



The Village Bulletin

The Village of Shorewood Hills

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Shorewood Hills Community League Bulletin

PROPOSED CHANGES TO U BAY FIELDS AND VILLAGE RESPONSE

The University of Wisconsin–Madison is considering major changes to the University Bay playing fields immediately adjacent to the corporate boundaries of the Village and the College Hills residential neighborhood. Most if not all aspects of the plan are of great concern to the Village due the adverse environmental, social and economic impacts it will have. The plan includes designated baseball, softball, lacrosse, and football fields, artificial turf, fencing, lighting, concession areas and parking lots. To look at the entire rec sport master plan including U Bay fields follow this link <http://uwmadisonrecsports.wordpress.com/>

The Village is paying close attention to this development and is engaged in the process on a number of fronts that are briefly outlined as follows:

- The project is in the City of Madison and will most likely require a condi-

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

MARCH

3	Pool Committee	7:00 pm
6	Board of Zoning Appeals	5:30 pm
10	Municipal Court (Traffic)	5:00 pm
10	Parks Committee	5:30 pm
10	Public Works Committee	7:00 pm
11	Plan Commission	7:00 pm
12	Finance Committee	5:30 pm
17	Board of Trustees	7:00 pm
23	Candidates Forum	3:00 pm to 4:30 pm

APRIL

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

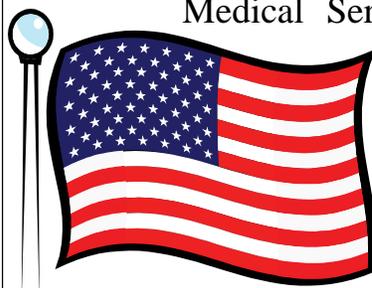
*** The calendar includes all meetings and dates submitted at the time of publication
*** Meeting dates/times are subject to change. Check with the Village Hall or the committee chair.*

MARCH - APRIL 2014



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 we will need help this year, if these activities are to continue.

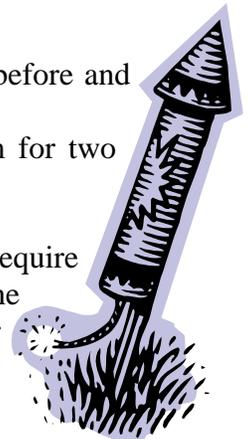
Kids' Games – We would like a small group of people to adopt the little kid games (for kids 1st grade and below). It would be nice to generate some new ideas for these games (we have usually had 4 different games), and get some volunteers to run the games for about an hour after the parade. We can help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



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 memberships 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 additional 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 and 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. *Increase Village residents' ability to purchase daily passes from 5/person to 10/person (If a Village resident seeks membership after the pool reaches capacity, they 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 pool that thrives without tax subsidy.

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

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

Attendance – Ms. Borisy-Rudin was excused.

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 January **Caucus**, **Regular** and **Special Joint** meetings and a Street Use Permit for The Kurt event on June 21, 2014.

Ordinance L-2014-1 – The Board agreed to waive the third (final) reading and approved **ordinance L-2014-1** adopting the City of Madison Fire Code per the contract for service agreement. Section 4 of the ordinance is a substantial addition providing outside law enforcement agencies the authority to write municipal citations into the Shorewood Hills Court. The major impetus for this addition is an upcoming regional police saturation program to enforce operating vehicles while intoxicated laws.

Resolution R-2014-1 – The Board unanimously approved **resolution R-2014-1** recognizing and thanking Public Works Crew Chief Denny Lybeck for his years of service to the Village and wishing him well in his retirement.

Resolution R-2014-2 – The Board unanimously approved **resolution R-2014-2** thanking Dan Thompson for his years of service as Executive Director of the League of Wisconsin Municipalities.

Consider Park Bank for Village banking services – The Board unanimously approved the Finance Committee and staff recommendation to switch banking services to Park Bank which will soon open an office in the Village at Walnut Grove. The move should save the Village money, increase returns, provide for better insured investment options and give the Village a higher level of service including remote deposit at no cost.

Consider PILOT with RMH and proposed expansion – The Board discussed a payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) with the Ronald McDonald House and how it may affect TID #3 and the Village tax base.

Consider accepting bids for ditch bike path project – The Board unanimously accepted a bid from Janke General Contractors in the amount of \$142,574 for the ditch cleanout portion of the project. The landscaping part of the project was awarded to Voegeli Landscaping in the amount of \$191,438. The Village has received grant money to cover a significant portion of the cost and the project is TID eligible.

Consider policy related to closure of pool memberships – Pool Manager Erik Johnson explained the rationale and policy for closing memberships for residents and non-residents alike when the pool reaches capacity. Physical space and programming limits (swim lessons, water aerobics, etc.) are the main issues for capping memberships. The Pool Committee discussed balancing the needs of Village residents with the necessity to put a limit on membership. The policy being recommended would include an increase in the number of daily passes available to residents from 5 to 10 and August memberships would be open to all residents. The challenge will be to inform residents of this change. Staff will include reminders in membership materials, on the Pool and Village's website and via "blast" e-mails as the pool application deadline approaches (*see article on page 3*). The Board unanimously approved the policy.

Consider action related to proposed U Bay fields expansion – The Board discussed the special meeting held January 28, 2014 with UW personnel and the issues related to the proposed development of the recreational fields along University Bay Drive. The Plan Commission and Board will keep the U Bay field expansion as a standing item on the agenda for future meetings.

Consider course of action on hire of new Public Works Chief – The Board unanimously approved the Personnel Committee's recommendation to post the Public Works Crew Chief position internally and maintain a five person crew by combining the Village's half-time custodian with a half-time crew laborer position. Recruitment for the Crew Chief position will begin soon. This change will reduce Village staffing by 0.5 FTE.

Review and consider changes to recreation program fee reimbursement – The Board deferred action on

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this item until Ms. Borisy-Rudin was in attendance.

Consider approval of Village computer upgrades and migration of email to the cloud – Staff updated the Board on the current status of the Village’s main file server and e-mail exchange server. The Board unanimously approved the proposed server upgrade project based on an estimate of \$24,210 and the migration of the Village’s e-mail service to a cloud based provider for an estimated \$8,600.

Closed Session – The Board decided not to go into closed session to discuss the progress of the lease negotiations with Blackhawk Country Club. Meetings are scheduled for February 25 and February 26. The first meeting will be the Blackhawk Task Force in preparation for the second meeting which will include members of the Country Club’s negotiating team.

Village President’s Report – Mr. Sundquist updated the Board on a meeting with Madison Metro regarding the Village’s potential increased share of mass transit costs. He also reported on a meeting with the Badger Aquatics Club and Blackhawk Country Club regarding the potential for a year-round pool project at the Country Club.

Village Administrator’s Report – Mr. Frantz updated the Board on the proposed Oak Park Place project at the Pyare Square property. The developer has provided the Village with updated financial information in order to evaluate the tax increment financing request. The issue may be ready for Board consideration in March.

Parks Committee – Mr. Ridders reported on the Village Forester’s Adopt-an-Ash program. The cost of treating ash trees against Emerald Ash Borer is less than originally estimated. The Board seemed interested in developing a funding mechanism to treat public Village ash trees (*see the Word of the Woods on page 11*).

Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm.

SHOREWOOD HILLS POOL EMPLOYMENT

The Shorewood Hills Pool will be hiring for several positions including checkers, concession, lifeguards, lesson instructors, assistant managers, master’s instructors, water ballet instructors, and swim team/dive team coaches. Applications are available now on the Pool’s website at: <http://www.shorewoodpool.com> (click on ‘Employment’ at the bottom of the page) or stop by the Village Hall. The assured application consideration date is Friday, February 28, 2014 but positions will be filled as qualified applicants are identified. Please see the application for additional information and job specific requirements.

DPW SUMMER CREW HIRING

The Village’s Department of Public Works is seeking applicants for the position of Summer Crew Member. Duties include assisting the Village Crew with cutting grass, collecting yard waste, painting cross walks, and many other outside activities. Applicants should be 18 years of age or older.

Interested applicants can find the Village’s general employment application on-line at: <http://www.shorewood-hills.org/forms.htm> or stop by the Village Hall. Application deadline: **Tuesday, April 15, 2014**. For more info contact the Village Hall at 267-2680.

Daylight Savings Time Begins Sunday, March 9, 2014
Spring forward one hour at 2:00 am

Next Bulletin Deadline: Monday, March 17, 2014

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tional use permit. The Village is familiar with City zoning regulations/process and is in contact with City elected officials and staff. The Village is prepared to engage the City. City officials are being provided information on the project on a regular basis. The conditional use process includes opportunity for public input. The Village will be prepared to comment and will also let Village residents know when meetings are scheduled. It could be a matter of months or it could be years before this project gets to the stage of City approvals.

- Part of the City process will take the project before the City Joint West Campus Committee for a recommendation to the City Plan Commission. The Village has three representatives on the Committee. Joint West was provided a preliminary overview of the project and the Village made its concerns known at that meeting.
- There is no timetable on when this project may come before Joint West for recommendation. The Committee will be provided the minutes from the recent Village meeting discussed and linked below.
- The Village Board has authorized Village planning consultant Ben Zellers to assist as needed.
- The Village held a public meeting of the Board of Trustees and Plan Commission that was well publicized. UW presented the plan to approximately 100 attendees who gave verbal and written comments as well as heard responses from UW officials. Minutes from that meeting are available on-line at: http://www.shorewood-hills.org/bot/minutes/min_140128_special.pdf.
- This matter is now also a standing item on all Village Board and Plan Commission agendas.
- The University has indicated that this project will require an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and is intending to pursue at least a preliminary EIA in the short term due in part to the many concerns they have heard. This is a change from what we had heard before. The Village is evaluating how to best involve itself in that process and will also keep the residents informed about public comment and participation opportunities that will arise as part of the EIA process.
- Village residents are engaging in the process in different ways with many also having a relationship with the University at some level. The Village will, in any way it can, assist and inform residents who are involved or wish to become involved.
- The Director of University Community Relations has reached out to the Village and is considering whether there may be a way for the Village and University to work together on the project to help come to a satisfactory conclusion for both parties.

Please do not hesitate to contact Village Administrator Karl Frantz (kfrantz@shorewood-hills.org or 267-2680) if you have questions about this issue.

SPRING ELECTION

Polls for the Spring Election on **Tuesday, April 1, 2014** will be open at the Village Hall from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm. The Municipal Judge, three Trustees seats, judicial races and a county supervisor seat will be on the ballot. For details on current election rules and absentee voting, see below.



VILLAGE CANDIDATES FORUM

The Shorewood Hills Community League is sponsoring a Candidates Forum on Sunday afternoon, March 23, 2014. You are invited to ask questions of the candidates for Trustee and Municipal Judge and hear their opinions about the governance and future of the Village.

The Forum will be held at the Village Hall from 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm. It will be moderated by a representative of the Wisconsin League of Women Voters. Refreshments will be offered.



VOTER REGISTRATION FOR NEW RESIDENTS

New residents, please note that the voting location for all residents of Shorewood Hills is the Village Hall at 810 Shorewood Boulevard. To be eligible to vote in the Village, you must be registered here. To do that prior to the April 1, 2014 election, please complete and return the voter registration form that you received in your New Resident Packet. Alternately, the form can be found on the Village website at <http://www.shorewood-hills.org/forms.htm#vote> or stop by the Village Hall. If you have any questions about registering or voting in Shorewood Hills, please call the Clerk's office at 267-2680. Welcome to the Village! We look forward to seeing you at the polls.

CURRENT WISCONSIN ELECTION LAWS

The Village's goal is for all eligible Shorewood Hills voters to be able to cast a ballot and have that ballot counted. Please contact the Village Hall (267-2680) if you have any questions after reading the information listed below.

Voter Registration – You must reside at your Shorewood Hills address for 28 consecutive days to be eligible to register to vote in the Village. A copy of the voter registration form may be downloaded from the Village website at <http://www.shorewood-hills.org/forms.htm#vote> or stop by Village Hall Monday through Friday, from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm to register. It is possible to register at the polls on Election Day—be sure to bring proof of your residency in the Village with you on Election Day. Common proofs of residency, among others, include a WI driver's license, a utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, government document, or lease in your name at your Village address.

Absentee Voting – In-person absentee voting at the Village Hall is restricted to the two weeks before an election. Absentee voting on the day before an election is prohibited. In-person absentee voting therefore ends at 5:00 pm on the Friday before the election. For the April 1, 2014 election, the in-person voting period will be Monday, March 17 through Friday, March 28. You must be registered in order to obtain a ballot.

Absentee Ballot Requests – The absentee ballot application form may be downloaded from the Village website at <http://www.shorewood-hills.org/forms.htm#vote>. The completed form may be faxed to the Village Hall (608-266-5929); e-mailed to: cokie@shorewood-hills.org; mailed to or dropped off at the Village Hall at 810 Shorewood Boulevard, Madison, WI 53705. You must be registered to vote in order to receive a ballot. An absentee ballot request can be made now and ballots will be mailed out independent of the two week in-person absentee voting period. The deadline to request an absentee ballot to be mailed is the Thursday before the election (March 27). A ballot postmarked by Election Day (April 1) and received at Village Hall by the Friday after the election (April 4) will be counted. However we would prefer that all absentee ballots were returned to Village Hall by Election Day. Those ballots then can be counted with the other Election Day votes and included in the totals reported that evening.

Photo Identification – The requirement to show a photo ID when voting has been suspended for now by court injunction.

Signing the Poll Book – All voters must sign the poll book in order to obtain a ballot. The poll book contains a signature block for each voter. Anyone using a fictitious signature will be required to re-sign the book before he/she will be allowed to vote. Voters unable to sign the poll book because of a disability are exempt from this requirement. If this applies to you, simply tell the Election Officials that you are unable to sign because of a disability. You do not need to disclose the nature of your disability to the Election Officials or to any observers. Election Officials will write “exempt by order of inspectors” in your signature block.



CANDIDATE STATEMENTS



MARILYN TOWNSEND

I currently serve as the Judge for the Shorewood Hills municipal court, and ask for your vote on April 1. The court hears and decides cases, including first offense OWI citations, other traffic offenses, retail theft, and offenses involving juveniles. I encourage and welcome residents to observe court proceedings.

For most individuals who appear in municipal court, it is their first exposure to the judicial system. A substantial number come from other countries, and some require interpreters. I take whatever time is necessary at the initial appearance stage, to explain the offenses and the possible penalties.

Juveniles present special challenges. I believe it is critical that underage alcohol violators undergo alcohol assessment and counseling. I also consider community service. For example, one juvenile volunteering at a food pantry and cut grass at his church. He was required to report back on a monthly basis.

My husband Fred Wade and I moved to the Village in 1987, where we raised our three children. As a full time attorney, I represent employees and unions in matters arising under labor and employment laws. I'm also president of the Legal Association for Women, and serve as a volunteer attorney for the Unemployment Compensation Clinic.



DAVE BENFORADO

It's been an honor to serve on the Village Board for the last ten years, and I again seek your vote for Trustee.

I've worked with other Trustees, Committee members, residents and Village staff to make the Village a better place. I currently Chair the Finance Committee, serve on the Plan Commission, and have served on other Committees including Communications, Personnel, Public Health and Safety, Public Works, and Services. My wife Carolyn and I have lived in the Village since 1993.

The most important issue for the Village is the continual challenge to preserve the high level of services to residents while keeping taxes and fees as low as we can. Other important issues in the near term include growing the Village tax base through sound development in TID #3 on the east end and TID #4 on the west end, the UW's plan for the University Bay Drive soccer fields, renegotiating a lease with the Blackhawk Country Club, and completing our road and underground infrastructure reconstruction program.

A critical part of understanding and addressing Village issues is your participation. Please attend Village Board and Committee meetings to let us know your thoughts on particular issues. Please vote April 1!

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS



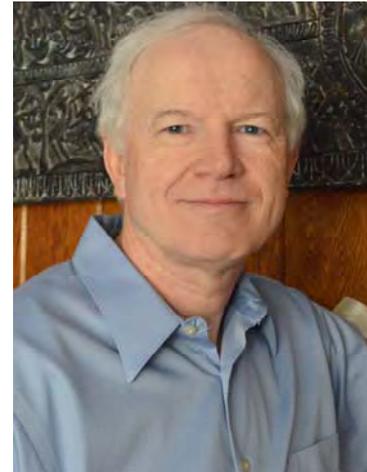
JOHN IMES

It has been an honor and privilege to serve as your Village Trustee. Over the past two years, we've seen many changes, including how Fire and EMS services are provided and major redevelopments that brought us new residents. I've worked effectively with the Board and with staff as Chair of the Personnel Committee to find greater efficiencies while providing high-quality services for Village residents. Despite state imposed budget challenges, our tax rate is among the lowest in Dane County, while our fund balance is higher and our labor expense lower than expected for a community our size.

And with my recent appointment to the Joint West Campus Area Committee, I'll work to keep the U-Bay fields as flexible open space, protecting natural features and minimizing adverse impacts to nearby residents.

It was a time of change for the Imes family as well, with a new home on Edgehill that provides much needed space for our family of six (and a dog), one that showcases green built features while capturing 100% of rooftop run-off with rainwater recovery and native landscaping.

With change comes opportunity and responsibility. Working together, we can keep the Village a special place for generations to come.



MARK LEDERER

My spouse Sue, our daughter Emma and golden retriever Ginger have lived for about 6 years at the corner of Edgehill Parkway and Sumac Drive. Sue teaches at the medical school and Emma is a sophomore at West. Having served as the CFO of a large not-for-profit trust for several decades, I'm now a general partner in a real estate concern. In the Village I am a member of the Public Safety and Health Committee. I feel called to serve by my curious nature and the pervasive spirit of volunteerism and nonpartisanship in our community.

In large part the quality of life in the Village is high because of the efforts of many residents and staff who labor to keep it so. Change is inevitable, but it need not detract from the many simple pleasures and conveniences of life here. Madison now provides several essential services and redevelopment is ongoing on several fronts. As much as they pose challenges to local control, character and solitude, I view them as opportunities to further safeguard and enrich the lives of the residents here. As a trustee, I would strive to preserve the Village character and enhance the benefits from our special location.

Please note that Denise Runde has withdrawn from the race. Her name will appear on the April ballot but she is not seeking election.

LAND REC

The Land Recreation Program is ready for a busy summer in 2014! Land Rec is an eight-week summer program. Children who are age 7 (by September 1) through age 11 (entering sixth grade) and who live in Shorewood Hills, Eagle Heights or University Houses are eligible to participate. Also, any child who does not live in these areas but was a student in grades one through five at Shorewood Hills Elementary School in 2014 may participate.

The program is from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm, Monday through Friday at the Heiden Haus (at the southern end of the Shorewood Hills School grounds). Activities include games, arts, crafts, sports, field trips, and supervised playground activities. The program is cancelled for the afternoon in case of rain or heat advisory.

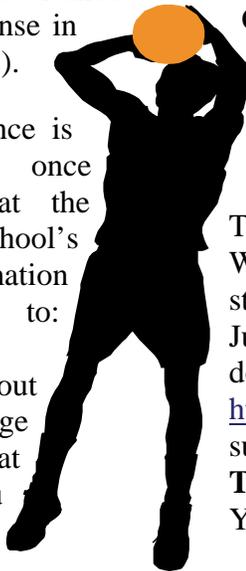
Land Rec consists of 2 sessions: Monday, June 16 to Friday, July 11 and Monday, July 14 to Friday, August 8. Children are enrolled by the session, and may enroll in either or both sessions. The cost per session is \$120. Space is limited. Applications and payment must be submitted no later than **Friday, March 14, 2014**. Later applicants will be admitted as space permits. Enrollment will be closed once all spaces are full. Applications submitted after the March 14 deadline should include a \$25 late fee. If you have questions, please contact David McEvoy at 917-519-1448 / davidm65@yahoo.com or Peter Wickman at 284-2092 / drmwvr32@yahoo.com.

SUMMER BASKETBALL

Registration deadline: May 1, 2014

The Shorewood Hills Youth Basketball Program is back in 2014! It is open to all area students 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).

No previous basketball experience is required! Each class meets once per week in the evening at the Shorewood Hills Elementary School's outdoor court. 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! The Shorewood Youth Summer Basketball Program is now hiring counselors for the annual basketball camp at the Shorewood Hills Elementary School's outdoor court.

Counselors should have a background in basketball, including the fundamentals of dribbling, shooting, passing, and defense. The camp is for students entering grades 1-6 so counselors should also have good leadership and communication skills and a love for working with kids!

The camp will meet twice a week on Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm for six weeks starting Monday, June 16, 2014 and ending Wednesday, July 23, 2014. A General Employment Application can be downloaded from the Village's website at: <http://www.shorewood-hills.org/forms.htm> and should be submitted to the Shorewood Hills Village Hall before **Thursday, May 1, 2014**. Questions? Please contact Alex Young at ajyoung90@gmail.com.

FOUR CORNERS CAMP 2014

Camper registration is due by **Friday, March 14, 2014**. For more information and to register, go to: <http://www.shorewood-hills.org/recreation.htm> or stop by the Village Hall.

Applications for Camp Director and Counselor positions are due by **Friday, March 7, 2014**. The application form is available on line at: <http://www.shorewood-hills.org/forms.htm> or at the Village Hall. Interviews will be held on Saturday, March 15, 2014. In exceptional circumstances, telephone interviews may be arranged.

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). Yellow 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.

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 SHOREWOOD HILLS DOING ABOUT EAB?

The Village has been taking steps to prepare for EAB since 2003. The Village has not planted any ash trees on public property since 2003. In 2007, we applied for and received an urban forestry grant from the Wisconsin

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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.

Orders are due by Monday, March 31, 2014

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Department of Natural Resources to develop an 'EAB Readiness Plan'. In 2008, we received another grant to begin implementing that plan. Some of this grant money was used to update our public tree inventory and get more accurate data on our ash tree population. In addition to our public tree inventory, Shorewood Hills was the first community in Wisconsin to complete an inventory of ash trees on private property.

An ash tree reduction program was implemented in 2008. The initial priority was removal of ash trees in poor condition, under power lines, impacted by street reconstruction or other infrastructure maintenance projects. To offset the potential for significant canopy loss in Shorewood Hills, our replanting efforts have doubled and an emphasis was made to increase species diversity.

In 2009, the Village's tree ordinance was revised to allow more efficient management of EAB on private property. In 2011, the Village applied for and received another grant to specifically address the University Avenue area. Like many streets in the Madison area, green ash was the dominant species on University Avenue. Major reconstruction was already taking place on the avenue so we decided to start replacing some of the ash with other tree species. Last but not least, grant funding has also been used to educate and train staff on how to identify and prepare for EAB and provide public education and awareness to residents.

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. 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.

PARKS / FORESTRY ASSISTANT

The Village is seeking enthusiastic people with a good work ethic to join our Parks staff this summer. The Parks/Forestry Assistants' primary responsibilities include planting and maintaining trees, shrubs, and flowers in Village parks, garden triangles and along Village streets, plus the removal of invasive plants in parks and other Village green space under the direction of the Forester. Plant care experience and a desire to seek a career in Natural Resource Management are preferred. The seasonal employment period is mid-May through the end of August.

General employment applications are available on-line at www.shorewood-hills.org/application.pdf or at the Village Hall. The deadline for submittal is **Friday, March 28, 2014**. If you have questions contact Village Forester Corey George at: coreygeorge@shorewood-hills.org or 267-2680.

BLACKHAWK COUNTRY CLUB WINTER PRIVILEGES

The winter season is a good time for Village residents to enjoy Blackhawk Country Club. The current lease agreement with the Village allows residents certain uses of the Blackhawk Country Club Clubhouse and the surrounding grounds. Some of the uses permitted under the lease include the following:

Social Membership Privilege – Residents may apply for a social membership in the Club with the customary initiation fee waived and they will receive a discount (9/12ths of the regular dues).

Winter Sports – Residents may use the grounds for winter sports from December 1 to April 1. The first and tenth holes are the steepest hills and are particularly good for sledding. Some have even found that these sites work for practicing downhill skiing for beginners if you are sturdy enough to climb up the hill without a tow. There are more gentle slopes around the course for toddlers as well. Cross-country skiers are free to cut their own tracks, but it is often possible to find tracks that have been created by others. When enough snow base has been established, Blackhawk grooms a course for cross country skiing. Please keep out of fenced off areas as they provide protection to the greens and other fragile parts of the golf course.

Clubhouse Access – On Saturday and Sunday afternoons from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm the Blackhawk Clubhouse is open for residents to come inside to warm up, to use the restrooms, or to purchase drinks or hot cocoa.

Restaurant and Bar – Village residents may dine at the Club's restaurant and bar from January through April. Dining is on a cash basis. No gratuity or service charge will be automatically added to food and beverage bills. It is expected that residents will tip accordingly, based on the quality of service received, just as they would in any other restaurant. Reservations are appreciated. Casual attire, including blue jeans, is appropriate (call the Club at 231-2454 for questions or reservations). Dining hours are:

- Lunch: Wednesday through Saturday from 11:30 am to 2:00 pm
- Dinner: Thursday through Saturday from 5:30 pm to 9:00 pm
- Bistro: 10:00 am to 12:30 pm
- Easter Brunch will be April 20th from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm
- Friday Night Fish Fry run from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm
- Two for \$30 Thursdays – Pick 2 entrées and 1 bottle of wine from our select menu for just \$30.
- Each Thursday, we also feature a Taste of the World Special.

This information is available on the Club's website at:

<http://www.blackhawkcc.com/Dining-and-Banquets/Shorewood-Hills-Residents-325.html>

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

SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAMS

The first deadlines for summer recreation programs are fast approaching in March. Four Corners and Land Recreation camper applications must be in early so the parent committee can hire the appropriate number of summer staff members. Registration forms for the summer recreation programs are only available on-line. Go to: www.shorewood-hills.org/recreation.htm or stop by the Village Hall during regular business hours and fill out the on-line form in person. *A description of some of the summer programs is included on page 10.*

Village Candidates Forum
Sunday, March 23, 2014
From 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm at the Village Hall

Spring Election
Tuesday, April 1, 2014
Polls open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm at the Village Hall

2014 PARKING PERMITS

Every street in the Village is in a one- or two-hour restricted parking district (Monday-Friday, 8-5). The only way to avoid a ticket is to have a parking permit. Parking permits allow residents to park on residential streets within 100 yards of their home for periods exceeding the posted restrictions. Current parking permits expire on December 31.

Residents are reminded to 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 street in front of your house for more than the posted restrictions.

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LEAGUE NEWS

Save the Date – Progressive Dinner May 3!

We're excited to begin planning this Spring's Progressive Dinner and are looking for some volunteers. As in year's past, we will need hosts for:

- Appetizer Home
- Dessert Home
- Dinner Homes

This year we're trying something new! We want to offer the dinner homes more flexibility by offering a generous budget to prepare the meal.

Also, we are organizing a committee that will work on a theme and other ideas to make this year's Progressive Dinner just as fun and full-filling!

Please e-mail shcleague@gmail.com if you're interested in volunteering! As anyone can tell you that has participated in the past – it is not an event to miss!



GARDEN CLUB EVENTS

Brown Bag #2 March 27th

Topic: "Gardening 101- How to Prune Everything"
Join us in a hands-on session meant to teach the basics of pruning bushes and small trees. Be prepared to be outside, so dress accordingly!

Meet at the Village Hall at noon.



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.

We mourn the loss of

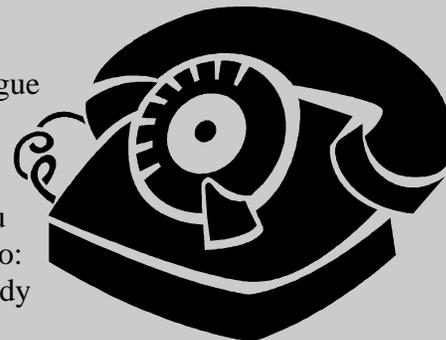
John Cain – Former Columbia Road resident

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.

VILLAGE PHONE DIRECTORY

Preparations are under way to publish the Shorewood Hills League Telephone Directory again this year. We will be collecting information and orders over the next of month.

Watch your mail for the information update and order forms. You may also submit your listing information on-line by going to: www.shorewood-hills.org/league.htm. The Directory should be ready for distribution in late-March or early-April.



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

Shorewood Hills Yoga: Saturday 8:30-9:30am – Join your neighbors to build strength, mobility, and steadiness of mind and body as the foundation for vibrant everyday living. In the Community Center. Only \$12-15 per class (please contact me for details). Only \$7 for teens! Call or e-mail Lynn Peterson: 467-2808 / lynnsingsyoga@gmail.com.

SERVICES

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.

Home Financing: Great Midwest Bank – Your community bank. We have been providing local lending and servicing of mortgage loans (purchase, construction, refinance, and equity) since 1935. Contact John Schroder, Loan Officer and Shorewood Hills resident, mobile 608-609-5191 or john.schroder@greatmidwestbank.com. NMLS #967896. Equal Housing Lender.

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).

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