



The Village Bulletin

The Village of Shorewood Hills

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Highlights from June 28, 2017 Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees meeting in June was rescheduled to Wednesday, June 28, 2017. Highlights of that meeting will be posted on the Village's website after the meeting.



JULY FOURTH FAMILY PICNIC Board of Trustees Cookout

Tuesday, July 4 from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm
Heiden Haus field across from the old Fire Station
The Trustees will be grilling summer time favorites like burgers, brats, hot dogs and other tasty treats. A community food table will be present if you would like to bring a dish to pass.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

JULY

3	Independence Day Dance (@ old Fire Station)	8:30-11:30 pm
4	Fourth of July Holiday (Village Hall Closed)	
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
17	Board of Trustees	7:00 pm

AUGUST

14	Municipal Court (Traffic)	5:00 pm
14	Parks Committee	5:30 pm
14	Public Works Committee	7:00 pm
15	Plan Commission	7:00 pm
21	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](http://www.village.org) or call the Village Hall for confirmation.

JULY - AUGUST 2017

FOURTH OF JULY VOLUNTEER HELP IS NEEDED

The Village's Fourth of July celebration is a community event that relies on volunteers. The EMS & Fire Department Association leads and coordinates many of the activities. We have had a number of Village residents volunteer to help with a variety of jobs, but we are still looking for help with the following:

- Help tend the bar on at the Dance on July 3 (serve beer & soda) for a 30 minute shift
- Help set up for the Art Fair (July 4 morning)
- Help blow up helium balloons (July 4 morning)
- Help tend the bar on July 4 (serve beer & soda) during the afternoon for a 60 minute shift
- Help clean up the golf course after the fireworks (July 5 early morning)



We also need help before the July Fourth fireworks show. If you don't mind driving around in circles, we could use your help with 'crowd control.' No map or GPS is needed, the directions are very simple, and you get about three feet closer to the fireworks than anyone other than the pyrotechnic crew.



We set out a yellow 'crowd control' rope around the perimeter of the fireworks display to establish a 'fallout' zone, an area where any potentially dangerous fireworks debris could fall. Spectators are not allowed within this zone. To insure that spectators remain outside of this zone we have individuals continuously patrolling this rope in golf carts (that's the driving in circles part) prior to and during the fireworks display. A golf cart is built to accommodate two people, so if

you and a friend or family member would like to help by simply sitting in a nice comfy golf cart instead of on the hard ground while also getting an up-close 360 degree view of the show, this might just be the right volunteer activity for you.

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

“TRI-IT” TRIATHLON

The Village Rec Committee & PTO will host the 9th annual Shorewood Hills “Tri-It” for ALL ages on the 4th of July. On-site registration for this mini-triathlon will start at 8:30 am outside Shorewood Hills Pool. Participation is free, with voluntary contributions to the PTO accepted at registration.

- Adults & Kids > 12 years old:
250 m swim; 7 km bike; 3 km run.
- Kids < 12 years old:
150 m swim; 3.2 km bike; 1.6 km run

Please e-mail Karen Knetter (kjknetter@gmail.com) if you'd like to help run the event.



STAGE GAMES (for Kids 7-14 years old)

One of our main EMS & Fire Association volunteers who helps with the Stage Games will be out of town this year. We are looking for a couple of enthusiastic people who will help kids with games like bobbing for apples and eating ice cream without using their hands. If you are interested in stepping up to this opportunity, contact David Sykes at the Village Hall (dsykes@shorewood-hills.org or 267-2680).

JULY 4TH ART FAIR

Artists Wanted!

There may be some space available at the Village's Annual Art Fair during the 4th of July celebration. Show your work to friends and neighbors.

The Art Fair runs from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm in the old Fire Station on July 4th, with setup earlier that morning. Contact Art Fair coordinator Tad Pinkerton at tad@thinkpink.com or 233-1623 for details and to reserve your spot.



Fourth of July Celebration Schedule at a Glance

Monday, July 3rd

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| • Village Dance – free | Old Fire Station | 8:30 to 11:30 pm |
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Tuesday, July 4th

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| • Tri-It! Triathlon | Outside Shorewood Hills Pool | 8:30 am |
| • Village Softball Game | North Side of the School | 9:00 am |
| • League Bake Sale | Old Fire Station | 9:00 am to noon
(drop off donated items for pricing at 8:00 am) |
| • Village Art Fair | Old Fire Station | 10:00 am to 2:00 pm |
| • Children's Parade | Old Fire Station (line-up at 12:15) | 12:30 pm start |
| • Children's Games | School Grounds | 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm |
| • Adult Waterfight Tournament | Heiden Haus field | about 2:30 pm |
| • Family Picnic | School grounds | 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm |
| • Fireworks | Blackhawk Country Club | Dusk (approximately 9:30 pm) |

**** The Parade will start this year at 12:30 pm ****

LEAVE THE FIREWORKS TO THE PROFESSIONALS

The sale of fireworks typically increases this time of year, but many of the fireworks sold in Wisconsin cannot be legally used by individuals. Sparklers (shorter than 36”), stationary cones and fountains, toy snakes, smoke bombs, caps, noisemakers and confetti poppers with less than ¼ grain of explosive mixture are the only legal fireworks allowed in the Village of Shorewood Hills (and neighboring communities). Even these legal fireworks can be dangerous!

Amateur fireworks endanger not only the users, but also bystanders and surrounding buildings. Simple fireworks can cause serious injuries to the eyes, head and hands. The Shorewood Hills EMS & Fire Association urges you to avoid using all fireworks and leave the fireworks show to the professionals! Visit the Blackhawk Country Club on Tuesday night, July 4 to see an outstanding fireworks display. Our personnel have completed extensive safety training and work under established guidelines in a controlled setting. Safety is our number one goal.

After this type of large fireworks display, you should never pick up fireworks or casings that may have fallen to the ground. Fireworks that have been ignited and fail to immediately explode or discharge may still be active. Children (and adults) should stay away from smoking or charred remnants and notify the Fire Department immediately for proper disposal.

If you must use fireworks, please:

- Read and follow the directions.
- Use fireworks outdoors.
- Always have water on hand (a garden hose and a bucket).
- Ignite fireworks on a flat surface away from any combustible or flammable materials.
- Keep fireworks away from the house, dry leaves, decks, woodchips, etc.
- Never give fireworks to small children.
- Never point fireworks at other people.
- Never re-light a “dud” firework (wait 15-20 minutes and place the “dud” in a bucket of water to soak).
- Never put any part of the body over the fireworks.

Have a happy and SAFE July Fourth!

WORD OF THE WOODS

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH PLANTINGS AT THE VILLAGE HALL?

The plants at the entrance to the Village are getting renewed and redesigned. The Garden Club provided funds to hire a landscape architect to help with the new look. Over the winter, plans were drawn and (this past week) the new species have been planted in between existing shrubs and trees.

Most of the "old" plants were moved to Village triangles, medians or prairie areas. Native plants and milkweed are encouraged in many areas around the Village, but were felt inappropriate at the Village Hall. It will take a few years for the new plants to feel comfortable and fill their space. Along with the completion of The Boulevard building, the new gardens give the Village Hall sign and entrance a fresh look.

WATER UTILITY INFORMATION

Are you tired of writing a check each month? If so, you should consider ACH or "AUTO PAY" through the Village. It is a FREE service where the monthly bill is directly debited from your checking account on the due date. Late fees will be a thing of the past if you sign up for the ACH system. You will still get a paper copy of the bill in the mail but it would say "AUTO PAY – DO NOT PAY". Go to www.shorewood-hills.org/water to download the ACH form.

If you signed up for ACH through the PSN (Payment Service Network) website, contact the Village Hall, we may be able to save you some money. Paperless billing (eBills) is also an option we can help you set up.

HOST A FOREIGN STUDENT

Is your family interested in hosting a student for a semester? AFS-USA is looking for a host family for a student from Slovakia. For more information, contact April Shern, Team Development Specialist for AFS-USA at: ashern@afsusa.org or (646) 381-3332.



SHPD IS NOW ON TWITTER!



You can now follow the Shorewood Hills Police Department on Twitter [@SHPD](https://twitter.com/SHPD) and keep up with the latest news!

Next Bulletin Deadline: Monday, July 17

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ANNUAL LEAGUE JULY 4TH BAKE SALE!

All bakers and sweet-lovers are invited to join us at the old Fire Station to enjoy a homemade dessert or help by donating a baked good. The League needs your support!

Setup starts at 8:00 am. The Bake Sale is open from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. To volunteer, contact the League to at: shcleague@gmail.com.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL – JULY 16

Join us at Shorewood Hills Pool for the League's annual Ice Cream Social on Sunday evening, July 16, 2017 around 7:00 pm before the Water Ballet show. Enjoy scoops of ice cream (\$1 for one scoop) and stay to watch the performance. All proceeds help fund League events. We also need volunteers. Please e-mail shcleague@gmail.com if you are interested in scooping!



Please join us for the 1st Annual Village Bocce Bash!



Enjoy an evening of fun with your neighbors and friends including a **Bocce Ball tournament, dinner, drinks, and silent auction!** The proceeds from this event will go towards improvements to the Heiden Haus and fields to create a beautiful community gathering space.

Date: Saturday, August 26th, 2017
Time: 5:00pm (sharp for Bocce players!)
Where: Heiden Haus & Fields

Buy your tickets early and learn more at
www.ShorewoodHillsBocceBash.com

GARDEN CLUB NEWS

GARDEN CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Summer is the time to spend in the great out of doors, and for many of us it is the time to GARDEN! With the growing season upon us, we are also asking for you to register your participation and/or support of the Garden Club for the 2017-2018 Year. Please complete the form attached on the next page and become a new or continuing member. Garden Club supports and maintains the 22 Triangle Gardens, supports a summer Parks Intern's salary, donates funds to public projects within the Village and several local garden oriented organizations, holds the annual Plant and Mulch Sale, holds educational and social events, and supports the green spaces within the Village. Join/support this active group of Village residents now!

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.

House Support – Very responsible house caretaker/manager available for short-term or longer-term watching and taking care of your home, including prepping for sale showings. Strong Village references. Contact Jim Rogers, JimRogers111@gmail.com.

FOR SALE

Want to List?

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

Accepted Offers:

• **3109 Oxford Rd.**

Sold in '16/'17:

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

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

Hello sunshine, summer is here! Enjoy outdoor fun, family vacations, and local events! We all know the Village of Shorewood Hills has activities galore for all ages in the summertime, which is one of the many reasons it is a wonderful place to live. Keep your neighborhood Realtor, Wanda Roche with Stark Company Realtors in mind for all things real estate. Wanda is always just a phone call away: (608) 212-2928. E-mail: wroche@starkhomes.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.'

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.

***It is time to renew your membership for the 2017- 2018 year**

Please complete Annette Mahler
and mail to: 3220 Tally Ho Lane
 Madison, WI 53705

(make checks payable to: Shorewood Hills Garden Club)

2017-2018 MEMBERSHIP

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

I wish to be an active member of the Garden Club. As such, I agree to pay annual dues of \$20, and agree to volunteer for one or more activities (please check the boxes in the next column that suit your interest & talents).

SUPPORTING MEMBERSHIP (no volunteering required)

I wish to be a supporting member of the Garden Club. As such, I agree to pay annual dues of \$30, in support of GC goals and activities.

A GIFT THAT GROWS

I wish to make a donation of \$_____ to be used by the Garden Club toward the purchase of plant materials or other necessary supplies used for the beautification of the Village.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

(please print clearly)

- In order to save on postage costs, please remind me of Garden Club meeting dates via e-mail, rather than by U.S. mail.

GARDEN CLUB VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

There are many jobs to be done and the Club is strongest and most active when many individuals roll up their sleeves and help. Join us for another terrific year of gardening in the Village!

- Become a club officer or committee chair
- Host a meeting at my house
- Provide refreshments for a meeting
- Allow members to tour my garden
- Bake for the Election Day Bake Sale and/or assist with the sale
- Care for a Village Triangle Garden (annual commitment)
- Help with Triangle Garden work-days
- Help with the Annual Plant & Mulch Sale in May
- I would like to suggest a program, special event or tour for a Club meeting:

And consider inviting a neighbors to join the Garden Club. New members are welcome!

Remember that Garden Club is a hard working group which provides many benefits to the Village. Our funds help to support a summer intern working with the Village Forester, pay for expenditures for plant materials for the 22 Triangles (maintained by 30+ volunteers), gifts to the Village to support the "greening" of the Village, and more. We offer educational programs and social opportunities that bring gardeners and supporters together.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE JUNE 28, 2017 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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

Attendance – Mr. DeVito participated by telephone. Ms. Borisy-Rudin arrived later.

Appearances and Communication – Presentation of 2016 Financial Statements – Vicki Hellenbrand of Baker Tilly reviewed the financial health of the Village. She reviewed in detail the Village's assigned and unassigned fund balances. The General Fund Balance is 29% compared to overall expenditures. General accounting practices recommend a ratio between 15-25% but she does not see this as detrimental since the dollar amounts are relatively small. Unexpected revenues from a land sale and several building permits, combined with expenses coming in \$37K less than expected, provided a surplus at the end of 2016 rather than using the Village's fund balance to fill a shortfall. The Village is at 55% of its self-imposed debt limit, compared to 70% in 2013. Due to the TIF districts, this percentage will fluctuate but that change is an indication of potential growth. Property tax increases over the past 5 years are in line with revenue and expense increases over the same period. The material weaknesses listed in the management letter are to be expected for a community of the Village's size, for example, separation of some duties is difficult without adding more staff. The Trustees suggested including a chart of the overall fund summary to show that the Village operates a \$5M-6M enterprise. Ms. Hellenbrand was also asked about a potential appeal to the Public Service Commission (PSC) regarding the Village's Public Fire Protection (PFP) fee. Her recommendation was to wait until the City of Madison files a similar rate case with the PSC. Since the Village buys water from the Madison Water Utility, a portion of the Village's PFP fee would be nullified.

Presentation of UW Madison noise study and results of remediation – Gary Brown, Campus Planning Director, shared the results of an acoustic study ongoing for the past two years. The Village's conditional approval of a two-floor addition to Tower 2 required UW to continue to mitigate noise. Steve Wise, an acoustician, reviewed the specifics of his measurements. University Bay Drive (UBD) near the hospital is an active neighborhood. There is traffic noise from University Avenue and side streets until 2:00 am and traffic noise starts up again at 5:00 am. He took nighttime noise measurements to distinguish building noise from traffic noise. Mr. Wise identified rooftop utility noise at 800 UBD, a motor noise at the Waisman Center and fan noise/worn out bearings at the WIMR building. UW Maintenance worked to repair and maintain the mechanicals at these buildings and curtains have been installed at WIMR to dampen the noise from the 16 fan units on top of the building. Noise measurements are now < 45 dBA, except at a few properties backing onto Highland Ave and the second story level of a few houses on the west side of UBD. In comparison, residential air conditioner units produce > 50 dBA. Noise from cars passing peak at 55-60 dBA and wind at 10 mph or greater is > 50dBA as well. UW's maintenance mechanics will be checking air-handling systems at these buildings monthly and will respond to noise complaints.

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 of the May 15, 2017 regular meeting; tobacco licenses; liquor licenses; a street use permits for the Shorewood Hills League's Bocce Bash on August 26; a block party permit for Wellesley Road on September 4; and the hiring of Tennis Program instructors.

Second reading of Ordinance L-2017-1 – The Board unanimously waived the second reading of Ordinance L-2017-1 Creating section 7.17 of the Village Code Restricting Entering or Staying on Highway with a couple of grammatical changes. The Board asked Mr. Frantz to consult with the Village Attorney on the format of the ordinance before the third and final reading.

Acknowledge Receipt of 2016 Audited Financial Statements – The Board unanimously acknowledged the receipt of the 2016 Audited Financial Statements and Management Letter produced for the Village by Baker Tilly accountants.

Consider conditional use permit for 3626 Lake Mendota Drive – The property owners withdrew this

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request prior to the meeting.

Consider process and timeline for Police Chief recruitment and hire – Dale Burke and Debra Hettrick, of the Riseling Group, updated the Board on their work to date. They completed interviews of staff and members of the Personnel and Public Health & Safety (PHS) Committees. They reviewed Police Department policies (both those required by the State and recommended policies) and all are in place, in good shape. They are evaluating the Department's management structure and staffing. An application packet for the Police Chief position has been posted on-line. They expect to review applications and do initial panel interviews in August to narrow the candidates. An ad hoc committee of five will interview the candidates and make recommendations to the Board at its September meeting for an October 1 start date. The ad hoc committee could consist of the chairs of Personnel and PHS, a citizen member of each committee and the Village President.

Consider Light Duty Policy – The Personnel Committee unanimously recommended the Light Duty Policy be adopted and utilized if circumstances warrant. The Board approved the Light Duty Policy on a vote of 6 -1. Mr. Wade voting no with concerns about the some of the language in the Employee Acknowledgement Letter accompanying the policy.

Resolution R-2017-7 – The Board unanimously approved the Compliance Maintenance Annual Report on the Village's sanitary sewer collection system and utility.

Consider establishment of ad hoc Sustainability Committee – Ms. Readel provided the Board a memo regarding the creation of this ad hoc committee to see if the Village residents would support a sustainability initiative. The committee could work with residents and interest groups highlighting the Village's accomplishments over the past 10 years and plans for the future.

Village President's Report – Mr. Benforado reported the **Joint Review Board (JRB)** annual meeting is yet to be scheduled. The Board set the Village Appreciation Dinner at Blackhawk Country Club on Saturday, February 17, 2018. Mr. Benforado reviewed the schedule for the Board's July 4 Family Picnic.

Village Administrator's Report – Mr. Frantz reviewed the rationale and method of calculating the fee paid to the City of Madison for EMS and Fire services. The fee is based ½ on relative equalized value/debt and ½ on population. As anticipated, Shorewood Hills' population has grown more quickly, relative to Madison's population, in recent years and the Fire Protection fee has increased. To offset that increase (in part), recent development agreements for the new apartment buildings have included a fee paid to the Village based on the increased property value and added population of the development. In the years to come, the Village's population and development should level off while the City of Madison would be expected to grow, thus reducing the fee.

Plan Commission – Mr. Benforado reported the Commission considered a request to build a storage structure in a front yard on the lakeside of Lake Mendota Drive. The Commission denied the request as it could set a precedent for the rest of the Village.

Public Works – Mr. Lederer reported that the Committee will discuss the City of Madison's proposal to control the intersection at Maple Terrace/University Ave/Hilldale Way (near Target) due to a number of vehicle accidents. The Committee is also working on bump-outs and a raised sidewalk on University Bay Drive.

Public Health & Safety Committee – Ms. Borisy-Rudin reported the Committee is considering looking at urban agriculture issues. Many of the issues they discuss (chickens, bees, cats, coyotes, etc.) could fall under a broad ordinance related to urban agriculture. The Committee intends to make a recommendation on the Regulation of Animals ordinance as it relates to free-roaming cats at the July 17 Board meeting.

Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 10:56 pm.