



The Village Bulletin

The Village of Shorewood Hills

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Daylight Savings Time Begins

Sunday, March 9
(spring forward at 2:00 am)

OPEN BOOK

The Village contracts with Associated Appraisal Consultants, Inc. for assessment services. Residents who built new homes or did significant remodels in 2024 may have had their property assessment adjusted for this year. Associated Appraisal will send letters to all homeowners who had their assessed value changed this year.

If you have any questions concerning your property's new valuation, you can contact the assessor (920-749-1995) or visit with an assessor at the **Open Book** session. Representatives from Associated Appraisal will be available by phone to discuss Shorewood Hills' 2025 assessed property values. The date for **Open Book** has not been set yet, but it will be in April.

If you are unable to attend **Open Book**, be sure to call Associated Appraisal (920-749-1995) during regular business hours prior to Board of Review deadline (see below) to discuss your assessment.

BOARD OF REVIEW

If after the Open Book session, you wish to contest the assessed value, please call the Village Clerk at 608-267-2680 to obtain an Objection Form and to schedule an appointment before the **Board of Review**. The date for **Board of Review** is also not set yet, but will be in early May (by appointment only).

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Next Bulletin Deadline: Monday, March 17

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Meetings will be held virtually or in a hybrid format. Check the agendas for details.

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4	Personnel Committee	8:00 am
4	McKenna Park Master Plan Meeting & Townhall	7:00 pm
6	Coffee with the Forester	9:00 am
6	Public Health & Safety Committee	7:00 pm
10	Municipal Court (Initial Appearances)	5:00 pm
10	Recreation Committee	7:00 pm
11	Public Works Committee	5:30 pm
11	Plan Commission	7:00 pm
18	Board of Trustees	7:00 pm
24	Pool Committee	5:30 pm
24	Finance Committee	7:00 pm
25	Parks Committee	5:30 pm
25	McKenna Park Master Plan Committee	7:00 pm

** 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](#) or call the Village Hall for confirmation.*

MARCH 2025

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE FEBRUARY 25, 2024 BOARD MEETING

The highlights of the Board meeting are in no way comprehensive. The intent is to give residents and interested parties a sense of the actions taken by the Board at its last meeting. The official meeting minutes will be available on the Village's website once they have been approved by the Board.

The hybrid in-person/virtual meeting was **Called to Order** at 7:01 pm.

Board members present at the meeting were President John Imes, Shabnam Lotfi, Mark Lederer, Dietmar Bassuner, Carol Barford, Robb Stankey and Bob Falk. Also in attendance were Clerk-Treasurer Julie Fitzgerald and Tim Stieve of Town & Country Engineering.

Public Comment: A resident spoke about the restrictions of the Village's Floor Area Ratio limits in the Zoning Code. Another resident had concerns about the proliferation of turkeys in the Village and would like to see them managed. There was also concern about the proposed committee structure and proposed term limits changes which could result in the loss of expertise and institutional knowledge on the committees.

In an effort to expedite meetings, items on the **consent agenda** are considered as a group and are adopted with one motion. Any Trustee may unilaterally remove an item from the consent agenda if he or she believes it needs discussion. Items on the consent agenda included approval of the January 21, 2025 minutes, ad hoc Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Committee members, [Resolution R-2025-03](#) proclaiming the 2025 World Migratory Bird Day, [2025 Arbor Day Proclamation](#), and an Agreement for the Operation and Maintenance of Traffic Control Signals and Lights (between the Village and City of Madison).

RFP for Village Pool Assessment: This item was removed from the consent agenda to discuss why the second floor was not part of the RFP. It was explained that phase 1 of the project is an assessment of the building/operations for the Pool (first floor and some aspects of the second floor). Before phase 2 construction proposal, the issue will be brought back to the Board for consideration. A motion was approved to authorize the RFP for Village Pool Assessment as shown in the Board packet.

Public Hearing: The Board opened the public hearing regarding [Ordinance L-2025-01](#) Repealing and Replacing Chapter 27 Floodplain Zoning at 7:35 pm. Tim Stieve of Town & Country Engineering provided an overview of the changes to Chapter 27 to comply with new floodplain maps (FIRMS) for Dane County and other FEMA requirements. Complying with these changes allows Village residents to maintain or purchase flood insurance through the National Flood Insurance Program. The public hearing was closed at 7:56 pm. A motion was approved to waive the first reading of Ordinance L-2025-01.

Ad hoc Police Retention/Recruitment Committee Recommendation: Ms. Barford summarized the report provided by the ad hoc committee and reviewed problems with recruitment and retirement of officers. This is a national issue. Due to the State imposed levy limits, it is very difficult for municipalities to fund police wages and benefits. Shorewood Hills' officers are currently the lowest paid in Dane County. Chief Weitzel has implemented some "softer" options to provide officers with opportunities. Some recommendations are a K9 unit and a drone unit which could be funded by capital borrowing or donations. The PD has also increased outreach to the community. 2025 is the year that the Police Union's contract will be renegotiated. It was noted that several other communities are going to referendum to be able to increase police officer compensation. It would take approximately \$200K per year to bring the Village's police wages/benefits up to the current level of Maple Bluff. A motion was approved to accept the final report of the ad hoc Police Retention/Recruitment Committee.

Discussion of Committee Assignments and Term Limits: Mr. Imes referred to Administrator Mooney's memo in the Board packet. The Board discussed the balance between maintaining a committee's institutional knowledge and providing new people with an opportunity to participate on a committee. Currently all committee members are on three-year rotating terms. Committee Chairs and the Village President communicate with members whose terms are up each spring to determine if they will continue on that committee or step aside allowing new members to join. This discussion had nothing to do with the organizational structure of the Village's committees.

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Financial Modeling Program: Mr. Lederer explained that last fall, the Board approved the 2025 CIP which included the purchase of a financial modeling program from the Small Cap Budget for up to \$15K. Finance Chair Lederer, Clerk-Treasurer Fitzgerald and Administrator Mooney met with several vendors and unanimously selected a proposal by Ehlers as the best choice for the Village. The proposal was \$3K more than was approved in the CIP. Mr. Lederer is proposing the excess come out of the Small Cap Contingency account. He stressed the necessity of doing long-term financial planning that encompasses all funds of the Village, including the TIDs and utilities. After a discussion, a motion was approved to authorize the Administrator to utilize the Small Cap Contingency account to cover the additional \$3K cost of the Financial Model software contract.

Village Facilities Report: Mr. Imes, Ms. Lotfi, Mr. Falk and Administrator Mooney have been working on this topic as a workgroup. Memos from Mr. Lederer and Mr. Bassuner and a report from FGMA were discussed along with Mr. Mooney's memo and recommendations which were included in the Board packet. The Board discussed using existing space or building new, doing a second assessment of the FGMA space needs study, utilizing Village resident expertise rather than doing a second RFP, potential revenue from the sale of the Village Hall including tax revenue, operational evaluation in addition to just square footage needed per department, and Tom Degan's offer to validate the space needs study provided by FGMA. The Board decided to hold a special meeting to discuss this item further.

The meeting was **adjourned** at 10:44 pm.

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The Village's **Board of Review**, which consists of residents appointed by the Village Board, is charged with determining if a contested assessment is accurate. The Board functions like a court in that it is required to evaluate evidence based on fact. A property owner appealing before the BOR must provide factual information showing a property is incorrectly assessed. The Objection Form must be filled out in its entirety. Failure to provide 48 hours advanced notice to the Clerk may result in denial of a hearing at the Board of Review.

Process to Appeal Your Property Tax Assessment

- 1st: Discuss your assessment with the local assessor
- 2nd: File a formal appeal with the Village Clerk (at least 48 hours before Board of Review)
- 3rd: Testify at the Board of Review (by appointment only)

For more information review the "Property Assessment Appeal Guide for Wisconsin Real Property Owners" at www.revenue.wi.gov/dor_publications/pb060.pdf

REPORT A PROBLEM

Have you seen something around the Village that needs attention? You can help improve safety by reporting potholes, sidewalk problems, walking path hazards or other problems you see. We have added a link on the Village's home page to an online form to report these issues (see the sidebars on the right side of the home page at www.shorewood-hills.org).

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.

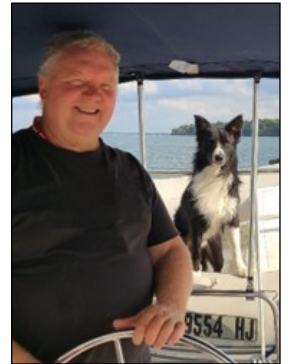
If you haven't already done so, there are three options to sign up for alerts: 1) register at the Nixle website (<https://local.nixle.com/register/>); 2) text VOSH to 888777; or, 3) use the Widget on the Village's website (www.shorewood-hills.org/notifications).

The candidates' statements are listed in the order they were selected to appear on the Spring Ballot.

ROCKY VAN ASTEN

Website: ForwardShorewoodHills.com

- » As a long time Village resident, I am concerned about:
- » Concentration of decision making. Moving actions away from our once strong committee process.
- » Expensive building projects without critical community input regarding cost, function, and even need.
- » Referendums are increasingly considered as a tool to fill budget holes.
- » Adding Full-time staff positions, without the revenue to pay for them.
- » Hiring a continuous stream of expensive consultants.



I am an engineer who, as multi-decade resident and a longtime volunteer, knows the nuts and bolts of Our Village. Until recently, I was one of the Village's primary resources for many issues regarding buildings, sewers, and roads.

As President I will:

- » Start focusing on our core issues: Streets, water, sewage, parks, safety and forest management.
- » Reestablish the original Finance, Parks and Personnel committees, instead of adopting the high-price consultant's top-down reorganization.
- » Stop **ALL** outside consulting. Only restarting those where a clear set of resident objectives are established.
- » Immediately investigate the University Bay Drive (bike) Bridge contract. The bridge surface is already failing, and we may be responsible for all maintenance.
- » Stop \$1 million+ proposed borrowing for DPW/Village Hall design.
- » Suspend the \$2 million 2026 Tallyho Lane Sewer/water replacement.
- » Stop the 2026 \$1 million borrowing for McKenna Park until the historic canoe issue is resolved.
- » Pool Building: If we make the building ADA compliant, the entire building must be brought up to code – then it would be cheaper to tear the building down. The proposed 2026 \$1 million spending is too low for any workable option.

By running for Village President, I am offering the Village of Shorewood Hills a clear choice regarding our priorities moving forward.

We are facing a critical, defining Choice:

Either – Continue the Board's proposed top-down 'new governance' which has already been proven costly and limits community input, **OR** go forward, re-embracing our historic system prioritizing resident feedback based on a community-driven process.

Please vote for Rocky Van Asten as our next Village President.

ForwardShorewoodHills.com

JOHN IMES

It has been an honor to serve on the Village Board since 2012 and as Village President over the past term. My wife, Cathie, and I have called Shorewood Hills home since 2004, raising our four children—Jack, Cora, Ben, and Grace—in this remarkable community. With outstanding schools, beautiful natural spaces, and excellent municipal services, the Village has given so much to our family. Serving as your Village President is my way of giving back.

With experience as an environmental manager and small business owner, nonprofit leader, and Village President, I bring a balanced approach to governance—blending vision with practicality to help the Village thrive:

- **Strengthening Village Operations:** Ensured fair treatment and recognition of Village employees as valued partners.
- **Fiscal Responsibility:** Balanced budgets, preserved services, and upheld our AAA bond rating—earned by only a handful of Wisconsin communities.
- **Strategic Infrastructure Investments:** Helped address flash flooding and secured funding for University Avenue reconstruction without burdening taxpayers.
- **Governance & Transparency:** Launched a Strategic Governance Framework and led the search for a highly collaborative Village Administrator.



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- **Public Safety & Sustainability:** Secured federal Safe Streets funding and adopted a Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan.
- **Infrastructure & Water Quality:** Installed an 8-foot stormwater pipe to mitigate flooding and acquired a street sweeper to exceed runoff standards.
- **Community Engagement:** Strengthened connections through Shorewood Summer Nites, the Green Market, and Town Halls.
- **Public Spaces & Infrastructure:** Finalize the McKenna Park Master Plan, begin facilities and pool renovations, and advance the Village's first Strategic Plan.
- **Smart Growth & Housing:** Support missing middle housing and University Avenue redevelopment to expand housing options and strengthen the tax base.
- **Sustainable Growth & Climate Resilience:** Replant trees and native landscapes and invest in Complete Green Streets that preserve the Village's historic tree canopy.

I am committed to a collaborative and future-focused approach—finding practical solutions to today's challenges while making decisions that ensure long-term success. With your support, we can continue making Shorewood Hills a vibrant, inclusive, and sustainable community.

Thank you for your trust—I ask for your vote and look forward to continuing this important work together.

CANDIDATES' FORUM

Sunday, March 16 at 4:00 pm

The Village will host a forum for candidates for Village President and Village Trustees on Sunday, March 16 from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. The forum will be held in-person at the Village Hall along with a virtual option via Zoom. It will be moderated by Greg Lampe again this year.

If you would like to submit a question, you can send it to greg.lampe@charter.net no later than Wednesday, March 12. Please direct questions to all candidates rather than a specific individual. Greg will do his best to include your questions in the forum. Everyone is encouraged to participate and get to know the candidates that will be on the Spring Ballot on April 1.

Zoom information for the Candidates' Forum: Go to: www.zoom.com (click on 'Join')

Meeting ID = 822 9470 0064

Passcode = 669345

MARK LEDERER

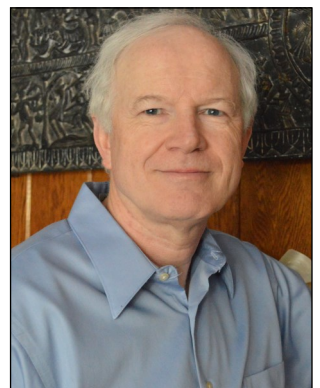
It has been my privilege to serve as a trustee of the Village. Currently, I am chair of the Finance and Pool Committees and a member of the Board of Review and Plan Commission. Sue and I moved to the Village in 2008 and reside at 3447 Edgell Parkway (corner of Edgell Parkway and Sumac Drive). I am retired after a career in corporate and not-for-profit finance and Sue continues to teach at the University.

My highest priority is supporting the Village Administrator and Treasurer in the development of a financial management plan. The time horizon of annual operating budget (that funds services) and the rolling 5-year Capital Investment Plan (that identifies and funds projects) are essential, but insufficient to plan for our financial future. Our goal is a comprehensive 10-year plan that the Board, staff and residents can readily understand and view as a sound basis to make informed, responsible, and sustainable decisions on taxes, services, project finance and future development.

Another critical element in financial planning is inflation. For many years inflation was between 1% and 2% and therefore, postponing capital projects made sense to keep borrowing costs as low as possible. With expected inflation closer to 2% - 3% and possibly much higher, delays may result in additional construction and replacement costs that exceed savings on borrowing costs. Again, we need a longer-term perspective of the financial consequences of the decisions we are making today.

I support the current effort by the Board to improve Village governance and renovate our dated facilities, but it is clear to

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me that more work is required to determine the best solutions among the many ideas that have been put forward. The ongoing debate is a healthy sign that we all care deeply about our community, resident engagement and effective governance. I look forward to helping forge a consensus. The process of governance has always been as important to me as the results we achieve together.

I greatly appreciate your ideas and support.

KATE ULLSVIK

My name is Kate Ullsvik and I'm asking for your vote to serve as Village Trustee.

I'm grateful every morning I wake up in Shorewood Hills. After living in Madison previously, my husband and I moved back during the summer months of 2020. I'm running because I want to give back to this community that has been so important to our family.

For the first 10 years of my professional career, I worked as an organizer and advocate to advance progressive social change. From environmental protection, to increasing access to health care, I would meet directly with community members, listen to them and help address the challenges and opportunities they faced. If elected, I will bring that same approach to serving our Village.

I spent the last 10 years becoming a leader in business. In 2017, I graduated with an MBA from the University of Wisconsin- Madison with a focus in Brand and Product Management. Since then, I've worked in the tech industry leading marketing and communications strategy.

I'm asking for your support to serve as Village Trustee because I want to do my part to care for and strengthen the things that make this such an amazing community. I am confident about the future we can build here for the residents of today and tomorrow. For example, I would like to explore a new approach to how we communicate with each other and find more ways for residents to engage with village discourse and decisions. We can find ways to continually improve and update village assets like the pool, community center and old fire station. We can be bold while we still protect the things that make this such a wonderful place to live.

Our village is poised to make some critical decisions that will impact the next generation of Shorewoodians. I feel I can combine community organizing know-how with experience making sound, fiscally responsible decisions.

I ask for your support to represent you and serve our community as a Village Trustee. Thank you for your consideration.

SHABNAM LOTFI

Hello! I'm Shabnam Lotfi and I'd like to start by sharing how my life challenges have influenced my approach to serving as your trustee.

Robin Williams once said, "I think the people who have experienced the most sadness are the ones who always try their hardest to make other people happy. Because they know in their own flesh what it's like to feel empty and depressed, and they don't want anyone else to feel that way."

Having been born at a time of war, having lived in seven houses across three continents by the time I was 10, growing up with a funny name, and struggling to be understood, I am familiar with life at rock bottom. Paradoxically, it is rock bottom—experiencing the harsh realities of life and politics—that was both the cause and catalyst for my pursuing a law degree, a career as a litigator, and run for public office. Today, I stand for justice because I have experienced injustice. I shine a light on all residents' concerns because I know what it's like to be left in the dark.

I've learned to love all people and believe in democracy. It's why I spoke against the former administrator's top-down governance approach. It's why I proposed a committee assignment policy, so all resident applications are given



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meaningful consideration. It's why I advocated for a modernized website and postcard mailings, so all residents receive notice of important village communications.

Right now, in 2025, VoSH residents are calling for clarity on their governance structure, clearer communication, increased transparency in decision-making, and updates in zoning codes to better support multigenerational households. Residents rightfully ask for modernized facilities, speed limit enforcement, and for all potential revenue streams to be fully explored before tax raises are considered. These concerns are warranted, and I plan to address them in an inclusive, financially-sound, truthful, and timely manner.

As your trustee, I'm committed to serving the public interest. Afterall, the whole point of government by the people and for the people is to serve the interests of the people. I ask for your vote.

VOTER INFORMATION

The Village's goal is for all eligible Shorewood Hills voters to be able to cast a ballot and have that ballot counted. If residents would like to request an absentee ballot be mailed to them for any election, the online process is simple, especially if you have a smart phone.

Absentee Ballot Requests

You must be registered to vote in order to receive a ballot. Absentee ballots must be mailed to electors, you cannot pick up a ballot and take it with you. The easiest way to request an absentee ballot is by going online to myvote.wi.gov. The deadline to request a ballot be mailed to you is Thursday before the April 1 election (March 27). You may need to upload a picture of an acceptable photo ID (or other proof of identification), which is where the smartphone comes in handy. A ballot must be returned to Village Hall by 8:00 pm on Election Day by mail, the Drop Box or in-person. A court ruling still in effect requires that ONLY the elector is allowed to hand deliver their own ballot to the clerk's office (a spouse, family member or other person is not allowed to return your ballot, unless the elector is unable to return the ballot due to disability).

Drop Box

The court ruling prohibiting the use of drop boxes is no longer in effect. Electors may return their ballot to the Clerk by utilizing the secure Drop Box in the Village Hall parking lot. The Drop Box will be emptied at 8:00 pm on Election night to ensure all ballots delivered prior to the polls closing are counted.

In-Person Absentee Voting

In-person absentee voting for the April 1 election started on Tuesday, March 18 and continues to Friday, March 28. During regular office hours, registered voters can visit the Village Hall to vote. Absentee voting on the day before an election is prohibited. Before receiving a ballot, you are required to show a photo ID. Only one person can vote at a time, so be prepared to wait until other voters are done. Village Hall schedule for in-person voting:

- Tuesday, March 18 thru Thursday, March 20 - 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
- Friday, March 21 - 8:00 am to Noon
- Monday, March 24 thru Thursday, March 27 - 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
- Friday, March 28 - 8:00 am to Noon

Voter Registration

The easiest way to register is by going online to: myvote.wi.gov. The deadline to register online for the April 1 election is March 12. After that date, you will need to register to vote in-person at the Village Hall. To be eligible to register to vote in Shorewood Hills, you must have resided at your Village address for at least 28 consecutive days prior to the April 1 election (March 4). If you moved after that date, you must vote from your previous address. If you moved to a different home in the Village or changed your name, you must re-register. You will need to provide proof of your residency in the Village when registering to vote. [Common proofs of residency](#), among others, include a WI driver's license, a utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, government document, or lease. The document must include your name at your Village address. It is possible to register at the polls on Election Day but we encourage everyone to register online.

Photo Identification

A Photo ID is required to vote. The most common types of acceptable photo ID include: a WI DOT-issued drivers license, a WI DOT-issued identification card, a Military ID card issued by the U.S. Uniformed Services, or a U.S. passport book or card. **The photo ID is only for proof of your identity, it does not require your Village address.**

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IMPORTANT TO NOTE: An out of state driver's license IS NOT an acceptable ID in Wisconsin; a Wisconsin driver's license or passport may be expired if the expiration date is after November 5, 2024 (the date of the last federal election). There are other forms of acceptable ID for voting purposes ([see the *Acceptable forms of Voter ID flyer online*](#)). If you do not have a valid ID, see the Free ID Card Petition Process flyer online or go to: www.bringitwisconsin.com.

Poll Location = Village Hall (810 Shorewood Blvd) in the basement. Polls open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm.

Signing the Poll Book

All voters must sign the poll book in order to obtain a ballot on Election Day. The Village has been using the Badger Book (electronic poll book) for a couple of years now. Voters sign a computer screen rather than a paper poll book. You will still be required to state your name and address, show an appropriate photo ID before you sign the electronic poll book. Voters unable to sign the poll book because of a disability are exempt from this requirement. If this applies to you, simply tell the Election Officials that you are unable to sign because of a disability. You do not need to disclose the nature of your disability to the Election Officials or to any observers. Election Officials will record "exempt by order of inspectors" in the poll book.

ARE PIZZA BOXES RECYCLABLE? Pellitteri Sets the Record Straight

In a press release, just before National Pizza Day (Superbowl Sunday, February 4, 2025), [Pellitteri Waste Systems, Inc.](#) confirmed that YES, whole pizza boxes are now recyclable. Pellitteri customers can now place the entire empty pizza box, even the parts with grease and cheese residue, in their recycling cart.

"Not all waste haulers accept pizza boxes," explains Pellitteri President David Pellitteri. "Across our industry, there have been concerns that grease or cheese residue prevented parts of the box from being made into new paper products. In our company's efforts to recycle more materials, we choose to work with paper mills in the Midwest that have employed the technology necessary to accept and clean typical levels of grease and cheese residue so that it no longer impacts the recyclability of pizza boxes. That's why we can now accept the whole box."

Whole pizza boxes are the latest addition to Pellitteri's [expanded list of recyclables](#), which includes these materials that go above and beyond what is required by State law:

- Hot and cold paper cups
- Paper milk and juice cartons
- Metal pots and pans
- Shredded paper properly prepared in clear plastic bags (no larger than a basketball)
- Small metal appliances like toasters and blenders (no larger than a basketball, no batteries)
- Small metal plumbing fixtures, faucets, valves

Pellitteri can recycle these items because of its focus on using end markets that look to expand recycling opportunities and because Pellitteri continues to invest in technology that allows it to [sort additional materials](#).

According to the [American Forest & Paper Association](#), pizza boxes are made of high-quality corrugated paper, which can be recycled at least 7 times. A [study by WestRock](#), one of the largest box manufacturers in the U.S., estimates that there are approximately 3 billion pizza boxes used in the U.S. annually, which represents an estimated 600,000 tons of highly desired corrugated material that should be recycled and not needlessly wasted.

Pellitteri asks its customers to do their part by placing the pizza box in the recycling bin; just remember to remove any remaining food, tissue or plastic centerpieces from the box. You can find more information in this [short video](#). Want to become a Super Recycler? Watch these short [recycling tips videos](#) to become a recycling expert!

Pellitteri customers also have a mobile app to verify if items are recyclable and set collection day reminders. Download the app at pellitteri.com/RecycleRight. For more information, visit www.pellitteri.com.

Please Note: Pizza boxes are recyclable if Pellitteri collects or processes your recycling (City of Madison recycling is processed by Pellitteri); otherwise, check with your local recycling provider to see if they accept pizza boxes in their recycling, as rules vary by local hauler.



SUMMER ADVENTURE AWAITS AT LAND REC CAMP 2025!

Land Rec is currently looking for parent volunteers to join the Land Rec Parent Committee. It is not a huge time commitment and a great way to give back to the community! Please email karintballard@gmail.com if you are interested or for more information.

Are you ready to elevate your kids' summer experience? Say goodbye to boredom and hello to a world of excitement at Land Rec Camp 2025! We may be in the middle of winter now, but it's never too early to plan for a thrilling summer ahead. Located out of the Heiden Haus at the south end of the school grounds, Land Rec Camp is the ultimate outdoor escape for your kids. Our camp runs Monday through Friday, 1:00-3:00 pm, weather permitting.

What's in Store for Your Young Explorers:

- Field Games Galore – Unleash the energy with epic games of dodgeball and more!
- STEM Adventures – Ignite curiosity with hands-on STEM activities.
- Creative Arts – Explore the arts and let imaginations soar.
- Table Games – Fun and strategic games for every camper.

Who Can Join: All Shorewood Hills residents and Shorewood Hills Elementary School students ages 7-11 (entering 2nd-6th grade in September) are invited to enroll. Choose one session or both for a summer filled with laughter and memories.

Session Details (Act Fast! The deadline to enroll without a late fee is Friday, April 11):

- First Session: June 16 - July 11 (there will be no camp on July 4)
- Second Session: July 14 - August 8

How to Register: Visit www.shorewood-hills.org/land_rec to fill out and submit the online registration form.

Why Land Rec? It's more than a camp – it's a community! Let your kids connect, make new friends, and create lasting memories all summer long. Don't miss out on the adventure – secure your child's spot at Land Rec Camp 2025 today!
#LandRecAdventure #SummerFun

FOUR CORNERS CAMP 2025

Four Corners Camp is an eight-week outdoor recreation program held at Four Corners Park from 9:30 am to 12:30 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. See more information about swim lessons below. During inclement weather, camp is held in the Community Center. Campers may register for one or both camp sessions (First Session: June 16-July 11; Second Session: July 14-August 8). Registration forms for the 2025 Four Corners program are available on the Village's website (www.shorewood-hills.org/4_corners). Come join in the fun!

Swim Lessons: Swim lesson for Four Corners participants are included with the program. **Please do NOT register your Camper for lessons separately when the Pool offers sign up.** There is a Four Corners Swim Lesson form on the Village's website (click [HERE](#)) that needs to be submitted for each camper.

- During the first session, swim lessons are Monday-Friday, June 16-27 plus Monday-Thursday July 7-10.
- During the second session, swim lessons are Monday-Thursday, July 14-24.

On swim days, parents should pick up their campers at the Pool at 12:30 pm. On non-swim days, parents should pick up their campers at Four Corners Park at 12:00 pm.

COMMUNITY GARDENS 2025

There is currently a waitlist for spots at the Community Gardens near the Pool. Please visit www.shorewood-hills.org/gardens for information on how to sign up. If you are a returning gardener from 2024, you should have received an email with instructions on how to **renew your spot for 2025**.

If you did not get that email, please contact Cynthia Kuenzi (cynthiakuenzi@aol.com) or the Village Hall immediately. We are hoping to assign any open spots to new gardeners for 2025 as soon as possible. If you have any other questions about the community gardens, please contact Cynthia.

SHOREWOOD HILLS YOUTH BASKETBALL PROGRAM – SPRING 2025

The spring session of the Shorewood Hills Youth Basketball Program is open to Shorewood Hills Elementary School students and elementary-aged Village residents who will be enrolled in 1st-5th grade in the spring of 2025. 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 spring session will last six weeks. It will begin the week of April 28, 2025 and will end the week of June 2, 2025.

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 and/or coaches' schedules.** Enrollment will be on a first-come-first-served basis.

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

Parents must complete the Participant Registration 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. The completed Participant Registration Form and fee are due to the Village Hall by **April 14, 2025** (plus a late fee of \$10 if received after April 14). Please contact parent volunteer Ashby Kent Fox at ashbykfox@gmail.com if you have any questions.

The online registration form is available at www.shorewood-hills.org/basketball

Let's fill the courts!

COACHING POSITION FOR SHOREWOOD HILLS YOUTH BASKETBALL PROGRAM

The Village of Shorewood Hills seeks energetic and enthusiastic basketball coaches to teach the spring, summer, and/or fall sessions of its 2025 youth basketball program. Program participants include Shorewood Hills Elementary School students and elementary-aged Village residents who will be enrolled in 1st-5th grade in 2025.

Coaches are expected to know the fundamental rules and skills of basketball, and to teach those basic rules/skills to groups of elementary-aged children while promoting a safe, fun, encouraging, and inclusive learning environment. Coaches will help participants build skills, strength, and confidence while promoting good sportsmanship, physical fitness, and teamwork. Coaches must have experience with the sport of basketball, either as a player or a coach. Some experience leading or teaching youth activities is preferred.

Each session will last 6 weeks. The dates for the 2025 sessions are as follows:

Spring 2025: April 28 - June 2

Summer 2025: June 16 - July 21

Fall 2025: September 8 - October 13

The proposed weekly schedule for each session, which is subject to change based on enrollment, is as follows: Tuesday & Wednesday afternoons from 4:30-5:30 pm (spring and fall sessions) and 5:30-6:30 pm (summer session). Applicants can apply for any or all sessions. The anticipated pay rate is \$12/hour.

Spring 2025 session: Applications open: March 3, 2025 / Application deadline: April 14, 2025

Summer 2025 session: Applications open: March 3, 2025 / Application deadline: June 2, 2025

Fall 2025 session: Applications open: March 3, 2025 / Application deadline: August 25, 2025

To apply, download the employment application linked [HERE](#).

For more information, contact:

Ashby Kent Fox

Parent Volunteer

ashbykfox@gmail.com

JOIN THE ADVENTURE AS A LAND REC CAMP COUNSELOR – YOUR ULTIMATE SUMMER JOB

Land Rec Staff Wanted! Are you ready to turn your summer into an unforgettable experience? Land Rec is not just a job; it's a chance to build your resume while having a blast outdoors! We're on the lookout for enthusiastic, responsible, and creative individuals aged 14 and up to join us as Camp Counselors and Directors for Summer 2025.

Camp Duration:

- First Session: June 16 - July 11 (no camp on July 4)
- Second Session: July 14 - August 8

Working Hours: Monday to Friday Afternoons (12:30-3:15 pm)

Location: Heiden Haus, near the school – The Ultimate Outdoor Workplace!

Why Land Rec is the Place to Be:

- Play and Work – Imagine spending your summer playing games & making a difference in our village!
- Diverse Responsibilities – From planning engaging activities to supervising multi-aged children, there's never a dull moment.
- Resume Builder – Land Rec is not just a job; it's a valuable addition to your resume. Learn leadership and organizational skills.

Counselor/ Counselor-In-Training Duties:

- Plan and implement daily programs (games, sports, arts, crafts, walking field trips, pool visits, etc.)
- Engage and supervise multi-aged children in a fun and safe environment
- Lead two (2) night programs during the eight weeks of camp

Director/ Director-In-Training Duties (Extra Challenge, Extra Fun!):

- Team-building activities
- Staff supervision
- Parent communications
- Operating budget oversight

How to Apply: Access the employment application form on the Village's website www.shorewood-hills.org/employment or pick up an application at the Village Hall. Hurry – **The deadline for all applications is noon on Friday, April 11.**

Interviews: Interviews will be scheduled for Sunday, April 27. Need an alternate interview day? Contact us at karintballard@gmail.com.

Don't Miss Your Chance to Make Summer 2025 Unforgettable – Join the Land Rec Team Today!
#LandRecCounselors #ShorewoodSummerJobs

FOUR CORNERS CAMP EMPLOYMENT 2025

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 16 to August 8. It is for children ages 4 to 6 years old and will be held Monday through Friday from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm.

The Camp Director(s) work closely with the parent committee and is/are 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.

To apply, go to the Village's website (www.shorewood-hills.org/employment). The deadline for applications is **Friday, April 11, 2025**. Interviews will be held in mid-April via Zoom.

SUMMER 2025



SHOREWOOD HILLS

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NOW HIRING!

- LIFEGUARDS
- CHECKER/CONCESSIONS STAFF
- ASSISTANT MANAGERS • LESSON INSTRUCTORS
- MASTER'S INSTRUCTORS • WATER AEROBICS INSTRUCTORS
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- SWIM TEAM/DIVE TEAM COACHES

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE AT
Shorewoodpool.com



FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
AND JOB REQUIREMENTS SCAN
THE QR CODE, VIEW THE
APPLICATION OR EMAIL:
POOLMANAGER@SHOREWOOD-HILLS.ORG

SUMMER DPW CREW HIRING

The Village's Department of Public Works (DPW) is seeking applicants for the position of Summer Crew Member. Duties include assisting the Village Crew with cutting grass, collecting yard waste, painting crosswalks & signposts, cleaning facilities, and many other outside projects. The crew works Monday-Thursday, 6:45 am-3:45 pm, Friday, 6:45 am-10:45 am. Applicants should be 16 years of age or older and must have a valid driver's license upon employment. Hourly rate for this position ranges from \$13-\$16 depending on qualifications and experience.

Interested applicants can find the Village's general employment application on-line at www.shorewood-hills.org/employment. Applications should be submitted to thandschke@shorewood-hills.org by Friday, March 21, 2025 for first consideration (positions will remain open until filled).

SUMMER FORESTRY & PARKS CREW HIRING

The Village's Department of Forestry and Parks is seeking applicants for the part-time position of Summer Crew Member. Duties include tree care and maintenance, landscaping, noxious weed management, and other outdoor projects. 20 hours per week. Applicants should be 16 years of age or older and must have a valid driver's license upon employment. Hourly rate for this position ranges from \$13-\$16 depending on qualifications and experience.

Interested applicants can find the Village's general employment application on-line at www.shorewood-hills.org/employment. Applications should be submitted to pfinnegan@shorewood-hills.org by Friday, March 21, 2025 for first consideration (positions will remain open until filled).

B-CYCLE STATION STATISTICS IN SHOREWOOD HILLS

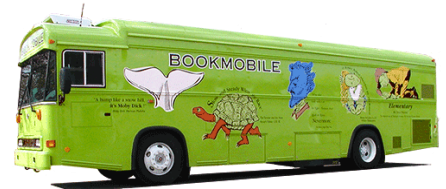
There are two B-Cycle stations in Shorewood Hills. One next to the UW Credit Union on Rose Place and another tucked in next to the Public Works building at 1008 Shorewood Boulevard. Below are some statistics related to these stations:

- 1,624 total bike checkouts
- 5.86 checkouts per day
- 5,938 miles and 41,888 minutes ridden
- 5,626 carbon offset from rides leaving Shorewood Hills, equivalent to 287 gallons of gasoline consumed

BOOKMOBILE STATISTICS

With 2024 behind us, the Dane County Library Service (DCLS) thought it would be fun to share some statistics about the past year's Bookmobile usage your way.

The total circulation for the DCLS (including the Bookmobile, the Dream Bus, and the Outreach Program), was 101,481 (it was 106,874 in 2023). That's 101,481 books, movies, CDs, magazines, kits, and other odds and ends (such as the occasional vinyl record) that have gone out from DCLS to library patrons across the system and beyond. This includes items owned by DCLS as well as items from other libraries that are brought your way as holds.



The busiest stop, as it has been for some time, was Cottage Grove. The folks there checked out 9,190 items. The busiest month for Cottage Grove was May, which saw 1,196 library materials brought to them. May of 2024 had five Wednesdays in it, which is the Cottage Grove route day, and which is why their busiest month was not during the Summer Reading Program.

The second-busiest stop was Shorewood Hills, at 5,734 items. Shorewood Hills' busiest month was July (839), which is right in the heart of the Summer Reading Program.

Third busiest, you ask? That would be the Village of Dane, where 1,471 items were checked out. Dane's busiest month was also July (225), so good job with the Summer Reading, kiddos from Dane!

The most popular book checked out from any library in the South Central Library System as a whole was *The Women*, by Hannah Kristin. You can find it on [LINKCat](#), if you weren't one of the 4,686 people who snagged it last year... but it's still popular, so there might be a wait!

The most popular novel (for adults) checked out by you, our lovely Bookmobile patrons, was *The Mystery Guest*, by Nita Prose. You can find it [LINKCat](#) also.

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The most popular adult non-fiction book checked out from the Bookmobile was Elephant Company: The Inspiring Story of an Unlikely Hero and the Animals Who Helped Him Save Lives in World War II. You can find it [LINKCat](#).

For kids, the most popular fiction from the Bookmobile was My Friend is Sad, by Mo Willems, and the most popular non-fiction How to Draw Cute Animals. You can find it [LINKCat](#) also.

Despite some challenges with keeping the Bookmobile on the road (including the necessity of doing door-to-door delivery of holds when necessary), 2024 was overall a pretty good year, library-use speaking. Here's to beating those numbers in 2025!

Let's roll!

– Your Friendly and Dedicated Dane County Library Service

RECENT PROGRESS/SUCCESSSES OF THE SHOREWOOD HILLS ICE RINK

Progress and successes:

- 2 years ago, there was a question as to whether Village residents even wanted a rink and whether it was worth all the effort. Based on feedback gathered as part of the development of the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP), residents overwhelmingly supported having a rink.
- The remodeled Heiden Haus has been well received and is an amenity other Madison rinks do not have.
- Good lines of communication have been re-established between the Village governance, Village Crew, and Village volunteer residents.
- The Village Crew re-doubled efforts to establish and maintain quality ice, which takes considerable time and development of expertise.
- A new liner under the hockey rink ice was attempted which improved ice quality.
- Hockey boards were repaired.
- A volunteer crew was re-established to help maintain ice. There is a schedule to allow volunteers to sign up for daily maintenance tasks and report on ice quality. Tools are maintained in the utility closet of the Heiden Haus.

The weather has been more cooperative this season than last to let some of these new plans take effect. When the ice quality has been good, there has been a lot of feedback that residents notice the changes and are appreciative of them.

Expectations:

The reality is that our “naturally cooled” ice rink is subject to the weather, and expectations need to be set accordingly. The weather this season has certainly been more compliant than last year.

We also need to acknowledge the Village Crew's limited capacity at times. It can be a lower priority task for them when snow removal from streets and other road safety issues take higher priority. So, they often don't have time to do this until the other pressing duties are taken care of. The Crew can't do rink snow removal or make ice on the weekends without incurring overtime. Because of their schedule, they will typically make ice earlier in the day rather than in the evening, which is better for ice formation.

Improvement Opportunities (A roadmap for rink improvements so that we can set priorities for future seasons). Low-hanging fruit in the near term:

- Create better signage around rules: Kids walking on the ice when the rink is closed or otherwise beating up the ice makes it difficult to re-open the rink with quality ice. Two specific suggestions:
 - Sandwich boards: 4-6 of these that either explain the rules (and could stay up all season) or direct people to stay off the ice (and would be put up temporarily).
 - LED “flag”: An app-controlled light that would be easier to toggle. Also, display the status of the rink online as part of the Village website redesign.
- Expand liner usage to free skate area: The liner for the hockey area seems to be a successful experiment. The boards serve as a frame for the liner, so on the free skate area, some sort of frame would need to be constructed. It would require a one-time cost of ~\$500 for the frame (plus the recurring cost of the liner at ~\$450).
- Regrade free skate area: There is a significant slope from the north to the south side of the field. Regrading could be done in the off-season to help eliminate the exposed spots.
- Create better liner/boards interface for hockey area: Right now, the liner is tacked on the inside of the boards, where it gets beat up and isn't that clean-looking. Consider a pre-packaged design like those for NiceRink (<https://www.nicerink.com/>).

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- Acquire more rubber mats for patio: Once the pavers are covered with snow, it's hard to tell that you shouldn't be walking on them with skates!
- Expand volunteer involvement: There are 2 ways volunteers can potentially help:
 - Clearing snow: The Village Crew has agreed to use the brush implement after heavy snowfall. After light snowfall or regular rink usage, we keep 2 snow pushers in the utility room. This system has been working well.
 - Resurfacing: This has been challenging. The Crew has been kind to take on the majority of the resurfacing because they can move a lot of water with access to the fire hydrant/fire hose. Still, the Crew can't do this on the weekends or during optimal evening times. The garden hose available to volunteers in the utility room does not move much water and often freezes up, so it's really only efficient for touch-ups. We could consider plumbing for a higher flow water line. We could also consider an ice resurfacing machine for Crew or volunteer usage, like the Bambini (<http://www.portarinxandbambini.com/>); Madison Ice Arena may be willing to sell theirs since they no longer have an outdoor rink.

Aspirational changes:

- Cosmetic improvements: Search the internet, and it's really inspiring what people are doing with neighborhood/home rinks (for example, string lights).
- New hockey boards: Pucks do frequently bounce out of the hockey area. Higher boards like we have had in the past might be desirable, and the hockey area could potentially be expanded at the same time.

Residents have also suggested some major alternatives to our current rink:

- Artificial ice, like the Glice product. It would be a big one-time cost, and storage would need to be considered.
- Actively cooled rink: The rink may not be a big enough operation such that we want to take on laying down piping, managing inevitable glycol leaks, running a compressor, etc.

Ty Cashen
Recreation Committee Member

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. 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. Your bill will be e-mailed to at the beginning of each month.

SAFETY FIRST

A Public Safety Notice from the Shorewood Hills Public Health & Safety Committee

MARCH IS LADDER SAFETY MONTH

“Rule #1 with ladders...never stand back to inspect your work” – Anon

Painting your house, cleaning your gutters, hanging holiday lights, or changing a light bulb. All these activities, and many more, may require the use of a ladder. While ladders can allow us to reach up into the sky, if misused they can also allow us to fall from it. Every year there are more than 300 fatalities due to ladder-related accidents and thousands of debilitating injuries. On average, 500,000 people in the U.S. are treated for ladder-related injuries each year. So, it's worthwhile to review the safe use of ladders so you don't end up in the ER.

1. Use the right ladder for the job

There are two basic types of ladders, step ladders and extension ladders (there are also multipurpose ladders that can serve as both a step ladder or an extension ladder). Step ladders (and step stools) are self-standing and extension ladders need to be leaned against a wall or other support. Regardless of type, it is important to choose a ladder that is the correct height for your job and that has the proper load capacity. Consider your own weight as well as the weight of your equipment, tools and materials. The ladder must be long enough to work from without using the top 3 feet. Here is a link to help determine the size of ladder needed for your project.

2. Inspect the ladder before use

Check the ladder's stability. If it feels wobbly, set up again. Place on firm ground. If borrowing a ladder, check for loose or damaged hardware, rungs, steps, side rails, supports and any other structural damage.

3. Set the ladder up correctly

Ladder placement is important. Make sure it is placed on a level, non-slip surface and that it has non-slip base pads. Be sure to lock or block any nearby doors that open toward you. If you're using a stepladder, ensure that it is fully open before use.

When using an extension ladder, follow the 4-1 rule, which means that the base should be 1 foot away from the wall or vertical surface for every 4 feet of height to the point of support. For example, if you are leaning a 16' extension ladder against the side of your house and the top is resting on the siding, the base of the ladder should be 4' from the house. When climbing onto a roof or platform from a ladder, the ladder should extend at least 3 feet above the edge and be tied off at the top. Your ladder should not be in close proximity to electrical wiring.

A common extension ladder failure is when the base of the ladder slips away from the wall and the user falls straight down to the ground on top of the ladder. This happens for one of two reasons (or both). The surface the ladder is sitting on is smooth (think tile or smooth concrete) and the anti-slip base pads are either missing or old and have no more grip. Or, the base of the ladder is too far from the wall, violating the 4-1 rule.

4. Climb and descend the ladder with caution

Stay near the middle and face the ladder while holding onto the side rails with at least one hand when climbing or descending. Carry your tools on a belt or hoist up in a bucket and always keep at least three of your limbs on the ladder.

5. Some Do's and Don't

- Do not lean outside the ladder rails. Most falls on ladders are a result of trying to reach too far from the centerline of the ladder which topples the ladder to the side.
- Keep the ladder and the surrounding area free of clutter.
- Never use a ladder for something other than its intended purpose. Never use a ladder horizontally like a platform. There are specific work platforms and ladder outriggers for this purpose.
- Do not carry loads that require two hands.
- Do not stand on the top step of a step ladder.
- Do not overload your ladder. Be mindful of the load capacity of the ladder.
- Do not place a ladder on boxes, barrels or other unstable bases. If you can't reach high enough, find a longer ladder.
- Do not move or shift a ladder while you are on it.

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Shorewood Hills Police Department Monthly Summary – January 2025



If you haven't done so already, please follow us on Facebook at Shorewood Hills Police Department. There you can learn more about the services we provide and stay updated on the latest happenings at SHPD. You can also subscribe to Nixie Alerts by texting your zip code to 888777. This free service provides important Village news, emergency updates, and other notifications. For more information about our services, visit our website at www.sh-pd.org.

Calls for Service

Officers responded to or generated a total of **505 calls** in January. Below is a summary of notable call types for the month.

Alarm Response: 5	Domestic: 1
Animal Complaints: 3	Fraud: 2
Assist Citizen: 23	Fraud/Identity Theft: 1
Assist EMS/FIRE: 8	Intoxicated Person: 1
Assist Other Police: 15	Motor Vehicle Crash: 7
Burglary Non-Res: 1	OWI Arrest: 10
Check Person: 12	Theft: 1
Disturbance: 0	Traffic Stop: 82
Disturbance/Trespassing: 7	Violation of Court Order: 2

Other than notable calls listed below, the remainder of calls were routine, non-emergency calls such as check property, foot patrol, information, parking complaints, etc.

Notable Calls

1/1/25: Officers were called to assist MPD at a gas station for a report of a female who was slumped behind the wheel of her car. Officers arrived and made sure the subject was breathing. MPD arrived and took call over.

1/1/25: Officers stopped a vehicle and detected an odor of Marijuana. The subject refused Standardized Field Testing, and a blood draw was taken. Driver was arrested for 2nd offense OWI.

1/1/25: Officers were dispatched to the Country Club for a report of a 5-year-old running on the golf course without adult supervision. Officers were unable to locate anyone in the area matching the description given.

1/2/25: Officers were dispatched to a report of an unwanted subject sleeping in a stairwell at an apartment complex. This individual has been warned for trespassing before, and charges were referred to the District Attorney's office for trespassing and disorderly conduct.

1/3/25: Officers conducted a traffic stop on Lake Mendota Drive and cited the driver for speeding 55 mph in a 20-mph zone.

1/4/25: Officers on routine patrol observed a vehicle that struck several curbs and failed to maintain their lane of travel. Officers stopped the vehicle and arrested the driver for OWI 3rd offense, possession of cocaine, possession of drug paraphernalia and was taken to the Dane County Jail.

1/7/25: Officers were made aware of a non-residential burglary where a suspect was seen trying to get into parked cars at an apartment complex. This is the same suspect from previous burglaries at this location the month before.

1/8/25: Officers took a report of fraud; the total loss was: \$34,730. Two fraudulent checks were written from

the victims checking account.

1/8/25: Officers observed a vehicle stopped at a red light; the vehicle began to slowly roll into the intersection. When the light turned green, the vehicle did not move. Officers ultimately arrested the driver for 1st offense OWI.

1/9/25: Officers stopped a vehicle for speeding and arrested the driver for 2nd offense OWI and operating a motor vehicle while revoked. Drugs and open alcohol containers were located in the vehicle.

1/10/25: Officers stopped a vehicle for speeding, driver was arrested for 1st offense OWI.

1/13/25: Officers contacted an individual outside of a local business who was having mental health issues. Officers talked to the individual and determined he had a safety plan in place and had no intention of harming himself or others.

1/15/25: Officers were called to check the welfare of an individual. Officers responded and determined the subject was intoxicated. The subject also wanted to turn in methamphetamine and other drug paraphernalia to help stay sober. The subject was later transported to a local hospital by MFD.

1/17/25: Officers stopped a vehicle for speeding, the driver was arrested for 1st offense OWI as well as possession of cocaine.

1/17/25: Officers were dispatched to a report of an accident, when officers arrived, they observed one vehicle drove off an embankment and landed onto a car that was parked on the lower level. Officers determined the driver was suffering from dementia and was returned home safely to their family. Officers filled out a driver condition report. (Please see Chief commendation section).

1/17 /25: Officers were called to Walgreens for a report of an individual who stated they needed help and wanted a ride to Fond Du Lac. The individual was seen wearing no shoes and had a bandage on their arm. The subject was not located when officers arrived.

1/17 /25: Officers were called to a residence for a report of an individual who was violating a restraining order.

1/18/25: Officers assisted MPD with a 1-year-old child who was not conscious and was having trouble breathing. Officers rendered aid until MFD arrived and took over.

1/18/25: Officers were dispatched to a hit and run. Officers were able to identify the suspect driver and charged the driver with hit and run and failure to notify police of an accident.

1/19/25: Officers stopped a vehicle and arrested the driver for 4th offense OWI. The driver was also cited for failure to install ignition interlock device, operating while revoked and felony bail jumping. The suspect was taken to the Dane County Jail.

1/20/25: Officers assisted UWPD with a panic alarm.

1/21/25: Officers were dispatched to report of an intoxicated individual who was refusing to leave a local business. Subject left on a Metro Bus as officers were arriving on scene.

1/21/25: Officers were dispatched to an apartment complex for a report of bicycle theft, the bike was valued at: \$1200.00.

1/23/25: Officers were dispatched to a bike vs. car crash. The car struck the rear of the bicycle and the bicyclist suffered minor injuries.

1/23/25: Officers were dispatched to a check person for a report of a person who was feeling depressed. Officer arrived and spoke with the individual who stated she was lonely and denied the need for EMS, the subject had a safety plan in place.

1/23/25: Officers were made aware of a fraud complaint. The victim advised officers that someone used their identity and took out a loan of \$1,000.

1/24/25: Officers stopped a vehicle for speeding. The officer located 11.1 grams of Marijuana. The suspect was arrested for 1st offense OWI and charged with possession of THC, possession of drug paraphernalia and speeding.

1/24/25: Officers were dispatched to a report of a domestic at the Ronald McDonald House. The suspect was arrested for disorderly conduct with a domestic enhancer and taken to the Dane County Jail.

1/26/25: Officers assisted MFD with a pulseless-non-breathing 1 year old. The child was pronounced deceased at the scene.

1/26/25: Officers conducted a traffic stop, the passenger was arrested on a warrant and taken to the Dane County Jail.

1/28/25: Officers were called to Metro Market for a report of an intoxicated subject who was passed out. MFD transported to Meriter Hospital to be evaluated, subject was then transported to Detox.

1/30/25: Officers conducted a traffic stop and arrested the driver for 2nd offense OWI, possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia and bail jumping.

1/31/25: Officers were dispatched to Panera for a report of an unwanted subject who was refusing to leave. Officers contacted the suspect as he was leaving and was banned from returning.

1/31/25: Officers stopped a vehicle and arrested the driver on a probation violation and arrested the passenger for possession of methamphetamine. Both were taken to the Dane County Jail.

Staffing:

PO Nicholas Bartels was promoted to Sergeant on 1 /16/25. With Sgt. Bartels promotion this created an open Police Officer position. This position has been posted on Wilenet and will close on 2/14/25.

Lt. Dodsworth conducted Community Service Officer (CSO) interviews on 1 /22/25 and had three excellent candidates. The top two candidates will meet with me in February for a final interview.

PO Taylor Hamm is progressing well in his Field Training, and I am hopeful that he will be on his own at the end of March.

PO Brady Philipps is currently in the Police Academy and is set to graduate May 2025.

Outreach:

SHPD will be hosting a community meet and greet in April. We will provide more information when a date has been finalized. This will provide the opportunity for residents to meet the fantastic men and women who work for them.

Employee Recognition / Compliments / Complaints:

Chief Weitzel / Detective Dostalek: Chief Weitzel and Detective Dostalek were dispatched to an accident where another car landed on top of another car. Chief Weitzel and Detective Dostalek immediately recognized the driver of the vehicle was suffering from dementia and made sure this individual made it home safely to their loved ones. The next day, officers received a phone call from a friend of the driver who wanted to thank both Chief Weitzel and Detective Dostalek for their kindness and compassion and was impressed with how they handled this delicate situation.

Jan Hartwig: Deputy Clerk Treasurer-Chrissy Kahl wanted to thank Jan for helping distribute W-2's and 1099's, this helped Chrissy out immensely and she wanted to express her gratitude with Jan's willingness to help.



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DID YOU KNOW???

Help us keep your bike safe! Bicycle licenses are encouraged for all bicycles used in the Village. In the event your bike is lost or stolen, a license might be the only way to reunite it with you.


Here's what you need to know:

1. Licenses are free and never expire.
2. You can register your bike in person at the Police Department.
3. Be ready to provide details like your bike's make, model, color, serial number, and any unique characteristics (wheel size, style, accessories, etc.).

Protect your ride-register your bike today!



BICYCLE PERMITS



2025 PARKING PERMITS
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The 2025 parking permits are available for Shorewood Hills residents! Each household is allowed one free parking permit. If you need additional permits, they are available for just \$5 each.

Permits can be obtained by:

- Stopping by the Shorewood Hills Police Department
- Emailing us at: police@shorewoodhills.org

Make sure to get your permit soon to ensure compliance with village parking regulations. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out!



*Shorewood Hills Police Department
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GARDEN CLUB NEWS

Garden Club invites you to two learning opportunities:

As we move into the month of March, the Garden Club will inspire you to think about trees, shrubs and gardens at our **“Coffee with the Village Forester”** gathering on **Thursday, March 6 at 9:00 am** in the lower level of the Village Hall. Come and meet our new Forester, Patrick Finnegan. We will engage in a conversation about his job, challenges he is facing in this wooded village and more. There will be ample time to ask questions. We’ll have coffee ready.

On **Wednesday, March 12**, please come to hear **Dr. Amy Rosebrough’s** lecture, **“Effigy Mounds in or near Shorewood Hills”**. The evening will begin in the lower level of the Village Hall with a social hour of beverages and sweet and savory offerings at 6:30 pm, followed by the presentation at 7:00 pm.

And, for those of you who plan ahead: Save the date of **Wednesday, April 23 at 7:00 pm**, for a conversation about starting and maintain an urban prairie garden. Panel members are comprised of our own residents who established and maintain these gorgeous gardens on their properties!

We mourn the loss of

Richard Bilder – Viburnum Drive resident

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

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

FOR SALE

Want to Sell?

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 how we can help in your situation.

Sold in '24:

- 1124 Oak Way
- 3203 Topping Rd.
- 3407 Sunset Dr.
- 3420 Viburnum Dr.
- 2930 Harvard Dr.
- 3406 Viburnum Dr.
- 3419 Crestwood Dr.
- 1515 Sumac Dr.
- 3525 Blackhawk Dr.
- 1025 Columbia Rd.
- 3428 Sunset Dr.
- 1009 Edgehill Dr.
- 3405 Crestwood Dr.
- 3402 Sunset Dr.

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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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