Day Dance** – We kick off the long holiday weekend with the traditional Independence Day Dance. Join us at the Fire Station on **Friday, July 1st** from 8:30 pm until 11:30 pm for an evening of music and fun. A live DJ will be playing your favorites. 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 2nd – Rhythm & Booms** at Warner Park – We have a couple of days off between the Dance and our July Fourth events. Many of our firefighters take the opportunity to see “*The Midwest’s largest fireworks display.*” Rhythm & Booms is more than just fireworks. It is an all-day event including carnival rides, bingo tent, music stages and much more. Check out [www.rhythmandbooms.com](http://www.rhythmandbooms.com) for more information. Rhythm and Booms may be the “biggest” but we still think our fireworks show is the “best” show around.

## Monday, 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** – The Village Recreation Committee, together with the SHES PTO, is hosting the 3rd annual mini-triathlon for ALL ages on July Fourth. The event will have two heats: Adults (250m swim, 7km bike, and 3km run), and Kids 12-and-under (150m swim, 3km bike, 1.6km run). On-site registration begins at 9:00 am at the Pool. Participation is free, with voluntary contributions to the PTO accepted at registration. Please join the fun and help promote healthy lifestyles for all ages while supporting our local school!

**League Bake Sale** – Join your neighbors and friends at the Fire Station for coffee and baked goods between 9:00 am and 12:00 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 dessert for your holiday dinner. Set-up begins at 8:00 am (*see the Community League Bulletin for more details*).

**Bike Decorating** – The League is also sponsoring a bike decorating “booth” in the morning before the parade. Look for them near the Heiden Haus from 9:00 am to noon on July 4 to decorate your bike, trike or stroller.

**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 or Peter Hans 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 everyone ready and standing still is a bit like herding cats. But, it is one of our traditions and it kicks off the activities of the day. The motley “line-up” is at 1:00 pm before the parade.



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**Parade** – The children’s parade begins **promptly at 1:30 pm (line up at 1:15 pm)**. Everyone who would like to join 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; and Decorated Bikes, Trikes and Wagons. Sorry, no automobiles allowed without very special permission **in advance**.



**No Candy Please** – We ask that both participants and spectators refrain from tossing candy during the parade. Handing out candy during the parade may be common place at other parades but it has never been a part of our July 4th Parade. That may be because there are usually more people IN the parade than watching it. For everyone’s safety, no candy please.

**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.

**Waterfights** – The Adult Waterfight Tournament has become very popular and very competitive. The perennial favorites have failed to reach the finals in the past two years. Is the torch being passed to a new generation? Gather your friends and family, practice in you back yard with a garden hose and prepare for the 17th Annual Adult Waterfight Tournament. Registration forms are available at the Village Hall, Fire Station or on our website (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 hard 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. Trash and recycling carts will be available on the grounds for your convenience.

**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



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 Monday, July 4th in observance of the holiday \*\***