



The Village Bulletin

The Village of Shorewood Hills

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BIKE PATH DITCH PROJECT

If you have ventured past or live in the area of the pool and tennis courts it is impossible not to notice (and possibly shudder) that the drainage ditch cleanout and bike path project is underway. Although things may look pretty barren now, there are many improvements to look forward too. There will be almost \$200,000 in sustainable trees and landscaping going back into the area, including 200 conifers in the 6-8 foot range, 50 canopy trees, 304 shrubs, and 319 perennials. In addition to the invasive species and EAB susceptible ash trees the Village removed, the railroad did a lot of hacking/cutting last week. We could not control what the railroad removed and this has made things look even worse.

Our recently negotiated 10 foot landscape easement with the railroad will ensure that what we replant will not be at risk to railroad clear cutting. The Village Forester has marked trees worth preserving and the Village will be spading and replanting some species. The Village was also able to negotiate an

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

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- 1 **Spring Election** (polls open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm)
- 14 Municipal Court (Traffic) 5:00 pm
- 14 Parks Committee 5:30 pm
- 14 Public Works Committee 7:00 pm
- 15 Plan Commission 7:00 pm
- 16 Finance Committee 5:30 pm
- 18 **Spring Fling Holiday** (Village office closed in the afternoon)
- 21 Board of Trustees 7:00 pm

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- 12 Municipal Court (Traffic) 5:00 pm
- 12 Parks Committee 5:30 pm
- 12 Public Works Committee 7:00 pm
- 13 Plan Commission 7:00 pm
- 14 Finance Committee 5:30 pm
- 19 Board of Trustees 7:00 pm
- 26 **Memorial Day Holiday** (Village office closed)

*** 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 committee chair.*

APRIL - MAY 2014

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE MARCH 17, 2014 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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

Attendance – Mr. Sundquist and Ms. Borisy-Rudin were excused.

Appearances and Communications – Mark Kane from L.W. Allen provided information on upgrading the Village's radio telemetry system to alarm and control the water booster pumps and the sanitary sewer lift station.

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 the minutes for the [February meeting](#) and street use permits for three runs through a portion of the Village.

Wellesley and Dartmouth Road Construction – Village engineer Brian Berquist described the project and reviewed the process of designing the roads to this point. Dartmouth Road will be reconstructed from Columbia Road to Oxford Road. All of Wellesley Road from Colgate Road to Oxford Road will be reconstructed. The project will include replacement of 90 year old water mains and sanitary sewer as needed. Interested residents have been involved at several meetings. Sidewalks and the preservation of some mature trees have been the most contentious issues. The roads and sidewalks have been designed to maintain as many trees as possible. Most neighborhood residents were in favor of completing missing sections of the sidewalks with one notable exception where a resident would be losing some developed garden space in the right-of-way. The Board unanimously approved putting the road reconstruction project out for bid as designed.

Blackhawk Country Club Patio Project – Chris Jay from Blackhawk Country Club described the project that would expand the existing patio in back of the building. The new patio would allow for more outdoor dining, and fire pits. They hope to have the work done by Memorial Day. The Board unanimously approved the project as presented.

Resolution R-2014-3 Amending the Village's Fee Schedule – The Board unanimously approved [Resolution R-2014-3](#) which would raise all parking violation fines. The adjustment of the parking fines from \$35.00 to \$40.00 would bring them in line with ticket amounts on UW property. The impetus for this change has been vehicles parking in private lots along Marshall Court. Last year the Village issued 389 citations at the request of private lot property owners.

Resolution R-2014-4 Raising Court Costs to the Maximum Allowable By Law – Municipalities have not been able to raise court costs above \$28 since 2005. New State legislation allows a \$10 increase. The Board unanimously approved [Resolution R-2014-4](#) with one revision, eliminating the ability to automatically increase to court costs without Board action should the State allow future increases.

Consider approval of intergovernmental agreement for operation of a task force to apprehend impaired drivers – The Board unanimously approved the Shorewood Hills Police Department's participation in the task force, joining 11 other communities in Dane County. On a given night, one officer from each participating department would focus on one community to get impaired drivers off of the road. The officers' wages will be paid for by a grant.

Review and consider changes to recreation program fee reimbursement – The Board deferred action on this item until a future meeting.

Consider action related to proposed U Bay fields expansion – The referendum to use student fees to pay for other portions of the UW Recreation Plan passed overwhelmingly. Otherwise, there was no recent news.

Village Administrator's Report – Mr. Frantz updated the Board on the status of the proposed Oak Park Place project at the Pyare Square property; the results of the Gmail migration and new server project; two main fire/EMS apparatus have gone out for sealed bids due March 28; and reminded the Trustees of the Candidate's Forum scheduled for Sunday, March 23 at 3:00 pm. Mr. Frantz also mentioned the ditch cleanout project between the Pool and railroad tracks should begin this week.

Blackhawk Lease Task Force – Mr. Ridders reported the Task Force has asked for more information to

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gauge Blackhawk's financial health as it relates to its request for a reduction in the rent payment.

Public Works Committee – Ms. Center reported the Committee was considering a Street Parking policy due to some of the Village's narrow streets and is developing a Traffic Calming policy.

Mr. Benforado indicated that this was Ms. Center's last Board meeting as Trustee and thanked her for her dedicated participation the last four years.

Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 8:52 pm.

FOURTH OF JULY VOLUNTEER HELP IS NEEDED

The Fourth of July celebration in Shorewood Hills has been a tradition almost as old as the Village itself. The work of planning and carrying out the day's activities has largely been the responsibility of the members of the Shorewood Hills Fire Department and Emergency Medical Service. The decommissioning of those groups last October means that others must step forward to help or some activities will no longer be manageable.

Many members of the former Fire Department and Emergency Medical Service have decided to remain active with the Fourth of July activities and other Village projects and have joined together to form the Shorewood Hills EMS & Fire Association. Plans are to meet at least every other month to conduct business, plan activities, and socialize. Other meetings or work sessions will be scheduled as needed. **Membership in the Association is open to anyone who wishes to participate.** Listed below are areas where help will be needed this year, if these activities are to continue.

Kids' Games – We would like a small group of people to adopt the little kid games (for kids 1st grade and below). It would be nice to generate some new ideas for these games (we have usually had 4 different games), and get some volunteers to run the games for about an hour after the parade. We can help with getting prizes and with set-up, but we need people to plan and run the kids' games.

Art Fair – Bill Muehl has organized this event for many years and would like someone to take over this task. We can provide some help with set-up, but would like to have a small group of people take over this function.

Other Volunteer Help Needed:

- **Dance Set-up** – Usually about an hour at 4:00 pm the day of the dance.
- **Bartenders** – Needed for both the dance and during the day on the Fourth of July.
- **Balloon Inflating** – Usually about 10:30 am for an hour on the Fourth of July.
- **Fireworks Crowd Control** – Patrolling the fireworks display perimeter on golf carts before and during fireworks.
- **Fireworks Cleanup** – Volunteers are needed at Blackhawk Country Club at 6:00 am for two hours to help pick up debris.

We hope we can continue with the full slate of activities this Fourth of July, but it will require some help. Please consider volunteering your time or even becoming a member of the Association. Contact David Sykes at the Village Hall (dsykes@shorewood-hills.org or 267-2680) if you can help.



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encroachment into the railroad right of way for portions of the bike path in order to protect a signature oak tree near the pool. None of this would have happened without the Village cleaning out the drainage ditch between the pool and rail lines.

It is also important to realize that the ditch is the Village's largest and most effective stormwater management device. In order to maintain its effectiveness it needs to be periodically cleaned out. Twenty years of benign neglect has resulted in two feet of sediment filling the ditch. Trees (mostly of a weedy variety) and invasive underbrush have also sprung up. The ditch has nearly over topped with water. If this occurred the resulting runoff would end up in the pool and could cause a major closure. The new project will allow for future cleanout to occur, without having to remove trees and landscape which over the long-term will provide a more sustainable screen from the shopping center and busy road to the south.

The recent reconstruction of Swarthmore Court and Columbia Road included improvements to storm water infrastructure to help drainage in that area, mitigating recurring problems for home owners and the Village. The outfalls for these new storm sewers are actually below the current level of the ditch and will not work properly without the work that is currently being done.

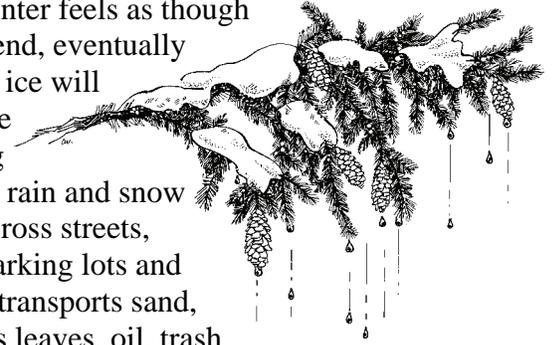
The areas around the tennis courts will also be improved with walkways, two patios, tables and seating areas.

This project will help rectify the accident waiting happen. The confluence of cars, bikes, pedestrians and pool patron at the pool entrance is potentially dangerous, rerouting the bike path to south of the pool should remedy that situation. The Village has also fielded complaints about how dark some of this area is and concerns regarding wayward individuals finding their way down the tracks to the ditch and then sometimes sleeping it off there. The judicious use of new lighting along the path and increased bike/pedestrian activity will hopefully help that issue resolve itself.

Hopefully short term pain will give way to long term gain.

SPRINGTIME BRINGS MORE THAN FLOWERS WITH THOSE SHOWERS

While this winter feels as though it will never end, eventually the snow and ice will melt and there will be spring showers. The rain and snow melt flows across streets, driveways, parking lots and rooftops and transports sand, salt, last fall's leaves, oil, trash and many other pollutants directly to storm drains, which eventually end up in our lakes and streams.



Some mistakenly think that water running off streets goes into a sewage treatment plant. But the truth is that it goes right to our lakes and streams.

You Can Help

There are many things each of us can do to prevent storm water pollution:

- Use salt sparingly during the winter.
- Sweep up any excess salt or sand left over from the snow shoveling season.
- Clean up pet waste year round—bury it properly or put it in the garbage.
- Keep cars well maintained including repairing leaks; but consider walking, public transportation or riding a bike whenever you can.
- Direct rainwater away from paved areas to lawns or gardens where it can soak in.
- Keep leaves and grass clippings out of the street. Compost yard waste, debris and leaves.
- Get a soil test before applying fertilizer to your lawn. Don't pay for something you don't need. If a test shows that your lawn does need fertilizer, apply it according to directions and carefully clean up any spills on paved surfaces.
- Wash your car on the lawn or at a car wash that sends its used water to the sewage treatment plant.
- Prevent soil erosion.
- Don't let anything but rain go down the storm drain or into the ditch.

Go to www.myfairlakes.com for more ideas on how you can help our lakes and streams.

Next Bulletin Deadline: Monday, April 21, 2014

NEW VILLAGE POLICY ON POOL MEMBERSHIP SIGNUP DUE TO CAPACITY ISSUES

In response to reaching the membership limit for the Shorewood Pool in the last two years, and in anticipation of continuing pressure on the capacity of pool programs, the Village Board has adopted a new policy on pool membership practices:

All returning memberships, regardless of residency, are welcomed back to the next season and all new memberships received by the April deadline will be accepted.

All membership requests received after the April renewal deadline will be accepted on a first-come-first-served basis until pool capacity is reached. Returning membership requests will be assessed a late fee after the April deadline and new membership requests will be assessed a late fee after June 15. Upon reaching pool capacity, all requests for pool membership, whether new or renewal, resident or non-resident, will be denied.

1. The pool membership limit achieves maximum capacity for several important pool programs, such as:
 - a. The physical space of the pool is completely in use for lessons, leaving no space for the addition of more lesson classes. Lessons are included and expected with all memberships.
 - b. The swim team is at maximum capacity with regard to pool space. Additional swimmers cannot be accommodated beyond numbers of the past two years. All memberships are eligible to join the swim team.
 - c. Diving lessons and the dive team are at capacity.
 - d. Master's swim classes are full, and we cannot accommodate additional swimmers.
 - e. Popular noon-time lap swim is often at a maximum capacity; creating stress with competition for space for lessons, divers, and water aerobics
2. Also, on "nice" days, the pool is filled to capacity. Deck-side chairs are all filled. Concession seating is full. And enjoyment of the pool is limited by the sheer number of swimmers in the pool. Stretching capacity threatens the ability to maintain the enjoyment and safety of patrons.
3. The Shorewood Hills Pool enjoys a wonderful relationship with the neighborhood but is conscious of the limitations of parking and the stresses of traffic. Parking is stressed on most days and traffic is always a concern in the heavily residential area of the pool.

The Shorewood Hills Pool is a customer-driven enterprise of the Village of Shorewood Hills and an important asset to the Village. The Village is committed to keeping the Shorewood Hills Pool an excellent experience that brings our members back year after year.

To continue to reach out to new members of our community and to further recognize the investment of the Village in the Shorewood Hill Pool, the Village discounts membership to Village residents and in addition adopts the following new policies:

1. *August memberships will not be closed to Village residents.*
2. *The number of daily passes a Village resident, who is not a pool member, may purchase is increased from 5/person to 10/person (If a Village resident seeks membership after the pool reaches capacity, he/she will have the ability to use the pool 10 times before August, and may then join for August as well. This accommodation is an important gesture in welcoming new residents to the Village and our pool community).*
3. *When/if the pool membership reaches capacity, additional membership requests will be placed on a waitlist in the order that they are received. Within a given year, however, resident requests will be placed ahead of non-resident requests providing residents preference for the following pool season.*

The Village also reaffirms its commitment to non-resident members who comprise 70% of our membership and nearly 80% of pool membership revenue. Those members are critical to maintaining a

**Membership Application
Deadline: Monday, April 21, 2014**

PROPERTY ASSESSMENT CHANGES / OPEN BOOK

If you took out a building permit or purchased property in Shorewood Hills last year, you may expect to receive a notice from the Village’s assessment service, Accurate Appraisal. The letter will include information about the change in the assessed value of your property. Please contact Accurate Appraisal (800-770-3927) if you have any questions about the assessment. If you do not receive a letter from Accurate Appraisal, your property assessment for 2014 will be the same as it was in 2013.

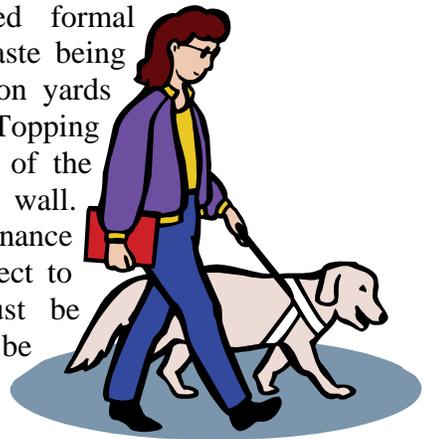
You will have an opportunity to examine other Village property assessments for 2014 or speak directly to the assessor at Open Book which will be held on Monday, May 19, 2014 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Village Hall. To make an appointment for Open Book, please log on to www accuratessessor.com and click on the ‘Appointment Schedule’ link and select ‘Shorewood Hills Village of.’ You will be prompted for a password: the password for Village property owners is SH10. Alternately, you could call Accurate Appraisal directly to schedule an appointment (800-770-3927).

GALLERY 800 UBD

Village resident Sally Bilder’s artwork in “The Lakeshore Preserve and More” will be exhibited until Friday, April 26, 2014. If you have walked along the University of Wisconsin Lakeshore Preserve you will recognize your paths in her work. You will find your way through different seasons and different times of day. Look closely at the crest of the snow’s edge and you will feel the thaw of spring. **Gallery 800 UBD** is located in the large office building at 800 University Bay Drive. If you drive, park on Marshall Court. Take your time on a self-guided tour on weekdays from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm or by special appointment (238-0623).

PLEASE PICK UP YOUR PET WASTE

If you have a dog please pick up after your pet. The Village has received formal complaints of pet waste being regularly being left on yards and rights of way on Topping Road in the vicinity of the Quarry Park rock wall. This is a Village ordinance violation and is subject to fine. Pet waste must be picked up and either be flushed down the toilet or buried.



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 2013 Village-issued license tag number or your copy of the 2013 license. We can obtain the necessary information from that record.

The deadline for obtaining licenses is **April 1, 2014**. There is a \$5.00 penalty after this date. The late fee increases to \$10.00 after **June 1, 2014**. 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).

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

CROSS CONNECTION CONTROL PROGRAM

WI DNR 810.15 defines a cross connection control program as a comprehensive control program for the elimination of all existing cross connections and prevention of all future cross connections. A record of the cross connection control program shall be kept current and available for annual review by the department.

Cross Connection Control Ordinance – Village ordinance currently prohibits any direct or potential cross connection hazards connected to the public drinking water supply. The ordinance provides enforcement to perform periodic onsite surveys and the authority to disconnect the water supply to a service connection in the event of failure to remove or isolate a cross connection hazard.

Overview

The Village of Shorewood Hills Water Utility is dedicated to delivering safe, high-quality drinking water. To continue to protect the public health, and keep the water system safe from contaminants and pollutants, we are required by the Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources (DNR), Wisconsin Dept. of Safety & Professional Services (DPS), and the Village of Shorewood Hills to maintain a cross connection control program.

The Public Works Department will perform the inspections of commercial and residential homes throughout the Village to detect actual and potential cross connections, and to make recommendations for the installation of backflow prevention devices, or assemblies, where necessary. This will help ensure that contaminated or polluted water cannot backflow into our clean drinking water. **The Village staff will begin surveying residential properties in the coming months in conjunction with our water meter change out program.**

What is a Cross Connection Survey?

It is the first step in our program. Wisconsin DNR Regulation (NR 810.15) recommends that all industrial, commercial, and institutional facilities be surveyed for cross connections regularly (every two to six years depending on the degree of hazards within the facility). A survey is a walk-through of the water system piping in a building or property, starting at the water meter and ending at the last free-flowing tap. At the end of the survey the Public Works crew will produce a report describing any violations or discrepancies found, as well as a time frame for compliance. The first round of inspections will include Village-owned buildings, public school facilities, medical facilities, commercial facilities and residential homes. A facility representative/resident should be available during the inspection to answer questions and provide access.

What Is a Cross Connection?

It is a connection between a drinking water pipe and another source which allows a contaminant to enter a drinking water supply. For example, a hose that is submerged in a pool, carwash bucket, bathtub, laundry bucket, or a pesticide sprayer connected to a garden hose, can all create a cross connection. Cross connections are generally unintentional, and can happen anywhere there is a water supply.

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VILLAGE TREE SALE

The Village will soon be ordering trees for the spring planting season. We encourage residents to start thinking about warmer weather and get in on the order to plant trees in your own yard. Take advantage of the great prices (pick-up and delivery provided by the Village). The order form is available on-line at: www.shorewood-hills.org/tree-order.pdf. **Prices and availability subject to change.**

If you have questions about “what to plant”, “where to plant”, or “how to plant”, please contact the Forester, Corey George, at 267-2680 or coreygeorge@shorewood-hills.org.

TIME FOR SPRING CLEANING!

The Village's spring cleanup event has been a great success over the past few years. We have scheduled the dates for this year. On Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 30, 31 and June 1 the Village will have two 30 yard dumpsters available outside the Public Works garage from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Bring items (not fit for donating or garage sales) that have been collecting over the winter or over the years and discard them once and for all. A Public Works truck will be available for recyclable metal items.

But we can't take everything. Certain materials are banned from landfills because of their toxicity. They require special disposal methods to prevent environmental damage. Some materials may not be toxic but are prohibited for other reasons. Some items are prohibited to encourage recycling. The Dane County Clean Sweep program (*see article on page 9*) may take some prohibited materials or the Village's waste hauler would be happy to discuss alternate methods of disposal for any of the items listed below. Please call Pellitteri Waste Systems at 257-4285.

Prohibited Materials:

- Appliances
- Asphalt Shingles
- Batteries
- Brush / Grass / Leaves
- Office Paper
- Cardboard / Boxes
- Computes / Monitors
- 30 & 55 Gallon Barrels / Drums
- Fluorescent Bulbs
- Light Fixtures
- Hazardous / Infectious Materials
- Oil & Oil Filters
- Paint
- Recyclables
- Sharps / Needles
- Tires
- Dirt / Brick / Concrete
- Asbestos



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What is Backflow?

Backflow is a reverse flow of undesirable materials or contaminants into the water supply. Examples of how pressure can drop in a water supply system, could be due to a water main break, or if there is high demand on a water main while fighting a fire. If pressure drops in a water supply system, there is a potential for unsafe substances to be siphoned or backflow, into your safe drinking water supply. If there is a cross connection between the customers' supply system and the public water system, and there are contaminants in a building's water supply system, the contaminated water in the building has a path to the water main. The possible sources of contamination are unlimited.

Installation of Protective Devices (Commercial/Residential)

Backflow prevention devices or assemblies will need to be installed where known unprotected cross connections exist, as required by DSPS Chapter SPS 382.41, at the owners' expense.

Public Education Program

Newsletters and brochures will be available to inform our water customers. Additional information may also be found on the Village's website and the following websites:

- www.backflownews.com
- www.hydrodesignsinc.com/wiccc

Questions or concerns regarding the Village's cross connection control program? Contact John Mitmoen at the Shorewood Hills Water Utility at (608) 267-2680 or e-mail: jmitmoen@shorewood-hills.org.

CLEAN SWEEP PROGRAM

The Dane County Clean Sweep Program operates a year-round facility located at 7102 US Hwy 12, Madison, WI 53718 (Beltline/12/18 East towards Cambridge) across from the Yahara Hills Golf Course at the Dane County Landfill.

Clean Sweep provides Dane County residents an opportunity to safely dispose of household hazardous materials such as oil-based paints, pesticides, poisons, organic solvents, ignitables, aerosols and rechargeable batteries. The program includes a Product Exchange area, where many high quality and usable products brought into Clean Sweep are made available to the public.

Clean Sweep is open Tuesdays through Fridays from 7:00 am to 2:45 pm and Saturdays from 8:00 am to 10:45 am. Closed Sundays, Mondays and Holidays. Leaving materials at the site when it is closed is illegal and can lead to a fine of \$2,000.

For more information on Clean Sweep go on-line to: <http://www.danecountycleansweep.com> or call the recorded information line at 243-0368.

BICYCLE LICENSES

The Shorewood Hills Police Department also has licenses for bicycles. Village code requires all bikes to be licensed. If your bike is lost, stolen or the police department finds an abandoned bike, it is much easier to find the owner if the bike has been registered.

Licenses are \$5.00 each and are good for three year. The fee may be pro-rated to \$4.00 or \$3.00 if the printed expiration date on the license is less than three years.

BIKE SAFETY RODEO

Eagle Heights Community Center

611 Eagle Heights, Madison

May 3, 2014 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am

Kids who participate must bring a helmet.

Helmets will be given away,

but on a first come first serve basis.

Sponsored by UWPD with the assistance of the Shorewood Hills Police Department

MEDDROP

Unwanted, unused prescriptions and over-the-counter medicines can be found in every household in the county. We know that it is not safe to keep unneeded medicines in the house. Children and others could accidentally take them. However, you should not flush medicines down the toilet or throw them in the trash, they can be bad for the environment (our water, our lakes and the animals in them). So, how should you get rid of your unused medicines? Bring them to MedDrop.

Every Dane County resident is just minutes away from a MedDrop box. 10 MedDrop box locations are open year-round for you to get rid of your unwanted medicines. The four drop box locations closest to Shorewood Hills are:

- UW Police Department: 1429 Monroe Street – Call 264-2677 for hours of operation.
- Middleton Police Department: 7341 Donna Drive – Available 24 hours in the lobby.
- Madison Police West District: 1710 McKenna Blvd – Available 8:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday-Friday.
- Fitchburg Police Department: 5520 Lacy Road – Available 7:30 am to 4:30 pm Monday-Friday

To dispose of medications in the MedDrop drop boxes, please put pills into plastic sealed bags and recycle the pill bottles at home. Liquids and creams should remain in their original containers.

Items you CAN dispose of:

- Prescription Medicine and Samples (pills, liquids and creams)
- Over-the-Counter Medicine and Vitamins (pills, liquids and creams)
- Medications for Pets
- Nebulizer Solution
- Inhalers

Items not accepted:

- Sharps, Epi-Pens or anything with a needle or lance
- IV Bags
- Oxygen Tanks
- Nebulizer Machines
- Thermometers

For more info and additions drop box locations, go to: www.safercommunity.net/meddrop.php

CRIME PREVENTION SAFETY TIPS

We know that Shorewood Hills is a great place to live, work, and visit. And while we have a very low crime rate, we do have crime. To help keep the crime rate low we are asking that you follow these easy safety tips:

- Secure all doors and windows in your home and vehicle at night and when away.
- Do not leave valuables or keys in your vehicle(s).



- Contact the U.S. Postal Service, newspaper delivery, and the Police Department when going out of town. A vacation check form can be found on the Village's website.
- Inform your neighbors when you will be away and have them check on your home.
- Leave lights on or buy light timers so others think you are home. Lighting is the most cost effective security you have.

- Remove or trim trees/shrubs that may hide windows to your home.
- Take pictures of valuables and serial numbers if the items have them.
- Contact the Police if you notice something out of place. The non-emergency number for the Police Department is 267-1110 (after regular business hours that number is answered by the Dane County Communication Center).



Thank you for helping us keep the Village a safe place to live.

– Shorewood Hills Police Department



2014 PARKING PERMITS

Avoid a ticket. Get a parking permit. Every street in the Village is in a one- or two-hour restricted parking district (Monday-Friday, 8-5). The Police Department has recently been issuing more tickets than usual for resident vehicles parked on the street without a current permit (please note that at the Board meeting on March 17 the Trustees increased the parking ticket fine to \$40).

Parking permits allow residents to park on residential streets within 100 yards of their home for periods exceeding the posted restrictions. Parking permits expire on December 31 each year. Please stop by the Police Department at the Village Hall to obtain 2014 Shorewood Hills Parking Permit sticker(s). There is no charge for the first sticker per household. Additional stickers are \$5.00 each.

The Police Department has temporary parking permits available if you have guests or contract workers who will be parking on the residential street in front of your house for more hours than the posted restrictions.

SHOREWOOD SUMMER BASKETBALL

The Shorewood Hills Youth Basketball Program is open to all area boys and girls entering grades 1 through 6. The program will teach the fundamentals of shooting, dribbling, passing, and defense in a six week span (June 16-July 23). For more information and to register on-line go to: www.shorewood-hills.org/recreation.htm or you can fill out the on-line form at the Village Hall. Please contact Alex Young at ajyoung90@gmail.com if you have any questions.

BASKETBALL INSTRUCTORS NEEDED

The Shorewood Basketball Program is looking for basketball instructors ages 14 and up! Counselors should have a background in basketball. Counselors should also have good leadership and communication skills and a love for working with kids! The camp will meet twice a week in the evening from June 16-July 23. Fill out an application at: www.shorewood-hills.org/forms.htm Please contact Alex Young at ajyoung90@gmail.com with questions.

WORD OF THE WOODS

ADOPT-AN-ASH PROGRAM

Emerald ash borer (EAB) is an exotic beetle that has killed millions of ash trees and has now been found in Madison. The good news is that there is a treatment available to protect trees from EAB. If you would like to help save ash trees in the Village, please consider adopting an ash tree in your neighborhood or in one of the Shorewood Hills Parks.



The Village will be working with a contractor who will administer treatments in the spring (shortly after leaf-out). Colored tape has been wrapped around public ash trees in the Village and we are currently in the process of identifying which trees are good candidates for treatment.

- Yellow tape indicates an ash is a potential candidate for treatment.
- Red tape means the tree will be removed.
- Blue tape indicates the ash has been adopted and therefore will be treated in the spring.

Do you have an ash tree in your neighborhood or on your property that you would like to save? To be effective, treatment must be continued over time. The cost of the treatments will be \$8 per inch diameter of the tree every two years for as long as the tree is healthy. Contact the Forester, Corey George at coreygeorge@shorewood-hills.org or 267-2680 to discuss adopting an ash or contributing toward EAB treatments in the Village. Corey also has information on contract services to treat ash trees on private property.

EMERALD ASH BORER FOUND IN MADISON

The Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection has confirmed EAB in Madison. The find was on a private property on the north side of Madison (near Warner Park). Madison and other communities in Dane County have been anticipating the arrival of EAB for years and preparing for it.

BACKGROUND ON THE EMERALD ASH BORER

EAB is an exotic pest from Asia that has killed over 50 million ash trees in the US and Canada since its accidental introduction in the 1990s. The potential damage from this beetle rivals that of Dutch elm disease and chestnut blight. All North American ash species (green ash, white ash, black ash and blue ash) are susceptible. For more information go to: <http://www.emeraldashborer.info>

WHAT IS THE POTENTIAL IMPACT? HOW MANY ASH TREES DO WE HAVE IN VOSH?

In 2008, the Village had approximately 415 public ash trees. In the last 5 years we've reduced that number to 320 (169 park trees and 151 street trees). The total public tree population in Shorewood Hills is 6,565. Ash trees (green ash and white ash) make up about 5% of that total. In addition to our public ash trees, 970 ash trees were counted on private property (2008). Note that many of the private ash trees had a trunk diameter less < than 5" and were self seeded.

These are significant numbers but compared to most other communities, Shorewood Hills is in great shape. Forestry guidelines recommend no more than 10% of any one species in a community forest. Currently, there are no species in Shorewood Hills that comprise over 10% of our public tree population. All ash trees combined (green ash and white ash species) make up only 4.9% of the public tree population. Many communities throughout the state and around the country have 15-30% of their urban forests comprised of ash.

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The City of Madison, for example, has approximately 21,700 ash trees, which is about 20% of their street tree population.

WHAT CAN YOU DO AS A HOMEOWNER?

- **Educate yourself** – Find out if you have ash trees on your property or in the Village right-of-way. Know the signs and symptoms of EAB. Go to: [Emerald Ash Borer info for Homeowners](#)
- **Report signs or symptoms of EAB** to the Village Forester at the Village Hall
- **Protect your ash** – Go to: [UW Homeowners Guide to EAB Insecticide Treatments](#)
- **Don't move firewood** - Follow the [Firewood Movement in Wisconsin Guidelines](#).
- **Participate in the Adopt-an-Ash program** – Fund the treatment of a public ash tree that you enjoy/admire.

ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

Friday, April 25, 2014 at 1:00 pm at the Shorewood Hills Elementary School – This will be the ninth consecutive year planting trees with 4th & 5th grade students. Village residents are urged to come celebrate Arbor Day and help sustain our community forest. If you would like to volunteer, make a donation toward the trees we will be planting, or would like more information, please contact the Village Forester, Corey George at 267-2680 or by e-mail at: coreygeorge@shorewood-hills.org.



2012: Village Forester with SHES Students

Oak Tree Pruning and Oak Wilt – Please **DO NOT** prune oak trees after **April 1**. **Village ordinance prohibits pruning or removal of oak trees between April 1 and October 1**. Warmer weather means the beetles that carry the oak wilt fungus may be active. Any open wound in your oak tree from pruning can attract these beetles. The same concept applies to American elm and Dutch elm disease.



Garlic Mustard in the Spring

Garlic Mustard Season is Upon Us – A friendly reminder to residents that garlic mustard is a ‘Noxious Weed’ and **must be removed from all properties within the Village**. If not removed, the Village has the legal authority to have the plant removed at the property owner’s expense.

Garlic Mustard Disposal – Garlic mustard plants that are pulled **must be placed in clear plastic bags**. Dispose of the bags by:

- Placing the sealed bags in your trash cart or...
- Putting the sealed bag on top of your trash cart or...
- Depositing the sealed bags into one of the Village trash dumpsters at the Fire Station, the Village Hall, or Pool/Community Center.



Garlic Mustard in the Spring

If you choose to use an herbicide like ‘ROUND-UP,’ it is best to spray in April when the plants are young. Spraying plants that are already flowering is not as effective and the plant will most likely still go to seed. Spraying early also reduces the chances of killing desirable plants that have not emerged yet.

SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAMS

The calendar says it is now Spring and the snow is finally starting to melt. It is time to focus on some of the Village's summer recreation programs including Tennis, Adult & Junior Golf and Basketball. On-line registration forms are available on the Village's website at: <http://www.shorewood-hills.org/recreation.htm> or you can fill out the on-line form at the counter at the Village Hall.

You can also reserve a plot in the Community Gardens or sign up for the Canoe/Kayak Share program. Additionally, Pool membership packets were recently mailed to prior year members. Go to the Pool website for new resident membership information: <http://www.shorewoodpool.com>.

ADULT GOLF PROGRAM

The Shorewood Hills Adult Golf Program for 2014 will be conducted at Blackhawk Country Club, in a similar fashion as last year, on two Monday mornings in the months of May, June and July. The specific dates will be May 5, May 12, June 2, June 9, July 14 and July 21. Residents will have the opportunity to select one, two, four or all six sessions in which to participate.

Each participant will receive instruction in the game of golf from Matt Hartman, the head golf pro at Blackhawk Country Club, and have an opportunity to practice what they learned by playing 9 or 18 holes of golf prior to noon on the program dates listed above. Beginners are welcome.

Group lessons will be scheduled at either 7:00 am or 8:30 am. The cost will be either: 1) \$30 for 1 session; 2) \$55 for 2 sessions; 3) \$100 for 4 sessions; or 4) \$150 for all 6 sessions.

The cost includes instruction from a PGA Pro, range balls, range ball clean up and the cost of golf after instruction (motorized cart extra). The on-line registration form is available at: <http://www.shorewood-hills.org/recreation.htm> or you can fill out the on-line form at the counter at the Village Hall. The deadline for registration is May 2.

The program provides a wonderful opportunity for Village residents to learn and enjoy the game of golf in a beautiful setting. If you have any questions, please contact the Adult Golf Coordinator, Win Sager at 220-5833 or winsager@gmail.com.



TENNIS PROGRAM

The Shorewood Hills Summer Tennis Program is a 7 week program offering instruction in a progressive, focused style that emphasizes fun. There are classes for all ages and skill levels.

The season kicks off with an Open House on June 13 so you can meet the staff. Classes start on June 16 and go through August 1. Registration is on a first come, first served basis. The registration form is available on-line at: <http://www.shorewood-hills.org/recreation.htm> or you can fill out the on-line form at the front counter at the Village Hall. The registration deadline is **May 16, 2014** but classes fill up quickly, so consider registering early.

JUNIOR GOLF PROGRAM

The Shorewood Hills Junior Golf Program for 2014 will be conducted at Blackhawk Country Club in combination with the Club members' Junior Golf Program again this year. The synergies resulting from combining the programs has maximized resources and saved resident juniors money.

The combined Junior Golf program will start in June after school is out on Wednesday mornings. Participant fees are \$125. Parent / Adult walkers are required. All participants must have their own equipment.

The registration form is available on the Village's website: www.shorewood-hills.org/recreation.htm or you can fill out the on-line form at the counter at the Village Hall. The deadline to register is **Wednesday, June 11, 2014**.

COMMUNITY GARDENS

A few warmer days have hinted at spring. Preparations for the 2014 gardening season are under way. Village residents are again invited to grow vegetables and flowers in a beautiful setting at Post Farm Park (directly north of the community center and pool). A small rental fee is charged for each plot. Our Community Garden provides a great opportunity to garden in a group environment with friendly neighbors. If you're a new gardener, neighbors will help you get started. If the weather cooperates, the gardens will open on May 1.

The Community Garden consists of 59 large (20' x 20') "annual" plots and 23 small (10' x 10') "perennial" plots. The large annual plots are tilled before the normal growing season. The smaller perennial plots are not tilled and are intended for multi-season, early or late crops. Maintenance of garden plots is the responsibility of the assigned gardener. The Village provides water, compost, and wood chips on site.

The application form and governing rules for the Community Garden are on-line at: www.shorewoodhills.org/gardens.htm or you can fill out the on-line form at the counter at the Village Hall. It is important that all applicants read the rules to avoid misunderstandings during the season. Questions? Please contact Peter Fisher at fishergalloway@gmail.com or 236-4400.

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PROGRESSIVE DINNER

Saturday, May 3, 2014 beginning at 6:00 pm

What:

- Begin the evening enjoying hors d'oeuvres and wine at the home of Linda Bochert and David Hanson (1525 Sumac Drive) at 6:00 pm.
- Move on to dinner at the home of neighbors hosting eight guests each (homes will be assigned by lottery). A vegetarian entrée is available. Wine will be served with dinner.
- We are looking for volunteer dinner homes. The League will provide a generous budget to prepare the meal and will supply the wine.
- **In year's past, we ended the evening at a host home for dessert. We are still looking for a volunteer home to host dessert.**

Who:

- All adult Village residents are invited to attend.
- This is a wonderful opportunity to meet or reconnect with your neighbors.
- This is *not* a couples-only event! It is great fun with or without an accompanying spouse or partner.

How to Reserve:

- Attendance is strictly limited to 80 people, so ensure your spot by mailing your reservation form along with a check for \$40 per person as soon as possible.
- Reservations will be made on a first-come, first-served basis. Final deadline is **Monday, April 28, 2014**.

RSVP FOR THE PROGRESSIVE DINNER

Saturday, May 3, 2014

Number attending: _____ Name(s): _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail address: _____

Please indicate number of persons in your party requiring the vegetarian option: _____



Mail registration form by April 28, along with a check made to the Shorewood Hills League for \$40 per person to: Jessica DeVito, 939 University Bay Drive, Madison, WI 53705.

How would you like to be involved with planning the Progressive Dinner?

- Hosting and preparing dinner at my home: Host 8 people (including yourself) for the dinner portion of the evening.
- I am interested in helping with preparing appetizers and desserts.

GARDEN CLUB EVENTS

Mark your calendar for April 10th
ANNUAL GARDEN CLUB DINNER – 6:00 PM

Followed by a lecture at 7:00 pm – “*Perspectives on our Changing Climate: From the Past to the Future, from the World to Wisconsin*” – John Kutzbach, Village resident and Professor Emeritus of Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences and Environmental Studies Center for Climate Research, UW-Madison, and member of the National Academy of Sciences.

Save the Date:
PLANT & MULCH SALE
Saturday, May 10, 2014 from 9:00 am to noon

The annual plant sale is a great opportunity to purchase plants that really grow in Shorewood Hills conditions! Tried and true specimens! The popular cocoa mulch will be available too.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

SERVICES

Green Acres Lawn Service – Now is the time to sign up for spring yard cleanup, lawn mowing, fertilizer and weed control programs, lawn aeration, shredded bark mulch sales and spreading, gutter and downspout cleaning, sidewalk and driveway edging, bush pruning and tree work. Free estimates, fully insured. Call Rob at 831-8050 or e-mail rkuster@chorus.net

Sailing Season Prep – Sailing instructor available to help with pre-season boat prep and in-season work for periodic sailing. JimRogers111@gmail.com

Guitar Lessons – Located in the Village. Over 15 years teaching experience. References upon request. Sign up now for a free interview lesson. Contact Aaron Katcher at 608-661-0226 or visit <http://katcherinc.com> for more information.

Get Organized – Shorewood Hills resident assisting with organizing your stuff. For a garage sale/Goodwill, “that room,” your office papers, your computer. Don’t stress. Just get it done before summer fun. Free initial consult. References. JimRogers111@gmail.com

FOR RENT

House for Rent – Columbia Road for 2014-2015 academic year. 5 bedrooms, 3 baths. Walk to UW Hospital and Shorewood Hills Elementary School. \$2,800. Contact Laura (lschechter@wisc.edu) for more details.

LEAGUE BULLETIN ADVERTISING POLICY

The Shorewood Hills Community League Bulletin accepts ads from Village residents and businesses. The League 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.

The Village staff manages the Bulletin advertising program for the League. If you would like to place an ad, contact **David Sykes** at: dsykes@shorewood-hills.org. Commercial ads are 50¢ per word. Other resident ads are 30¢ per word. Residents under the age of 18 may place ads at 10¢ per word. Deliver payment to the Village Hall, 810 Shorewood Blvd, Madison, WI 53705. Checks should be made out to: Village of Shorewood Hills (or VoSH).

The Bulletin is published monthly. Ads are due by the 15th of each month. The League and the Village are not responsible for, nor do they endorse, the services advertised.

We mourn the loss of

Martha (Volk) Reinke – Former Sweetbriar Road resident
Ernelle Rothe – Circle Close resident
Dr. William Young – Wellesley Road resident
Jerrold (Jerry) Gross – Tally Ho Lane resident

The League would like to acknowledge births and deaths of Village residents. Please help by notifying Susy Cranley at 695-7763 or susycranley@charter.net with such information.