



The Village Bulletin

The Village of Shorewood Hills

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REVALUATION, ASSESSED AND EQUALIZED VALUE, PROPERTY TAXES AND TAX LEVY

What does it all mean?

The revaluation of property in the Village coupled with property tax levy increases is going to make many property bill amounts much different from the prior year and some explanation in advance may be helpful.

Assessed Value vs. Equalized Value

- **Assessed Value:** The value the local assessor places on each real property parcel. Under state law, all non-agricultural assessments must be based on the property's market value as of January 1 of the tax year. State law recognizes that every municipality cannot be assessed exactly at market value each year. The law requires that each municipality be within 10 percent of market value once every five years. Assessed values are used to distribute the municipality's tax burden among the individual property owners.

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Next Bulletin Deadline: Monday, December 18

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

DECEMBER

1	Ad hoc Heiden Haus Committee	1:00 pm
11	Municipal Court (Traffic)	5:00 pm
11	Public Works Committee	7:00 pm
12	Plan Commission	7:00 pm
13	Finance Committee	7:00 pm
14	Waterfront Committee	5:30 pm
18	Board of Trustees	7:00 pm
25 / 26	Village Offices Closed (Christmas Holiday)	

JANUARY

1 / 2	Village Offices Closed (New Year's Holiday)	
8	Municipal Court (Traffic)	5:00 pm
8	Parks Committee	5:30 pm
8	Public Works Committee	7:00 pm
8	Public Health & Safety Committee (tentative date)	7:00 pm
9	Plan Commission	7:00 pm
10	Finance Committee	5:30 pm
15	Village Offices Closed (MLK, Jr. Holiday)	
16	Board of Trustees	7:00 pm

* 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.

DECEMBER 2017 - JANUARY 2018

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

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

Attendance – All trustees were in attendance.

Appearances and Communications – Dean Peters of Associate Appraisal Consultants, LLC was present to discuss the 2017 village-wide property revaluation. Mr. Peters reviewed the process used to establish property values. The previous assessments appeared to have a number of inequities, such that the assessors did not use the existing values as a baseline. They basically started from scratch, evaluating market conditions and field appraisals of properties. The goal of the revaluation was to redistribute the tax burden more equitably to reflect the market rate environment. He found that changes in value were not uniform throughout the Village. The prior assessor had significantly devalued Tallyho properties backing on to the railroad tracks. Lakefront properties remained flat or went down in value due to limited sales and those sales being below the assessed value. Recent sales in other parts of the Village have generally been above the assessed value. Mr. Peters said his assessors were able to do interior walk-through assessments of about 50% of the homes in the Village. He also stated the commercial land values increased significantly; many were previously undervalued. Prior to the revaluation, the tax levy split was ~83% residential and ~17% commercial property (including multifamily housing). After the revaluation that split is now 77% residential and 23% commercial (*for more information see article starting on page 1*).

Resolution R-2017-9 – Mr. Benforado read aloud [Resolution R-2017-9](#) thanking Village Clerk Cokie Albrecht for her years of service to the Village and wishing her well in her retirement. The Board members and Mr. Frantz thanked her for her professionalism and personality that she brought to the job of Village Clerk.

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 minutes from the October 16 regular and November 6 special Board meeting and a street use permit for the Run for Human Rights event on April 21.

Public Hearing on 2018 Budgets – No one was in the audience to speak about the budget. The Trustees had no further questions following the budget presentation on November 6. The public hearing was opened and immediately closed.

Resolution R-2017-10 – Mr. Wade expressed his concern that the Pool and Waterfront Committees had not submitted budgets and the Board was considering budget estimates prepared by staff. The Board determined that the Pool and Marina Committees needed to work to the same deadlines as the rest of the Village. The Board also discussed the information that would be included in the letter that accompanies the tax bills this year. It should include information regarding the effect of the revaluation on assessed values and a simple breakdown of how tax dollars are allocated among the various taxing entities. The Board unanimously approved [Resolution R-2017-10](#) approving the General, Pool, Debt Service, Water, Sewer, Stormwater, Waterfront, TIF districts and Capital fund budgets; and setting the tax levy.

Resolution R-2017-8 – The Board unanimously approved [Resolution R-2017-8](#) adopting the Shorewood Hills Annex to the Dane County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Class A Liquor License premises alteration for Pick N Save to allow for “ClickList” pick up service – Dan Farrell of Roundy’s (owner of Pick N Save) gave an overview of the ClickList service coming to the Shorewood Hills store. Customers can order groceries on-line, park in a designated stall and have the items delivered and loaded in their vehicle. The customer never has to get out of their car. Alcohol and tobacco sales will be included in the ClickList service. These regulated items will be bagged separately and customers will be required to show appropriate ID before the transaction is completed. The Pick N Save employees serving as ClickList shoppers will be required to have an operator’s (bartender’s) license and abide by State laws regulating alcohol sales. Kroger, parent company of Roundy’s, provides this type of service in over 700 stores around the country. Roundy’s has rolled out this service in the Fox Valley area

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earlier this year and is now concentrating on the Madison area. Their market research shows only ~5% of ClickList sales include alcohol with is less than the in-store average of 7% of all grocery sales including alcohol. The Trustees asked a number of questions about how the program would protect against sales to minors. Mr. Farrell explained the licensed bartender staff have the authority to withhold the alcohol sale if customers do not have proper ID or if they think the purchase is being made under suspicious conditions. Also, on-line ordering must be done four hours in advance of pickup (to allow the staff shoppers to acquire the items). This would prevent someone from using a phone app to order beer and have it immediately brought out to a car. The Board approved the expansion of the Pick N Save premises description to allow for the ClickList program to include alcohol sales on a vote of 6-1 (Ms. Borisy-Rudin voting no with concerns about the service being similar to a drive-thru liquor store).

Consider authorizing construction of a new Village entrance sign on University Bay Drive – The new sign will be located near the University Bay Drive/Highland Avenue intersection. It would be constructed in the same way as the sign that was replaced a couple of years ago at Oxford Road/University Bay Drive. The DPW Crew can build it over the winter for a cost of ~\$1,000. The Board unanimously authorized the construction of a new Village entrance sign.

Consider intergovernmental agreement for Police Records Management System (RMS) — The Village is part of a consortium of Dane County municipalities led by the City of Madison, funding a unified RMS that consolidates police records via software programs. This has proven to be a cost effective and efficient system that also allows municipalities to more seamlessly share information when providing police services. The cost of this system to the Village is \$5,675 in 2017. The agreement is due to be renewed in 2018. The Board unanimously approved renewing the intergovernmental agreement for the RMS.

Appointments – Mr. Benforado appointed Tracy Bailey to the Public Works Committee. The Trustees unanimously approved the appointment.

Village President – Mr. Benforado discussed potential meeting dates for 2018. The Board decided to keep the regular monthly meetings on the third Monday of the month with exceptions, including moving the January meeting and caucus to the Tuesday following the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday on Monday, January 15. A complete list of 2018 meetings will be considered at the December Board meeting.

Village Administrator –The Village Administrator and Board discussed property maintenance standards based on a request that they be made more strict. The Trustees do not want to consider revising the public nuisance regulations at this time. Among other concerns, it could likely impact outside storage in ways that are not intended. It could adversely impact people who store certain items outside that are not causing a problem in most eyes, but someone does not like it, complains and the Village has to enforce the more strict code. There were also concerns about complaint driven and selective enforcement. Instead, the Trustees have asked that the Plan Commission look at new standards regarding the construction, height and openness of fences and screening barriers. The Plan Commission will begin discussing the topic on December 11 (if the Commission has a meeting next month).

Personnel Committee – Mr. Imes reported the Police Chief has asked for a member of the Committee to participate in interviews for part-time police officer recruitment.

Plan Commission – Mr. Benforado reported the Commission viewed a preliminary proposal from Stone House Development for a coordinated co-working office, daycare and food/beverage redevelopment called LODGIC with two floors of underground parking at the former Forest Product Society building on Marshall Court and approved a redesign of the Noodles & Company parking lot to accommodate a pickup window.

Public Health & Safety Committee – Ms. Borisy-Rudin reported the Committee held a listening session regarding the Police Department's policy on the use of body worn cameras by officers. Chief Chapin is developing the policy and wanted feedback from the community before it was finalized. A couple of community members were present and they had a good conversation about how the cameras would be used

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and how citizens would be allowed to view the camera recordings.

Ad hoc Sustainability Committee – Ms. Readel reported the Committee continues to discuss the scope of the Committee. Staff had provided a list of past and existing sustainability initiative done by the Village.

Ad hoc Heiden Haus Committee – Ms. Readel reported the Committee will be reviewing revised plans at its next meeting.

Parks Committee – Ms. Readel reported Committee member Sue Denholm is interested in providing educational information related to cats highlighting the changes made to the Village ordinance.

Blackhawk Liaison Committee – Mr. Lederer reported that Blackhawk Country Club (BCC) approached the Village about reconstituting the Committee to discuss mutual items of interest.

Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 10:45 pm.

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- **Equalized Value:** It is necessary for the State Department of Revenue to determine an equalized value by taxing jurisdiction. Equalized values are needed since property is assessed in different taxing districts at different percentages of market value. Uniform values are called equalized values because local levels of assessment are equalized and all non-agricultural property are valued on an equal basis, namely 100 percent of market value. The equalized values are used for apportioning county property taxes, public school taxes, vocational school taxes and for distributing property tax relief. Equalized value is determined by the Department of Revenue by reviewing arm's length sales of property compared to the assessed value over multiple years.

Note: The assessed value is important for maintaining equity among individual taxpayers within the municipality while the equalized value maintains equity between municipalities and counties.

Uses of Equalized Value: Equalized values are used by the taxing jurisdictions (school districts, counties, state) to apportion their tax levies among municipalities. Apportioning is the process of dividing the tax levies for each taxing jurisdiction among all of the municipalities that contain territory in the jurisdiction, based on each district's total value (i.e. a state levy would be apportioned among all of the municipalities in the state; an individual county's levy among all of the municipalities in the county; and a school levy among all of the municipalities in the school district). The value of all property in different municipalities (but in the same taxing jurisdiction) must be known to calculate how much of the total tax levy to apportion to each municipality. The values determined by local assessors cannot be used to apportion levies among different municipalities. To do so would violate the rule of uniformity, since the assessed values are not comparable among municipalities, whereas the equalized values are all at market value.

A **Statutory Revaluation and Reassessment** includes the following:

- Preparation of property record cards for each parcel, including vacant land;
- Classification and grading of land;
- On-site viewings of each property;
- Measuring each building;
- Recording the interior and exterior physical characteristics;
- Estimating the market value of each property based upon
 - Sales of comparable properties
 - Construction costs and,
 - Income producing capability of the property, when applicable

There are several reasons why a revaluation/reassessment may be needed:

1. Inequities may exist in the assessments of properties within classes;
2. Inequities may exist between the various classes of property;
3. The governing body may want to update the assessment records to show the physical characteristics of

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all taxable property;

4. The governing body may desire a complete inventory of all taxable property; and
5. The current assessments may not have been made in compliance with the law.

In the Village, items 1-4 were all matters demanding attention.

The Village completed the total revaluation of property in the Village in 2017. For this revaluation, the assessor basically just started over as if there were no prior value placed on properties. The main purpose of a revaluation is to make sure that the monetary values placed on each property is correct, and to bring the assessed value of property closer to its equalized value. It was becoming increasingly apparent that there were inequities present in Village property assessments within and between classes of property (residential and commercial classes including apartments). This is an important matter to deal with because property taxes are apportioned based on property values and if property is over or under assessed the property tax burden within the municipality is not apportioned fairly. The last time a revaluation occurred that included visual inspection of property was in 1986 and that was the last date property records were fully updated. Associated Appraisal has up-to-date property information on-line at: <http://www.apraz.com/search-2.asp?countyID=13&municipalityID=186> including photos of most Village properties. An overall market revaluation was done in 2007 that did not include a visual inspection and measurement of properties. It merely brought all properties up to 100% of market value.

A revaluation does not mean that property taxes will go up, nor does it act to increase property taxes levied. It does mean the distribution of the taxes among properties will likely change based on relative changes in value.

The revaluation also has a goal to bring the assessed values of all property up to market or equalized value. Market value is best determined by the arm's length sale of property. On average, residential property in the Village was selling at about 12% more than it was assessed (based on sales data). In other words, the Village was assessed at about 88% of equalized value. After the revaluation, we will be closer to 100%.

Again, the revaluation does not increase property taxes; it just reallocates them based on changes in value. For example, if the Village, County, School and Madison College tax levy were held constant and a revaluation occurs that on average increases property values by 12.78 % (as our revaluation did), properties whose value increased by less than 12.78% will see a reduction in the amount they pay in Village taxes. Properties that increased more than 12.78% will pay more towards the same total amount of taxes collected.

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PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS

2017 tax bills will be mailed to property owners in mid-December. The Village policy is to send tax bills to property owners NOT mortgage holders. If you escrow your taxes, you should notify your mortgage company of the amount owed when your bill arrives.

If you would like your property tax payment to be credited to 2017 for income tax purposes, it must be received by the Village by midnight on December 31.

The Village Hall closes at 5:00 pm on Friday, December 30 (if you'd like to pay your taxes in person). If you can't make it into the office by that time, you may leave your payment in the Village's green 'Drop Box' in the Village Hall parking lot. The 'Drop Box' will be emptied at midnight on December 31. Any payments made after midnight will be credited to 2018.



Payment sent by mail postmarked on or before December 31, 2017 will be credited to 2017. Similarly, on-line tax payments must also be made by December 31 to be credited to 2017. Since on-line payments may take 2-3 days to clear the bank, the on-line payment portal will be turned off on Thursday, December 28. To make a tax payment on-line go to: www.shorewood-hills.org/payments (convenience fees apply to all on-line transactions).

If you have questions about property taxes when the bill arrives, please contact the Village Hall.

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In summary, if your property value increased more than 12.78% you are going to pick up more of the overall Village property tax burden and vice versa. Many properties in the Village saw increases in value of 25% or more. If this is the case, you should be prepared to see what could be a rather large increase on your tax bill. It should also be noted that properties in the range of \$200,000-\$600,000 saw the largest increases. Homes with high values such as those on the lake stayed relatively flat and in some cases decreased, because sales reflected this trend.

Another good way to think about your assessment is to ask yourself, for how much would you sell your house? Does the assessed value reflect what you think you would get if you sold it? If the answer is yes, your assessment is probably about right. If you do not think, the house is worth that amount you should consider talking to the assessor. If you decide to do this, you should also look at what properties are comparable in value to yours, as well as what those houses have sold for in the last couple of years. This is the primary basis upon which property assessments are either affirmed or changed.

It is interesting to note that after the 2017 revaluation and the open book process with the assessor, no one appeared at the Board of Review to contest their new assessment in the Village. That is unusual. Hopefully, that indicates that most property owners believe their assessment is correct.

The Tax Levy

The property tax levy consists of the amount of taxes the County, School District, Madison Colleges and the Village intend to collect. It is important to know about the tax levy because increases in the levy **will** increase property taxes overall unless there is enough new growth in the tax base to offset the increase.

The Village portion of the tax levy is going to increase for taxes payable in 2017/18. The increase is \$206,994 over last year's levy of \$2,563,496. Property taxes are the Village's main source of revenue to provide essential services such as Police, Fire/EMS and Public Works. It is also used to pay a large part of our debt. The main contributing factor to the levy increase this year is an increase in Village debt service payments. In years to come, the debt service will remain stable, absent further borrowing. The levy increase due to debt service is \$154,095. The additional \$52,899 in levy increase is to help fund increases in other operating expenses. The vast majority of the Village's debt is paying for the reconstruction and resurfacing of streets on the east side of the Village (including replacement of water and sewer mains). The Village accomplished these projects at a time of very low interest rates but the payments are still significant, in the range of \$900,000 per year. Village debt drops off in 2025, but by then another major push to replace water and sewer lines on the west side of the Village will likely need to be done.

The Village operates under state imposed levy limits and can only increase the levy when debt service payments increase (\$154,095 for 2018), by the value of new construction in the Village (\$30,324). The Village is also able to use a portion of levy capacity it did not use in a previous year (\$22,525). In addition, the Village is using over \$100,000 of funds on hand to balance the budget. There is not an endless stream of funds on hand (savings), which is another reason the Village needs to utilize all of the levy capacity available this year. If we do not use the full levy capacity, we lose much of it and this could have a crippling effect on Village finances down the road. The allowable increase due to net new construction is also larger than we typically see. Normally, it is more in the range of \$10,000. Again, if that is not used, it is lost.

Summary:

The impact of the revaluation redistributing the tax burden coupled with levy increases are going to impact property taxes on individual properties in many different ways. It will depend upon whether your value increased by the average, less than or more than the average. If your property value increased significantly, you need to be prepared for a tax bill that may reflect a sizable increase, likely in the range of \$300-\$1,500.

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The Village does not have any control over the School District, County or Madison College tax levies and they can also have a large impact, since the Village's portion is only about 25% of your total tax bill. The school and county levies are also increasing this year. Fortunately, the school district saw a large increase in state aid that will help offset its levy increase and the state has eliminated its small share of the property tax levy (about \$100.00) on most properties. This is also, where equalized value comes into play. If Village equalized values are increasing more quickly than other municipalities we pick up more of the overall tax burden and vice-versa.

Property values, revaluations, tax levy and property taxes can get complicated and all these factors are intertwined in the tax bill you will receive this year.

We have posted two helpful maps on-line that graphically display the changes in values that have occurred. Go to: www.shorewood-hills.org/property. The statistics below may also be of interest.

Village of Shorewood Hills 2017 Revaluation Assessment Change Statistics				
<u>Residential Properties</u>				
Assessed Value Range (2016)	Quantity	Prior AV	New AV	% Change
Under \$200,000	40	\$6,102,723	\$7,142,300	17.03%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	72	\$18,086,133	\$22,884,500	26.53%
\$300,000 to \$399,999	95	\$33,974,513	\$41,390,500	21.82%
\$400,000 to \$499,999	119	\$53,232,147	\$62,965,300	18.28%
\$500,000 to \$599,999	114	\$62,298,144	\$72,208,600	36.32%
\$600,000 to \$699,999	75	\$49,151,939	\$55,129,600	12.16%
\$700,000 to \$799,999	38	\$28,318,251	\$31,898,800	12.64%
\$800,000 to \$899,999	29	\$24,518,369	\$26,778,400	9.22%
\$900,000 to \$999,999	24	\$22,840,713	\$23,460,700	2.71%
\$1,000,000 and higher	70	\$95,723,963	\$95,625,400	-0.01%
Lakefront Property	51	\$71,555,492	\$69,657,800	-2.65%
Condominiums	32	\$8,096,754	\$10,119,000	24.97%
Residential – All Other	608	\$314,596,249	\$361,659,800	14.96%
Home Square Footage (2017)				
Under 2000 SF	203	\$65,650,635	\$76,211,900	16.08%
2000 SF to 2999 SF	259	\$142,606,914	\$160,022,100	12.21%
3000 SF to 3999 SF	131	\$97,270,046	\$107,086,400	10.09%
4000 SF to 4999 SF	50	\$42,361,792	\$55,511,200	31.04%
5000 SF and higher	22	\$33,761,101	\$35,957,500	6.51%
<u>Commercial Properties</u>				
All Commercial	29	\$96,002,018	\$118,710,700	23.65%
TID Properties Only	17	\$56,195,162	\$76,087,900	35.40%
Commercial Excluding TID	12	\$39,806,856	\$42,622,800	7.07%
Business Personal Property	112	\$9,163,000	\$9,622,300	5.01%

If you are interested in calculating your taxes now, the combined mill rate is 0.020180353276 per thousand dollars of value. Multiply your new assessed value by the mill rate. The result will be very close to your 2017 tax bill. However, the lottery and state credit will also have a small positive impact to decrease your tax bill.

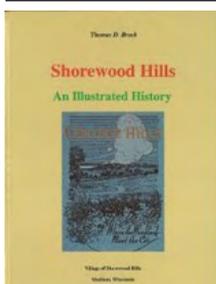
If you are interested in discussing these matters more, please do not hesitate to contact Village Hall.

HAPPY 90TH ANNIVERSARY

The Village of Shorewood Hills was formed by the amalgamation of two real estate plats called College Hills and Shorewood. The College Hills plat is the older, established next to the University of Wisconsin in 1912-1915. The streets in the College Hills part of the Village are all named for colleges and universities. The Shorewood part of the Village was platted in the 1920s, and is along Lake Mendota and upon Blackhawk hill.

The Village was established by order of the Dane County Circuit Court on July 31, 1927. At the time the Village was founded, the city of Madison was still remote, but in the intervening years, and especially after World War II, Madison has grown out and surrounded the Village.

Source: *Shorewood Hills: An Illustrated History* by Tom Brock.



NEED A HOLIDAY GIFT IDEA?

Shorewood Hills: An Illustrated History was written by Village resident and historian, Tom Brock. His book is a broad overview of the rich and fascinating history of the Village. It is full of historic photos, newspaper articles and maps illustrating life in Shorewood Hills.

The hardcover book makes a wonderful holiday gift. A limited supply of the book are still available at the Village Hall, during regular business hours, for only \$31.65 (tax included).

2018 DANE COUNTY ART CALENDAR

The nineteenth edition of the Dane County Cultural Affairs Commission's annual art calendar explores the wonderful sights and resources right here in Dane County. Your calendar purchase helps support local artists and the DC Cultural Affairs Commission's mission, vision, and programs (to foster public participation in local arts and increase public access to the cultural resources in Dane County).

The 2018 Art Calendar (*The Urban & Rural Narrative of Dane County*) features reproductions of thirteen works by talented Wisconsin artists.

The desk calendars cost \$10.00 each (including sales tax). The Commission relies on public donations and fundraising. The calendars are available at the Village Hall during regular business hours while supplies last. For more info on the DC Cultural Affairs Commission, go to: www.danearts.com.

An annual tradition and perfect gift.



DANE ARTS

HOLIDAY OFFICE SCHEDULE

The Village Hall will be closed on the following days in observance of the holidays:

- Monday, December 25 – Christmas Eve observe
- Tuesday, December 26 – Christmas Day observed
- Monday, January 1 – New Year's Eve observed
- Tuesday, January 2 – New Year's Day observed
- Monday, January 15 – MLK, Jr. Day

TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT OUR WATERS THIS FALL – KEEP STREETS LEAF-FREE!

As the weather cools and the days of splashing around on the lake fade away it's easy to forget about the health of our waters. Preliminary results from a leaf management study led by the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) right here in Dane County suggest that fall is actually a critical time of year to take action.

According to USGS Hydrologist Bill Selbig, "In some areas, more than 50% of the annual amount of phosphorus in urban stormwater can come from leaves in the street." When it rains, stormwater flows through leaf piles in streets creating a "leaf tea" that is rich in dissolved phosphorus. This "leaf tea" travels through storm sewers making its way to Lake Mendota and other lakes, rivers and streams. Too much phosphorus can fuel toxic algae blooms that are harmful to people out enjoying the water and the animals living there.

In the fall, keeping leaf litter off of streets before it rains can reduce the amount of phosphorus in urban stormwater by 80% compared to no leaf removal! During the fall, the Village Crew can usually make a complete circuit of all the streets in the Village once a week.

Join us in keeping streets leaf-free this fall! It's easy! Before the rain...

- 1) **Safely remove leaves** from the street in front of your home.
- 2) Rake your leaves to the curb (not in the street) for pickup by the Crew or recycle leaves on your property.
- 3) **Sign up to receive Leaf-free Streets Rain Alerts** this fall. Alerts will be issued, via text or e-mail, 1-2 days before a significant rain event reminding you that it's time to remove street leaves.

To learn more or to sign up for Leaf-free Streets Rain Alerts visit: www.ripple-effects.com.

A few minutes before the storm can have Ripple Effects on our waters all year long!

LEAF RAKING, SNOW SHOVELING, DOG WALKING ENTREPRENEURS

Almost all of the leaves have jumped off the trees now. Before we know it, the snow will be covering your driveway. Do you need help with leaf raking or snow shoveling? For several years, the Village Hall has kept a list of Shorewood Hills kids interested in doing odd jobs including raking leaves, shoveling snow, dog walking, pet sitting, or other work. Residents looking to hire help may contact the Village Hall to get a list of these young community entrepreneurs.

If you have kids that would like to be included on this database, they may e-mail Karla (kendres@shorewoodhills.org) or call the Village Hall at 267-2680. Kids, Karla will need your full name; phone number; if you are interested in shoveling snow, raking leaves, yard work in general, pet sitting, dog walking, etc. Please indicate if you will work anywhere in the Village or just in your own neighborhood (include your address if only working in your neighborhood).

If you have been a part of the Village Hall database in the past and would no longer like your name/number given out, please contact Karla to be removed.



SIGN UP FOR E-MAIL NOTIFICATIONS THROUGH THE VILLAGE WEBSITE

Keep up with Village news and events. Go to: www.shorewood-hills.org/notifications on the Village's website and fill out the short form. The system is a self-managed registration. Once the form is submitted, you will receive an e-mail from shorewoodhillswi@listserv.govoffice.com. Click on the link in the e-mail to activate your account. The Village sends out notices of Board Meetings, Community Events, Police Updates and when the Bulletin is posted on-line.



ARE YOU READY FOR WINTER?

Time to get your home and car ready for cold and snow

It is time to face the inescapable truth, the snow isn't here yet but winter is coming to Wisconsin. We all need to brush up on our winter driving skills and cold weather preparedness. Make sure you have an emergency supply kit in your car – it could save your life. If you slide off into a ditch and are stranded during a storm, food and other items in your kit could help keep you and your family safe until emergency help arrives.

The emergency vehicle kit should contain items such as flashlight, first aid kit, booster cables, emergency flares, water and snack food along with extra gloves, hats, scarves and blankets. In addition, make sure you have a shovel and a bag of sand or kitty litter to help provide traction if you get stuck.



Every winter in Wisconsin, officials say approximately 50 people are killed and more than 4,900 are injured in crashes on icy or snow-covered roads. Many of those crashes are caused by driving too fast in winter conditions. The posted speed limit is based on dry pavement and good driving conditions. But, the posted limit may be too fast for conditions when a road is snow covered and slippery. During severe winter storms, the safest decision is not to drive until conditions improve. Law enforcement officers frequently respond to vehicles in the ditch and chain-reaction crashes when motorists should not have attempted to travel. Slowed or stalled traffic on slippery roads also delays tow trucks and snowplows, which are trying to get roads cleared, as well as emergency responders.

In addition to getting your vehicles winterized and putting together an emergency vehicle supply kit, now is also good time to get your home ready for the cold months ahead. Put together an emergency preparedness kit for your home that contains a three-day supply of non-perishable food and water in case there is no power during a winter storm. Also, make sure your flashlights have new batteries and you have a NOAA Weather Radio to receive any emergency alerts.

For more information, visit ReadyWisconsin at <http://ready.wi.gov>. You can also follow ReadyWisconsin on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

Know before you go this winter season with the 511 Wisconsin Traveler Information System. **511 Wisconsin** is a 24/7 travel service provided through the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. Download the free smartphone app, follow @511WI on Twitter, or visit www.511wi.gov. You can access these current statewide travel resources:

- Road conditions
- Travel times
- Traffic delays
- Incident alerts
- Construction closures
- Traffic cameras



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The Shorewood Hills Community League invites you to the...



ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

Sunday, December 3 from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm at the Heiden Haus

Join your neighbors and enjoy hot chocolate, a bonfire, horse drawn wagon rides, treats, tree lighting and hopefully, ice skating!

All residents are welcome, no matter the age!!

Please e-mail shcleague@gmail.com if you would like to volunteer! Thank you!



GARDEN CLUB NEWS

Mark your calendars for the annual
GARDEN CLUB HOLIDAY GATHERING
on Thursday, December 14 at 7:00 pm.

We will again be supporting a collection to support *Second Harvest Food Bank*, have time for socializing, enjoying holiday spirits and treats and more.



SEASON'S GREETINGS FROM ONE CITY EARLY LEARNING!

First of all, **Thank You** to the many Shorewood Hills residents who have supported *One City* over this past year. There is a feeling of appreciation for our help nearly every day as volunteers arrive for their weekly shifts, drop off material items, serve on the Board or committee, OR donate financially toward the salary of a quality teacher. This is also a reminder that the need for our involvement still exists.

There are numerous ways to connect with the vibrant community during this season of giving & beyond! If you have questions, please visit: <http://www.onecityearlylearning.org/contact-us/>

The following are choices many of our Village residents have made throughout 2017 to give of themselves to this community of much need:

- **Reception desk work** – half-day shifts or occasional subbing.
- **Reading** – to small groups or one-on-one with the 1 to 5 year olds.
- **Helping Chef Joel in the kitchen** – chopping, cooking or running the dishwasher.
- **Gardening** – planting & maintaining garden areas with or without the children.
- **Organizing the “library-in-progress”** – continuous flow of donated books needs to be culled.
- **Helping with the FAST Program** (Families And Schools Together) – FAST is an awesome prevention & early intervention program that helps children succeed by empowering parents, connecting families, improving the school climate and strengthening community engagement. FAST takes place one evening a week for 8 weeks. There are various ways to help with this vital program.

AND

- **Donating financially** – There is always a need for monetary donations!
 - One City – Shorewood Hills link for supporting a new teacher's salary: https://ready-by-5-great-school-great-teachers.everydayhero.com/us/shorewood-hills-league-team#/?_k=ozfxzb
 - Cash donations at our 4th of July One City information table
 - Through places of employment – “Write-in” via United Way
 - Through the One City website at: <http://www.onecityearlylearning.org>

Please join us in making a difference in the lives of our neighbor families at One City!

We mourn the loss of

Celia “Skye” Stevenson - Edgehill Pwky resident

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

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

SERVICES

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

Math Tutor – Quality Math Tutor for ages 8-18. Questions please contact Barb Center at (608) 217-4732 or bcentermd@gmail.com.

FOR RENT

Home for Rent for 6-7 months. 2 bedroom ranch. HW floors, fireplace, new kitchen, 4 season sun room, new studio/exercise room with heated floors and 1 car garage. Conveniently located near the pool and school. Rent: \$1,900/mo + utilities. Contact Deb Postweiler at 608-233-8752.

FOR SALE

Want to List?

Chas Martin, your neighbor and top-selling Shorewood Hills agent knows Real Estate and knows Shorewood Hills.

Sold in ‘16/’17:

- 3410 Sunset Dr.
- 3415 Edgehill Pkwy.
- 3113 Oxford Rd.
- 3140 Oxford Rd.
- 1009 Edgehill Dr.
- 910 Cornell Ct.
- 1007 University Bay Dr.
- 3109 Oxford Rd.
- 1025 Columbia Rd.
- 3407 Viburnum Dr.
- 1106 Wellesley Rd.
- 3432 Sunset Dr.
- 3519 Sunset Dr.
- 3509 Blackhawk Rd.

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

House for sale – 0.513 acre lot, 1 block from lake, 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 2 car garage. Call Jane at 608-316-5966 or e-mail 22janel@gmail.com.

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.’

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