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Village Offices Closed:

Thu., November 28

Fri., November 29

Tue., December 24

Wed., December 25

Tue., December 31

Wed., January 1

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Plan Commission will hold a public hearing at 7:00 pm on December 17, 2019, at the Village Hall regarding possible amendments to the Village Zoning Code.

Amendments to Section 10-1-26, regulating development in the R-3 District, would make significant changes affecting development activity on residential properties North of Lake Mendota Drive. The changes would repeal language in the current ordinance that requires conditional use approval for a variety of development activities. That means that some development activities that currently require conditional use approval would be permitted as a matter of right. The rear yard setback for principal structures would be established as the greater of 75 feet from the ordinary high water mark of Lake Mendota, or a line described in the ordinance as the lake setback line. Principal structures could not extend beyond the lake setback line without a variance.

Amendments to Section 10-1-110 would repeal the opportunity to obtain a special exception to floor area ratio and height limits, meaning that a variance would be required to exceed those limits.

Amendments to Section 10-1-41 would clarify height limits in commercial districts.

(for more detail see article on page 5)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

DECEMBER

2	Blackhawk Liaison Committee	12:00 pm
2	Municipal Court (Traffic)	5:00 pm
3	Recreation Committee	7:00 pm
4	Ad hoc Stormwater Committee	7:00 pm
9	Parks Committee	5:30 pm
9	Public Works Committee	7:00 pm
9	Village Recognition Committee	7:00 pm
16	Board of Trustees	7:00 pm
17	Plan Commission	7:00 pm
24/25	Christmas Holidays (Village Offices Closed)	
31	New Year's Eve Holidays (Village Offices Closed)	

JANUARY

1	New Year's Day Holidays (Village Offices Closed)	
8	Ad hoc Stormwater Committee	7:00 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
20	Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday (Village Offices Closed)	
21	Village Caucus & 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 2019 - JANUARY 2020

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE NOVEMBER 18, 2019 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 – Lamees Elhassan, 1110 Shorewood Blvd., spoke to the Board about her desire to keep miniature pigmy goats on her property. They are an alternate source for lactose-free milk, which would benefit her mother. Goats are environmentally friendly, low maintenance, small in size, and can be great companions. She would like to pursue an ordinance change to allow for the keeping of goats.

Board Meeting Minutes – Mr. Lederer asked that the October 21, 2019 and November 4, 2019 meeting minutes be removed from the consent agenda. He had some suggestions to provide more detail in a number of areas. The Board unanimously approved the October 21 and November 4 minutes with Mr. Lederer's suggested changes.

Ordinance L-2019-6 – The Board unanimously approved the second & third readings of [Ordinance L-2019-6](#) amending sections 7.08 of the Village Code regulating parking on Catafalque Drive.

Public Hearing on Village 2020 Budget / Resolution R-2019-14 Approving 2020 Village Budgets and Setting Property Tax Levy – No one asked to speak about the budget. Mr. Frantz reviewed the changes to the General Fund (GF) budget and capital fund (CF) budget since the November 4 presentation to the Board. The main reasons for the changes were moving some asset purchases from the GF to the CF in order to qualify for the State's Expenditure Restraint Program. In addition, the fee the Village pays to the City of Madison for EMS & Fire services was recalculated to show a savings of almost \$17K. The Board also chose to include all of the estimated unreimbursed flood expenses in the tax levy. They unanimously approved [Resolution R-2019-14](#) approving the 2020 budgets and setting the property tax levy.

Resolution R-2019-15 Authorizing the issuance and sale of a \$50,000 General Obligation (G.O.) Promissory Note – These funds would be borrowed now and paid back no later than March 6, 2020 for the purposes of paying for certain assets in the Capital Fund. The property tax levy will support this debt which is not subject to the State tax levy limits. The Board unanimously approved [Resolution R-2019-15](#) authorizing the issuance and sale of a \$50,000 G.O. Promissory Note.

Resolution R-2019-16 Adopting the Village Sustainability Plan – Anne Readel reviewed the ad hoc Sustainability Committee's work in developing the Sustainability Plan. The Committee is now asking the Board to dissolve the ad hoc committee and approve [Resolution R-2019-16](#) committing the Village to sustainability and adopting the Sustainability Plan. The Board thanked Ms. Readel for her tremendous work leading the Sustainability Committee and unanimously approved the resolution.

Recognize Village Green Team as a Village resident group/club that can use Village facilities – Ms. Readel explained that many of the ad hoc Sustainability Committee members would like to continue assisting residents and staff to be sustainable. The Committee would like to establish a Village Green Team comprised of interested individual that would be recognized as a Village resident group/club such that it could use Village facilities, much in the same way the Garden Club or Shorewood Hills League. The Board unanimously approved establishing the Village Green Team and acknowledged them as a Village Group.

Consider consulting agreement with MSA for Comprehensive Plan Update – Mr. Benforado explained that the Village must update its Comprehensive Plan next year and received three responses to a Request for Proposal (RFP) to do the work. The Village received proposals from Vandewalle, Vierbicher and MSA. The Plan Commission, who will be overseeing the Comprehensive Plan update, reviewed all of the proposals and recommended MSA. Jason Valerius of MSA was in attendance and introduced himself to the Board. He explained the proposal base fee is \$23K with possible additional services for up to \$8,500. The Board unanimously approved the consulting agreement with MSA for the Comprehensive Plan update in an amount not to exceed \$32,000.

Consider authorizing Village Engineer to develop specifications and obtain quotes for speed humps installation on Edgehill Drive & Authorize Strand Inc. to measure speed and traffic volumes on Edgehill Drive, Oak Way and Shorewood Blvd. before and after speed hump installation (these items were considered together) – Ms. Bailey provided the Board with a summary of a speed hump pilot program recommended by the Public Works (PW) Committee. The Committee proposes three speed humps on Edgehill Drive primarily for the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists. The pilot project would study traffic

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patterns before and after the speed hump installation to determine effectiveness on Edgehill Drive and the possible impact on other streets. The results of the pilot study could determine what features should be included when Edgehill Drive is reconstructed in the future. PW would continue to develop a “complete streets” plan that could be applied to all Village streets. Several Edgehill Drive residents spoke in favor of the speed humps. Mr. Benforado suggested PW develop a traffic safety policy with identified goals before speed humps are installed. Ms. Albrecht questioned if funds should first be allocated to a traffic engineering consultant to assist with a traffic safety plan, then once the plan is in place, bid for the speed humps installation and do the traffic study. The Board voted 5-2 (Mr. Lederer and Ms. Albrecht voting no) to authorize the Village Engineer to develop specifications and obtain quotes for speed humps on Edgehill Drive and authorize Strand Inc. to measure speed and traffic volumes on Edgehill Drive, Oak Way and Shorewood Boulevard before and after speed hump installation.

Consider purchase of Polar Trac with V-Plow – DPW Chief John Mitmoen explained the current snow machine has been having mechanical breakdowns as it is at the end of its useful life. The Village can still purchase a new machine under the 2019 State Contract pricing if it is ordered before the end of the year. A replacement snow machine is in the Five-year Capital Plan and in the Capital Budget for 2020. The Board unanimously approved the purchase of a Polar Trac with V-Plow for an amount not to exceed \$50K.

Appointments – Mr. Benforado appointed Tracy Koziol to the Public Works Committee (to fill Farah Kaiksow’s seat) and Peter Wickman to the Recreation Committee (to fill a vacant seat). The Board unanimously approved these appointments.

Village President’s Report – Mr. Benforado mentioned the need for additional Poll Workers in 2020 and discussed plans for the January 21, 2020 Village Caucus. Three Trustees’ and the Municipal Judge’s terms are up for election in April.

Plan Commission – Mr. Benforado & Mr. Imes reported on the Plan Commission’s (PC) previous meeting. 2017 Wisconsin Act 67 has curtailed the ability of municipalities to utilize conditional use and special exception zoning regulations. PC is considering a recommendation to codify the Village’s regulations on height, floor area and the Lakefront Setback Line for property on the north side of Lake Mendota Drive (*see article on page 5*). In addition to this zoning change, PC is also considering regulations for accessory uses and short-term rentals (such as AirBNB, VRBO, etc.). Mr. Frantz updated the Board on Degen & Associates submission of building permits for eleven more single-family homes in the Garden Homes neighborhood. PC decided to continue with the Garden Homes Planning process and complete an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan. The Commission’s feeling was that the process is about two meetings shy of completion and it would establish Village approved guidelines for redevelopment of the Garden Homes area. PC also discussed the possibility of creating a blighted tax increment district (TID) to pay for possible infrastructure or stormwater improvements.

Public Works Committee – Ms. Bailey reported that David Trowbridge, Principle Planner for the City of Madison talked with the Committee regarding Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) station locations. He showed a rough map with stations at Midvale, Shorewood Boulevard, and University Bay Drive.

Ad hoc Disaster Preparedness Committee – Ms. Bailey reported the Committee reviewed two emergency notification systems that could send out text messages, e-mails and social media posts to those that opt-in to the system. The Committee is recommending the Village use nixle[®] which seemed more functional for the Village’s expected uses. It is possible the new notification system could replace the existing blast e-mail notices.

Ad hoc Stormwater Committee – Mr. Benforado reported that at the Committee’s October meeting they had a presentation on the feasibility of the stormwater tunnel under Blackhawk Country Club. It was determined that not enough assistance funding would be available and it would be too expensive. Plan B is to relieve flooding on University Avenue as much as possible with the 96” pipe from Shorewood Blvd. to Grand Ave. and other improvements in the original University Avenue reconstruction plan. There will still be problems at the Midvale and Shorewood Boulevards intersections.

Parks Committee – Mr. Lederer reported the Committee is working on long-term goals, a memorial bench policy and McKenna Park improvements in relation to the Rustic Bridge replacement.

Next Meeting Dates – Regular monthly meeting on December 16, 2019 at 7:00 pm.

Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 10:12 pm.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: SHOREWOOD HILLS POOL MANAGER

The Village of Shorewood Hills is accepting applications for the position of Pool Manager. This is presently a part time, year round position with seasonally adjusted and flexible hours. The position is responsible for managing all operations of the [Shorewood Hills Pool](#) including staffing, purchasing, programming and mechanical functions including opening and closing. During the summer season, the pool employs about 70-80 individuals. The Village encourages a wide range of individuals to apply, including those with management, aquatics programming, and staffing expertise. Mechanical/technical aptitudes in maintaining a pool are desirable. For more details please refer to the Village website www.shorewood-hills.org and the employment opportunities tab where an application form, job description and detailed breakdown of seasonal duties will be located.

The Shorewood Hills Pool is a 50-Meter, 10-lane, outdoor facility. There is an additional wading pool with water features as well as a concession area and locker room facilities. The pool has a diving well incorporated into the deep end, with two, 1-meter diving boards. Our pool operates on seasonal memberships that are open to both Shorewood Hills residents as well as those from around the Madison area. A typical day at the pool will incorporate open swim times as well as organized programs that include swim and dive lessons, swim and dive teams, water ballet, masters swimming, and water aerobics. The pool is generally in use from 6:00 AM until 9:00 PM. In addition, we host several events including such things as a water ballet show, a triathlon, swim and dive meets, and various membership events.

To apply complete a Village employment application, along with a cover letter, and resume. Materials should be addressed to: Village Clerk, Village of Shorewood Hills 810 Shorewood Boulevard Madison, WI 53705. Position is open until filled.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: PUBLIC WORKS CREW CHIEF

The Village of Shorewood Hills is accepting applications for the position of Public Works Crew Chief. This is a management/working position responsible for the operation, management and maintenance of the Village Public Works Department including streets, stormwater, sewer and water utilities, buildings, grounds, equipment, and personnel. The position is responsible for the mechanical operations of the municipal pool, including opening and closing, as well as in-season maintenance of mechanical and chemical operations. The Crew Chief performs daily work activities with the Public Works Crew such as snowplowing, equipment maintenance/repair, and leaf pick up. The position reports to the Village Administrator.

List of Duties

- Supervise of a crew of four as well as seasonal employees.
- Respond to and work directly with the general public as a primary source of contact.

Degrees and Certifications

- High school diploma or equivalent is required.
- Commercial Driver's License and necessary endorsements are required.
- Must obtain pool and water operator certifications within six months of employment (these expenses will be paid by the Village).
- Certifications in small and large truck mechanics, welding, and metal fabrication are highly desirable.

Experience and Skills

- A minimum of three years of related experience, including supervisory experience, is required.
- Basic computer skills are required.
- Skill in small and large truck mechanics, welding, and metal fabrication is highly desirable.
- Good communications skills are essential.

Other Requirements

- Must be available to work on weekends and holidays.
- Must live within a thirty-minute radius of the Village and have the ability to respond on site to emergencies within 30 minutes.

To apply, please submit a letter of interest, resume, and Village employment application by **Tuesday, January 21, 2020, at 4:00 pm** to: Village Clerk, Village of Shorewood Hills, 810 Shorewood Boulevard, Madison, WI 53705.

To review a job description and obtain a job application go to the Village website at: www.shorewood-hills.org/employment

ZONING REGULATION CHANGES

Village considering changes to floor area/height regulations, the Lake Mendota Drive conditional use process and the lake setback regulations.

The Wisconsin State legislature through passage of 2017 ACT 67 enacted major changes diminishing local authority to successfully use and defend certain zoning provisions common in codes. Specifically, the ACT severely impacts local units of government from using conditional use and special exception permits as a methodology to regulate land use. The change takes away the flexibility municipalities had in considering these types of permits; balancing property owner's interests with those of neighbors and the community. The Village used this process to regulate the floor area and height of homes below the zoning restrictions of 25% lot coverage and 35-foot height. The conditional use process was also used with respect to the lake setback line to ensure new development would not impair views of the lake from adjacent homes (preventing a creep of development toward the lake).

By-and-large, the lake setback line, floor area and height limitations have proven to be successful in terms of achieving what they were meant to do. They have limited the mass and scale of homes on lots of various sizes from what would have been the maximum if only the 25% lot coverage and 35 foot height rules were in place. The lake setback line has resulted in all new homes being built behind the line helping protect adjacent neighbor's views.

If the Village wishes to continue to have these regulations in place and be able to successfully defend them, they will need to be made hard and fast rules. To exceed the regulations, property owners will be required to obtain a variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals. This is a higher hurdle than the existing conditional use and special exception process because now one is asking for permission to violate the zoning code. The existing conditional use and special exception processes worked within the code.

It is important to also know that certain land use activities on lake properties will no longer require a conditional use permit if they satisfy the future zoning regulations. For example, the construction of any new structure or moving more than ten cubic yards of soil currently requires a conditional use permit. That will no longer be the case if the zoning regulations are changed.

This change will require the text of the zoning code to be amended through an ordinance and there is a prescribed process the Village must follow. **The Plan Commission will hold a public hearing on the proposed changes on December 17 at 7:00 pm.** The Commission then may forward a recommendation to the Village Board and the Board may consider an ordinance change. That process will require at least two (and possibly three) Board meetings to pass the new ordinance.

NOW HIRING: CENSUS 2020 JOBS

U.S. Census Bureau has launched a national recruitment effort to hire approximately 500,000 temporary workers to help conduct the 2020 Census.

If you are interested in joining the "gig" economy and work part-time to earn some extra money, they need people to apply now so they can be considered for positions next spring. Recent high school graduates, veterans, retirees, military spouses, seasonal workers and applicants who are bilingual are highly encouraged to apply.

These positions offer competitive pay, flexible hours, paid training and weekly paychecks. Pay rates vary from \$13.50 to \$30.00 per hour (depending on where the job is located).

For more information go to: <https://2020census.gov/jobs>



Next Bulletin Deadline: Monday, December 16

ESTIMATED COSTS OF FLOOD RELIEF TUNNEL MAKE PROJECT IMPRACTICAL

The Village of Shorewood Hills and City of Madison shared the cost of a study to determine the feasibility of a stormwater tunnel to reduce flooding on University Avenue and surrounding neighborhoods. It would begin somewhere in the vicinity of Midvale Blvd./University Ave. and flow out to Lake Mendota. The study was undertaken as an amendment to the intergovernmental cost share agreement for the University Avenue reconstruction project (Shorewood Boulevard to Campus Drive) now slated for construction in 2022. Since the flooding impacted University Avenue at intersections in the project area (Shorewood Boulevard, University Bay Drive) the Village and City were hopeful that a significant portion of the expense (60% funded by the federal government) could be reallocated to the tunnel project.

The feasibility study indicated that a ten-foot diameter tunnel to be bored underneath the golf course with an outfall in the vicinity of the Marina would significantly improve the flooding problem. The cost of the tunnel was estimated to be as high as \$30,000,000. As the process unfolded, it also became apparent that federal funding for the project in any meaningful amount was highly unlikely. Based on the location of the watershed and impervious surfaces the City would pick up in the vicinity of 85% of the cost and the Village would be responsible for about 15%. The City decided it did not have the financial capacity to absorb that large of a project.

Due to this outcome, the Village and City are now reevaluating the effect of constructing a 96 inch connecting pipe under University Avenue as was initially conceived as part of the University Avenue reconstruction project. Along with that, other short- and longer-term improvements are being considered, such as detaining more water upstream and affordable flood protection measures. The City will be undertaking a study of the Willow Creek watershed in 2020 that should be very helpful in this regard.

PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS

2019 tax bills will be mailed to property owners in mid-December. The Village policy is to send tax bill 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.

At least the first installment of your 2019 property tax payments must be paid by January 31, 2020. If you would like your property tax payment to be credited to 2019 for income tax purposes, it must be received by the Village by midnight on December 31. Below are some helpful tips to ensure you make a timely payment:

- Paying in person – The Village Hall closes at 5:00 pm on Monday, December 30.
- Village ‘Drop Box’ – If you can’t make it into the office before closing time, you may leave your payment in the Village’s green ‘Drop Box’ in the Village Hall parking lot. It will be emptied at midnight on December 31. Any payments made after midnight will not be timely and be credited to 2020.
- Payment sent by U.S. Postal Service (USPS) – Payments postmarked on or before December 31, 2019 are considered timely and will be credited to 2019 even if they are received in the office after the first of the year.
- Electronic Checks – If you arrange for your bank to send the Village an electronic check, be advised that E-Checks often take 7-10 business days to be delivered. The electronic check is still sent by USPS and must be postmarked by December 31, 2019 to be considered timely.
- Payment sent by FedEx, UPS or similar carrier – The Dane County Treasurer’s office does not accept any service date stamps besides USPS postmarked mail. Therefore, payments sent by FedEx, UPS, etc. must be in-hand at the Village Hall before closing on Monday, December 30 to be considered timely.
- On-line payments – The Village accepts property tax payments on-line via our third party payment processor (PSN). On-line tax payments must also be received by December 31 to be considered timely. Since on-line payments may take several days to clear the bank, the on-line payment portal will be turned off on Thursday, December 26. 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 when your property tax bill arrives, please contact the Village Hall.



VILLAGE CAUCUS

The annual Village Caucus will be held before the monthly Board meeting in January. Due to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday, the Board meeting has been moved from its usual third Monday of the month to Tuesday, January 21, 2020.

The Caucus is a wonderful example of democracy in action. At the Caucus, Village residents will nominate candidates for three Board Trustee seats and the Municipal Judge. Those selected at the Caucus will be included on the ballot at the Spring Election in April. If more than two candidates for Municipal Judge or more than six candidates for Village Trustee are nominated at the Caucus, a “mini-election” will occur immediately that evening with the residents in attendance casting votes to determine who will be selected to run for election in April.

Please plan to attend the Caucus on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 (and stay for the Board meeting). Anyone interested in running for a seat or in learning more about the duties of a Trustee should contact Village Administrator Karl Frantz at the Village Hall or any of the current Trustees.

WHAT ARE THOSE BLUE TAGS ON TREES BY THE RAILROAD TRACKS AND THE POOL?

A number of people have called inquiring about the blue tags on some of the trees in the vicinity of the railroad corridor throughout the Village.

The Madison Metropolitan Sanitary Sewer District (MMSD) will be constructing a second interceptor sewer in our area. A second interceptor is needed due to growth on the west side of Dane County. It will take sewage to the Nine Springs wastewater treatment plant.

MMSD hired Tree Health Management Inc. to inventory trees in the possible corridor locations. A blue tag has been placed on trees that could be impacted; depending upon the relief sewer’s location.

Once the inventory is complete, impacts on trees will be incorporated into decisions about the chosen location of the relief sewer, as well as mitigation strategies.

For more information on the project go to: www.madsewer.org/EngineeringProjects

RECYCLING TIPS – FOOD CONTAMINATION

Plastic food containers are great #1 recyclables but food waste and food residue is often left inside these containers. When food waste gets in the recycling stream, it can break up and contaminate multiple recycling products. Food waste and food residue is a big problem for the recycling industry. The best practice is to compost or discard food waste and rinse out the plastic food containers.

To watch a short video on food contamination (and other recycling tips) go to: www.shorewood-hills.org/pellitteri

2020 DANE COUNTY ART CALENDAR

The Village will no longer be selling the Dane County Arts Calendars, but you won’t have to go far to find it. Douglas Art & Frame at 3238 University Avenue (in Shorewood Shopping Center) has been carrying the Dane County Arts Calendars (and Arts Posters) for years.

This will be the twenty-first edition of the [Dane County Cultural Affairs Commission’s](http://www.dane-county.gov/cultural-affairs) 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).

AUTOMATIC UTILITY PAYMENTS

Are you tired of writing a check each month for your utility bill? 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 20th of each month. Late fees will be a thing of the past if you sign up for the Village’s ACH system. Go to: www.shorewood-hills.org/water to download the ACH form.

Contact the Village Hall if you have questions or need assistance.



WORD OF THE WOODS

BADGER VOLUNTEERS

Badger Volunteers is a semester-long program where groups of 3-10 students travel to the same Madison community partners to volunteer 1-4 hours each week. The program is designed to foster meaningful connections between the community partners and students over the semester. The Village of Shorewood Hills is a very important site to Badger Volunteers. They have been working with the Village for a while now and have created a strong partnership.

The Badger Volunteer team this semester includes Alex Spina, Anthony Hying, and Rita Bliesner. They are supervised by our Forester Corey George. Starting the last week of September, the team has biked to 810 Shorewood Blvd together every Wednesday. The mission of the team is to enhance and protect the natural resources in this area, specifically the forested park areas within Shorewood Hills. The Badger Volunteers are designated Parks Stewards to help maintain a healthy and diverse forest ecosystem through planting, pruning, and invasive species management. The Village and the UW-Madison are neighbors and partners when it comes to environmental stewardship and working together allows them to better achieve common goals.

My name is Alex Spina and I am a Senior at UW-Madison, studying Agricultural Business Management and Environmental Studies. On the first day of volunteering, my team was given an orientation to learn about the different areas within the Village, and even had the opportunity to remove invasive species from one of the parks. The few weeks of volunteering following the orientation included removing the invasive species, poke-weed, painting a wooden statue located in the Four Corners Park, and planted a tree! My favorite part of volunteering at Shorewood Hills is that I know the different work we do each week is meaningful to the community. The removal of invasive species is vital to the parks, and knowing that Badger Volunteers make an impact in the community is a great feeling.

I am Anthony Hying, a Junior at UW-Madison studying Spanish and Environmental Studies. Volunteering with Shorewood Hills has provided numerous hands-on opportunities to learn about the local ecology. From taking out poke-weed to cleaning out rain gardens, the work done has shown me how much work goes into each of the gardens located in the Village. What I like most about volunteering with Shorewood Hills is that I feel like I have made an impact on the community every week. The results of the work we have done will be noticeable for months to come, and that has been one of the most rewarding aspects of the program. It has also been great to utilize one of my majors and see the work that is done to help promote sustainable ecology to local plant species.

My name is Rita Bliesner and I am a Sophomore at UW-Madison studying Neurobiology on the Pre-med track. Volunteering in Shorewood Hills is very hands-on and different from any of my other volunteer opportunities. We never know what we'll be doing that day until we get here, which is part of the reason that makes it so interesting. From cleaning rain gardens to pulling invasive species in the quarry to planting a tree, our work has short- and long-term effects on the community, but is rewarding nonetheless. Corey and Dave [Boutwell] are very passionate and knowledgeable about the Village and are great teachers. One of my favorite parts of volunteering is getting to learn about the community and all the different species of plants that we are removing and why we're removing them. Not only have I enjoyed assisting in the maintenance of the community, but also spending a few hours outside in the middle of a busy week allows me to take a much-needed step back and slow down. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time in the Village and look forward to going every week!



FALL LEAF COLLECTION SEASON ENDING

Leaf collection season is coming to an end. The Village Crew will continue the monumental task of collecting leaves in the Village until they are covered in snow or frozen to the ground.

The Crew uses a leaf picking machine to suck up leaves into a box truck. To assist them in their task:

- Please do not bag leaves. Rake them to the edge of the curb (not into the street).
- Leaf piles should be three feet from trees, poles, signs and mailboxes so that the vacuuming arm is not obstructed.
- Please make sure that you keep all rocks, construction debris, soil and branches out of your leaf piles. Rocks, nails, dirt, etc. wreak havoc on the leaf picker causing expensive repairs and endanger operators.
- When picking up leaves, the Crew makes an entire circuit around the Village, from one end to the other, usually once a week. Special pickups are not possible.
- If the Crew picks up your neighbors' leaves but not yours, the reason may be as simple as the box truck was full, a car was blocking the leaf pile, or time ran out in the day. They will get back to your leaf pile as soon as possible.

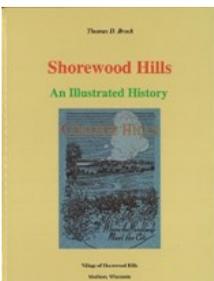
Thank you for your cooperation!

LEAF RAKING, SNOW SHOVELING, DOG WALKING ENTREPRENEURS

We have entered the Fall/Winter season (crazy Wisconsin weather). Do you need help with leaf raking, snow shoveling or other tasks? The Village Hall keeps a list of Shorewood Hills kids interested in being hired to do odd jobs. Residents looking for 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, babysitting, dog walking, etc.

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.



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 are still available at the Village Hall, during regular business hours, for only \$31.65 (tax included).

BE SALT WISE THIS WINTER

Salt that has been applied to roads and sidewalks over the course of the winter ends up in our local lakes, streams, and aquifer-our drinking water source. Road salt has been used as a de-icer since the 1950s and as a result, chloride concentrations from salt in our lakes have steadily increased, with harmful effects to aquatic life and our drinking water.

Starting at home, you can reduce the amount of salt that is used this winter and still keep your sidewalks and driveways safe. The [Wisconsin Salt Wise Partnership](#) offers the following tips and a wealth of other information on ways individuals and our community can work together to reduce salt use:

- Clear walkways and other areas before the snow turns to ice. The more snow you remove manually, the less salt you will have to use and the more effective it will be.

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- Only use de-icers in critical areas and apply the least amount necessary. One twelve-ounce container (like a coffee cup) is enough to salt to treat sixty to seventy feet of sidewalk, or about 10 sidewalk squares.
- If there are leftover crystals still visible after salting, you can sweep the excess up to be reused and try to use less next time.
- Use the right product. Look at product labels for specific ingredients:
 - Sodium chloride: Sodium chloride is commonly known as rock salt and is the least expensive de-icer product. It's also hard on the environment and not very effective at pavement temperatures less than 15 degrees F.
 - Calcium chloride: This compound is effective at temperatures down to -20 degrees F and is less harmful to vegetation.
 - Calcium magnesium acetate: This salt-free product works down to 20 degrees F and is safer for vegetation and concrete surfaces.
 - Sand: Sand provides traction at any temperature, but it should not be mixed with de-icers.
 - On a broader level, in an effort to learn the balance between public safety and responsible salt use, the Madison Area Municipal Storm Water Partnership (MAMSWaP), Madison Metropolitan

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RESIDENT'S PRIVILEGES AT BLACKHAWK COUNTRY CLUB

Shorewood Hills residents (who are not members of Blackhawk Country Club) 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 (or credit card) 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 1:30 pm
- Dinner: Thursday-Saturday from 5:30 to 8:00 pm
- Sunday Bistro: 10:00 am to 12:30 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-8:30 pm
- Saturday – 10:00 am-8:30 pm
- Sunday – 10:00 am-12:30 pm

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



The Blackhawk Country Club requires residents and members to keep their dogs on a leash while on the Club's property. Dogs may not be off leash at any time or for any reason. This is due to the abundance of off leash dogs on the property, which is a liability and dangerous for those permitted to use the property as intended, for winter sports. Additionally, some dog owners are allowing their dogs to run on greens and tees. Dogs abruptly starting and stopping can damage these areas. Please respect the rules.

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Sewerage District (MMSD), and City of Madison are implementing a [Winter Salt Certification Program](#) which offers training to help private applicators to lower their salt use by learning proper application rates and techniques.

The Village Crew has been on the forefront in efforts to reduce salt usage. Using a combination of pre-wetting with salt brine/beet juice, calibration of equipment and operational adjustments; the Village used 30% less salt last winter.

By working together, we can reduce salt and protect our environment.

ARE YOU READY FOR WINTER?

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

We have had a few false starts, but winter seems to be on its way 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



SHOREWOOD HILLS TO POWER ITS FACILITIES WITH 100% RENEWABLE ENERGY

(Edited from an MGE media release)

The Village of Shorewood Hills has big plans to make a positive impact on the environment. By participating in MGE's renewable energy programs, the municipality will power its facilities with 100% renewable electricity starting in 2020. Shorewood Hills is the first Village in Wisconsin to make this commitment.

This isn't a completely new endeavor for the Village as it has been purchasing some clean energy through MGE's [Green Power Tomorrow Program](#) since 2009—starting out with 10% of its annual electric use and increasing that to 50% at the beginning of 2019.

The Village will also participate in MGE's Shared Solar program. "We are committed to sustainability and making smart choices about our energy use. When we learned about the opportunity to green our energy mix further with Shared Solar, we knew it was a good fit," said Village Administrator Karl Frantz. "We plan to also purchase 50% of our annual electric use from this program."

Shorewood Hills will purchase renewable energy through the second installation of MGE's community solar program. The 5-megawatt solar array in Middleton is expected to be online in summer 2020. It gives business and residential customers in MGE's electric service territory the option of powering their business or home with locally generated solar energy at a minimal up-front cost.

"The reasonable cost made Shared Solar an attractive option for us. We evaluated our start-up expense and energy use going forward. We determined that we will save money over time based on the lower cost we will pay for energy," Frantz said. "The investment we are making now will provide payback down the road. Shared Solar is a good financial decision for the long-term. Additionally, we allocated the start-up cost to various funds across our facilities. Spreading that expense around to different budgets made it more affordable."

The Village also appreciates the flexibility Shared Solar offers. "We don't have to invest in equipment and changes to our current facilities. We don't have to install solar panels on our roof," Frantz explained. "If we acquire other facilities or move to other buildings in the future, we can continue to participate in Shared Solar."

Environmental impact

By participating in Shared Solar, the Village of Shorewood Hills will eliminate more than 280,000 pounds of carbon dioxide emissions annually. This is equivalent to the greenhouse gas emissions produced by 24 gasoline-powered cars and the carbon dioxide emissions from the energy use of 24 homes for one year.

"As a village of just over 2,200 people, we are committed to being as environmentally sensitive as we can," Frantz said. "Shared Solar is an effective strategy for achieving our goals."

Community support

Shorewood Hills has a Sustainability Committee that sets goals, identifies actions and oversees sustainability actions. Last year, the Committee conducted a survey to learn about residents' priorities for the Village. "They made it clear that protecting the environment is very important to them," Frantz said. "In fact, residents want Shorewood Hills to not only take part in but serve as a leader in sustainability efforts. Knowing we have community support reinforced our decision to move forward with Shared Solar."

Shorewood Hills is rising to that challenge and modeling environmental leadership. "Residents can take pride in the fact that our municipality is operating on clean energy," Frantz said. "That includes everything from the Village offices, Police Department, community pool and Public Works Department."

"MGE applauds the Village of Shorewood Hills for its longtime commitment to renewable energy," said Matthew Matenaer, MGE Senior Account Manager. "Many communities across the country have made similar pledges to transition to 100% clean energy for their facilities—the Village is making it happen."

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DECEMBER 2019 BULLETIN

The Shorewood Hills Community League invites you to the
ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY
Sunday, December 8 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the Heiden Haus

Join your neighbors and enjoy hot chocolate, a bonfire, a magician, treats 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!

SERVICE & INTERCULTURAL TRIPS FOR MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
Informational Meeting
December 3, 6:00-7:00 pm
Village Community Center, Second Floor

Madison-based Go Tico! Costa Rica (www.goticocr.com) is offering spring break and summer service & intercultural exchange trips to wonderful rural communities in Northern Costa Rica. Attend this informational meeting to learn more about these Spanish & cultural immersion opportunities for 2020. All Go Tico! trips are coordinated and hosted by Madisonians with extensive experience living, traveling, and coordinating student travel to off-the-beaten-path locations in Costa Rica.

E-mail Sara Bembenek-Saborio with questions: goticocostarica@gmail.com.

GARDEN CLUB NEWS

ANNUAL GARDEN CLUB HOLIDAY GATHERING

All residents are invited to join us at the **Annual Garden Club Holiday Gathering** on **Thursday, December 12, 7:00 pm**, at the home of Claudia Brown, 3418 Circle Close.

We invite you to bring something you have created (drawing, photograph, needlework piece, sculpture, etc.), or purchased, that was inspired by Nature/Gardening (it is a “SHOW and SHARE”, not a gift exchange!).

We will also be **collecting monetary contributions to Second Harvest Food Bank**, something we have now made a tradition at these GC Holiday gatherings. Along with making a donation, you can also sign-up to work at one of two shifts at Second Harvest in January. If you are unable to attend, but would like to add your donation to our Second Harvest Food Bank collection, please do send a check made out to “Second Harvest” and send it to Annette Mahler, 3220 Tally Ho Lane before December 12. All contributions will benefit those in need in our region. Thank you!

Save the date and plan on a wonderful social evening with friends, food and drink. Not sure GC membership is for you–this social meeting is a perfect way to size us up!

We mourn the loss of

Klaus Berghahn – Oxford Road Resident

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



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3402 Sunset Dr.	3218 Topping Rd.
3425 Crestwood Dr.	906 Swarthmore Ct.
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Woman seeking living arrangement in Shorewood

Hills with a private kitchen and bath. I am 58, a mother to two lovely young adults, a former homeowner (20 years), a professional cook and a city biker. I am financially independent. I currently live on the east side and am very interested in moving to your neighborhood. Elizabeth 414-687-0400.

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The Shorewood Hills Community League Bulletin accepts ads from Village residents and businesses. The League does not accept non-resident commercial ads. Non-residents wishing to buy or rent homes in the Village may place ads for such if they provide a Village reference. Limit ads to 150 words or less.

The Village staff manages the Bulletin advertising program for the League. If you would like to place an ad, contact **David Sykes** at: dsykes@shorewood-hills.org. Commercial ads are 50¢ per word. Other resident ads are 30¢ per word. Residents under the age of 18 may place ads at 10¢ per word. Deliver payment to the Village Hall, 810 Shorewood Blvd, Madison, WI 53705. Checks should be made out to: Village of Shorewood Hills or VoSH.

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