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Important news and information from Shorewood Hills.



## ***President's Letter***

Happy holiday greetings to all! Shorewood is developing its winter coat as lake effect snows seem to be occurring regularly. It's a quiet and peaceful time. Those of you who stroll the winter beach will find five new steps at North Beach to make access a lot easier.

Your board has been active reviewing initial feedback from its special committee on the related topics of commercial short-term rentals (think Airbnb and VRBO, for example) and beach security. We have reached out to nearby lakefront associations, governmental entities, and potential service providers to see how others are coming to grips with the dynamics and nuances of these growing problems.

Renters who are not friends and family of homeowners have significantly increased in number and added to the density on common property, especially our

beaches and roads. They often lack an understanding of our community's rules and values. Allowed to get out of hand, Shorewood risks becoming a destination resort with all the problems one now sees at Union Pier and New Buffalo. How do we regulate this recent social phenomenon?

This past summer many neighbors have commented that they hardly recognize anyone on the beach. Some of the strangers were no doubt renters with a right to be there. However, Shorewood's beautiful beaches are no longer a secret so people are walking in from the park, even through our front gates, and other access points. How do we deter trespassers in an unobtrusive manner that does not comprise our enjoyable time on the beach?

These are the twin issues before the board along with the related topic of how Shorewood would afford to pay for third-party rental management and beach security. If you would like to provide input, please contact a board member.

As 2018 approaches, it's time for New Year's resolutions. Mine is that an ice dam will quickly form and protect our wonderful beaches from further erosion.

*Peace and joy to you and your loved ones,*  
Mike



Scientists call it "super moon," when the full moon comes at the same time the moon is closest to earth in orbit. This picture from Shorewood was taken Sunday, December 3, when the moon was just 222,000 miles from Hillside Drive! "Super snow" is when the wet flakes cling to the branches of Shorewood to paint a beautiful design!

***With wishes for joy from your board!***

The 17 people who serve on your board wish you days of thanksgiving and love and joy, and thank you for good support and strong grace and community in our neighborhood.

The celebrations are more than about us!

Hanukkah is December 12-20, this year and celebrates the rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem when the Maccabean Jews revolted against the Seleucid Empire. It is also known as the Festival of Lights and the Feast of Dedication.

Christmas is the holiday to rejoice for the coming of the eternal Son of God to be human flesh in addition to deity -- who came to earth to live and die and rise from the dead.

Kwanzaa, December 26 through January 1, is a secular festival observed by many African Americans to celebrate their cultural heritage and traditional values.

Festivus is half joke, as popularized by a Seinfeld episode, and half a protest of the commercialization of the holidays.

Shorewood is indeed a place for joy and celebration!



At North Beach, the additional five stairs are a help, and the heightened cliffs are not. The wind sometimes drives the waves up to wash away some of the sand at the bottom, and that gradually causes the top to tumble down.

Below is the bigger South Beach, which has cliffs to the south but is itself made wider. For now!



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