



# The Village Bulletin

The Village of Shorewood Hills

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**Daylight Savings  
Time Begins  
Sunday, March 10  
Spring Forward  
at 2:00 am**



## VILLAGE CANDIDATES' FORUM

The Shorewood Hills Community League is sponsoring a Candidates' Forum on Sunday afternoon, March 10, 2019 before the April 2 Spring Election.

You are invited to ask questions of the candidates for Village President and Trustee and hear their opinions about governance and the future of the Village.



The Forum will be held in the basement meeting room of the Village Hall from 3:00 to 4:30 pm. Refreshments will be offered.

*(see the [Candidates' Statements on pages 4-7](#))*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

### MARCH

7	Services Committee .....	5:00 pm
11	Municipal Court (Traffic) .....	5:00 pm
11	Parks Committee .....	5:30 pm
11	Public Works Committee .....	7:00 pm
12	Plan Commission .....	7:00 pm
13	Finance Committee .....	5:30 pm
14	Ad hoc Disaster Preparedness Committee .....	6:30 pm
14	Ad hoc Stormwater Committee .....	7:00 pm
18	Board of Trustees .....	7:00 pm

### APRIL

1	Public Health & Safety Committee .....	7:00 pm
2	Spring Election (polls open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm)	
2	Recreation Committee .....	7:00 pm
3	Ad hoc Stormwater Committee .....	7:00 pm
8	Municipal Court (Traffic) .....	5:00 pm
8	Parks Committee .....	5:30 pm
8	Public Works Committee .....	7:00 pm
9	Plan Commission .....	7:00 pm
10	Finance Committee .....	5:30 pm
16	Board of Trustees .....	7:00 pm
19	Spring Fling Holiday (Village Offices closed at Noon)	

\* 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.

MARCH - APRIL 2019

**HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE FEBRUARY 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** – **Steven Wilke** was recognized for achieving status of Eagle Scout. David Trowbridge, City of Madison Principle Transportation Planner provided a presentation on **BRT (Bus Rapid Transit)** being considered for Madison area transportation arteries including University Avenue (*see article on page 12*). Dan Johns of Vandewalle & Associates provided an interim update on the status of the **Garden Homes Planning Process**. At the public meetings, they demonstrated various subdivision layouts and different housing type options. The meetings are designed to be open-ended. Their goal is to collect qualitative guidelines rather than quantitative ideas for what should be done going forward. They will assist the Plan Commission and Board in crafting language for a neighborhood plan to guide future development.

**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. The only item on the consent agenda was approval of meeting minutes from January 22, 2019. The Board deferred action on the January 22 regular, closed session and caucus minutes until the March 18, 2019 meeting.

**Resolution R-2019-3 petition for the exemption an at grade railroad crossing from the stopping requirement, section 346.45 State statute, at University Bay Drive and University Avenue** – Mr. Friedman and Chief Chapin explained the Village was approached by the railroad regarding busses stopping at the RR tracks and backing up traffic on University Avenue. Exempting busses from stopping at the track would alleviate the traffic hazard. Madison Metro supports the exemption for its busses. The Public Health & Safety Committee recommended approval of the resolution drafted by Lt. Martens. The Board unanimously approved [Resolution R-2019-3](#) that would allow the Village to petition the Commissioner of Railroads to determine if the exemption should be given.

**Consider purchase of key management security system** – Chief Chapin explained a key management system was one of the recommendation of the Riseling Group. The electronic system would benefit the police department's management of sensitive keys for evidence storage, squad cars and a MedDrop box at the Village Hall. The Public Health & Safety Committee recommended the purchase of the Key Watcher system that is modular and can be expanded in the future, if needed. The Board unanimously approve the purchase and installation of the Key Watcher system for an amount not to exceed \$8,000 that was budgeted in the Capital Projects Fund.

**Consider five-year capital plan and financing** – The Village's five-year capital plan has been updated for 2019. Mr. Frantz reviewed some of the items and the capital fund projections based on the five-year capital plan through 2023. The Board discussed potential FEMA funding and flood insurance costs related to the Pool. Also discussed was University Avenue reconstruction in 2021, stormwater mitigation possibilities and advances to the utilities that will be paid back in the next few years.

**Appointments** – Mr. Benforado made the following appointments that were unanimously approved by the Board: Paula Hogan and Marci Kunene as Poll Workers; Andy Curtiss to the Recreation Committee.

**Finance Committee** – Mr. Wade reported the Committee discussed GASB 75. Mr. Frantz informed the Board that the Village's auditors determined, just after the Finance meeting, that the Village's OPEB (other post-employment benefits) liability is not material and an actuarial study is not needed. Mr. Wade also reported the Committee discussed the finances of the Stormwater Fund. Mr. Lederer added that the Public Works Committee will discuss objectives and costs of the Stormwater Fund at a future meeting, before the Finance Committee discusses funding sources for operating costs and projects.

**Public Health & Safety** – Mr. Friedman reported the Committee will be discussing the possibility of residents keeping goats and the school drop off zone on Shorewood Blvd.

**Recreation Committee** – Ms. Bailey reported the Committee discussed the skating rink following a

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complaint from a neighbor regarding the lights and noise as they relate to the Village's Dark Sky and Noise ordinances. The Committee also discussed an incident where a family was told they couldn't skate at the rink because it was only for Village residents. The Committee had new signs posted at the Heiden Haus confirming the rink is open to everyone and indicating that 9:00 pm is the start of quiet time per the Village ordinance.

**Ad hoc Disaster Preparedness Committee** – Ms. Bailey reported the Committee will be developing a first draft of an all-hazards disaster plan for its next meeting.

**Ad hoc Stormwater Committee** – Mr. Benforado reported Mayor Soglin continues to meet with community leaders from areas impacted by the August flooding. On February 5, the Committee received a presentation by the City of Madison's contracted stormwater engineer from AE2S. Models of various storm events (including August 20) were presented. Mr. Benforado asked the Board to have a special meeting to discuss parameters on a partnership with the City of Madison for these engineering services from AE2S. The Board set a meeting date of Thursday, February 21 at 7:00 am.

**Adjourn** – The meeting was adjourned at about 9:05 pm.

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## **GARDEN HOMES REDEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES**

*(Plan Commission to begin review at a meeting date to be determined)*

On February 25, the last of three public meetings was held to garner community input on Redevelopment Objectives for the Garden Homes subdivision. Vandewalle and Associates, a Madison-based urban planning firm, was retained by the Village to lead this process.

The next steps will involve: 1) Vandewalle refining the objectives based on input received on February 25, and 2) the Plan Commission considering them for a possible recommendation to the Village Board.

All of the background information is available for review on the Village's website at: [www.shorewood-hills.org/gardenhomes](http://www.shorewood-hills.org/gardenhomes).

Initially, the Plan Commission was going to take this matter up at its March 12 meeting, but with two large items already on the agenda (that will take a lot of time), the Commission will likely schedule a special meeting with Garden Homes Redevelopment Objectives being the only matter to be discussed. When that date and time is set, the Village will circulate word through a blast e-mail.

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## **BLAST E-MAIL NOTIFICATIONS**

Keep yourself informed about Village business, events and breaking news. The Village periodically sends out e-mail notifications regarding the Village Bulletin, Board of Trustees agendas, community events and breaking news (like winter storm alerts, police emergencies, etc.). We call these notices "blast" e-mails.

Our "blast" e-mail notification list is a self-managed subscription service through our website host GovOffice. Go to: [www.shorewood-hills.org/notifications](http://www.shorewood-hills.org/notifications) and complete the simple on-line form. The notification system is a double opt-in system, which means when you sign up, you will receive an e-mail (from [support@govoffice.com](mailto:support@govoffice.com)) asking to verify your e-mail address by clicking a link in the e-mail. Once the e-mail address is verified, your account is active. Please contact us at [web@shorewood-hills.org](mailto:web@shorewood-hills.org) with any questions.

**Next Bulletin Deadline: Monday, March 18**

## SPRING ELECTION

The Spring Election will be held Tuesday, April 2, 2019. The polls will be open at the Village Hall from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm. The Village President and three Trustees seats will be on the ballot along with races for three Judicial races and Madison School Board. In person absentee voting at the Village Hall will be available as soon as the ballots arrive (mid-March) through the Friday before the election (March 29).

## Village President and Trustee Candidates' Statements

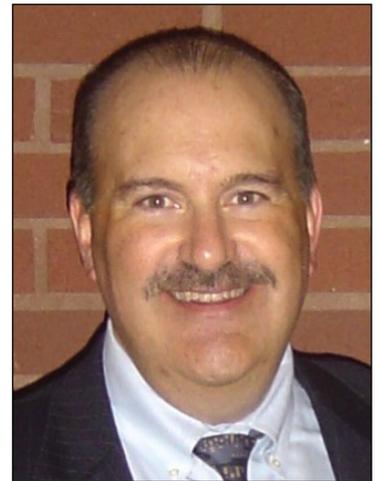
### DAVE BENFORADO

It's been an honor to serve on your Shorewood Hills Village Board for the past fifteen years, thirteen as Trustee and the latter two as Village President.

Here's a bit about me and why I am running for Village President. My wife Carolyn and I have lived in the Village for the past 25 years. We have two children attending UW-Milwaukee. I have worked with other Trustees, Committee members, residents and Village staff to help make the Village a better place. I have chaired or served on most Village Committees.

Here's my vision for the Village President and Village Board; we will:

1. Promote Engagement: We should constantly try to engage Village residents to become involved, attend meetings, offer input, advice, creative solutions, serve on Village Committees, and then synthesize that input at the Committee and Village Board level, working toward common solutions.
2. Watch the Purse: Aim to keep the Village share of your property tax bill as low as we can, while maintaining Village services and programs at the high level that Village residents have become accustomed to.
3. Grow the Tax Base: Increase the Village tax base through wise and informed growth (e.g., the Tax Increment Districts on the east and west ends of the Village).
4. Maintain Village Infrastructure: Maintain and improve Village assets (e.g., our buildings, roads, underground utilities, parks, pool).
5. Oversee Village Administrator: We have a wonderful and dedicated Village staff, overseen by the Village Administrator who reports to the Village Board.



One matter important to call out: The August 20, 2018, catastrophic stormwater floods impacted 80 Village homes and businesses in the greater University Avenue corridor, as well as many Village assets. The Garden Homes neighborhood was hit particularly hard and we are in the midst of a Village conversation about what the future of that residential neighborhood should be. We are also working closely with the City of Madison to lessen the potential for future flooding events in the University Avenue corridor.

I ask for your vote on Tuesday, April 2. Thank you.

### **[www.myvote.wi.gov](http://www.myvote.wi.gov)**

The easiest way to register to vote or request an absentee ballot is by going to [myvote.wi.gov](http://myvote.wi.gov). You can also check your voting history, see what races are on the ballot and find your polling place.

Proof or residency is required to register to vote. Common proofs of residency include: a WI driver's license, a utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, government document or signed lease.

A photo ID is required to vote absentee. Out of State licenses are not acceptable ID for voting purposes.

For more voter information go to the Village's website: [Elections & Voting](#)

## COKIE ALBRECHT

I am honored to be running for Village Trustee. My family—husband, Ken, our children, Pete and Cait, and I—moved to Shorewood Hills in 1991. As adults now, Pete and Cait fondly recall the fortunate childhoods they enjoyed in the Village, including excellent schools, recreation opportunities, public works services, and a sense of a safe and caring community. The Village staff, under the guidance of the Board and with the help of a multitude of resident volunteers, does an excellent job of maintaining the qualities that make Shorewood Hills an exceptional place to live. As Trustee, I would like the opportunity to provide leadership that ensures those qualities endure.

I completed undergraduate work at UC Berkeley and earned a Masters in Public Policy from the University of Minnesota. My professional interests, and career, have been in local government administration: I worked as a consultant in sewer, water and housing development for poor, rural California municipalities; as block grant and housing coordinator for the City of Ames, Iowa; and since 1997, for Shorewood Hills, most recently as Village Clerk/Finance Director—a position I held from 2006 until my retirement last year.

As Clerk/Finance Director, I was involved in all facets of the administration of Shorewood Hills' government, including the Village's human resource management, elections, and finances (accounting, budgeting and borrowing). I served as staff to the Personnel and Finance Committees and attended all meetings of the Village Board.

I believe my career gave me unique skills to undertake the duties of a Trustee. If elected, I envision using the knowledge I gained to effectively consider responses to major challenges ahead as Shorewood Hills continues to recover from last summer's flooding, evaluate redevelopment in Garden Homes, interact with the University and City of Madison at our borders, and deal with budgetary constraints, among other issues under the Board's purview.

I look forward to meeting those of you who I haven't met yet, and reconnecting with those who I have, to discuss all of this and more in the coming weeks. I hope to earn your vote on April 2nd.



## ROCKY VAN ASTEN

I'm asking for your vote for Village Trustee, my third time – if elected. I arrived in Shorewood Hills in 1988, elected April 2002, fourth in the Spring 2004 election, appointed to the Board August 2004, left (family issues) in December 2006.

I first came to the Board after leading a successful effort to remove all three entrenched Trustees. We eliminated the Lame Duck session, changed the Board minutes to be more inclusive, and removed Trustees from leadership roles in all Village committees (except the Plan Commission). I was behind a successful rezoning effort stopping McMansions, revitalizing the McKenna docks (that's my platform out there), and complete change in the funding of Village road projects – saving the Village hundreds of thousands of dollars.

We have a high financial commitment looming in the Gardens Homes area. Instead of hearing the primary property owners' ideas, the Board commissioned a \$27,500 Vandewalle contract to decide this area's fate. This seems backwards. We should have kept the \$27.5K in our pocket and reviewed the current property owners' plans first.

Trustees are back in charge of all standing committees; having non-Board members run committees is very important for full community involvement and open discussion. We are no longer replacing our equipment on a regular basis nor aggressively maintaining Village assets. It's time for a new community center.

I have always been known as that person who asks the uncomfortable question – an essential attribute for a good Village Board member. We must move back to the more open government structure formed after the 2002 election, along with spending money wisely and timely – not waiting just one more year.

Shorewood Hills is a great place to live when our neighbors are active in all community decisions. It's time to open things up again.



**TRACY BAILEY**

I fell in love with Shorewood Hills while living in the lakeshore dorms. When I realized my dream of moving here, I found it better than I imagined. We are a strong community with many opportunities to give back and shape our municipality.

For my part, I've served on the SHES PTO, coordinated the International Week Parade and worked hard to create a student memorial. For several years, I was the Land Rec Parent Director, I've coordinated the Ice Cream Social twice and I love supporting the July 4th Kid Triathlon. Things got "official" when I joined the Public Works Committee to focus on infrastructure and safety and last Spring I was asked to run for Trustee and won the vote. I continue to serve on Public Works, chair the Rec Committee and spearheaded an ad hoc Emergency Preparedness Committee. I understand what goes into Board commitments, I love the work, and I show up.

Outside of the Village, my professional background as a Project Manager has strengthened my skills in managing complex and sometimes contentious projects with many stakeholders. We may not all define "safe streets" the same, we have strong opinions on stormwater, and our facilities need work. Whatever the opportunity, it's exhilarating to incorporate multiple viewpoints, adhere to tight budgets and keep the focus on solidifying and benefitting our community. My role is to hear all residents, collaborate respectfully on each issue we face and stay focused on the common good and future of our Village. One of the most meaningful and rewarding experiences—and one that exemplifies my view of VOSH service—is coordinating with families, volunteers and administration during the 2018 flood.

We have big projects on the horizon, and I am devoted to seeing them through. We also need to jump-start small, bottom-up initiatives to thrive and prosper. I see opportunities to broaden our conversations to include people who would like to be more involved but experience barriers in participating. If that's you, your voice is important too.

Neighbors, I wish to keep serving you, and I ask for your vote on April 2nd.

**DIETMAR BASSÜNER**

My name is Dietmar Bassüner and it would be my honor to serve as your Village Trustee. I'm motivated by a belief in the uniqueness of our community, a sense of civic engagement and duty; where every day Shorewood Hills residents step up, invest their time and energy, cultivate the values we share, the children we raise, and the respect we extend to our neighbors. As your Village Trustee, I will be transparent in my actions, diligent when I problem solve, and thoughtful when I listen.

Since my wife, Anne, and I moved here in 2015, Shorewood Hills has nurtured our family. Our children August (12), George (10), and Hazel (9) have been shaped by our community's institutions. All three have gone to Shorewood Hills Elementary; attended Four Corners; enjoyed Land Rec; and spent countless summer days at the pool. During the winter months (does anyone remember the summer?), you will find them with friends at the Heiden Haus skating and playing hockey. Our family sees our Village as a treasure that we hold dear. I want to keep that experience alive for generations to come.

My wife chuckles when she hears me talk about being relevant and economically viable. She's probably amused thinking: "there's Dietmar again, Master of the Obvious." But it's good practice to affirm and reaffirm the simple goals if they're central to the thread that knits a community together. We want our Shorewood Hills to be safe, to be welcoming, to operate efficiently, and to be economically viable for residents and businesses alike. These goals are not mutually exclusive; however, they do require a community, and its elected representatives, to work together, balance priorities, and not take the Village's sense of community for granted.

Originally from Germany, my parents, siblings and I moved to the United States in 1994. I attended Purdue University where I earned my BS and MS degrees. After graduation, I was offered a chance to work as a Project Manager for General Contractor here in Madison. That was 15 years ago and I am thrilled with my family, my career and my life in Shorewood Hills.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve my community as your Village Trustee and thank you for the consideration of your vote.



## REVERE GREIST

My name is Revere Greist and I'm running for Village Board. I live on Edgehill Drive with my wife, Liz, and our children, Revere (age 6) and Maggie (4). I work in behavioral healthcare, developing evidence-based assessment and treatment programs for people suffering from depression and anxiety. In my spare time, I race bicycles and compete in triathlons.

I have had the good fortune of both growing up in Shorewood Hills and now living here as an adult with a young family. These experiences, along with a decade spent in different cities in the US and internationally, have provided me with a unique perspective on life in the Village. I am amazed at the continuity here and would work as a Trustee to preserve it.

I have been impressed by the competent, non-partisan stewardship exhibited by the Board. In addition to listening to and representing the perspectives of Village residents, I expect to learn from fellow Board members who have served in the past. If elected, I hope to advance the viewpoints of young families, working toward continued support of the wonderful youth recreational activities offered by the Village and advocating for additional traffic calming measures to ensure pedestrian safety. I also look forward to assisting in capital planning for long term projects to maintain and improve infrastructure, including road rebuilding in the western half of the Village and a much needed, improved stormwater management system.

I would be honored to serve as your representative on the Village Board of Trustees and respectfully ask for your vote on April 2.



## SHABNAM LOTFI

Thank you for nominating me to run as a Village Trustee. It would be my honor to serve our community, and I can't imagine a better place to serve than the beautiful Shorewood Hills. Prior to purchasing our home, I was told that this village was a magical place, and those words have only proven true.

As an introduction to myself, I am an immigration attorney by trade, a small business owner, and a soon-to-be mother to a baby girl. My parents taught me at a young age that if I was disappointed with something, I should be a part of the solution. Over the past five years, I have actively lobbied Congress for immigration reform. Most recently, I lobbied our State government on behalf of the University of Wisconsin, my alma mater. I serve as a co-chair for Our Wisconsin Revolution – Dane County, and I am a board member of the Wisconsin Conservation Voters. In short, I often find myself gravitating towards opportunities that require working to resolve complex social problems.

In speaking with our neighbors, I've learned that we have an issue with noise pollution coming from the University Hospital. We're also dealing with several buildings that need renovating, including the community room at the pool. The Garden Homes suffered major flooding this past summer and we need to figure out how to better deal with stormwater and flooding. These are just some of the complex issues our community faces, and they require extensive and well-thought-out strategies and cooperation amongst all stakeholders. Sounds like my cup of tea!

When working with others on complex matters, I work hard to understand the root of a problem. I try to first listen and learn, to understand the issue from various perspectives, and I make sure to leave my ego at the door. I believe that hard work can lead to win-win, innovative solutions. If I am so honored to be a Village Board Trustee, I will bring my problem-solving abilities, interpersonal skills, and energy to the Board.



## VILLAGE CANDIDATES' FORUM

Join us for the Candidates' Forum on Sunday afternoon, March 10, 2019 sponsored by the Shorewood Hills Community League. Hear about the candidates' opinions about governance and the future of the Village. You will have an opportunity to ask questions of the candidates as well. The Forum will be held in the basement meeting room of the Village Hall from 3:00 to 4:30 pm. Refreshments will be offered.

## LAND REC CAMP 2019

*Registrations Due: March 15th!*

**Parents - want your kids out of the house every afternoon next summer? We are looking for campers!** There may be snow on the ground, but now is the time to think about the coming summer.

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 Shorewood Hills Elementary School aged 7-11 (or entering 2nd-6th grade in September) are eligible to enroll. There are two sessions of Land Rec adventures. Campers can choose one to get a taste or do both for a full summer of fun. First session will run June 17-July 12 (no camp July Fourth). Second session will run July 15-August 9. A link to the registration form is below.

The deadline to enroll is **Friday, March 15, 2019**. 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.

[Land Recreation Registration Form](#)

## LAND REC STAFF WANTED!

Land Rec is a great place to work for older kids or young adults. Why wouldn't you want to be outside all summer playing games? We are seeking to hire responsible, energetic, creative people over 14 years old to work as Camp Counselors and Directors for our campers. Land Rec will run for eight weeks and starts June 12 through August 9. Hours are Monday through Friday, afternoons (1:00-3:00 pm), and are held outside at the Heiden Haus at the school.

Counselor duties include planning and implementing daily programs (games, sports, arts, crafts, walking field trips, etc.). Why don't you challenge yourself to engage and supervise multi-aged children of multi-energized levels in a fun and safe environment? Want more? Director duties will also include team-building, staff supervision, parent communications and annual budget oversight.

The employment application form are available on the Village's website (<http://www.shorewood-hills.org/employment>) or at the Village Hall. The deadline for all applications is **noon on Friday, March 8** and interviews will be held on Saturday, March 9 between 8:30 am and 12:30 pm.

It will be an open interview format where candidates may arrive any time in that four hour window for the interview. Alternate interview dates are possible, if you are not available on March 9.

## FOUR CORNERS CAMP 2019

*Registrations Due: March 15th!*

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 17-July 12; Second Session: July 15-August 9). Come join in the fun!

[Four Corners Registration Form](#)

(You must also complete the [Four Corners Swim Form](#))

## FOUR CORNERS CAMP EMPLOYMENT

Come join our team for summer fun! The Four Corners Parent Committee will be accepting applications for the program's summer staff. Camp Director and Counselor positions are available. Camp employees must be 14 years old prior to the camp start date. The eight-week outdoor program runs from June 17 to August 9. It is for children ages 4 to 6 years old and is held Monday through Friday from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm.

The Camp Director works closely with the parent committee and is responsible for planning camp activities, supervising staff, and communicating with parents to ensure a positive camp experience for all children. Counselors are responsible for setting up and conducting daily activities, providing quality care for campers and communicating with parents.

Application information is available on the Village's website (<http://www.shorewood-hills.org/employment>). Interviews will be held on Sunday, March 17.



## STEVE MILLER, TOM BROCK TO RECEIVE HONORARY DEGREES

(Excerpts from a February 14, 2019 article by Doug Erickson)

[Click [HERE](#) to read the full article] This year's recipients of honorary degrees from the University of Wisconsin–Madison are both rock stars—one literally, the other in microbiology. The honorees are legendary musician Steve Miller, a 2016 Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductee, and pioneering scientist Thomas Brock, whose research helped usher in modern molecular biology.

Honorary doctorates from UW–Madison recognize individuals with careers of extraordinary accomplishment. The Committee on Honorary Degrees considers sustained and uncommonly meritorious activity exhibiting values that are esteemed by a great university. Preference is given to people connected in some significant way to the State or University, though that is not a prerequisite.

Miller attended UW–Madison. Brock spent 19 years on the University's faculty and is the E.B. Fred Professor of Natural Sciences Emeritus.

Brock's nomination is based on his broad contributions to microbiology as well as his post-retirement work promoting biodiversity and ecological conservation. While a professor at Indiana University in the late 1960s, he discovered the extreme thermophile *Thermus aquaticus* thriving in a hot spring at Yellowstone National Park. The discovery debunked a key piece of conventional wisdom in biology—that life could not exist past about 158 degrees Fahrenheit.

The bacteria's heat-resistant DNA replicating machinery, Taq polymerase, was turned into a bedrock of modern molecular biology, polymerase chain reaction. PCR cycles through high temperatures to exponentially amplify strands of DNA, facilitating gene sequencing, disease diagnosis, and forensic DNA identification.

Subsequent studies in the field have challenged assumptions about the nature and resilience of life and led to innumerable advances in molecular biology, DNA sequencing, medical research, clinical testing and the reconstruction of evolution.

In 1971, with substantial support from the Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation (WARF), Brock joined the faculty of UW–Madison. With Lake Mendota as a new laboratory, he continued his groundbreaking research on microbes. His retirement in 1990 began a new phase of contributions to science and society.

With his wife, Kathie, also a microbiologist, he has advanced the conservation and restoration of a Midwestern oak savanna, one of the most characteristic—and endangered—ecosystems of the central United States. The couple's Pleasant Valley Conservancy property near Black Earth, Wisconsin, has become a model for land managers and a training ground for the next generation of restoration ecologists.

The honorary degrees, as well as doctoral, MFA and medical professional degrees, will be conferred at the 5:30 pm commencement ceremony on Friday, May 10, at the Kohl Center.

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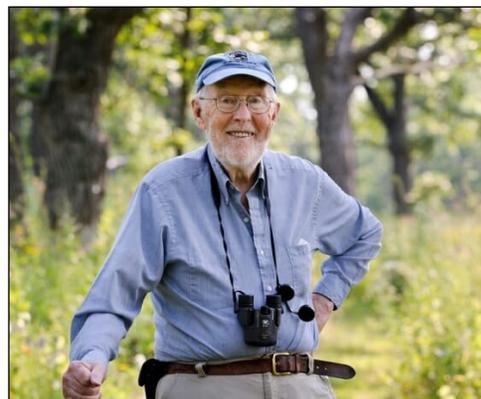
## DISTRICT CAPTURES RECORD PHOSPHORUS VOLUME

(From February 4, 2019 Press Release)

The Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District continued to make progress in its work to enrich lives through clean water and resource recovery in 2018, as it captured a record volume of phosphorus from the wastewater stream and returned an increased volume of clean water to area streams.

The District shipped the phosphorus out of the watershed as tiny pellets of struvite fertilizer under the brand

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name Crystal Green. Michael Mucha, the district's chief engineer and director, said the district continues to optimize the Ostara process and piloted two additional phosphorus management technologies to reduce impacts to surface water during 2018.

"We currently remove about 96 percent of the phosphorus entering the plant and we're studying whether next-generation technology can effectively repurpose or remove additional increments of this valuable mineral," Mucha said. "We're currently evaluating the costs and benefits of additional, very different approaches to phosphorus management."

During 2018, the district produced 719.4 tons of struvite fertilizer, up from 585.1 tons in in 2017. The struvite total is equivalent to more than 180,000 pounds of pure phosphorus and as a controlling nutrient, a single pound of phosphorus can lead to 500 pounds of algae.

Due to heavy precipitation in the latter half of the year as well as growth in its 26 customer communities, the district also cleaned and reclaimed 16.86 billion gallons of clean water, up from 16.03 billion gallons in 2017. The district operates sanitary-only sewer lines and works with its customer communities to reduce groundwater infiltration and stormwater inflows into the system. However, during heavy rains and flooding, stormwater enters the sanitary system through manholes, flooded basement floor drains and other sources. The district treats incoming wastewater from all sources to produce effluent that is approved for return to the environment.

The treated effluent is a valuable resource, accounting for more than 90 percent of the flow at the discharge points that feed Badfish Creek State Wildlife Area and Badger Mill Creek, a class 2 trout stream. During 2018, the district returned approximately 15.73 billion gallons of water to Badfish Creek and 1.18 billion gallons to Badger Mill Creek while reusing 185.2 million gallons for purposes within the plant (the numbers do not add perfectly due to factors including rounding and the use of city water).

During 2018, biogas production dipped as the district churned out 289 million cubic feet, down from 305.1 million cubic feet in 2017. The district used this biogas supply to generate some 5.9 million kilowatt-hours of electric power to offset its own energy use. The drop in biogas production reflects more inert material such as grit entering the system during high flows as well as system maintenance during the year.

Other resources reclaimed by the district in 2018 included processing of 1.9 million gallons of liquid biosolids into class A cake biosolids, which hold potential in diverse markets including residential application. The district also produced 35.3 million gallons of class B Metrogro liquid biosolids for use as a sustainable, local fertilizer by farmers in the region. District staff members continue to innovate with evaluation and testing of a variety of these products to maximize value and distribution efficiency.

## **ABOUT THE DISTRICT**

Established in 1930 to protect the lakes and streams of the upper Yahara watershed, Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District today serves 26 Madison area customer communities covering some 184 square miles and 380,000 people. The district owns and operates 141 miles of pipe and 18 regional pumping stations that convey approximately 41 million gallons of wastewater to the Nine Springs Wastewater Treatment Plant each day. Organized as a municipal corporation, the district is a leader in sustainability and resource reclamation; its rates are established by the Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District Commission.



Dear Shorewood Families,

As some of you may know, in 2018, our Shorewood Hills Elementary community suffered a great loss as we said goodbye to one of our beloved teachers, Erica Eide. Erica will be missed by so many, but her legacy lives on in the lives of the students and families that she has worked with over her 20 years teaching at Shorewood. Erica had a special way of making each student feel special, understood and respected. She brought joy and humor to each day and let kids know that they could have fun learning in their one unique way. To honor her lifelong commitment to giving so much, to so many, we are asking for donations for the Erica Eide Memorial.

Your donation will be used to purchase a unique set of percussion playground equipment for the students, similar to the ones pictured below, as well as an engraved stone. These ideas are inspired by Erica's passions: music and geology. Erica was a member of the Handphibians drum corps and many of her students have vivid memories of Ms. Eide's favorite 3rd grade science unit: Geology.

Your generous donations by either cash or check, ideally before Spring Break, would be greatly appreciated. We are hoping to place the order for the drums as soon as possible so they can be installed before a celebration of her life in May. A suggested donation of \$20, \$50 or \$100 is welcome, but any amount you contribute, more or less, is most appreciated. Please make checks payable to Shorewood Elementary School with the memo: Erica Eide Memorial Fund. Donation can be sent to the School or dropped off at the School's main office.

It is with heavy but grateful hearts that we thank you for remembering Erica through your donation and for helping us honor her memory at SHES.

Sincerely,  
Erica Eide Memorial Committee



## BUS RAPID TRANSIT

The City of Madison is exploring options for a new East-West Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) line to make our city's transit system work faster and smarter. Madison doesn't have a freeway serving our downtown, like other cities. Madison is too small to compete for federal assistance for light rail but can be very competitive when it comes to grants for BRT.

Madison is studying ridership, impacts on traffic, costs to build a BRT system and analyzing the capacity of streets to accommodate BRT. Some features being considered are priority signaling and bus-only lanes in some areas to give BRT an advantage over regular traffic.

Studies show 7 of 10 drive in the Madison area drive alone or in a carpool. Due to cost and availability of parking downtown, speed of transit, and other factors, those studies indicate that percentage can be reduced to 30% with BRT.

The current system is focused on downtown and the University. Connecting low income neighborhoods to employment with routes that run later into the evening to serve second shift workers is needed.

Madison's BRT will complement existing Madison Metro routes and be our city's next big step toward a sustainable local transit system. They hope to apply for federal assistance by the end of 2020.

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## SAVE THE DATE FOR THE THIRD ANNUAL VILLAGE BOCCE BASH!

Enjoy an evening of fun with your neighbors including a bocce ball tournament, dinner, drinks and a silent auction! The proceeds from this event will go to the Shorewood Hills Community League for its ongoing events and support of improvement projects for our Village.

### Details of the Event: Bocce Ball Tournament, Silent Auction, Dinner & Drinks

Date: Saturday, June 15, 2019

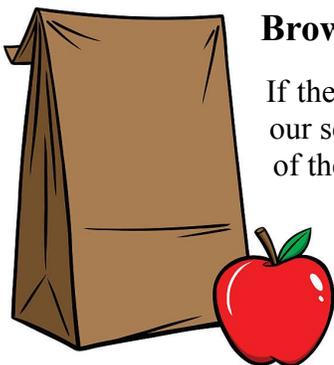
Where: Heiden Haus and Fields

Event will happen rain or shine!



\*\*\*\*\* Please note this is an adult only event, so book your babysitter now! \*\*\*\*\*

## GARDEN CLUB NEWS



### Brown Bag Lunch

If the winter weather has you yearning for warmer days, then get inspired and join us for our second **Winter Lunchtime Gardening Break, Thursday, March 14 at noon**, lower level of the Village Hall.

FairShare CSA Coalition member, Carrie Sedlack will talk about CSAs and getting fresh produce from area farmers.

Bring your lunch and enjoy the coffee, and dessert provided.

### Bake Sale

Also, GC wants to send a great big **THANK YOU** to all who voted on February 19 and also supported our Bake Sale! Stop by again when you vote on April 2.



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*We mourn the loss of*

Doris Berghahn – Oxford Road resident  
Tom Moffatt – Crestwood Drive resident  
W. Stuart Sykes – Columbia 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](mailto:shcleague@gmail.com)*

## CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

### **FOR SALE**

Thinking about selling our Shorewood Hills home this season, or next season, to downsize. 4 bedroom, 2 full, 2½ bath. If you are selling your smaller home in the Village, or interested in buying a 4 bedroom, please let me know. 608-695-7763.

**Want to List?** Chas Martin, your neighbor and top-selling Shorewood Hills agent knows Real Estate and knows Shorewood Hills.

#### **New Listings:**

- **1225 Sweetbriar Rd. – \$492,000**
- **906 Swarthmore Ct. – \$525,000 (Coming Soon)**
- **Lake Mendota Dr. – Private Listing**
- **3509 Blackhawk Dr. – Accepted Offer**

#### **Sold in '18:**

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| • 3415 Blackhawk Dr.    | • 3501 Blackhawk Dr.    |
| • 906 Columbia Rd.      | • 3602 Blackhawk Dr.    |
| • 1105 Edgehill Dr.     | • 3452 Crestwood Dr.    |
| • 3424 Crestwood Dr.    | • 3421 Crestwood Dr.    |
| • 2900 Hunter Hill      | • 3443 Edgehill Pkwy.   |
| • 1504 Edgehill Dr.     | • 1137 Amherst Dr.      |
| • 3306 Topping Rd.      | • 3580 Lake Mendota Dr. |
| • 1105 Dartmouth Rd     | • 3224 Tally Ho Ln.     |
| • 3444 Lake Mendota Dr. | • 3512 Blackhawk Dr.    |

Contact Chas at [Chas@SprinkmanRealEstate.com](mailto:Chas@SprinkmanRealEstate.com) or 608-334-9042 for a modern take on real estate.

### **WANTED: HOUSE TO RENT**

My 40 year old son, Joe, would like to rent an affordable house in Shorewood. Joe is a responsible, conscientious professional landscape architect. Your house and grounds would be well tended. He would be a perfect renter for a family on sabbatical or leave of absence. You can call Joe for more information at 608-345-5101 or e-mail at [josephporter608@gmail.com](mailto:josephporter608@gmail.com).

### **LEAGUE BULLETIN ADVERTISING POLICY**

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

The Village staff has begun managing the Bulletin advertising program for the League. If you would like to place an ad, contact **David Sykes** at: [dsykes@shorewood-hills.org](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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