



# The Village Bulletin

The Village of Shorewood Hills

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**Garden Club Brown Bag Lunch Session:**

**Noon to 1:00 pm  
Thursday, February 16**

## VILLAGE CAUCUS RESULTS

The annual Caucus to nominate Trustee candidates for the Spring Election on April 4 occurred before the monthly Board of Trustees meeting on Tuesday, January 17, 2017.

Village President Mark Sundquist has chosen not to seek another term this year. Current Trustee Dave Benforado was nominated for Village President. Incumbents Anne Readel, Fred Wade and Felice Borisy-Rudin were nominated for the three Trustee positions with terms ending in April.

Each candidate was given an opportunity to address the audience at the Caucus and may submit a candidate statement to be included in March issue of the Village Bulletin.

[\(More Voter and Election Information on Page 6\)](#)

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

### FEBRUARY

1	Personnel Committee .....	7:00 am
6	Public Health & Safety Committee .....	7:00 pm
8	Recreation Committee (@ DPW Building) .....	7:30 pm
13	Municipal Court (Traffic) .....	5:00 pm
13	Parks Committee .....	5:30 pm
13	Public Works Committee .....	7:00 pm
14	Plan Commission .....	7:00 pm
15	Finance Committee .....	5:30 pm
20	Board of Trustees .....	7:00 pm
21	Primary Election (Polls open 7:00 am to 8:00 pm)	

### MARCH

1	Forum on Free-Range Cats .....	7:00 pm
7	Pool Committee .....	6:30 pm
9	Garden Club Bird City Presentation .....	6:00 pm
13	Municipal Court (Traffic) .....	5:00 pm
13	Parks Committee .....	5:30 pm
13	Public Works Committee .....	7:00 pm
14	Plan Commission .....	7:00 pm
15	Finance Committee .....	5:30 pm
20	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.

FEBRUARY - MARCH 2017

**HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE JANUARY 17, 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.

**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 minutes from the Board’s December 21 meeting and a transient merchant permit for Fabian Seafood.

**Ordinance L-2016-7** – Mr. Benforado reviewed the Plan Commission and Board’s previous deliberations on the request to revise this ordinance. The Board unanimously waived the second and third readings and approved [Ordinance L-2016-7](#) amending section 18.05 of the Village Code related to Junk, Certain Vehicles, Recreational Equipment and Firewood and Section 10-1-75 Motor Vehicle, Mobile Home and Boat Storage. To paraphrase the ordinance: Regulations on Boat, Trailer and RV Storage – Recreational equipment including boats trailers and RV’s may not be parked on the street or within 25 feet of the edge of the curb or pavement for a period of more than 48 hours without an exemption being granted by the Village Administrator.

**Resolution R-2017-1** – The Board unanimously approved [Resolution R-2017-1](#) proclaiming March 9, 2017 as International Migratory Bird Day in the Village of Shorewood Hills (*see resolution on page 5*).

**Resolution R-2017-2** – Mr. Sundquist reviewed a letter he received from the president of the National School Choice Week organization requesting the Board pass a resolution supporting, among other things, private schools and school choice. The Board discussed the importance of public schools in the community and how “school choice” as typified by this particular organization will have detrimental effects on public schools. Instead of the suggested resolution by National School Choice Week, the Board approved [Resolution R-2017-2](#) recognizing January 22-28, 2017 as Public School Support Week on a vote of 6-1 (Mr. Lederer voting no).

**Authorize expenditures for staff to deal with aggressive or nuisance wildlife** – Mr. Frantz reported on recent incidents with young male (jake) turkeys aggressively interacting with pedestrians. Police Department staff located a resource at the USDA to capture and dispose of the problem jakes. The Board unanimously approved the expenditure of up to \$1,000 to resolve this problem and gave its support to staff to proactively deal with similar wildlife issues if they occur in the future (*see article on page 3*).

**Authorize staff to arrange for a public information meeting related to free-ranging cats** – The Public Health & Safety (PHS) and the Parks Committees recently heard concerns about how revisions to the Regulation of Pets ordinance had inadvertently changed the Village’s regulation of cats. This gave rise to the question of free-ranging cats and whether this practice should be allowed in the Village. The Board unanimously authorized staff to organize a public information meeting hosted by the PHS and Parks Committees where experts in various fields would be asked to present and answer questions, similar to the coyote forum held previously (*see article on page 4*).

**Consider referral of request to pursue motor vehicle idling ordinance** – The Board referred the matter to the Public Health & Safety Committee.

**Village Administrator’s Report** – Mr. Frantz reported the Services Committee will meet soon to get the cold storage building project ready for bids. The Village Engineer is recommending that

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**PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS**

If you choose to pay your property tax in two installments, the first half payment is due on Tuesday, January 31, 2017. When the Village Hall is closed, payments may be deposited in the green ‘Drop Box’ in the Village Hall parking lot or sent by US mail.

After January 31, the second installment should be made directly to (and payable to) the Dane County Treasurer by Monday, July 31, 2017.



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the advertisement for bids go out before the next Board meeting. If the Board were to subsequently decide to not proceed with the project, the bid award could be stopped as well.

**Plan Commission** – Mr. Sundquist reported developer Rich Arneson presented a preliminary plan to build an apartment building at the 2801 Marshall Court site. He had previously received zoning approval to build two buildings to replace three buildings at 2725, 2727 and 2801 Marshall Court.

**Recreation Committee** – Ms. Readel reported the Committee met with the Four Corners and Land Rec programs' parent coordinators focusing on how the Committee could help the programs, including interviewing and evaluating counselors.

**Adjourn** – The meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm.

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## ANIMAL ISSUES ENVELOP THE VILLAGE

The charming character of the Village is partially defined by its town-like rural setting with long winding streets, woods, natural areas and water. Not only are many people attracted to live in this urban enclave that we like to call home for its natural feel, so does wildlife, and we have plenty of it.

### Turkeys

Please do not feed wild turkeys. In addition to not feeding them, scare them away when you see them. What starts out as a feel-good thing to do, attracting and then encouraging these creatures with food, will result in major problems for the turkeys (likely their premature death) and to human beings around them (major nuisances, messes, noise and even injury).

Turkeys, especially males, are territorial and when they become habituated to humans, they will act in very aggressive ways. They will chase, peck and kick at people they see as encroaching on their territory. The male turkeys grow razor sharp spurs on their legs that can cause injury. When the breeding season starts in March, these male turkeys may become more aggressive. Several individuals have filed police reports after scary encounters with two very aggressive turkeys in the Village. A couple pedestrians had to be rescued by passing motorists. There are presently children frightened to walk to school after encounters with these turkeys. In response, the Village had to arrange for the US Department of Agriculture to remove these two turkeys before they caused injury. That came at a cost (\$400 for two removals).

Unfortunately, relocation is not a viable option as relocated turkeys will generally be ostracized from established territories of other flocks and end up starving or being battled and bullied to death by other turkeys. The long and short of it is that these two aggressive turkeys will end up being euthanized and then processed.

In addition, a flock of eight turkeys is roosting in a tree over a driveway and is causing the owner significant problems. From noise at dusk and dawn, to fecal matter dropping on cars and on the driveway, they are a big hassle. Moreover, they are really tough to get rid of once they move in. The act of feeding these turkeys encourages them to establish their territory and roost in trees in the area and become aggressive. It would be much better if they would roost in one of our parks or natural areas, but they are going to settle near where they are being fed.

The only way we will resolve the problem is to stop feeding the turkeys, period, no exceptions. This includes regularly cleaning up seed dropped from bird feeders. If even just one person continues to feed them, we will have recurring problems. If you have a turkey encounter attempt to scare them off with noise and menacing gestures. If you run or walk away from them, they will likely give chase and perceive you as subservient. By

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**Next Bulletin Deadline: Monday, February 20**

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the way, they run faster than you can. Turkeys can run 25 miles per hour and fly at 55 mph.

### **Coyotes**

Remember to never feed coyotes and if you see one, HAZE IT. That will maintain or increase the coyote's fear of people. It is easier to recondition a habituated coyote than a turkey and they are far less likely to attack a human being.

Coyotes and turkeys are here to stay. It is our job to ensure that they are not habituated to people and that they maintain their fear and distance from us. Not feeding and hazing these animals is the most effective actions we can all take. We have no good alternative except to learn to coexist.

### **Village Cat Regulation/Wildlife Impact Forum March 1**

The Village Board, through its Public Health and Safety Committee, will be considering changes to the Village Code that regulates domestic cats. Under current law, cats are allowed to roam at large if they wear a collar with a bell. There is a request that the Trustees consider an ordinance that would treat cats much the same as dogs, in that, off premises they must be leashed and under the control of their owners. The reason for the request primarily stems from concern over the predatory impact of cats on bird populations.

The Parks and Public Health & Safety Committees will host an educational forum on this subject on March 1, 2017 at 7:00 pm at Village Hall. An expert panel has been assembled to present information from their areas of expertise and to field questions. After the forum the Public Health and Safety Committee will consider the information and resident input it has obtained, and formulate recommendations to the Board.

The panelists include:

- Sandra Sawchuk, DVM , Faculty member UW Veterinary Care (Primary Care).
- Stanley A. Temple, Beers-Bascom Professor Emeritus in Conservation in the Department of Forest and Wildlife Ecology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. For 32 years, he held the academic position once occupied by Aldo Leopold. He has been President of the Society for Conservation Biology and Chairman of the Board of The Nature Conservancy in Wisconsin.
- Bryan Lenz, Ph.D., Director of Bird City Wisconsin.

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### **PET LICENSES**

(Dogs, Cats and Chickens)

All dogs and cats living in Shorewood Hills must be licensed annually. To obtain a license, please bring your pet's most recent rabies vaccination record, including the vaccine's expiration date, to the Village Hall. The deadline for obtaining licenses is April 1, 2017. There is a \$5.00 penalty after this date. The late fee increases to \$10.00 after June 1, 2017. Even if your dog or cat is due for the rabies vaccination after the deadline, licenses must be obtained by April 1.

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

Please DO NOT purchase your cat or dog license directly from your veterinarian (that is a City of Madison program). Your pet license records should be kept in the community where you live. If a pet is lost or running at large, we can locate the owners much easier if the records are at the Village Hall.

**Village residents who keep chickens must also obtain a license.** Complete the Village's 'Permit to Keep Chickens' (available on the Village's website: [www.shorewood-hills.org](http://www.shorewood-hills.org)) and provide evidence of current registration with the Dept. of Agriculture. The fee is \$20 and the permit is good for three years.



**RESOLUTION NO. R-2017-2  
OF THE VILLAGE OF SHOREWOOD HILLS,  
DANE COUNTY, WISCONSIN**

**Resolution in Support of Public Schools,  
Declaring Public School Week**

WHEREAS, taxpayer-supported traditional public schools are the foundation of our democracy, and

WHEREAS, taxpayer-supported traditional public schools provide a unifying common experience across our diverse population, and

WHEREAS, quality education is critically important to the economic vitality of Shorewood Hills, and

WHEREAS, the children of Shorewood Hills have access to an excellent taxpayer-supported traditional public school system, and

WHEREAS, taxpayer-supported traditional public schools enhance a sense of community and shared interest across all segments of society, and

WHEREAS, our area has many high-quality teaching professionals in our public school system who are committed to educating our children, and

WHEREAS, innocuous sounding alternatives such as “school choice” divert taxpayer money from publicly and locally controlled traditional public schools, and

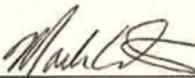
WHEREAS, there is a well-funded effort to undermine our taxpayer-funded traditional public schools, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Shorewood Hills repudiates this misguided effort and rejects the National School Choice Week’s call to recognize the week of January 22-28 as National School Choice Week 2017.

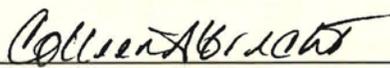
THEREFORE, the Village Board of Shorewood Hills instead hereby recognizes January 22-28, 2017 as Public School Support Week, expresses its gratitude to the Madison Metropolitan School District, and calls this to the attention of all.

Approved by the Village Board of Shorewood Hills, January 17, 2017

APPROVED:

  
Mark L. Sundquist, President

Attest:

  
Colleen Albrecht, Village Clerk

## FEBRUARY PRIMARY AND SPRING ELECTION

There will be a primary election on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 to select the candidates for The State Superintendent of Public Instruction and Madison Metropolitan School District Board in the 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 judicial races and the candidates selected at the primary election.

## 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 information 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](mailto: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>

## FOUR CORNERS CAMP 2017

*Registrations Due: March 10, 2017!*

Four Corners Camp is an eight-week outdoor recreation program held at Four Corners Park from 9:30 am to 12:25 pm\*, Monday through Friday for Village children ages 4 to 6 years and who have not yet entered first grade. Camp activities include outdoor play, arts and crafts, music, games, field trips, and a one-night campout for six-year-olds at the end of the program.

\*On days when there are no swim lessons, pick-up is at 12:00 noon at Four Corners Park.

Swimming lessons at Shorewood Hills Pool are provided in conjunction with the Pool's morning swim lesson program; on swim days, campers walk with the staff to the Pool from Four Corners Park. During inclement weather, camp is held in the Community Center.

Campers may register for one or both camp sessions (First Session: June 12-July 7; Second Session: July 10-August 3). Registration forms for the 2017 Four Corners program are available on the Village's website ([www.shorewood-hills.org](http://www.shorewood-hills.org)) in the **Recreation Programs** section or fill out the on-line registration form at the Village Hall. The deadline for camper registration with payment is **Friday, March 10, 2017**. Come join in the fun!

## LAND REC CAMP 2017

*Registrations Due: March 10, 2017!*

**Parents - want your kids out of the house every afternoon next summer? We are looking for campers!** After this cold start to winter, we are all looking forward to the coming summer. And with that comes the opportunity for your kids to be faster, funnier and more crafty after 8 weeks of the Shorewood Hills Land Recreation Program.

Land Rec is an outdoor program held near the Heiden Haus at the south end of the school lot. It meets Monday through Friday from 1:00-3:00 pm (weather permitting). All Shorewood Hills residents and students of SHES aged 7-11 (or entering 2nd-6th grade in September) are eligible to enroll. Registration forms are available on the Village's website ([www.shorewood-hills.org](http://www.shorewood-hills.org)) in the **'Recreation Programs'** section or you can fill out the on-line form at the Village Hall.

If you like planning ahead, the deadline to enroll is **Friday, March 10, 2017**. Land Rec is a great way for children to see each other throughout the summer as well as to make new friends and be part of the community. Have older kids—or are an older kid/young adult? See the Employment Opportunities on the next page.

## RECYCLING UPDATE #2

*Pellitteri begins to convert fleet to CNG!*

Another beautiful (but chilly) day in the world of waste removal. Pellitteri welcomes two CNG (compressed natural gas) vehicles into its fleet!

Why CNG? Environmentally friendly, CNG is the cleanest burning transportation fuel on the market today. CNG burns cleaner than petroleum based products because of its low carbon content. CNG produces the fewest emissions of all other fuels and contains significantly less pollutants than gasoline.



## PICKUP NOTIFICATIONS

*For Trash & Recycling*

Pellitteri Waste Systems has an e-mail alert service for customers.

Keep yourself informed of collection date changes and other information from Pellitteri by sending an e-mail to [info@pellitteri.com](mailto:info@pellitteri.com) and ask to be included

on their residential e-mail alert list (please include your address). Or, you can call Pellitteri at 608-257-4285 and talk to a customer service rep.



## OTHER SUMMER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Watch for other summer job announcements in future issues of the Village Bulletin or on the Village's website: [www.shorewood-hills.org/employment](http://www.shorewood-hills.org/employment).

## 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](http://www.shorewood-hills.org) 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](mailto: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](http://www.shorewood-hills.org) 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](mailto:jmitmoen@shorewood-hills.org) or 267-2680.

## CROSSING GUARD NEEDED

The Police Department is seeking a dedicated person, this semester or next school year, to work as a morning and afternoon crossing guard at the intersection of Oxford & Bowdoin Roads for Shorewood Hills Elementary School. The position averages 2 hours per day. The pay rate for crossing guards is \$12.05 per hour.

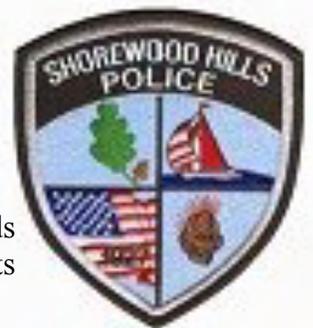
The school kids make it a very rewarding position, perfect for a retiree, stay-at-home parent or student with a flexible schedule. Please contact Chief Dennis Pine ([dpine@shorewood-hills.org](mailto:dpine@shorewood-hills.org)) at the Police Department (267-1110) if you are interested.

## 2017 PARKING PERMITS

Almost every residential street in the Village is in a one- or two-hour restricted parking district (where parking is allowed). The only way to avoid a ticket is to have a parking permit. A parking permit allows residents to park on the street within 100 yards of their home for periods exceeding the posted restrictions. Current parking permits expire on December 31, 2016.

Residents are reminded to stop by the Police Department at the Village Hall to obtain 2017 Shorewood Hills Parking Permit sticker(s). There is no charge for the first sticker per household. Additional stickers are \$5.00 each.

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



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## WORD OF THE WOODS

### WINTER TREE MAINTENANCE AND INSPECTIONS

2016 was a big year for severe storms and high winds resulting in many tree failures and removals in the Village. Taking some preventative measures now during these winter months is an excellent idea and a good way to prepare for upcoming spring and summer storms. Have a certified arborist do an inspection of all your trees and look for disease, weak spots, and evidence of potential failure. A trained arborist will be able to detect problems even in the winter months.

Having your trees pruned in the winter makes good sense for many reasons. It is often more cost effective to do preventative maintenance now than having to have the work done after an acute storm event. Arborists are often less busy and some offer discounts this time of the year. Per our Village ordinance ([§19.04\(5\)](#)), oak trees can only be pruned in the dormant season (November through March) in order to prevent oak wilt. Another plus to having tree work done in the winter while the ground is frozen is that it may help to avoid or minimize damage to your lawn and green spaces.

During your tree inspection, look for ash trees on your property. Have an arborist inspect them to determine if they are in good health. With the threat of emerald ash borer (EAB) looming, you should decide if they are good candidates for treatment against the beetle. Otherwise, you should consider removing them before they become infected. If treatment against EAB is being considered, the winter months are a good time to get an estimate. Treatments are recommended in the spring or early summer.

Winter is likewise a busy time for tree removals and pruning in our public spaces (parks and road right-of-ways). Village staff and contractors have been busy with hazard tree removals and street tree pruning the last few months. Trees along Circle Close were pruned in December and several dead oaks were removed. In January, the Village pruned public trees on the 900 block of Columbia Road and the Swarthmore Court alley between Columbia and Yale Roads. Several elm trees with Dutch elm disease were removed along the alley as well.

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### CELEBRATE BIRD CITY WITH PHOTOGRAPHER MIKE MCDOWELL

The Village of Shorewood Hills will celebrate International Migratory Bird Day with Mike McDowell, Award Winning Digiscoper, showing his spectacular local bird photographs and his extensive knowledge of migratory birds on Thursday, March 9 at 7:00 pm (6:30 pm for refreshments) in the Village Hall.

The Village of Shorewood Hills has been a Bird City since 2012. This is the Village's sixth celebration of International Migratory Bird Day, but this event has been celebrated in North America since 1993. Originally International Migratory Bird Day was celebrated the second Saturday in May, but there were too many competing events on the same day. Now many celebrations are held on other dates.

Mike McDowell is an avid birdwatcher who has recorded and photographed avifauna in the Pheasant Branch Conservancy for more than 20 years. In 2002, Mike began shooting photographs with his digital camera through a bird spotting scope. The result has been outstanding close up photographs of birds in their natural habitats. Mike's photographs appear in magazines, newspapers, and calendars.

Mike is a member of the American Birding Association and the Wisconsin Society for Ornithology, which presented him their 2012 Bronze Passenger Pigeon Award. In 2009 and 2010, he was a finalist in Swarovski's Digiscoper of the year contest. You can see a gallery of Mike's photos and information about digiscoping at [www.birddigisoper.com](http://www.birddigisoper.com).

Bring friends and neighbors to this special presentation. Light refreshments will be provided by the Garden Club and Parks Committee.

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## ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS IN FORESTRY AND PARKS FOR 2016

255 trees/shrubs planted

- 95 trees/shrubs (streets)
- 85 trees/shrubs (parks)
- 75 trees/shrubs (tree sale)

340 trees pruned

Most of the trees pruned in 2016 were on the following streets: University Ave, Burbank Place, Maple Terrace, Circle Close and Columbia Road. Significant pruning was also done in Post Farm Park and near the Shorewood Boulevard entryway walls.

180 trees removed

2016 was a big year for storms and high winds, resulting in many tree failures and removals. Other common removals this year included Green Ash (EAB readiness), American Elm (Dutch Elm Disease), Norway Maple (storm damage/invasive), Black Locust (poor condition, invasive), White Mulberry (invasive), Sugar Maple (dead/dying) and Oaks (disease/insects/storm damage).

## 2017 DANE COUNTY ART CALENDAR

The eighteenth 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 Dane County 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 2017 Art Calendar (*Everything You Never Expected... In 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](http://www.danearts.com).

## DISPOSAL OF CHRISTMAS TREES

There are a couple of options when you take down your Christmas tree this year. Many residents put the tree in their backyards after the holidays. It makes a wonderful bird refuge during the long winter months. You could also use the tree as mulch for your garden or tender shrubs.

If you'd rather get rid of the tree entirely, the Village Crew will be chipping Christmas trees until the end of January. Place your tree at the curb in front of your house before January 31, 2017. Please be sure to remove all ornaments, wires, straps or anything else on your tree. The metal and other objects could injure a member of the crew or damage the chipper blades. At \$400 per blade they are expensive to replace!

Wreaths and garland cannot be chipped. Put those items out with your regular trash.



## WINTER PARKING

The Village does not normally have winter alternate-side parking restrictions but when circumstances warrant, a snow emergency may be declared. If such an emergency is declared, vehicles will be ordered off of the roadway entirely. Notification will be posted on the Village website, send out via the Village's "blast" e-mail list and provided to the local media.

During a regular snow event, residents are asked to move their cars off the road before (or as soon as possible after) a snowfall so that the Public Works Crew can properly plow the streets. Past experience has shown that heavy snowfalls early in the season result in narrower roads the rest of the winter. If you can park in your driveway or alternate which side of the street you park on after a snowfall, it will help the Crew clear the streets. Your efforts will also assist the transit of the ambulance and fire engines when called to respond to emergencies in the Village.



## ADOPT A FIRE HYDRANT

During the winter, keeping fire hydrants clear of snow is a difficult job. The Madison Fire Department (MFD) provides fire protection services to the Village. Searching for a buried hydrant or having to dig one out could waste time in an emergency.

The Public Works Crew does its best to keep the Village fire hydrants clear of snow but they could use your help. The Village is asking you and your neighbors to "adopt" the fire hydrant near your home and help clear the snow around it. A few minutes of time and effort after it snows can help ensure MFD will have quick access to water when needed. Clear a path from the road to the fire hydrant and maintain a clear area of about three feet around it.

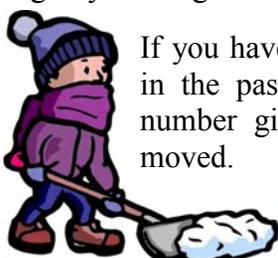


We would like to thank those residents who have been shoveling out their area hydrants in the past. Your efforts have not gone unnoticed!

## SNOW SHOVELING ENTREPRENEURS

Winter is here! Do you need help with snow shoveling (or other odd jobs)? For several years, the Village Hall has kept a list of Shorewood Hills kids interested in doing odd jobs including shoveling snow, dog walking, pet sitting, raking leaves, mowing lawns 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 who would like to be included on this database, they may e-mail Karla ([kendres@shorewoodhills.org](mailto: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.

### AMHERST DRIVE CLOSED

Please be aware: While there is adequate snow cover, Amherst Drive will be closed between the addresses of 1121 and 1137.

The Village does this each year to allow for safe sledding down the hill at Bradley Park.

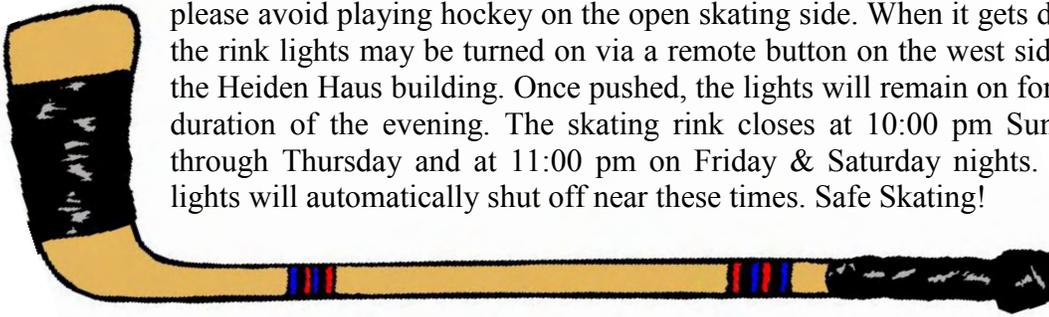


## ICE SKATING RINK

The recent warm weather may have ended the season for the Shorewood Hills skating rink. But, if we get a stretch of cold weather (in the teens), the Public Works Crew will try to revive the ice.

In the meantime, the **RED** flag will be flying, which indicates the rink is “closed.” Please stay off the ice when the red flag is flying. If the Crew gets the rink up and running again, they will fly the **GREEN** flag when the rink is “open” and ready for use.

Usually the ice rink is divided into an enclosed hockey area and an open skating area. For everyone’s safety, please avoid playing hockey on the open skating side. When it gets dark, the rink lights may be turned on via a remote button on the west side of the Heiden Haus building. Once pushed, the lights will remain on for the duration of the evening. The skating rink closes at 10:00 pm Sunday through Thursday and at 11:00 pm on Friday & Saturday nights. The lights will automatically shut off near these times. Safe Skating!



## RESIDENT’S PRIVILEGES AT BLACKHAWK COUNTRY CLUB

Shorewood Hills residents (who are not members) have certain privileges included in the lease agreement with the Village.

**Food and Beverages** – Adult residents, their children (when accompanied by a parent) and their guests have food and beverage privileges at the Club two times each month from November 1 through April 15. Availability may be limited when the Club is booked for specific events. Dining is on a cash basis. No gratuity or service charge will be automatically added to food and beverage bills. It is expected that residents will tip accordingly, based on the quality of service received, just as they would in any other restaurant. Reservations are appreciated. Casual attire is appropriate. Dining hours are:

Lunch: Wednesday-Saturday from 11:30 am to 2:00 pm

Dinner: Thursday-Saturday from 5:30 to 8:00 pm

Sunday Bistro: 10:00 am to 12:30 pm

Easter Brunch will be April 20th from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm

Friday Night Fish Fry: 5:00 to 8:00 pm

Call the Club at 231-2454 for questions or to make a reservation.

**Social Membership** – Village residents may apply for a social membership in the Club and the initiation fee shall be waived.

**Use of the Grounds** – Village residents shall have the right to use the grounds for winter sports (i.e. sledding, cross country and downhill skiing) from December 1 to April 1 (weather permitting). Putting greens, tee boxes and other areas of the course may be protected with fencing. Please keep out of these areas.

**Clubhouse and Bar** – On Saturday afternoons, the Blackhawk Clubhouse and Bar is open for residents to come inside to warm up while sledding and skiing, to use the restrooms, or to have a complimentary cup of hot cocoa or coffee. Residents are welcome to use the clubhouse to warm up any time it is open.

### **Clubhouse hours:**

Monday – closed

Tuesday – closed

Wednesday – 10:00 am-2:00 pm

Thursday – 10:00 am-8:00 pm

Friday – 10:00 am-8:00 pm

Saturday – 10:00 am-8:00 pm

Sunday – 10:00 am-5:00 pm

**Golf** – Adult residents also have certain golf privileges during the golf season.

## RADON – AN INVISIBLE THREAT TO YOUR FAMILY’S HEALTH

### Now is a Great Time to Make Sure that your House is Radon Free

*(From a Monday, January 9, 2017 press release)* In recognition of National Radon Action Month, Public Health Madison and Dane County (PHMDC) urges all residents to test their homes for radon. Radon is a naturally occurring, invisible, odorless, radioactive gas that can ultimately be fatal.

Radon is normally harmlessly dispersed in outdoor air, but can reach harmful levels when it enters buildings through cracks in foundations, particularly in the winter months when homes and other buildings are closed up and heated.

Radon is the leading cause of lung cancer among non-smokers. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Surgeon General’s office estimate radon is responsible for more than 20,000 lung cancer deaths each year in the U.S. About 2,900 of these deaths occur among people who have never smoked. If you do smoke and your home has elevated radon levels, your risk of lung cancer goes up **seven times**.

Testing homes for radon is simple and inexpensive. Test kits can be purchased at local hardware or home product stores usually for under \$25. PHMDC also has test kits for sale at \$10 per kit (see below for detailed information).

The EPA and the Surgeon General of the United States recommend that the test be done in the lowest lived in level of your home. After leaving the opened kit in the room for the recommended amount of monitoring time, all you need to do is to send it to the laboratory for analysis. The lab will send you easy to understand results within two or three weeks.

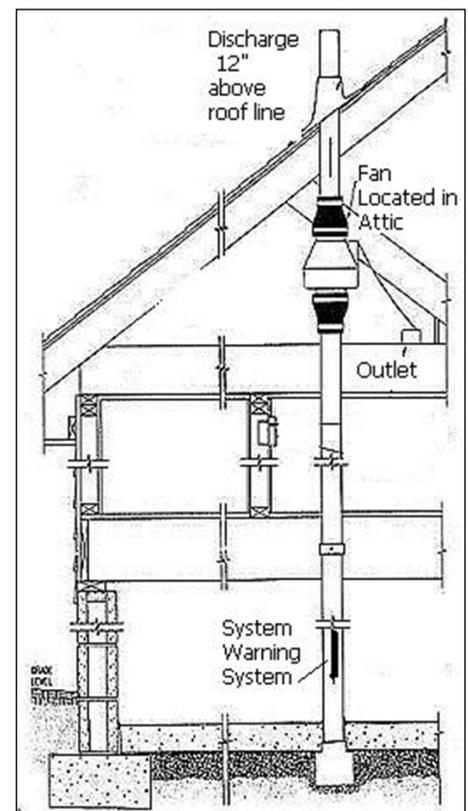
If testing shows that you do have a radon problem, you will need to install a system that will prevent the radon from accumulating in your home. Such systems should be installed by a certified mitigation contractor. According to Clint Marshall, Public Health Radon Specialist, “The cost of a radon mitigation system can vary, but typically runs around \$1,200.”

This is why PHMDC joins the EPA during National Radon Action Month to remind the public that ignoring this hazard can have terrible consequences, and that it pays to take action against this invisible and preventable threat to the health of your family.

For more information regarding radon, including a list of qualified radon remediation contractors, visit the [Wisconsin Radon Information Website](#).

Click [HERE](#) for more detailed background on radon.

To purchase a test kit or to speak with the Public Health Radon Specialist, call the South Central Wisconsin Radon Information Center at (608) 243-0392.



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## COMMUNITY LEAGUE MEETING

We will be having our first Community League meeting of the year with the new Board. Everyone is welcome to attend and we encourage you to attend so you can learn more about the League and what we do. Every resident of the Village is a welcome member of the League.

We will talk about our next events and start planning for volunteers to help get them together. We cannot do it without all your help. Please join us Wednesday, February 8 at 6:30 pm at 1122 University Bay Drive for apps, drinks and the League meeting. Let us know if you will be able to attend ([shcleague@gmail.com](mailto:shcleague@gmail.com)).

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## SAVE THE DATE!

The Shorewood League's objective is to promote a sense of community and to keep our Village an ideal place in which to live and raise our children. Please join us as we reach out to another community with the same ideals in mind. We hope to offer an informative evening of fellowship, learning and a community meal!

**What:** Shorewood Hills–One City Early Learning Connection & A Community Meal of Soup & Bread

**When:** Sunday, January 29, 2017 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm

**Where:** Shorewood Hills Community Center

Please RSVP by January 27 to any or all of the following:

- Kris Grutzner – 695-1032 or [kgrutzner@brandgarten.com](mailto:kgrutzner@brandgarten.com)
- Mary K McCanna – 334-6068 or [mkdmcanna@gmail.com](mailto:mkdmcanna@gmail.com)
- Sue Krug (One City Board Member) – 335-2040 or [skrug1967@icloud.com](mailto:skrug1967@icloud.com)

One City Early Learning Website: [onecityearlylearning.org](http://onecityearlylearning.org)

One City Early Learning Center is a preschool located in Madison's south side neighborhood to serve the area's families by providing affordable, accessible and high quality preschool education. By creating meaningful community partnerships and embracing the whole village concept, One City hopes to establish support throughout Madison as we all seek to raise healthy, happy, thoughtful and resourceful children.

For our evening together, we will hear from UW Associate Professor of Pediatrics, Dr. Dipesh Navsaria talk about his research which shows the stresses of poverty in brain development in young children and how that impacts their lifelong learning. We will also hear from One City Founder, President and CEO, Kaleem Caire, about the things One City is doing to address these issues and how we as a community can help.

We are encouraging village residents to get involved with this first connection by helping with the meal, set-up or clean-up. Please call or email Kris, Mary or Sue if you are able to help or have questions.

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## SAVE THE DATE

*Bird City Event – March 9*

The Parks Committee and Shorewood Hills Garden Club will host an educational program for International Migratory Bird Day. This year we are fortunate to have Mike McDowell, a well-known birder and photographer, as the speaker.

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## GARDEN CLUB NEWS

### BROWN BAG LUNCH

All are welcome to join us for a Brown Bag Session on Friday, February 16, 2017 from noon to 1:00 pm at the Village Hall (lower level meeting room). Bring your lunch and enjoy complimentary coffee or sparkling water, and dessert. Speakers from the UW Extension, Ritchie Rheume, Mary Collet, will present "Square Foot Gardening." Learn how to grow vegetables, herbs and other edibles in a small area in your yard and maximize crop yield. No matter if you are a beginner gardener or a seasoned one, you will learn useful tips and techniques.

And, save your pennies to support the Garden Club Bake Sale on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 (date of the Primary Election). Reward yourself for being a good citizen and casting your vote by purchasing homemade baked goods. Your support helps the GC in its mission to keep the village "green".

## CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

### **SERVICES**

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

**Foreign exchange opportunity in Paris** – Interested in an exchange with a 16 year old French girl, who wants to spend a month in Madison? Contact Esther: 608-238-2098 or [abachyri@gmail.com](mailto:abachyri@gmail.com).

### **FOR RENT**

**House for Rent** – 3+ bedroom, 1.5 bathroom house for rent in the Village of Shorewood Hills. Large private yard, beautiful 3 season porch. Hardwood floors, gas fireplace, washer/dryer, newer appliances, Central air, tandem garage. Very close to Shorewood Hills Elementary School, Shorewood Pool and UW-Hospital. Available March 1st. Flexible lease terms. Not furnished, but this could be an option. Pets negotiable. \$2,500/month. Contact Heidi at [hhastings75@gmail.com](mailto:hhastings75@gmail.com).

### **FOR SALE**

**House for Sale** 4 bed, 2.5 bath fully renovated home in Shorewood Hills. Great location! Call owner: 608-334-5762.

### 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](mailto: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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