



The Village Bulletin

The Village of Shorewood Hills

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VILLAGE ACHIEVES HIGHEST POSSIBLE CREDIT RATING

The Village has obtained a “AAA” rating from Standard & Poors (S&P) as part of its 2017 financing proposal. Based on its review, S&P raised the Village’s credit rating from “AA+” to “AAA”, which is the highest rating possible. Only four other municipalities in Wisconsin have attained a “AAA” rating. The outlook is stable.

The upgrade reflects sustained improvement in the Village’s tax increment finance (TIF) fund that the general fund had supported, allowing the general fund budgetary performance to improve, and management’s improved long-term planning practices. S&P state that it rates the Village above the U.S., the related sovereign government, because S&P believes the Village can maintain better credit characteristics than the U.S. in a stress scenario. Under S&P’s criteria it considers U.S. municipalities to have moderate sensitivity to country risk.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

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3	Public Health & Safety Committee	7:00 pm
3	Recreation Committee (@ DPW Bldg)	7:30 pm
4	Spring Election (polls open 7:00 am to 8:00 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
13	Board of Zoning Appeals	5:30 pm
18	Board of Trustees	7:00 pm

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5, 6, 7	Spring Cleaning Event (<i>see page 9</i>)	8:00 am-5:00 pm
6	Computer/Electronics Recycle Event (<i>see page 9</i>)	10:00 am-2:00 pm
8	Municipal Court (Traffic)	5:00 pm
8	Parks Committee	5:30 pm
8	Public Works Committee	7:00 pm
9	Plan Commission	7:00 pm
10	Finance Committee	5:30 pm
13	GC Plant & Mulch Sale (@ DPW Bldg)	9:00 am-Noon
15	Board of Trustees	7:00 pm
29	Memorial Day Holiday (Village Hall Closed)	

* The calendar includes all meetings and events submitted at the time of publication. Meeting dates or times are subject to change. Check the [Village’s website](#) or call the Village Hall for confirmation.

APRIL - MAY 2017

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE MARCH 20, 2017 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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

Attendance – Mr. Lederer was excused.

Appearances and Communications – UW-Madison Master Plan presentation – Gary Brown, Director of UW Madison Department of Facilities Planning and Management, presented an overview of the new UW-Madison Master Plan and explained the process for approval of the Plan. He also provided a link to the plan for additional information and the latest developments: www.masterplan.wisc.edu/

Persons interested in appointment to fill expected Board vacancy after April Election – Six individuals expressed interest in filling an anticipated one-year vacancy on the Board when Trustee Benforado vacates his position if elected as Village President in the Spring Election on April 4. Each of them had previously provided the Board with a written statement of interest and made a brief oral introduction at the meeting. The Board may make a decision at its April 18 meeting.

Madison Area Municipal Stormwater Partnership permit report – The Village is a member of the Madison Area Municipal Stormwater Partnership (MAMSWaP). This group is composed of 21 central Dane County municipalities, Dane County, and UW-Madison, which submitted a joint Wisconsin Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit (WPDES) to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. Rather than applying for the permit individually, these entities joined forces to save time, money, and resources. Their web site, myfairlakes.com, has great information on how citizens' daily activities can have a positive impact on Dane County's water resources. Village Engineer Brian Berquist presented the report summarized here: The Village has achieved a reduction of suspended solids in our stormwater discharge of 16% according to computer modeling. The goal is to achieve 20%. This is very difficult to achieve in a built-out community like Shorewood Hills but the DNR continues to be pleased with the Village's efforts. The Village's two most effective facilities are: 1) the ditch/pond between the railroad tracks and the pool; and 2) the swale adjacent to the University Bay fields. Smaller efforts are noticeable on newly reconstructed Village streets and curb inlets into infiltration areas, such as on Marshall Court and throughout the east side of the Village where streets have recently been reconstructed. The Village also constructed a sizable stormwater control feature on the Blackhawk golf course that can be seen from Lake Mendota Drive and the Marina. When the Village formed its stormwater utility, specific locations for stormwater control devices were identified, modeled and priced to determine effective cost/benefit.

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 approval of an increase to part-time seasonal Public Works/Forestry hourly rate to \$12 per hour (+\$1 per hour for each year returning, with a cap of \$16 per hour); and Street Use Permits for the following events: Trot 4 Tots (April 2), Poker 5K Run/Walk (April 20), Bucky's Race for Rehab (April 22), and MOOvin 5K (June 3).

February 20 meeting minutes – The minutes of the last meeting were removed from the consent agenda to correct minor typographical errors. The Board unanimously approved the minutes with the changes.

Make Music Madison – This item was removed from the consent agenda to highlight the event. Make Music Madison is an exciting new endeavor being undertaken by resident Karen Rebholz. From their website: *Make Music Madison is an annual citywide, free, outdoor day of music held on the summer solstice, June 21. Initiated in 2013 as Madison's entry into the international summer solstice music celebration, we join over 700 communities around the world in kicking off summer by filling the city with music. Make Music Madison turns the city into a stage, and offers a full spectrum of performers the opportunity to display their musical skills. In 2017, our celebration takes place on a Wednesday, opening new possibilities for venues and musicians. Coffee shops, restaurants and businesses all over Madison will be looking for musicians to fill their locations with song. Performers along the bike paths could bring music to the morning commute. MSCR's floating pontoon stage will entertain folks along the city shores. Lunch patrons may find themselves serenaded by a middle school strings quartet. And after 5:00 pm, the city will explode*

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with music.

- *Make Music Madison is: Performed by Anyone, Enjoyed by Everyone.*
- *A way for all Madisonians to celebrate the summer solstice, enjoying the longest day of the year, while sampling a buffet of musical merriment.*
- *A DIY city-wide celebration when almost any way to make music can and will happen.*
- *Make Music Madison is open to music makers of all ages, skill levels, and musical persuasions.*

Ms. Rebhloz is interested in expanding this event to the Village on the same evening as the food carts and spotlighting Village musicians. President Mark Sundquist noted that the event needs to comply with the Village noise ordinance hours. The Board approved the event unanimously, noting Village resident Beth Mastin-Kiefaber was an original organizer of the citywide event.

Consider University Bay Drive traffic calming measures – The Public Works Committee recommended the Village proceed with traffic calming measures on University Bay Drive. The Committee held several meetings with residents along that street and installed temporary bumpouts as an experiment to evaluate effectiveness. Bumpouts and raising the current crosswalk are the major new features. The estimated cost is in the \$30,000 range and the project was not budgeted. The project could be added into the financing currently being considered or would require application of fund balance. The Board reviewed data on speed before and after the bumpouts, as well as discussed other forms of traffic calming such as speed humps. The project was approved by the Board with financing to come from the capital projects fund.

Consider awarding bid for storage building project – Two bids were received. The low bid is from McKee Construction for \$529,200 and was recommended by Village Engineer Brian Berquist for approval. The bid is in line with the estimate. The project will begin in 4-6 weeks with a completion date of August 15, 2017. The Board unanimously approved the project and awarded the bid to McKee Construction.

Resolution R-2017-3 Authorizing the issuance and establishing parameters for the sale of not to exceed \$4,000,000 general obligation promissory notes – The Finance Committee is recommending approval of the parameters resolution. Passage will authorize the Village President and Treasurer to execute the transaction if a minimum 2% savings is realized through the advance refunding of \$2,790,000 of 2009 bonds. The refunding does not extend the length of the financing; it just lowers the interest rates. If a 2% savings is not realized it also allows the refunding to be stripped out of the borrowing and the issuance of \$1M in new money for the storage building, Locust Drive TIF improvements, and approximately \$110K for other projects. After discussion and review of other possible projects with possible funding needs over the next few years, the Board increased the borrowing by \$100K to \$4.1M (\$2.8M is refinancing of existing debt and \$1.2M is new money for projects including Locust Drive improvements that is financed through tax increment district IV and the storage building project) and approved Resolution R-2017-3.

Resolution R-2017-4 Close loophole that shifts property tax burden from commercial to residential property owners – The League of Wisconsin Municipalities is encouraging its members to consider this resolution. The Village has been dealing with this issue first hand with multiple years of Walgreen's tax appeals having to be settled due to a ruling of the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

From the League: *The "Dark Store" strategy of property tax assessment is looming large over communities throughout the state of Wisconsin and unfortunately could soon be coming to your city or village. In fact, it may already be there. In essence, the Dark Store strategy is a tax loophole being used by Big Box retailers and other national chains to lower the amount they pay in property taxes. Retailers such as Lowe's, Target, Meijer, Home Depot, and Menards are arguing that the market value of their thriving store should be based on the sales of similar size "comparable" properties that are vacant and abandoned. What? You mean a fully operational store, like a new Target, gets to pay the same property taxes as a closed, empty and "dark" K-Mart down the street? Yes, that's exactly what the retailers are fighting for and it's what is starting to happen more and more frequently. Courts in other states like Michigan have upheld this*

Please Be Advised:

The April Board meeting will be held on **Tuesday, April 18, 2017** instead of on the regular third Monday of the month.

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“Dark Store theory” and cut property tax assessments in some cases by as much as 50 percent – resulting in a tax shift to homeowners or a cut in local services. If this strategy becomes successful in Wisconsin it could result in a shift of millions of dollars in tax burden across Wisconsin unless the loop hole is closed by the Legislature. **The Solution:** Follow the lead of the Indiana state legislature and pass legislation in Wisconsin closing off these tax strategies and stopping the tax shift to homeowners. Pass legislation prohibiting assessors from valuing thriving big box stores the same as abandoned buildings in a different market segment.

The Board unanimously approved the [Resolution R-2017-4](#).

Consider issue of free roaming cats and possible ordinance changes – The informational forum was held on March 1 and both the Parks and Public Health & Safety Committees have met since the forum to discuss the matter. The Board was briefed on their recommendations (*see separate article on page 6*). The Board decided that it will publicize and hold a public hearing on the subject at its April 18 meeting.

Consider Resolution R-2017-5 Climate Change – The Board approved Resolution R-2017-5 on climate change after a few revisions (*see the full resolution on page 7*).

Authorize \$1,000 payment to My Tree Guy LLC for Post Farm Park nature based playground work – The Ad hoc Post Farm Park Playground Committee is recommended a payment of \$1,000 in recognition of the many hours of work that Eon Dinaur put in to wood carve and construct the playground pieces in the new play area. He also supplied and hauled some of the materials used. The Board approved the expenditure.

Write off uncollectable ambulance accounts receivable – The Finance Committee recommended the Village write-off \$92,099.00 of ambulance accounts receivable as uncollectible. These span the years 2002-2006. The Board approved the write-off.

Resolution R-2017-6 Thanking Mark Sundquist for his years of service to the Village – The Board unanimously approved the [Resolution R-2017-6](#). Mr. Sundquist has served the Village in the capacity of Trustee and Village President for over 27 years.

Appointments – Mr. Sundquist appointed and the Board approved the appointment of Jim Rogers as the EMS & Fire Association representative to the Public Health & Safety Committee. He replaced Andy Stoltman who stepped down from the Committee.

Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 10:40 pm.

<p>Deadlines: Pet Licenses (before late fee imposed) - April 1, 2017 (see page 6) Pool Membership Application (before late fee imposed) - April 21, 2017</p>

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The rating reflects S&P’s assessment of the following factors, including Shorewood Hills’:

... Very strong economy, with access to a broad and diverse metropolitan statistical area (MSA).

... Very strong management, with strong financial policies and practices under our Financial Management Assessment methodology.

... Adequate budgetary performance, with an operating deficit in the general fund but an operating surplus at the total governmental fund level in fiscal 2015.

... Very strong budgetary flexibility, with an available fund balance in fiscal 2015 of 25% of operating expenditures.

... Very strong liquidity, with total government available cash at 40.2% of total governmental fund expenditures and 145.0% of governmental debt service, and access to external liquidity S&P considers strong.

... Weak debt and contingent liability position, with debt service carrying charges at 27.7% of expenditures and net direct debt that is 300.5% of total governmental fund revenue, but rapid amortization, with 81.4% of debt scheduled to be retired in 10 years.

... and, adequate institutional framework score.

SPRING ELECTION

The Spring Election will be held Tuesday, April 4, 2017. Three Trustees and the Village President will be on that ballot along with races for the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice, Court of Appeals Judge, Circuit Court Judges, School Board Seats and Dane County Executive. The polls will be open at the Village Hall from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm. In person absentee voting at the Village Hall will be available as soon as the ballots arrive (mid-March) through the Friday before the election (March 31).

VOTER INFORMATION

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 info below.

Voter Registration – To be eligible to register here, you must reside at your Shorewood Hills address for at least 10 consecutive days. If you have moved to a different home in the Village or changed your name, you must reregister. A copy of the voter registration form is available on the Village's website or you may stop by the Village Hall to register (Monday through Friday, from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm). Be sure to bring proof of your residency in the Village when registering to vote. Common proofs of residency, among others, include a WI driver's license, a utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, government document, or lease. The document must include your name at your Village address. It is possible to register at the polls on Election Day but plan on spending extra time.

Photo Identification – The Photo ID law is in effect. An informational flyer on acceptable forms of photo IDs is available on the Village's website ([see Acceptable Photo ID Flyer](#)). **The photo ID does not have to have your Village address on it.** IMPORTANT TO NOTE: An out of state driver's license IS NOT an acceptable ID; a Wisconsin driver's license or passport may be expired if the expiration date is after November 8, 2016 (the date of the last federal election).

Poll Location – Village Hall ([810 Shorewood Blvd](#)) in the basement. Polls are open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm.

Absentee Voting – Absentee voting is available at the Village Hall during office hours (7:30 am to 5:00 pm, Monday-Friday) and by appointment at other times, if necessary. Absentee voting on the day before an election is prohibited. Before receiving a ballot, you are required to show a photo ID. You must be registered in order to obtain a ballot.

Absentee Ballot Requests – The application form is available on the Village's website or you may stop by the Village Hall to request an absentee ballot be mailed to you. The completed form may be faxed to the Village Hall (608-266-5929); e-mailed to the Clerk: clerk@shorewood-hills.org; mailed to or delivered in-person to the Village Hall. An acceptable proof of identification must accompany the absentee ballot request. You must be registered to vote in order to receive a ballot. The deadline to request an absentee ballot to be mailed is the Thursday before the election. All absentee ballot must be returned to the Village Hall by Election Day (not postmarked by that date).

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.

Wisconsin Ethics and Election Commissions (formerly the GAB) website (<http://www.gab.wi.gov/>):

- EL-131 Voter Registration Form = <http://www.gab.wi.gov/forms/el-131-fillable>
- EL-121 Absentee Ballot Request = <http://www.gab.wi.gov/forms/EL-121-english>

CATS

The Village Board has scheduled a public hearing at the Board meeting on **Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at 7:00 pm** to solicit further public input on the issue of cat regulations in the Village and whether the Village should consider further regulation restricting cats.

Under current ordinance, cats are free to roam as long as a bell is attached to their collars. The Village held a panel forum on the topic and heard from two small animal veterinarians, a Professor Emeritus of Wildlife Ecology and the Director of Bird City Wisconsin. Due to the length of the panel presentations, there was a limited amount of time to hear from residents on the matter. Resident who did speak expressed varying points of view and provided additional information to consider. There was also some concern that a majority of the panel members presented too much a pro cat regulation point of view. Background information will be available on the Village website before the April 18 meeting.

Based on the information and input received, the Board may consider setting direction at its April 18 meeting.

PET LICENSES

(April 1 deadline for dogs and cats)

All dogs and cats in the Village must be licensed annually. To obtain a license, please bring your pet's most recent rabies vaccination record, which should include the vaccine's expiration date, to the Village Hall. The deadline for obtaining licenses without a penalty is April 1, 2017. There is a \$5.00 late fee after this date. The late fee increases to \$10.00 after June 1, 2017.

FEES (without late fee penalty):

- Dogs – Neutered or spayed = \$15.00
- Dogs – Not neutered or spayed = \$20.00
- Cats – Neutered or spayed = \$8.00
- Cats – Not neutered or spayed = \$13.00

CHICKEN LICENSES

Village residents are allowed to keep chickens provided they follow some basic rules and obtain a permit at the Village Hall. Residents may keep up to four chickens (no roosters). Chicken coops must be raised up off the ground or placed on a hard surface. They must be kept clean, be at least 25 feet away from any residential structure and are prohibited in any front yard. Keepers of chickens must register with the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection.

Complete the Village's **Permit to Keep Chickens** (available on the [Village's website](#)) and provide evidence of current registration with the Dept. of Agriculture. The fee is \$20 and the permit is good for three years.

LOCK YOUR VEHICLES AND HOMES

From a Madison Police Press Release – Madison police say two recent burglary cases are similar because the burglar got into the homes using keys left in unlocked cars.

A burglar entered a Madison home while a family slept, according to a release from Madison police. Police said the burglar entered a home on Paunack Avenue early Monday morning. The mother heard footsteps, awoke and alerted her husband. He told police he heard the front door slam as he went to investigate. Electronics including laptop computers and cellphones were stolen, as was a wallet, police said. Police believe the burglar might have used house keys left in an unlocked vehicle to get inside the home.

Detectives said a similar case happened on March 20 on Pickford Street. In that case, house keys in an unlocked Jeep were used to get into the home. Two purses were taken. The burglar also took the Jeep, which was later found March 23 at the intersection of Homstead and Pilgrim Drives in Fitchburg. One of the stolen purses was found March 20 in the 5800 block of Russett Road.

Dial 9-1-1 in the event of an emergency or to report suspicious activity in progress.



Resolution R-2017-5
CLIMATE CHANGE

Whereas the hypothesis that increasing CO₂ in our Earth's atmosphere by burning fossil fuels would lead to warming of the Earth was raised over 100 years ago by the Swedish scientist Svente Arrhenius, and

Whereas nearly all physicists, meteorologists, geologists, oceanographers, and other scientists studying our Earth's climate over many decades agree that mankind's burning of fossil fuels has been the overwhelming cause of the dramatic rise in atmospheric CO₂, a 20% rise in the last 50 years alone, and

Whereas the CO₂ level in the atmosphere is now higher than it has been at anytime in the last 800,000 years, and the global surface temperature has risen over 2 degrees F compared to 100 years ago, and

Whereas our oceans have taken up a significant fraction of mankind's CO₂ emissions, leading to acidification and consequent damage to coral reefs of vast economic and ecological value, and

Whereas glaciers worldwide, polar ice masses and the Greenland ice have been shrinking and melting in obvious and well-documented ways, opening the Arctic Sea for ships for the first time in recorded history, and causing ocean levels to rise, and

Whereas the numerous climate mathematical computer models around the world have predicted these changes and further predict that ocean levels and acidity will continue to rise, weather patterns will change, and these changes will have devastating effects on agriculture and other human endeavors, and

Whereas most alarmingly nearly all of these changes are now happening even more rapidly than predicted, and

Whereas reducing dependence on fossil fuel burning by inventing and implementing alternative energy production, transportation, and agricultural methods is a means to create new industry and wealth in our State, and

Whereas the continued denial of climate change or its inescapable link to the burning of fossil fuels by our State and National leaders, and actions such as the muzzling of scientists, the removal of climate change information from the DNR website, and even the attempt to discontinue the DNR magazine, are examples either of willful ignorance in the face of overwhelming evidence, or worse, political corruption caused by the excessive interference of vested interests,

Therefore the Village Board of the Village of Shorewood Hills suggests that for the good of our State of Wisconsin and its people and their futures, that the leaders in our State government establish a solid new direction – one that encourages local and regional leadership and takes strong actions to reduce CO₂ emissions, including:

- Making our communities more walkable and smarter by revitalizing our Main Streets and using green infrastructure, green power and microgrids to make our communities more resilient while growing job creation and economic development.
- Supporting new business models and smart investments in clean, renewable energy, advanced manufacturing and regional clusters around issues like water sustainability and stewardship.
- Supporting a rebalancing of our food production and distribution using more local sources, to create much-needed jobs and healthy, affordable food options closer to home.
- Supporting a shift from burning fossil fuels to converting them to other uses and utilizing more renewal energy to create the massive reductions in carbon emissions we need to mitigate climate change impacts.

Approved by the Village Board of the Village of Shorewood Hills on March 20, 2017.

Next Bulletin Deadline: Monday, April 17

TORNADO & SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK April 17-21, 2017



Schools, businesses, families, and individuals have two opportunities to test their emergency plans during statewide tornado drills on April 20, 2017. The drills are part of the annual spring severe weather campaign to encourage everyone in Wisconsin to be ready for possible tornadoes and severe weather.

April 17-21, 2017 has been declared as Wisconsin's Tornado & Severe Weather Awareness Week. Wisconsin Emergency Management, the National Weather Service (NWS) and the Wisconsin Broadcasters Association (WBA) have once again teamed up to sponsor the statewide tornado drills scheduled for Thursday, April 20.

On April 20, a mock tornado watch will be issued at 1:00 pm followed by a statewide mock tornado warning at 1:45 pm. Many radio and TV stations across the state will issue the test tornado warnings. In addition, mock alerts will be issued on NOAA Weather Radios and many communities will sound their tornado sirens to test their emergency severe weather plans. Later, a mock tornado warning will be issued at 6:45 pm to give families and second shift workers a chance to practice their emergency plans.

According to the NWS, Wisconsin averages 23 tornadoes annually. Last year, there were 16 tornado touchdowns in the state. All of the tornadoes were either an EF0 or EF1. However, it is not a question of if we will have a violent storm, it's a matter of when.

The tornado drill will take place even if the sky is cloudy, dark and or rainy. If actual severe storms are expected in the state on Thursday, April 20, the tornado drills will be postponed until Friday, April 21 with the same times. If severe storms are possible Friday, the drills will be cancelled.

Any changes will be issued to local media and posted on the ReadyWisconsin at <http://readywisconsin.wi.gov>. Updates will also be posted on Facebook (www.facebook.com/ReadyWisconsin), Twitter (www.twitter.com/ReadyWisconsin), and Instagram (www.instagram.com/ReadyWisconsin).

Click here for full media kit: http://emergencymanagement.wi.gov/news/2017/Tornado2017Media_Packet.pdf

RECYCLING TIPS

Should you choose to bag recyclables you place into the cart, please use clear or transparent bags and leave them open (do not tie or seal the bags). Clear bags can be purchased at most grocery and hardware stores.

Do not flatten or crush plastic or metal items. Do not place smaller items inside larger containers. All items should be loose and empty. Do not screw caps on recyclable material. Remove all food waste, plastic, Styrofoam and packing peanuts.

Flatten cardboard boxes and cereal boxes to make room in the recycling cart. Additional recyclables that don't fit in the cart may be put in clear plastic bags and placed next to your recycling cart. Large quantities of cardboard should be flattened and placed in clear plastics bags. Do not tie or bundle.

Visit www.pellitteri.com or call (608) 257-4285 for more information.

SCHOOL FUNDRAISER AT CHIPOTLE



Mark your calendar! On **Wednesday, April 19** plan to grab dinner at Chipotle (4000 University Avenue) between 4:00 and 8:00 pm. Mention Shorewood Hills Elementary School while paying for your order, and 50% of the proceeds will come back to our neighborhood school!

TIME FOR SPRING CLEANING!

The Village's spring cleanup has been a great success over the past few years. This year the event will be held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 5, 6 and 7. On those days, 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 (for example: to encourage recycling). The [Dane County Clean Sweep](#) program may take some prohibited material or the Village's waste hauler, Pellitteri Waste Systems, would be happy to discuss alternate methods of disposal of any of the items listed below. Please call Pellitteri at 257-4285.

Prohibited Materials:

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

RESIDENTIAL COMPUTER & ELECTRONICS RECYCLING ROUNDUP

The Shorewood Hills EMS & Fire Association, in conjunction with the Village's Services Committee, will be sponsoring an e-cycle event on **Saturday, May 6, 2017** from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Residents of the Village may dispose of their old computers, monitors, TVs, radios and other small home electronics by bringing them to the Public Works Garage (1008 Shorewood Blvd). The collection point for computers and electronics will be the south end of the parking lot (look for a Public Works truck). Computers and most home electronics can be dropped off for free. Our recycling partner charges a modest fee to recycle old computer monitors, TVs, copier/fax machines and window AC units because of the materials involved. We pass that fee along to you (ranging from \$5-\$60 per item based on size/weight). We can take dehumidifiers, small dorm room style refrigerators, etc. but there may be small pass-through fees for these items as well.

Help keep potentially damaging materials out of our landfills by disposing of your old computer, TVs and other electronics on May 6.

NEED HELP MOVING THAT LARGE ITEM?

New this year, the volunteers of the Shorewood Hills EMS & Fire Association are offering to help haul items to the Village's Spring Cleaning Event. Do you have an old couch, desk or other large item to discard but don't have the ability to get it to the DPW Building? On Saturday morning, May 6, the Association volunteers will pick up these items and haul them to the dumpsters at the DPW Building in exchange for a donation to the EMS & Fire Association.

The Village's dumpster event runs Friday through Sunday, May 5-7, but pickups will only be done on Saturday, May 6. To make arrangements for a pickup, contact David Sykes at the Village Hall (dsykes@shorewood-hills.org or 608-267-2680).

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's hours changed 1/1/2017. It is open Monday through Friday from 7:00 am to 2:45 pm and Saturday from 8:00 am to 10:45 am. Closed Sundays 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, visit its website at: www.danecountycleansweep.com or call the recorded information line at 838-3212.



PROPOSED PLAN FOR SCHOOL GROUNDS

A group parents involved in the PTO saw a need for improvements to the existing Shorewood Hills School grounds. A year of discussions has resulted in a master plan for these spaces by ZDA Architects. Go to www.shorewood-hills.org/playground to see the conceptual master plan of the entire block and a more detailed view of the playground spaces. You can read more details about the proposed improvements in the corresponding letter with those images. The PTO group would like to collect feedback from Village residents. Feedback, comments and suggestions will then be used to revise these plans.

Village resident Tracy Koziol is spearheading this effort. Please send any comments and all feedback to her e-mail address: tracykoziol@gmail.com. They thank you for your time and consideration.

MEDDROP

The Best Place to Get Rid of Medicines

Leftover and expired prescriptions and over-the-counter medicines can be found in every household in the county. Last year unintentional poisonings killed more Dane County residents than automobile crashes. Misuse or abuse of prescription, over-the-counter or illicit drugs are the major cause. Pain medication when misused, can be especially fatal. But, what can you do with old, unused medications? You can't flush or trash them; that would be bad for the environment. Bring them to **MedDrop**.

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

- UW Police Department: 1429 Monroe St
- Middleton Police Department: 7341 Donna Dr
- Madison Police West Dist.: 1710 McKenna Blvd
- Fitchburg Police Department: 5520 Lacy Rd

To dispose of medications in the MedDrop drop boxes, empty the contents of pill bottles into a plastic sealable bag and recycle the pill bottles at home (some dropoff locations provide containers to recycle pill bottles). Liquids and creams should remain in their original containers and also placed into a plastic sealable bag. Items you CAN dispose of:

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



Items NOT accepted:

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



For more information and additions drop box locations, go to: <https://safercommunity.net/meddrop/>

SUMMER BASKETBALL CAMP

Where: Practice court area north of the tennis courts on the north side of the school (at the Amherst Drive/Bowdoin Road intersection) | Registration deadline: May 15, 2017

The Shorewood Hills Youth Basketball Program is back in 2017. The program is open to all area students entering grades 1 through 6 and will teach the fundamentals of shooting, dribbling, passing, and defense in an eight week span (June 26-August 16). No previous basketball experience is required!

Due to the proposed construction at Shorewood Hills Elementary School that was postponed from last summer to this summer, the Youth Basketball Program will move the practice court area north of the tennis courts on the north side of the school. The tennis practice court is adjacent to the Amherst Drive and Bowdoin Road intersection.

Each class will meet once per week in the evening at the practice area north of the tennis courts on the north side of the school. For more information and to register go to the Village's website at: www.shorewood-hills.org/basketball or you can fill out the on-line form at the Village Hall. Please contact Charlie Benforado at cjbenforado@madison.k12.wi.us if you have any questions. Let's fill the court!



BASKETBALL INSTRUCTORS NEEDED

The Village's summer basketball program is looking for instructors ages 14 and up! The Shorewood Hills Youth Basketball Program is now hiring counselors for the annual basketball camp at Shorewood Hills Elementary School.

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 at the tennis court practice area on the north side of the school for eight weeks starting Monday, June 26, 2017 and ending Wednesday, August 16, 2017. Information and a General Employment Application can be downloaded from the Village's website at: www.shorewood-hills.org/employment or pick one up at the Village Hall. Submit the application to the Village Hall (810 Shorewood Boulevard) by Monday, May 1, 2017. Questions? Please contact Charlie Benforado at cjbenforado@madison.k12.wi.us.

TENNIS INSTRUCTORS NEEDED

The Shorewood Hills Summer Tennis Program needs tennis instructors to assist with the program from June 12 to July 28. We are looking for rising high school juniors or older to work 5-15 hours per week teaching tennis to children and adults. For more information contact leslievhtaylor@mac.com.

TENNIS PROGRAM

The Shorewood Hills Summer Tennis Program is a 7 week program offering instruction in a progressive, focused style that emphasizes fun. Along with our familiar classes, this summer we will again offer Quickstart classes for 5-6 year olds and an Intro to Tennis for beginning adult players. Back by popular demand, we will also offer pickleball for adults!

The season kicks off with an Open House on June 9 so you can meet the staff. Classes run from June 12 through July 28. For more information go to www.shorewood-hills.org/tennis. Registration is on a first come, first served basis. The registration deadline is **May 12, 2017** but classes fill up quickly, so register early.



COMMUNITY GARDENS

The warm weather recently has us thinking about spring. The growing season is just around the corner. The Shorewood Hills Community Gardens consist of 59 annual plots (19' 9" x 20') and 23 perennial plots for multi-season or early/late crops. Applications for garden plots at the Community Gardens (in Post Farm Park near the Pool) are available on the Village's website at: www.shorewoodhills.org/recreation. Space is very limited and all requests may not be able to be satisfied. The application deadline is **April 1, 2017**.

JUNIOR GOLF PROGRAM

The Shorewood Hills Junior Golf Program for 2017 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 on June 14 after school is out. Junior golfers will play on Wednesday mornings*. There will be an optional 'Kickoff Cookout' on Sunday afternoon, June 4. The Junior Golf fee is \$143.75 per participant. A Parent/Adult walker is required for each participant. All participants must have their own equipment and follow the Club's dress code.

** At this time, we do not have an 18-hole level. Director of Golf, Derek Schnarr, hopes to organize something more substantial for the 18 holers, possibly on Tuesday afternoons again, that will have a separate fee for all (Blackhawk members, Shorewood Hills residents). If such a program occurs, we will post information at that time.*

For more information and to fill out the on-line registration form go to the Village's website (www.shorewood-hills.org/recreation) or you can fill out the on-line registration form at the Village Hall. The deadline to register is **Friday, June 2, 2017**.



ADULT GOLF PROGRAM IN MAY THIS YEAR

The Shorewood Hills Adult Golf Program for 2017 will be conducted at Blackhawk Country Club, in a *different* format from previous years. The program will take place on each Monday morning in the month of May. The specific dates and lesson topics will be:

May 1 -- Orientation and Putting

May 22 – Full Swing with Woods

May 8 – Chipping and Pitching

May 29 – Instruction on the Golf Course

May 15 – Full Swing with Irons

Each participant will receive instruction in the game of golf from Matt Hartmann, the head golf pro at Blackhawk Country Club, and have an opportunity to practice what they learned by playing the course for the balance of the morning hours. Beginners are welcome!

Class Options: 8:00 am-9:00 am or 9:30 am-10:30 am. Classes must have a minimum of 3 participants and no lesson will exceed a participant-to-instructor ratio of 8 to 1.

Cost to participate in the program is \$150.

The program fee 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 on the Village's website (www.shorewood-hills.org/recreation) or you can fill out the on-line form at the Village Hall. The deadline for registration is **Friday, April 28, 2017**.

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 or wish to provide feedback on the new program format, please contact the Adult Golf Coordinator, Win Sager at 220-5833 or winsager@gmail.com.

WORD OF THE WOODS

ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

Arbor Day is just around the corner. This will be the 12th consecutive year that Village staff and residents have planted trees with Shorewood Hills Elementary students in recognition of Arbor Day.

The students enjoy the opportunity to learn more about trees, help dig the holes, and assist in properly placing the trees. Their joy in this process is often shown through the personalized names they give their trees. After planting, the students often share stories, poems, or pictures to show their appreciation of trees.



This year, we are adding an additional component to our tree planting. The Shorewood Hills Garden Club has purchased 31 tree identification labels and stakes to mark the many species of trees planted over the past 11 years. The intent is to help learners of all ages begin to recognize and remember the names of trees and pay attention to changes in the trees over time. We will also be mulching around each of the trees to help safeguard the trees and stakes.

Please consider joining us on Friday, April 28 at 1:00 pm on the school grounds for the opportunity to 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 cgeorge@shorewood-hills.org.

Oak Tree Pruning and Oak Wilt

Please **DO NOT** prune oak trees after **April 1**. **Village ordinance prohibits pruning or removal of oak trees from April 1 to October 1**. Warm 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 trees and Dutch elm disease.

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 DPW Building, the Village Hall, or Pool/Community Center.

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. Please contact the Village Forester, Corey George at 267-2680 or cgeorge@shorewood-hills.org if you have questions.



1st Year Garlic Mustard Plant



Flowering Garlic Mustard

PARKS / FORESTRY ASSISTANTS

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 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.

Employment applications are available on the [Village's website](#) or stop by the Village Hall. The deadline for submittal is **Friday, March 31, 2017**. If you have questions, contact Village Forester Corey George at: cgeorge@shorewood-hills.org or 267-2680.

SUMMER DPW 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 the [Village's website](#) or stop by the Village Hall. Application deadline: **Friday, April 14, 2017**. For more information contact Crew Chief John Mitmoen at: jmitmoen@shorewood-hills.org or 267-2680.

COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICER POSITION

The Shorewood Hills Police Department is seeking applicants for the position of Community Service Officer (CSO). CSOs are non-sworn individuals who primarily enforce bicycle, animal, and parking ordinances within the Village. The position runs roughly from mid-May through September. Starting pay is \$10.00 hour, averaging 20 hours per week.

Required training and education includes:

- Must be at least 18 years of age
- High school diploma or equivalent
- Valid, unrestricted driver's license
- Proficient ability to ride a bicycle

Desirable qualifications:

- Ability to work in harmony with other employees, residents, and citizens
- Knowledge of computer operations
- Interest in Criminal Justice
- Flexible schedule

Interested applicants should submit a **Wisconsin Law Enforcement DJ-LE-330 Form** and **resume** to the Shorewood Hills Police Department, 810 Shorewood Boulevard, Madison, WI 53705. The DJ-LE-330 is available on-line at: <https://wilenet.org/html/career/index.html#forms>. The deadline for applications is **Friday, April 14, 2017** at 4:00 pm. All successful candidates will be notified soon after the closing date for an interview. If more information is needed contact Police Chief Dennis Pine at 267-1110.

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SAVE THE DATE!

The League's Bocce Ball Tournament is scheduled for **Saturday, August 26.**

The adult event will include drinks, food, silent auction and of course some friendly Bocce Ball competition.

Come help us raise money to renovate the school grounds.

GARDEN CLUB NEWS

Tuesday, April 4, 2017 is yet another **ELECTION DAY BAKE SALE!** Cast your vote for your choice of candidate(s) and support the efforts of the Garden Club by rewarding yourself with a post-voting treat from a wide selection of cookies, cakes and more.

GARDEN CLUB EDUCATIONAL EVENT

Thursday, April 27, 2017 at the Community Center

To further highlight the Garden Club's 80th Anniversary Year celebration during the 2016-17 year, we choose trees as the focus for our educational offerings during the year. We welcome all Village residents to begin the evening with a reception at 6:00 pm, and enjoy satisfying hors d'oeuvres, cheese, bread, beverages, and desserts. At 7:00 pm, **Bruce Allison** will give a presentation on "**Historic Trees of Wisconsin.**"

Bruce Allison, PhD, is an internationally recognized expert in advanced tree decay detection technology and tree risk assessment. He has authored many award-winning books, is an educator, researcher, inventor, and is a consulting arborist with Allison Tree LLC of Verona, WI. With a Masters of Science and PhD from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Bruce Allison is an Adjunct Professor in the Department of Forest and Wildlife Ecology and a Cooperative Researcher at the USDA Forest Products Lab here at the University. He teaches classes on sustainable forestry and tree risk assessment, is an advisor to PhD and postdoctoral students, helped to establish the Wisconsin Tree Legacy Fund through the UW Foundation, and has presented at many scientific conferences, nationally and internationally. His award winning books include Wisconsin's Champion Trees, 2005, University of Wisconsin Press; Every Root an Anchor, 2005, Wisconsin Historical Society Press; and, If Trees Could Talk, 2009, Wisconsin Historical Society Press. In addition, he has authored both the Dane County and Milwaukee County "Tree Walks", 1981 and 1982. Many technical and professional papers published on acoustic tomography for tree decay detection further define Bruce Allison's work.

ARBOR DAY

The annual **Arbor Day** festivities are scheduled for Friday, April 28 at 1:00 pm on the school grounds. In fitting with our theme this year, the Garden Club has purchased 31 tree identification labels to mark the many species of trees planted over the years by Shorewood Hills Elementary students under the guidance of Corey George, Village staff and volunteers. Our intent is to support learning about and appreciation for trees (*see "Word of the Woods" on page 13 for more information*).

ROSE PRUNING DAY

Thursday, April 6, from 10:00-noon (rain date of Monday, April 10). Meet outside of the Village Hall. Join GC members for a morning of **Rose Pruning**. Learn how to properly prune a variety of roses, learn tips for feeding and more, and assist with pruning rose bushes in various triangles in the Village. Please bring clippers, loppers, trowels, gardening gloves. Thanks to Paula Hogan for her leadership for this event.



CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

SERVICES

Guitar Lessons – Guitar, Bass Guitar, Drums, Ukulele. Over 15 Years teaching experience. Located in the Village. Sign up now for a complementary interview lesson! Contact Aaron Katcher at 608-661-0226 or visit katcherinc.com for more information.

FOR RENT

Shorewood Home for Rent – 10 minute walk or 3 minute bike ride to UW Hospital. Furnished, 2 bedrooms (the third bedroom will be storage), 2.25 baths, sunny deck, attached garage, remodeled 7 years ago. Available for 1 or 2 years starting mid-August. Kurt, kwhansen@wisc.edu or 238-9481.

FOR SALE

Want to List?

Chas Martin, your neighbor and top-selling Shorewood Hills agent has two new listings in the Village. If you are thinking of selling, call for free advice or to discuss options.

New Listings:

- 3415 Edgehill Pkwy.
- 1025 Columbia Rd.

Accepted Offer:

- 3113 Oxford Rd.

Sold in '15/'16:

- 3407 Viburnum Dr.
- 3140 Oxford Rd.
- 1106 Wellesley Rd.
- 1009 Edgehill Dr.
- 3432 Sunset Dr.
- 910 Cornell Ct.
- 3519 Sunset Dr.
- 1007 University Bay Dr.
- 3509 Blackhawk Rd.
- 3109 Oxford Rd.
- 3125 Oxford Rd.
- 1102 Shorewood Blvd.
- 1201 Shorewood Blvd.

Contact Chas at Chas@SprinkmanRealEstate.com or 608-334-9042 for a modern take on real estate.

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 has begun managing 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. Please make checks 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

Ed Garvey – former Circle Close resident
Jaafar Al-Abdulla – Harvard Drive resident

The League would like to acknowledge births and deaths of Village residents. Please help by notifying us with such information: shcleague@gmail.com