



The Village Bulletin

The Village of Shorewood Hills

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POLCO LAUNCH

Community feedback and engagement is a hallmark of the Village of Shorewood Hills. We have residents who care very deeply about what goes on and what happens in the Village. And we also know that sometimes it is difficult or even impossible for residents to come to meetings to express their ideas. In an effort to provide an easy way for residents to provide their opinion, the Village has recently partnered with POLCO to utilize its survey platform to solicit community feedback on a variety of issues, both current and in the future.

The first step in this process though is getting everyone signed up! Once we have a desirable number of residents signed up and subscribed to the Village's survey feed, we will publish a very simple one-question poll to give everyone a chance to test out the platform. In the future, the Village will use the platform to solicit feedback on a variety of issues. For now, our goal is to get at least fifty percent of registered voters signed up on the platform.

If you would like to register, please visit <https://polco.us/n/res/signup>. After registering, click on the 'Notify Me' button so that you will be notified when the Village puts out its first poll. Please share this info with your neighbors to help get the word out!

Next Bulletin Deadline: Monday, September 18

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

All meetings will be held virtually unless noted otherwise*

SEPTEMBER

11	Municipal Court	5:00 pm
11	Recreation Committee	7:00 pm
12	Personnel Committee (hybrid meeting)	5:00 pm
12	Finance Committee (hybrid meeting)	6:30 pm
13	Public Works Committee (hybrid meeting)	6:30 pm
19	Board of Trustees (hybrid meeting-moved to Tuesday)	7:00 pm
23	Fall Computer/Electronics Recycling Roundup	10:00 am-1:00 pm
25	Pool Committee	5:30 pm
25	Finance Committee	7:00 pm
26	Parks Committee	5:30 pm
26	Public Health & Safety Committee	7:00 pm

[hybrid meeting = In-person at the Village Hall in addition to a virtual component]

* The calendar includes all meetings and events scheduled at the time of publication. Meeting dates or times are subject to change. Check the [Village's website](http://www.shorewood-hills.org) or call the Village Hall for confirmation.

SEPTEMBER 2023

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE AUGUST 29, 2023 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

(Complete minutes will be available on our website when approved by the Village Board)

Attendance – The meeting was held virtually. Trustees John Imes, Shabnam Lotfi, Mark Lederer, Dietmar Bassuner, Carol Barford, Erin Clune and Cara Coburn Faris were in attendance. Also, present Village Attorney Derek Panches, Aaron Williams and Jon Jackson from UW-Madison, Village Administrator Sharon Eveland, Clerk-Treasurer Julie Fitzgerald and a number of residents.

Public Comment, Appearances, and Communications – Gary Johnson reported on the July 4th Fireworks cost and donations, stating that there was left over fireworks from the 2022 rainy show to bolster this year's inventory of fireworks which reduced the overall cost in 2023.

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. Items on the consent agenda included approval of the July 17, 2023 Board minutes and Block Party permits for Edgehill Drive (9/9/23) and Tally Ho Ln (9/3/23).

Stormwater MOU with UW-Madison – Aaron Williams and Jon Jackson presented the Rock River sediment/discharge agreement/permit memorandum of understanding with UW-Madison and Shorewood Hills. The Board approved the Stormwater MOU with UW-Madison.

Discussion/possible action regarding permanent and temporary easements to MMSD for sewer main project – With the recommendation from Administrator Eveland the Board will hold off approval of the easements until after the landscaping restoration plan by the pool is finalized.

Discussion/possible action regarding L-2023-01 Short-Term Rental Ordinance (2nd reading) – After lengthy discussion the Board approved to waive the 2nd reading of L-2023-01 Short Term Rental Ordinance. The third and final reading of the ordinance will be on the September agenda.

Discussion regarding feedback/direction from Board regarding sidewalk snow and ice removal – Numerous residents weighed in through emails and public comment appearance. The Board will consider the residents' concerns. Not all residents have access to the same benefit that a select few receive by being on a street that has been deemed a route to school. Being a designated routes to school does not mean that children do not use other streets/sidewalks to get to school. Every street has the potential to be used by children to get to school but only a few property owners have their sidewalks maintained by the Village. The additional sidewalks due to the University Ave project and the overpass bridge (2500 additional feet of sidewalks have been added) and the Public Works crew is short staffed. The Village attorney expressed concern regarding potential liability for taking responsibility for snow and ice removal. This item will be on the September agenda for potential action.

Discussion/possible action regarding additional funding for concept site plan and preliminary site analysis for Facilities/Space Needs/Site Analysis Study and possible changes to locations considered for new facility – Board approved excluding the quarry site and adding the cold storage site to the site analysis for Facilities/Space Needs/Site Analysis Study.

Discussion/possible action regarding Board retreat regarding policy vs. management discussion led by Village labor attorney – The Board authorized the Administrator to procure the services of Steve Zach for a Board Retreat at a cost not to exceed \$1,000.

Discussion/possible action regarding converting the Pool Manager position to full-time and approving the job description – The Board approved converting the seasonal pool manager position to a full-time salaried exempt position, to approve the job description and authorized the Administrator to begin the recruitment process.

Discussion/possible action regarding authorizing the Administrator to sign a contract for all building permit and inspection services with General Engineering – The Board has authorized the Administrator to gather information for contracting General Engineering for the Village Building inspection needs. The Village's electrical inspector has agreed to stay on until the end of September only.

Discussion/possible action regarding 2022 Audit – Board accepted the 2022 Audit, all state reporting done in compliance.

Discussion only regarding Parks Committee recommendation on tree treatments – Ms. Barford presented the Parks Committee recommendation for the Administrator and the budget:

- Significant cost \$175K for treatments, \$10K for Emerald Ash Borer treatment, concern for the spongy

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moth and oak complex.

- The village needs to look at a new tool to cover tree treatment since donations are no longer available. Special tree fees from residents and DNR grant for 2025 may help cover costs.
- Forester in the process of completing the Villages tree inventory and creating an urban tree plan.
- Village has a geriatric tree canopy and needs to preserve mature trees but keep options open.
- Public education for homeowners and their own trees.

Discussion and direction regarding Parks Committee recommendation on converting part-time Forestry Assistant position to full-time – Board authorized the Administrator to look at the budget with regard to converting the part-time forestry assistant position to full-time, taking into consideration the past multiple part-time help needed to sustain the workload.

Appointments – Pool Committee: Dietmar Bassuner (1102 Shorewood Blvd); Joel Fields (3415 Edgehill Pkwy). Board approved appointments.

Village President Report – President Imes stressed the importance of division of roles between elected officials and staff and transparency. The Board acts collectively as a governing body for the Village and no individual trustee has power to instruct, order or give direction to staff unless the Board delegates the authority to that trustee. The League of Wisconsin Municipalities' Local Government 101 is an excellent training resource.

Village Administrator Report – Administrator Eveland has received positive feedback with the use of standardizing the meeting minutes and motions. She received notification that the ICMA Board is set to vote to approve awarding her credentialed manager candidate status in October.

Police Chief's Monthly Report – Chief Pharo listed in his written report several retail theft responses and stolen vehicle pursuits.

Committee Reports – Mr. Lederer included the Pool Committee report recommending the hiring of a full-time pool manager due to the need for administrative duties and facility maintenance/improvements which need to be completed. Beginning in September the pool liner will be replaced and next summer the Village will be hosting All-City Swim. The pool facility and Community Center have been inspected and it has been determined the building should be replaced in 5 to 10 years.

Future Agenda Items –

- Accessory Dwelling Units
- Caucus change to Primary
- Street lighting in Village making streets walkable at night, taking a look at outdated Dark Sky Illumination ordinance
- Boat Slip management, assignments and wait list
- Police property checks, body cameras, pursuit policy
- Recreation's Committee 2024 Food Cart Permit Fee
- Changing future meetings to in-person with hybrid for attending residents

Closed Session – The Board went into closed session to consider the appointment of Interim Public Works Superintendent

Return from Closed Session – The Board approved the appointment of Tary Handschke to the Interim Public Works Superintendent for a probation period of 9 months.

Adjourn – 11:34 pm.



RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY (September 12)

The Village will be holding a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new pedestrian/bicycle overpass bridge over University Bay Drive on Tuesday, September 12 at 2:00 pm. You are welcome to join us on Catafalque Drive (south side of the Arbor Crossing Apartment building).

CROSSING GUARD

The Shorewood Hills Police Department (SHPD) is recruiting to fill a part-time Crossing Guard position. This position is a split shift am/pm crossing at a main intersection in the village that serves the students of Shorewood Hills Elementary School. The morning crossing is from 8:15-8:45 am, and the afternoon crossing is from 3:30-4:00 pm, except on Monday early release days, 2:00-2:30 pm. This position pays \$12 per hour to start. To apply, please submit a cover letter, and a Shorewood Hills Application (which you can find at sh-pd.org). Send everything to Lt. Jaime Weitzel (jweitzel@shorewood-hills.org / 810 Shorewood Blvd, Madison, WI 53705). This recruitment is considered open until the position is filled.



SHOREWOOD HILLS YOUTH BASKETBALL PROGRAM - FALL 2023



The Fall session of the Shorewood Hills Youth Basketball Program is open to Shorewood Hills Elementary School students and elementary-aged Village residents who will be entering 1st-6th grade in Fall 2023. The program will teach the fundamental rules and skills of basketball in a safe, fun, encouraging, and inclusive learning environment. Participants will build skills, strength, and confidence while learning the importance of good sportsmanship, physical fitness, and teamwork. No previous basketball experience is needed.

The Fall session will last six weeks. It will begin the week of September 11, 2023 and will end the week of October 16, 2023.

Each class will meet once per week at the Shorewood Hills Elementary School outdoor basketball courts, which are located on the south side of the elementary school.

***Please note: the following groupings are subject to change based on enrollment.** Enrollment will be on a first-come-first-served basis.

Session	Day	Time	Group
#1	Tuesday	4:30 pm-5:30 pm	1st-2nd Grades (mixed)
#2	Wednesday	4:30 pm-5:30 pm	3rd-5th Grades mixed

Parents must complete the Participant Form (linked below and available on the Village of Shorewood Hills’ website) before a child may participate in the program. The cost is \$50 per child, although need-based scholarships may be available through the Shorewood Hills PTO. Completed Participant Form and fee should be submitted to the Village Hall. Please contact parent volunteer Ashby Kent Fox at ashbykfox@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Let’s fill the courts!

[REGISTRATION FORM](#)

UTILITY BILL AUTO PAY

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. Go to: www.shorewood-hills.org/water to download the ACH form. Contact the Village Hall if you have questions or need assistance.

FALL RESIDENTIAL COMPUTER & ELECTRONICS RECYCLING ROUNDUP

The Shorewood Hills EMS & Fire Association, in conjunction with the Village's Services Committee, is pleased to be sponsoring an e-cycle event again this Fall on **Saturday, September 23, 2023 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm**. Wisconsin's electronics recycling law bans most electronics from landfills and incinerators because of chemicals and heavy elements used in manufacturing these products.

Shorewood Hills residents may dispose of their old computers, monitors, TVs, radios and other home electronics by bringing them to the Public Works building parking lot (1008 Shorewood Blvd). Computers and most home electronics can be recycled for free. Our recycling partner charges a modest fee to recycle old monitors, TVs, copier/fax machines, window AC units and some other items because of the materials being recycled. We pass that fee along to you (ranging from \$5-\$60 per item based on size/weight).

Help keep potentially damaging materials out of our landfills by disposing of your old computer, TVs and other electronics on September 23.



SAFETY TIPS FOR DRIVING NEAR THE SCHOOL

With the kid back in school, the safety of every child traveling to and from Shorewood Hills Elementary School is everyone's primary concern. Students are encouraged to walk or bike to school. If parents feel they need to accompany their children, the Police Department suggests doing so on foot or by bicycle. Fewer people driving will reduce traffic congestion and will help keep our children safe.

Speed Limits – The speed limit on all residential streets in the Village is 20 mph with the exceptions of the school zone when children are present where it is **15 mph**. The Shorewood Hills Police Department strongly enforces all traffic laws and drivers should pay attention to all signs and obey all the rules of the road.

Crosswalks – During the school year, the Village provides adult crossing guards at key intersections for students' walking and biking safety. Crossing guards are located at the Shorewood-Topping-Harvard intersection and the Oxford-Bowdoin intersection. Drivers, please remember pedestrians in any crosswalk have the right of way. Drivers must come to a complete stop prior to the crosswalk and remain stopped until everyone in the crosswalk has cleared the roadway (including the crossing guard). At intersections staffed with a crossing guard, all traffic is required to stop from the time the crossing guard walks into the street until the crossing guard returns to the side of the road. Crossing guards often use STOP signs and wear traffic safety vests to increase their visibility.

Drop-Off and Pick-Up Areas – Shorewood Boulevard has designated 'Drop-Off' and 'Pick-Up' areas on the west side of the street, opposite the school's main entrance. You may stop in the 'Drop-Off' and 'Pick-Up' area and walk your child safely across the street, but you must immediately return to your vehicle and leave the area. Columbia Road has a 'Drop-Off-Only' lane, off of the street, just south of the Amherst Drive intersection. Drivers may stop briefly to drop off students but since it is a single lane, drivers are not allowed to exit their vehicles, which would hold up the traffic flow.

If you choose to walk your child into the school and leave your vehicle unattended, you must be parked in a legal spot (not in the 'Drop-Off' and 'Pick-Up' areas or an area posted 'No Stopping, Standing or Parking from 7:30 am to 4:30 pm on school days'). No Parking, Stopping or Standing areas will be enforced. Vehicles must be attended at all times. Space is limited and vehicles parked illegally will be ticketed.

Thank you and please help, so that our children have a safe year.

NIXLE® Alerts

The Village sends out notices periodically about events or items of interest to Village residents. We utilize the Nixle® Alert System, which is similar to those used on college campuses to notify people of weather or other dangers.

If you haven't already done so, there are three options to sign up for alerts: 1) text VOSH to 888777; 2) register at the Nixle® website (<https://local.nixle.com/register/>); or, 3) use the Widget on the Village's website (www.shorewood-hills.org/notifications).

GREEN TEAM NEWS**Fall Sports Equipment Swap & Chili Cook-Out**

A free neighborhood event for Village of Shorewood Hills residents to “swap” gently used sporting equipment with each other

Suggestions: hockey/ice skates, skis, winter jackets, soccer gear, baseball gear, golf clubs, etc.

Sunday, October 15

Location: Heiden Haus

12:00-1:00pm: Drop off any gently used sporting equipment you'd like to give away

1:00-3:00pm: Come on out and grab items to give them a new home

Plus, enjoy **complimentary homemade chili** provided by Green Team Committee members.

Co-Sponsored by the Shorewood Hills Green Team & Shorewood Hills Community League

JOIN US FOR A CASUAL EVENING ON THE PATIO AT BLACKHAWK: SEPTEMBER 20

Say goodbye to summer and hello to fall. Enjoy the gorgeous view. Chat with friends. Make new friends. Meet your neighbors. Take a mid-week moment to decompress. Come as you are. Stop by or linger, whatever works for you.

The Village and Blackhawk Liaison Committees invite you to a casual evening on the patio at Blackhawk.

Wednesday, September 20, 2023

5:30 to 8:00 pm

Complimentary light appetizers available; cash bar

Let us know you are coming: RSVP by Friday, September 15 to Kelly at 608-231-2454 or kelly@blackhawkcc.com

Hope to see you there!

Shabnam Lotfi, Village Liaison Committee Chair

Linda Bochert, Blackhawk Liaison Committee Chair

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NEXT LEAGUE MEETING

Please join us for the Shorewood Hills Community League meeting to learn more about volunteer opportunities, events in the neighborhood and what the League does for the community.

When: September 25, 2023 at 5:30 pm

Where: 3408 Circle Close

GARDEN CLUB NEWS

Thank you to our Garden Club Triangle Gardeners for a summer season of beautiful blooming Village triangles! A special shout out of thanks to our Village “triangle neighbors” who generously shared their hoses, water supply and creative expertise getting water to the triangle gardens during this dry summer!

It's not too late to join the Garden Club this year! Please submit your membership form and dues to Lynn Johnson ASAP. Details can be found here: [2023-2024 Garden Club Membership Form](#)

Stay tuned! The Garden Club Annual Calendar of Events will be coming soon!

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

FOR SALE

Want to List?

Chas Martin, your neighbor and top-selling Shorewood Hills agent knows Real Estate and knows Shorewood Hills. Give me a call if you want a market analysis or to hear options. Also, we have very qualified buyers looking to get into the neighborhood, so please contact us if interested in hearing more.

Sold in 2023:

- 1107 Wellesley Rd.
- 3610 Sunset Dr.
- 1022 Shorewood Blvd.
- 1003 Oak Way
- 1110 Shorewood Blvd.
- 1221 Shorewood Blvd.
- 3626 Lake Mendota Dr.

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

SERVICES

Kindness Financial Planning, LLC – Unsure if you are making the most of your finances? Let's talk. As a fee-only, fiduciary advisor, I help clients make decisions about tax planning, investments, Social Security, pensions, insurance, retirement, and estate planning. Email Elliott Appel at elliott@kindnessfp.com to see if there are areas where you could be doing more to make the most of your finances.

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 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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