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Important news and information from Shorewood Hills.



From our President

This year the July 4 celebration stretched out for a full week. It was great to see extended family groups as well as friends of residents all enjoying the beach. A big thank-you to our southern neighbor, Woodlawn, for putting on such a spectacular fireworks display the evening of July 3. Our beaches were crowded during the days and the evenings.

A few words about the beaches -- more specifically beach fires and beach paraphernalia: there were lots of fires, which is fine, but the next day some of those fires had turned into big and potentially dangerous messes. Please dig a shallow hole in which to build and burn your fire. When you're done for the evening, please douse the fire thoroughly with lake water before covering it up. There are buckets at the entrances to North and South Beach for that purpose. Better yet, bring your own bucket (BYOB). And please remove any excess firewood from the beach.

The beaches belong to all of us, so please be respectful of appearances. Do you really need a dozen chairs at your post? Please arrange your boards, kayaks, mats, etc., so as to minimize inconvenience to others. Can you take some of the smaller items home with you at the end of the day? Several neighbors even pick up trash others have left behind, or which has floated in with the waves. What a great idea!

Let's all work together to make the beaches as attractive and welcoming as we can. Enjoy!

Mike Johnson

Our Summerfest is soon!

It is for families and kids and all of us, and starts on Saturday, July 29, with a 5k serious-for-some, fun-for-all race around Shorewood Hills. It is exactly 3.106 miles long, and includes the mile oval on the level and the hard hill on our South Loop and the humps on the North Loop. Can you challenge one of our perennial top five?

Then the fun runs of one mile and also one of almost a half-mile for kids. All carefully supervised and monitored for traffic.

Breakfast -- best on the east side of Lake Michigan -- is served at The Meadow, followed by The Great Annual Egg Toss for all ages, kids' games galore, face-painting, and friendly competition in bocce ball (Europeans always win), corn-hole toss (new this year), basketball shooting around the horn in 60 seconds (not always won by the younger ones), golf (not a real golf course, but smaller, and right beside the basketball court), and more coffee and juices and fruit and the best baked goods either side of the Mississippi!

And that's not all, folks, for the Sand Pirate is back at 4:00 pm on North Beach, ready to help kids of all ages and their parents and friends who are needed to help make (remake from four years ago) The Great Lake Michigan Dragon. It is spectacular.



And at the same 4:00 pm special, the famous paddle race from Chicago to Mackinac Island (or probably from South Beach to North). Any board or boat or vehicle you can paddle is eligible, and the competition is fierce.

The Sunday 1:00 pm Ice Cream Social is at our Shorewood playground, and includes the fairly wonderful prizes for winners from the day before -- including nice dinner and breakfast gifts and certificates from kind area businesses and restaurants, and toys and teen gifts and more. You should be there!

Oh, wait, Summerfest actually has its first event, Shorewood Open, the Saturday before Summerfest (July 22, 9:00 am) at the tennis courts. (Was that last phrase really needed?) Sign up in our Community House and be ready to play as a partner with 7-10 different people in this round robin. Winner goes to Wimbledon, perhaps!

The winch is working!

At North Beach, at the chute-slide, and it can pull your kayak up the chute unless said boat weighs over 1,500 pounds! But please be careful with the gears -- one way to release the strong cable, and the other way to pull the weight to the top. Please, no children!

Dues dollars are doing good!

The Community House has been painted, and given new rain gutters with leaf guards. Sue Johnson chairs our properties area, and cares for this...

When work is needed to dredge and redirect Deer Creek...

Road repairs and signs -- some related to South Loop and construction. Steve Foertsch has taken on this responsibility this last year...

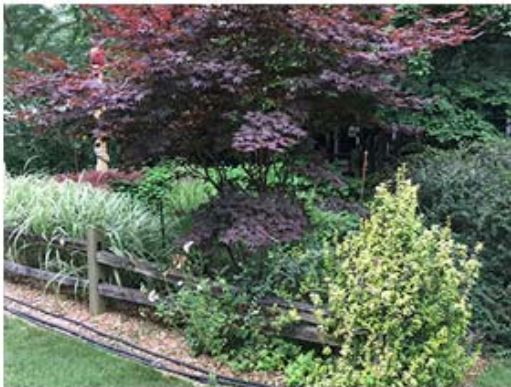
Special needs for trash and extra bins.

Shorewood Board is not boring!

Our next meeting is this Saturday -- the whole Board meets quarterly, while particular committees plan times in between. The full agenda this time includes normal updates from all officers and committees (see list at the bottom of this Sands); the draft budget for the 2017-2018 fiscal year, which begins September 1 as normal (no changes in dues are proposed); possible changes to construction and zoning rules in Shorewood; water testing in Deer Creek; and a review of probable road repairs.

Thanks for your support of these important contributions of 16 people (and many other volunteers who serve in many ways!).

Our gardens do grow!



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