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Important news and information from Shorewood Hills.



**Your Shorewood Board and Staff
wish you a very joyful,
celebration of light!**

The lights for Christmas this weekend are for Christ as "the light of the world," as He put it, and the lights for Hanukkah, eight days starting December 24, are in celebration of the Temple.



A new bench and walking path on Orchard

Thanks to recent new neighbors Paul and Mary Rook and Shorewood's resident botanist, Bob Tatina, for the bench and plantings of native Michigan flowers and plants on Orchard. One lot there belongs to the Rooks, who are in the "expanded" house to the north, and the other lot is DCOSA's, which means it is for all of us! The bench came with the Rooks from Wisconsin, and the new plants replacing the old blackberry brambles include butterfly bushes, dogwoods, and a number of Michigan's own plantings. There will later be a walking path and labels for the plants.



The dues benefit all of us

The due date was December 15, so thanks to all who got theirs in and reminders to any others. They are our "bread and butter" for all that we do as an Association.

With thanks and a welcome for the roads person!

Bob Beemer has just retired as "roads superintendent" for Shorewood Hills, having served in that very active role for over twenty years! The board and all of us thank him -- we're talking management of repairs, speed bumps, signs, and more. Hersh, our property manager, said to him, "You stand out because of your

dedication, leadership, and involvement!" Our Association President, Mike Johnson, called for "a big round of internet applause for all Bob's efforts to maintain key infrastructure."

Steve Foertsch has accepted the President-Officers' appointment to care for the roads area and join the Shorewood board as that chair.

Bob also chairs the DCOSA (Deer Creek Open Space Association), which helps to "save" land for conservation, and led the successful charge to preserve the 30 acres of woods across from our entrance. Clyde Rode, who helped to lead that huge conservation project, was thanked earlier this year for his many years as zoning chair in Shorewood.

From your president...

As I write, the first major snowstorm of the season is bearing down on Chicago and Berrien County is living up to its snow belt reputation. Yes, it must be the beginning of winter when life seems to slow down in Shorewood.

As we head into the holiday season and all its festivities, let me wish you and your family health and happiness for the New Year. I don't know what you're wishing for, but my personal wish for 2017 is a bigger North Beach!



Mike Johnson

Your Board is reviewing a number of topics to make Shorewood a safer and more pleasant place to live. Fortunately, none of them involves a major capital improvement. In that sense, it will truly be a quiet off-season. As always, we invite your input as no one has a monopoly on what's best for the community. If you have an idea on how to make Shorewood an even better place to live all or part of the year, please contact a member of the Board. We will be pleased to consider your proposals.

Finally, a sincere thank you to the great majority of you who have paid your dues by the December 15 deadline. Without your monetary support, Shorewood would quickly grind to a halt. If perchance you have not yet paid your dues, kindly add the \$25 late fee to the amount due.

Best wishes for a happy and joyful holiday season and a healthy and prosperous 2017.

Mike Johnson

Shorewood Hills Board of Directors

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