

Fourth of July 2010 – Schedule of Events

Independence Day Dance – We kick off the long holiday weekend with our Independence Day Dance, a Village tradition for years. Join us at the Fire Station on **Friday, July 2nd** 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 3rd – Rhythm & Booms at Warner Park – We take a day off between the Dance and July Fourth events when Rhythm & Booms falls on July 3. It gives our firefighters and everyone else an 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 for more information. 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.

SUNDAY, 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 Recreation Committee is hosting the second annual Sprint Triathlon (250 meter swim, 7.5K bike ride and 2.5K run). Participants must be children entering sixth grade though adult (younger participants may participate if accompanied by a parent). Meet at the Shorewood Hills Pool for the 8:30 am start. Register in advance at Village Hall or onsite on July 4th at 8:00 am. Fee \$5 each (\$10 maximum per family). This is a great way to kick-off the Fourth of July!

League Bake Sale – Join your neighbors and friends at the Fire Station between 9:00 am and 1:00 pm for coffee and baked goods. 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 8:00-10:00 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 muehl@tds.net or Peter Hans phans@wbmi.com 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. This year the firefighters will be proudly standing in front our the Department’s new rescue-pumper bought late last year. The “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 ***FIFA World Cup or Your Favorite Sport!*** 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; Decorated Bikes, Trikes and Wagons; and Theme Floats. Sorry, no automobiles allowed without 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 Fourth 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.

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 – The Adult Waterfight Tournament has become very popular and very competitive. We had brand new champions last year. The previous winners will have to work that much harder this year to recapture their glory (that may be a bit of an exaggeration). Gather your friends and family, practice in your back yard with a garden hose and prepare for the 16th 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 Boulevard, Madison, WI 53705.

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 5th in observance of the holiday ****

