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**On the Cover:** Camp Bar on Oakland Avenue has quickly become a popular spot in the business district. Read more about this award-winning business on page 5. Photo by John O'Hara

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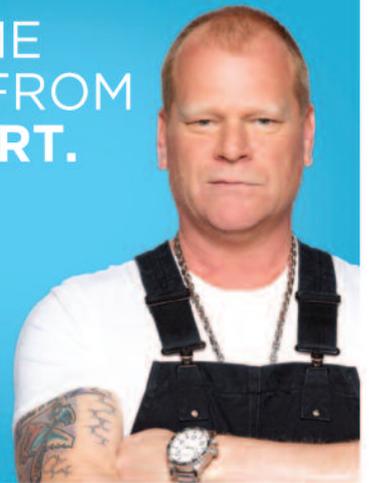
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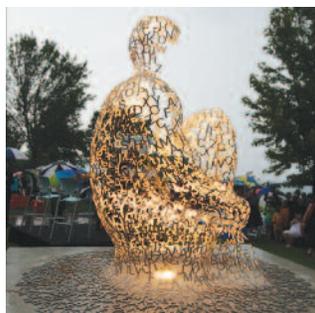
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## SETTING UP CAMP: Camp Bar To Expand on Success

After being open just over one year, Shorewood's Camp Bar continues to draw crowds nightly and is ready to undergo a second expansion in 2014.

Camp has been popular since it opened and has won accolades from "Best Staycation Bar" from *Milwaukee Magazine*. Camp was also named one of the "best new bars in the country" in the January 2013 issue of the national men's magazine *Details*. The bar holds a unique yet broad appeal that makes its patrons feel comfortable, says Paul Hackbarth, who owns Camp with his wife, Natalia.

Camp has a lodge aesthetic, done to the hilt by

local interior designers Peabody Interiors and Wade Weissmann Architecture to give an "up north" feel that's downright cozy during chilly Wisconsin winters. The attractive interior may be part of the reason all ages seem to feel at home at Camp.

"We hear it over and over again, from all ages and all our clientele, telling us, 'We always feel comfortable in your bar,'" Hackbarth says. "Just about any time, you can look down the bar and see grandma, grandpa, mom, dad, and UWM students."

In addition to comfort, Hackbarth says, "There's just nothing else like it. It reminds people of being 'up north.' A majority of people in this area have a connection to the Northwoods, going up to their cabins, visiting resorts – so they feel like they are literally on vacation here. It's kind of a special place."

To add more comfort and elbow room, Hackbarth expanded last summer with "The Cabin," a new area that feels like a luxurious cabin's living room, complete with furniture, big screens, full bar, fireplace and the requisite over-the-hearth taxidermy. With additional space and seating, The Cabin is popular for private parties.

Other changes during the first year included expanding the wine and beer selection, adding trivia on Mondays, and live music on Wednesdays.

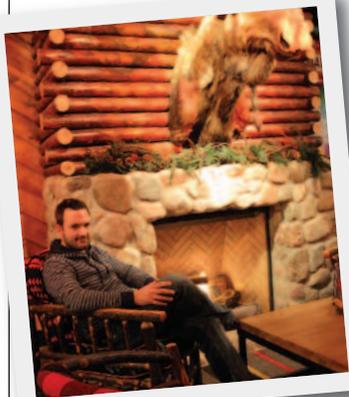
Given the bar's popularity, Hackbarth sees the need for still more space and is planning, with Village approval, to expand into the current Sound By Design offices next door (Hackbarth's other business provides disc jockey and lighting services).

"We are seeking Village approval to expand into the front of the building, add more interactive stuff for customers, with games like darts and pool, a bigger seating lounge, and a bigger area for private parties," Hackbarth says. "This would finish off the building, and Sound by Design would need a new home."

The idea of the new lounge would be to provide different areas for customers, depending on their mood and where they want to nurse their "Old Fashioneds" (Camp's signature drink) or other cocktails. Food is available from nearby Falbo Bros. restaurant.

With Camp making the central business district a more lively place, Hackbarth is pleased with the success to date. "We put a lot of energy into the decor, into the whole place," he says. "If you put it in, you'll get it back."

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Co-owner Paul Hackbarth is at home in the new "Cabin" at Camp Bar.



Mark Kivley



Mary Wright and Dan Kupczak



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## Local Realtors Share Perspectives on Buying and Selling in Shorewood

Shorewood's business district comprises some of the area's most knowledgeable realtors when it comes to buying and selling homes in our unique Village. With the addition of Powers Realty Group's headquarters at 4214 N. Oakland Ave., Shorewood now includes three top residential real estate companies in its business district with Shorewest at 4559 N. Oakland Ave. and RE/MAX Lakeside at 1200 E. Capitol Dr.

In preparation for the busy spring season, Shorewood realtors share their ideas about buying and selling in Shorewood, and what they enjoy about helping people do so in our Village.

### *What do you enjoy about helping clients buy and sell real estate in the Village of Shorewood?*

**Dan Kupczak, Shorewest:** As a long-time resident of Shorewood, it is a pleasure to serve my friends and neighbors as their housing needs change. I especially enjoy welcoming new residents into our community. Watching them become part of the fabric of our community is very satisfying.

**Mark Kivley, RE/MAX Lakeside:** Over the past few years, there have been so many new developments in the Village with new amenities such as shopping, recreation and school upgrades, as well as the high school being recognized as one of the top in the nation. Shorewood is an exciting place to live.

**Suzanne Powers, Powers Realty Group:** The community is so progressive in its development of the robust and booming downtown area. For Powers Realty Group, it was an easy choice to locate our new business here because of the

walkability of the community. We love being a part of it.

### *What is unique, from a real estate perspective, about our Village?*

**Mary Wright, Shorewest:** The sense of community. Fifty-five percent of current residents have resided in Shorewood for over 16 years. It has a special urban feel that many people look for, with yards and sidewalks, but still a busy pulse that can be felt in the business district. It also has a high walkability factor.

**Suzanne Powers:** It is one of the few communities in the country where you can walk to the grocery store and the banks of Lake Michigan within the radius of only a few blocks. Real estate values are stable and climbing, and home inventory is very low with appreciation on the rise.

### *What are some realistic expectations or things to be aware of for buyers looking in the Shorewood area?*

**Mary Wright:** In general they will be looking at an eclectic mix of older homes on an average city lot. In the current market there is a lack of inventory, so their search may require some patience.

**Suzanne Powers:** There are only about 40 single-family homes and about 30 two-family homes for sale at any given time. Appreciation and stable prices are the norm. The community is a wonderful place to raise children and have lasting neighborhood relationships.

**Dan Kupczak:** There is a strong correlation between property value and the quality of the school system, and our schools are excellent. Buyers entering the market can increase their options and

affordability by considering purchasing a duplex. They can also convert a duplex to a single family home and enjoy more space and baths. The Village has a program to help make this more affordable.

**How would you tell a homeowner in Shorewood to prepare to sell their home?**

**Mary Wright:** All property sold in Shorewood must have a "code compliance" letter for closing – contact the Village to arrange that. Shorewood is a diverse community, so buyers expect to see some personality in the seller's home, but work with your agent to stage the home for broad appeal.

**Mark Kivley:** Curb appeal is always the first thing to consider. The seller should also walk through the property and view it as a prospective buyer. Notice small repairs that might be needed and remove clutter that makes rooms appear smaller.

**Dan Kupczak:** Buyers will expect the roof and mechanicals to be in good condition.

**What are some realistic expectations a seller in Shorewood should have?**

**Mary Wright:** The market is not quite back to where it was at its peak but there has been some tremendous recovery. If their home shows well and is priced correctly, there are many reasons to be optimistic.

**Mark Kivley:** In general, Shorewood homes sell a little bit above the curve of time on market and a little bit above the curve of price appreciation when compared to the broader Milwaukee metro area.

**Dan Kupczak:** In my experience, the seller should expect an offer after about seven showings.

**Suzanne Powers:** Sellers in Shorewood should expect their homes to sell within about 90 days if the home is priced correctly for the current market conditions.

**As a professional realtor, what is the No. 1 value you add to the buying or selling process?**

**Mark Kivley:** Experience and trust.

**Suzanne Powers:** Our company is the North Shore real estate expert. We live in the North Shore, we work in the North Shore, our kids go to school in the North Shore and we embrace and support local community activities with our time and resources.

**Mary Wright:** Knowledge and expertise in the area, the market and the industry. Working as a team with my clients and making decisions together to achieve the best transaction and a satisfying experience.

**Dan Kupczak:** The value I bring to represent my clients is skillful negotiation and managing expectations. Also, having lived in Shorewood for 15 years, I understand the lifestyle.

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“Responsible” means Fyndig’s products are made sustainably, either by the fibers used or by production methods, as well as from suppliers who are actively giving back to the community, explains co-owner Carolyn Carlson. She runs the store with her husband, Doug, and daughter, Lindsay. “The fact that every product that we carry is in some way responsible socially or environmentally makes us different,” she says.

“We basically want to look like a regular stylish boutique, where customers buy our clothes just because they like how they look,” Lindsay Carlson says. Once customers realize the clothing is sustainable and mindful of the environment and community, “We are hoping they will want to buy our clothing a little bit more than from another store that has regular clothes produced ‘who knows where, who knows how,’” she explains.

Carolyn Carlson was first inspired by a quaint boutique she saw while vacationing in Boulder, Colo. As one whose family strives to live a sustainable lifestyle, she decided she could open a new store to solve a challenging issue for fashion-conscious, eco-friendly individuals who want to dress on trend and remain socially responsible.

The Carlsons have Swedish roots, and the name “Fyndig” is a Swedish word that means resourcefulness and inventiveness. “We were trying to find a unique name that might have something to do with what we are about,” Carolyn explains.

Adds Lindsay, “You have to be somewhat inventive to come up with these new fabrics, these new ways [of making clothing].” As for resourcefulness, she says, “Our furniture is made out of found objects, reclaimed woods and things like that.”

Maintaining a completely “responsible” store “is definitely challenging, but also very fun,” Lindsay says. “We can’t just go online and Google what we want and buy the first thing we like. We have to search.”

In addition to clothing, the store offers home décor items such as candleholders, wine bottle holders, lights, and a table made entirely of reclaimed wine barrels. “Eventually we would like to offer some of our displays for sale, and then we can replenish them as they are sold,” Carolyn explains.

When scouting a location for their new boutique, the owners were deciding between the Third Ward and Shorewood. They chose Shorewood for several reasons. “I just like the way the town feels,” Carolyn says. “There are a lot of people out and about, walking. It’s exciting to be part of the revitalization [on the north end].”

The Carlsons also all live in Shorewood, having recently relocated from St. Louis. Apart from providing items that are socially and environmentally responsible, the owners are looking to integrate art into the store. “We would love to bring in some local artists,” Carolyn says, “to display their art and sell it here.”

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# One-Year Route Change Proposed for Shorewood Criterium Bike Race

Due to road construction scheduled for N. Murray Ave. in 2014, the Shorewood Business Improvement District (BID) and Tour of America's Dairyland race organizers are considering a one-time route change for the popular race this summer.

The route under consideration would be: N. Oakland Ave. from E. Marion St. north to Kensington Blvd.; west on Kensington Blvd. to N. Morris Blvd.; south on N. Morris Blvd. to E. Marion; and east on E. Marion back to N. Oakland.

The start/finish line and stage would be located at E. Lake Bluff and N. Oakland Ave. This year's race is scheduled for 4-9 p.m. Thursday, June 19.

The Shorewood BID and race organizers feel this is the best route for the one-year revised route, as it keeps the N. Oakland Ave. businesses in the route and introduces a new residential neighborhood to the excitement of race night in Shorewood. For residents, the race presents a fun opportunity to host lawn parties, witness the action up close and cheer on cycling professionals from all over the world.

Accommodations are made for those residential properties "blocked off" during the race, as the Shorewood Police Department will staff barricaded streets for access/egress during the race.

The Shorewood BID would like to hear from you if you are in or around the new race route. **Please contact Shorewood BID Executive Director Jim Plaisted at [jim@shorewoodwi.com](mailto:jim@shorewoodwi.com) with any questions or concerns.** A postcard will also be mailed to the affected area to further gain input from the neighborhood.

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Ashtanga Circle owner Lynn Reif helps yoga student Courtney Erickson with her positioning.

## Business Profile



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# New Yoga Studio Offers Shorewoodians Convenience and Connection

Whether or not you are a “yogi,” you have probably noticed a wide variation in approaches to yoga practice today. One of them is “ashtanga,” embraced by Shorewood’s new Ashtanga Circle at 3805 N. Oakland Ave.

Ashtanga Circle embraces a traditional yoga system and sequence designed to detoxify, strengthen and align the muscular-skeletal system. “It reduces stress, invokes a sense of stability in mind, body and spirit, and is approachable for everyone,” says studio founder Lynn Reif.

Reif is a Milwaukee native, but has lived in Chicago and New York and also spent significant time abroad in Austria, India, Thailand, Cambodia, Nepal and New Zealand. These locations served as her “base camps for life, work, yoga study and teaching endeavors,” she explains. Upon returning to Milwaukee in 2011, Reif initially chose to open her home to friends interested in learning Ashtanga. Before long, she says, it was clearly time to seek a public space.

Her space is in the former Gloss Photography Studios, also the former location of Milwaukee Yoga Center (now at 3514 N. Oakland Ave.). “When I heard about that, I was so pleased,” Reif says. “MYC also honors a classical system of yoga, and we share much of the same historical lineage of teachers. So the circle space is a warm room with a long history of practice!”

Ashtanga Circle’s classroom setup is unique, as it is one of only two dedicated schools in the state that offer the “Mysore” methodology (named after the city in India in which the methodology originated). The studio affords each practitioner – from beginner to more advanced – the ability to work directly with the teacher, in a highly personalized way, being guided through each step. Students learn the postures of the dynamic Ashtanga

sequence in a way that fits their ability and experience.

“People come at Ashtanga yoga from different places, for different reasons. Some will approach it for athleticism. Others will come to heal. Others will embrace it for spiritual growth,” Reif explains. “With our unique class structure and teaching style, all of these reasons are welcomed and nurtured right alongside each other. I am struck by the beauty and diversity of the people that assemble for this practice.”

Ashtanga Circle holds Mysore classes throughout the week; people simply arrive and take practice during class times (visit [ashtangacircle.com](http://ashtangacircle.com) for class schedules). Beginners and those short on time can get a good practice in about 30 minutes, while continuing students may take longer. Saturdays are host to a weekly Q & A session, and two “led” classes, where the group is guided in unison.

“Half of yoga is just showing up and being present in the moment,” says Shorewoodian Courtney Erickson, who recently started practicing at Ashtanga Circle. “I like that you can arrive when it works for you. While I was there, Lynn was able to meet with me personally, and give me instructions for what I needed to do to begin. At the end of my practice I felt I had been given personal attention and a clear idea of what I need to work on. I really enjoy the experience.”

Sheila Jhansale of Shorewood enjoys practicing at Ashtanga Circle because of its intimate community atmosphere. She says Reif brings an ideal mix of knowledge and passion to her teaching, adding, “It’s clear that Lynn teaches from her heart.”

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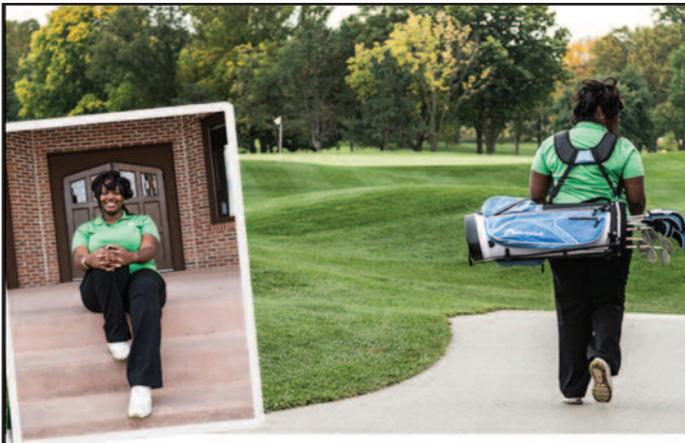
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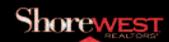


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*Chef Gregg Des Rosier (left) has created an exciting new dining concept with the new restaurant, TOCHI, that officially opened on January 17 to rave reviews.*

## TOCHI Opens in Former Anaba Tea Room Focus on Ramen Unique Among Milwaukee Restaurants

Chef Gregg Des Rosier is raring to bring ramen to Milwaukee, and has reinvented Anaba Tea Room as TOCHI, a new restaurant focused on Japanese ramen dishes at 2107 E. Capitol Dr.

Opened January 17 after a relatively brief period of closing down to remodel Anaba, TOCHI offers a diverse and inventive variety of ramen dishes as unlimited as Des Rosier's imagination.

TOCHI's ramen is not the freeze-dried stuff on which college students have been known to survive. Des Rosier will source fresh, custom-cut noodles from a reputable supplier with a 30-year history of making the noodles, which have a long and colorful history themselves.

"Ramen has a thousand years of history behind it," says Des Rosier, who has traveled extensively in Asia and gained vast knowledge of the region's cuisine. "It started with a Chinese noodle, and the Japanese took it and made it their own. It then became essentially one of their national dishes, not unlike Pho would be to Vietnam."

As they approached Anaba Tea Room's 10-year anniversary, Des Rosier and his staff began to think about a reinvention. They'd already been doing a "ramen night" at Anaba that was going over well, and that became the inspiration for the change.

What excites him about ramen? "What I think most chefs like about ramen is that the rules are very wide open," he explains. "It starts with having a really good noodle and it goes from there. There are salt-based ramen dishes, pork-based dishes, fish-based dishes, and then there are all those combined, and everything in between."

Des Rosier's interpretations of classic noodle-and-broth ramen start with the house ramen, a miso-based dish that traditionally includes egg and pork. "We put our own spin on it, playing with our egg and doing a spicy miso deviled egg, and doing our pork carnitas style."

His team has even created a "Milwaukee Ramen" dish that "entails most things you would think of in Milwaukee," Des Rosier says. "We start with a mustard miso broth, then add chunks of brat and a spicy pickle relish. Then we're dehydrating sauerkraut, so it's nice and crispy to go on top of everything. You taste it, but it doesn't permeate the broth."

Des Rosier also describes a newer, brothless ramen called mazemen to which he'll be applying his creativity. Mazemen is increasingly popular in Japan and began gaining a following last year in New York.

Hearty rice dishes called kanji, vegan and vegetarian options, and smaller sides to accompany main dishes will also be offered. Des Rosier promises a seasonally changing and flexible menu with the same choices available at lunch and dinner.

"The driving force behind this, really, is that ramen is so good and the availability of it is limited in Milwaukee," Des Rosier says, "It's such great food. And it's fun. I'm so excited to be able to cook this type of food for people in this city."

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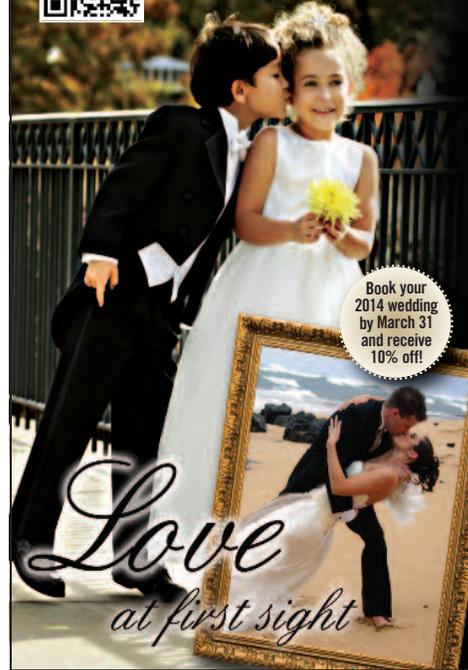
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## Shorewood Schools Welcome New Athletic Director and Celebrate Athletic Successes

While many Shorewood teachers, students and staff members were enjoying summer vacation, the District's new Athletic Director, LeVar Ridgeway, was just getting started in his new role.

Ridgeway came to Shorewood from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, where he worked for 12 years in various positions, including graduate intern, ticket manager and assistant athletic director for marketing and operations. He is currently pursuing a master's degree in sports leadership from Marquette University, and will graduate in June. Ridgeway replaced former Athletic Director Bill Haury, who retired at the end of the 2012-2013 school year.



*Senior athletes Karl Apfelbach and Kristin Malone sign their letters of intent for college study next year.*

Although Ridgeway (who officially started last year on July 1) has only been in the District for a short time, he is already proud of the success of Shorewood's programs. Going forward, he would like to expand on that success by increasing awareness of Shorewood athletics and growing Greyhound support among students, parents, alumni and community members.



*New Athletic Director  
LeVar Ridgeway*

"It was a great autumn for Shorewood, with many teams advancing deep into post-season play, and numerous athletes competing at the state level," Ridgeway says. "It was also outstanding to see two Shorewood student athletes sign their letters of intent for Division I colleges following years of hard work and dedication to their chosen sport, as well as their academics."

The two students, swimmer Kristin Malone and volleyball player Karl Apfelbach, will be attending the University of Texas A&M and University of California at Irvine, respectively, next year.

Shorewood's success didn't end in the fall, however. "Our winter season has also been strong, and it was especially wonderful to see the SHS girls varsity basketball team start with a 7-0 record for the first time in decades, and possibly in school history," Ridgeway says.

According to Ridgeway, much of the girls basketball team's success can be attributed to the hard work of the players as well as the guidance of Head Coach Jeff Eimers. Since Eimers took over the team four years ago, he has been dedicated to turning the program around and building a platform of success that Shorewood players can build upon as they move into future.

"We have talented girls who are dedicated, who have been playing for a while since they were young kids, and their families are also faithful to the team," Eimers says of the Greyhound's recent success. "There has been a committed effort by the coaches, families and athletes to turn things around."

As the season continues, the team would like to win the Woodland Conference title before advancing in post-season play.

"The team has only won one conference title in the program's history in 1972. The program's best record is 16-5, and we'd certainly like to approach that as well," Eimers says.

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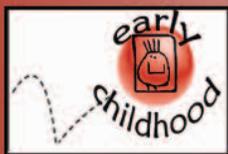


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## Beyond the Classroom: Learning in New Ways

In Shorewood, learning isn't confined to the four corners of a classroom or the bells that mark the start and end of the school day. Instead, students in the School District take part in a variety of activities and experiences designed to broaden their horizons and perspectives.

### Who are the people in your neighborhood?

During the month of November, Atwater kindergarten students learned about their community as part of the "Who are the people in your neighborhood?" social studies unit.

"We kicked off the unit by visiting the (Atwater) principal's office and learning about the job," explains Kindergarten teacher Joleen Barry. "We also invited family members into our classroom to teach us about their jobs. They described what they do, what tools they use and favorite aspects of their work."

This year, some of the highlights from the parent visits included a presentation by a local police officer and a farmer who even did role-playing activities with students to teach them how a plow works.

At the end of the unit, the students took a walking field trip to Shorewood's Pick 'n Save where they spoke with staff members about their jobs and viewed demonstrations such as cake decorating. Students also sampled food and learned about the importance of healthy eating habits.

"This unit builds on the knowledge and expertise of families, and we are able to extend our classroom learning out into the community," Barry says. "It reinforces the strong connection between our schools, our families and our businesses in Shorewood."

### Contemporary Classics

Every other week, Shorewood Intermediate School (SIS) students enrolled in Contemporary Classics meet to discuss the book they

all are reading. This enrichment class offers students who excel in reading an opportunity to read outside of normal classroom activities and assignments. The class is held during the school's 30-minute guided study period and aims to provide additional support and experiences for students in a variety of ways.

Retired Atwater Elementary School Principal Bonni Haber has been teaching the class since 2009. Haber selects the books about 75% of the time, allowing the students to choose their own materials the rest of the time. As a result, students read a wide array of titles, such as "Uprising," "The Fault in Our Stars," "Up and Down the Staircase," "Last Days of Summer" and "The Book Thief."

In addition to taking part in discussion during class time, students also e-mail Haber any thoughts and reflections about their reading, and she responds accordingly. Recently, some students (including former Contemporary Classics students who have now moved on to Shorewood High School) as well as Haber went to see the film adaptation of "The Book Thief," discussing the similarities and differences between the book and the movie.

According to students who take part in Contemporary Classics, the course has exposed them to books and ideas they might not otherwise have experienced.

"I am usually limited and picky in my book choices, so this opens up new doors. I would have never picked up any of the books we've read, but I've liked almost all of them," eighth grader Will Vuyk boasts.

Classmate Maya Schneider echoes similar comments. "It really opens your mind to other people's opinions about the same books that you read. You get a whole new outlook," Schneider says.

**Photo above:** Young students learn about the variety of groceries offered at Pick 'N Save.

Rehearsing for "I Never Saw Another Butterfly"



Photo by John O'Hara

## Shorewood Drama Celebrates Another Successful Fall

Members of Shorewood Drama recently celebrated another successful fall. In November, Shorewood High School (SHS) drama students performed the musical comedy, "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee." An especially unique feature of the show was that audience members were invited on stage to spell words as part of the production's spelling bee scenes.

Later that month, Shorewood Intermediate School (SIS) drama students performed in SIS Showcircle, a talent show featuring a wide variety of acts.

"I was very proud of the SIS students, who performed various musical acts, including classical piano solos, as well as more contemporary selections. The multi-student performance of 'It's a Hard Knock Life,' from the musical 'Annie,' was especially popular," says Drama Director Joe King.

According to King, audience members donated more than 300 children's books which will be distributed to those in need throughout the Milwaukee area. "It was really a wonderful aspect of the show," King said of the donations.

In December, SHS students took part in the AFS Showcase, a student-directed talent show that also served as a fundraiser for the school's AFS program. (AFS, formally the American Field Service, is a leader in intercultural learning and offers international exchange programs in more than 40 countries through independent, nonprofit AFS organizations.) In total, more than \$11,000 was raised for the program.

On February 7, SHS drama students open their winter show, "I Never Saw Another Butterfly." The play tells the story of more than 15,000 Jewish children who passed through the Terezin Concentration Camp. Throughout the show preparations, the students worked with members of the Nathan and Esther Pelz Holocaust Education Resource Center. Following the performance on Sunday, February 9, a local holocaust survivor will also speak to the audience and cast members about the experience. (Please visit shorewoodschoools.org and shorewooddrama.org for more information about the speaker.) Performances of "I Never Saw Another Butterfly" will be held at 7 p.m. in the SHS Auditorium on Friday, February 7 and Saturday, February 8; the final performance is at 2 p.m. on Sunday, February 9.

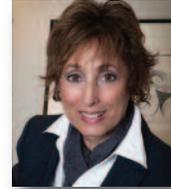
To wrap up the winter season, SIS students will be performing "Mulan Junior" on Friday, March 7 and Saturday, March 8 at 7 p.m. in the SHS Auditorium. This musical tells the story of Mulan, who defies the village matchmaker by disguising herself as a boy in order to spare her father from having to serve in the army. The show will feature favorites like "Reflection," "Honor to Us All" and "I'll Make a Man Out of You," as well as new songs.

"I could not be more proud of our students for all of the hard work they've put into these shows," King says. "It was a great fall season, and will be a wonderful winter. We invite all community members to attend our performances!"

Ticketing information, as well as more information about each show, can be found at shorewooddrama.org.

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# All-Community Events and Recreation Department News

## Women's Softball League

Shorewood's Recreation and Community Services Department's women's softball league (open to individuals ages 18 and over) will begin in late April. Games will be played on Monday evenings at the Shorewood High School Diamond. Packets with league information are available now. To request a packet, please call the Recreation Department at 414.963.6913, ext. 4, e-mail Nick Phalin at [NPhalin@shorewood.k12.wi.us](mailto:NPhalin@shorewood.k12.wi.us) or visit [shorewoodschoools.org](http://shorewoodschoools.org) (click the "Recreation and Community Services" tab).

## School District of Shorewood Bright Beginnings Preschool

Bright Beginnings Preschool focuses on the individual child and provides an educational environment that stimulates and nurtures each child's unique growth potential. The school's teachers provide numerous exciting and engaging thematic units throughout the year, allowing children to freely explore and grow in important skill development areas, including large and fine motor, language and literacy, science and math, and art and music. The curriculum embraces Shorewood School District goals, and class sizes are kept small.

Registration is in progress for the 2014-2015 school year, and families outside of Shorewood School District are welcome. For more information, please contact the Shorewood Recreation Department at 414.963.6913, ext. 4, or visit [shorewoodschoools.org](http://shorewoodschoools.org) (click the "Recreation and Community Services" tab).

## Shorewood Volunteer Update

The Shorewood School District relies heavily on a strong group of parent and community volunteers to provide support in a number of areas. Currently, the Shorewood Recreation and Community Services Department runs the District's volunteer program. Volunteer duties may involve service in libraries or classrooms, at

athletic events or performing art programs. Volunteers chaperone, tutor, mentor and coach youth sport teams, or can serve as members of advisory committees and booster clubs. Volunteers who work through the four parent organizations are involved in community building, communications, and fundraising for special projects.

If you are interested in serving as a volunteer in Shorewood Schools, please contact Recreation Supervisor Megan Welch at [mwelch@shorewood.k12.wi.us](mailto:mwelch@shorewood.k12.wi.us) or call 414.963.6913, ext. 4.

## Shorewood Fitness Decathlon

During the month of April, the Shorewood Community Fitness Center (SCFC) is holding a competition to find the fittest athlete in Shorewood. Members and non-SCFC members can participate in this event. Participants will have 30 days to complete (and be scored) in 10 fitness-related events. Each event will have a scoring table assigned to it, so a better performance means a higher score. A SCFC staff member must witness all events.

The 10 events will be evenly divided among lifting, running and body weight exercises. The decathlon events will be released two weeks prior to the competition. Male and female winners will take home a fitness-related prize, and be crowned "Shorewood's Fittest Athlete!"

**Course #:** 2000.1

**Fees:** \$5 Registration fee only or \$15 Registration fee, plus T-shirt with SCFC Decathlon logo

## "Be Our Guest" Senior Citizen Pass for Shorewood Residents 60+

It is the policy of the Shorewood School Board to make available a senior citizen pass to those individuals living in Shorewood who have reached the age of 60 years. The pass is our way of saying "thank you" to our senior citizens who

have given such fine support to our schools. This pass, available in the Shorewood Recreation Department, entitles the holder and a companion to be admitted, without charge, to the following School District activities:

- All athletic events (except WIAA tournament games)
- Band and orchestra performances
- Drama productions (except the spring musical and AFS Showcase)

## T-Ball and Coach Pitch Baseball Programs

Registration is underway for summer 2014 for boys and girls entering K4-grade 2 for the 2014-2015 school year. T-Ball games will be played on Saturday mornings at 10 or 11 a.m. Coach Pitch games will be played on Saturday at 12 noon or 1 p.m. beginning May 31, and will end July 26. All games will be played at Lake Bluff Elementary School's baseball diamonds. Practices will be arranged by volunteer coaches and will begin mid-May. Player requests will not be honored. For more information, please call 414.963.6913, ext. 4.

## 90+ Club

Are you 90 years or older, live in Shorewood, and participate in Shorewood Recreation Department programs? If so, please contact the Recreation Department. You are eligible to participate in our programs FREE. (The 90+ Club does not include co-op programs, vendor programs, and field trips.)

## Shorewood Choral Arts

This adult community chorus is open to anyone who loves to sing! The concert will take place on Sunday, June 8.

**Practice dates:** Tuesdays, April 8-June 3

**Time:** 7-9 p.m.

**Location:** SHS Performing Arts Building

**Room:** 273

**Fee:** \$80 residents/\$120 nonresidents

**Course #:** 3560.1

**Instructor:** Jason Clark

## After-School Art Programs

The Shorewood Recreation Department offers multiple, student art classes after school at both Atwater and Lake Bluff Elementary Schools.

- **Art & Nature:** Students discover how nature inspires artists and their practices, and also how art may complement nature. Techniques covered include drawing, painting, installation art and more.
- **Painting in Color:** Students use paint to explore the relationships of complementary colors, shading and use of different color palettes.
- **Printmaking:** This class offers simple, at-home ways to engage in one of the oldest art processes, from mono-printing to potato printing. Students must be capable of using carving equipment.
- **Woven Wonders:** Students discover different methods of weaving in contemporary art practices. The weavings will incorporate recycled materials, images, drawings, paper and textiles.

For class information visit [shorewoodschoools.org](http://shorewoodschoools.org) (click the "Recreation and Community Services" tab).

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## ALUMNI NEWS

### Reunion Planning Tips

Are you a Shorewood High School graduate planning an upcoming class reunion? All reunion leaders should contact Shorewood Communications Coordinator Rachel Vesco at [rvesco@shorewood.k12.wi.us](mailto:rvesco@shorewood.k12.wi.us) or 414.963.6931 for classmate contact information and class lists, as well as additional support or ideas. When planning a reunion, classes are also welcome to schedule a tour of the high school campus. (Tours can also be arranged by contacting Rachel.)

Classes planning a reunion are encouraged to establish a Facebook presence for their class, and should link to the SHS Alumni Association Facebook page for additional outreach and networking.

Additional alumni information, including information about upcoming events, can be found at [shorewoodalumni.org](http://shorewoodalumni.org).

### Alumni Association Leadership Needs Your Participation!

The Alumni Association Board has vacancies that need YOU! The current make up of the Alumni Association Board is as follows:

- **President (vacant)**
- **Vice President-Bill Trost, Class of '53**
- **Secretary-Jennifer Kringel, Class of '86**
- **Treasurer-Chris Trost, Class of '78**
- **Merchandise Director (vacant)**
- **Desty Lorino-Class of '75**
- **Nancy Peske-Class of '80**

Both the treasurer and VP terms are expiring soon, and the Alumni Association is looking for volunteers to fill these roles ASAP. The time commitment for each position is about an hour a week, plus additional time leading up to a major event. For more information about the positions, or if you are interested in serving as the treasurer or VP, contact Chris Trost at [chris.m.trost@gmail.com](mailto:chris.m.trost@gmail.com).

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Shawn Brown helps Atwater student William Nagle with his book project.

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## Atwater Publishing Center A Unique Place To Create Personal Books

At Atwater Elementary, writing assignments don't end once they are turned in to the school's teachers. Instead, many students take their stories, essays and narratives to the Jackson Knoernschild Publishing Center, where they are turned into hardcover books.



The publishing center has been operating in Atwater since 2001. However, in 2010 it was renamed to honor Knoernschild, a kindergartener at the school who passed away from cancer. Today, Jackson's mom, Shawn Brown, and a team of 10 volunteers run the center, helping students turn their homework into lifelong keepsakes.

As part of their work, volunteers read students' stories, do minor editing, and help students fill out a dedication and meet-the-author pages. Students can then choose a book cover from an array of recycled wallpaper samples as well as scrap book paper. Once these steps are complete, volunteers type the stories and create the covers (which are made from donated cereal boxes) before the books are bound using a binding machine. After the books are finished, students can add hand-drawn illustrations to their stories.

"When the writing process is taught, it's often said that the last step is publishing. But it's not often that kids at school get to actually go through the publishing process," Brown says. During the first four years that the center was open, 100 books were published. Last year, 450 books were published. In fact,

during the 2012-2013 school year, the publishing center was so busy that some sixth graders volunteered to spend their lunch hour in the center, helping the school's K5 students through the publishing process.

"Now it is widely used, and there are so many kids who look forward to it and expect it to be part of their Atwater School experience," Brown says.

For teachers, the publishing center helps transform simple classroom assignments into something more tangible. Atwater teacher Deb Sakai has her students publish a wide variety of stories in the center, and sees it as an extension of her curriculum.

"I have my students utilize the publishing center because it encourages them to write stories, and they are motivated to write. They benefit from creative story writing, writing in a variety of genres, partner writing (if they choose), and having a published book," Sakai explains. "They also have the experience of illustrating a book, reading a published book in front of an audience and receiving compliments."

In addition to the unique experience of creating a book, teacher Noelle Shanks adds that the experiences the students have working with the center's volunteers are also very valuable.

"I think the students truly enjoy having personal one-on-one time with a volunteer. They get a lot of positive feedback from the volunteers, which supports how they view themselves as writers," Shanks says. "Because of the publishing center, the children really do view themselves as authors. The books stay in our classroom throughout the year. Without a doubt, they are the most loved books in our room."



Jackson Knoernschild

Photos by John O'Hara



*Shorewood students become more familiar with the English language and culture in the English Language Learners Program.*



## English Language Learners Program Benefits Entire Family

For Shorewood's English Language Learners (ELL), studying a new language and adapting to a new culture can be overwhelming at times. To assist these students, the School District has developed and maintained a robust program aimed at helping them adjust to life in America.

"Currently, we have more than 30 different languages spoken in the District," says ELL teacher Yelena Lysakova. "We learn a lot from these kids. We learn about their cultures and their unique perspectives, so it's really great."

According to Lysakova, when students enroll in the District, their English skills are assessed and then they begin an individualized program designed to improve their language skills.

"ELL teachers work in collaboration with classroom teachers and support them [the students] in their classrooms. In pullout sessions in the ELL room, we target specific language skills," Lysakova adds. "In addition to instruction during the school day, we also have an after-school, homework-assistance program. It is held on a daily basis for about an hour, and students come in and receive homework help."

While working in the ELL room, students and teachers utilize a wide variety of resources to improve English skills, including computer programs, games, books and more.

In addition to helping students enrolled in the District's schools, Shorewood's ELL program also has resources for the entire family. This year, for example, the District is offering a parent ELL class funded by the Immigrant Youth and Children Program, which is run through the State's Department of Public Instruction (DPI).

The class is designed to help ELL families and District staff members learn about one another's cultures, increase parent participation in their children's education and increase communication about education between parents. For example, during the December 7 class, parents from around the globe

shared strategies they have been using to help teach their children reading both in English and in their native language.

Besides learning from one another, parents also complete "homework" tasks each week. One week, the parents created videos or took pictures, demonstrating how they encourage reading with their children at home. The pictures and videos were then shared and discussed with the group so that parents could incorporate each other's strategies with their own children.

**"Our ELL students and families bring the world to Shorewood and ignite a passion for language learning."**

"The Atwater teachers are gaining insight into how parents value and use reading in their homes. The insights we gain will aid us in building a literacy bridge between home and school," explains Roxanne Tibbits, District ELL Coordinator. "We, in turn, will demonstrate how literacy is taught at Atwater. This is such an exciting endeavor!"

In addition to the parent class, ELL staff members also host family nights throughout the year, including potluck dinners, presentation night (where students demonstrate what they've learned for members of their family), game nights and other events.

"Our ELL students and families bring the world to Shorewood and ignite a passion for language learning. The program inspires our students to learn about other cultures and provides opportunities for cross-cultural friendships," Tibbits says. "Our ELL program is an invaluable part of the Shorewood School District."

# Village Plans Provide Structure and Flexibility



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lanning may not be glamorous, but having plans in place that are based on best available data and include implementation steps are a priority for the Village Board and staff.

“Development is going to happen no matter what,” says Trustee Pat Linnane. “The overall framework of a good plan provides controls, allows for flexibility and helps eliminate arbitrary decision making.

Plans also need to be reviewed and updated. The Village Vision Plan and the Central District Master Plan, both originally completed in 2006, are currently being reviewed. According to Village Board President Guy Johnson, focusing on both plans is timely because a number of the problems and “opportunities” detailed in the 2006 plans have been successfully addressed. In addition, there have been three significant changes since 2006 that affect our planning:

- The 2010 floods.
- The “housing bubble” and economic recession.
- The 2010 census results noting changes in local demographics.

## A Vision for Shorewood in 2025

The Vision is really the “umbrella” plan that attempts to answer the following questions focusing on 2025:

1. Where are we now?
2. Where are we going?
3. Where do we want to be in 2025?
4. How do we get there?

Based on focus groups, a community meeting, the recently completed Village survey (see pg. 27 for survey highlights), and census information, a report that includes vision statements is currently being prepared. Following Board review and the addition of an implementation plan, additional input from residents and Village Boards and Committees will be requested via the website and public meetings.

“The 2006 Vision Plan did its job,” according to Linnane. “It drove, shaped and defined Village planning and projects. The Vision 2025 Plan should do the same.”

“Everything we do from a policy standpoint goes back to the Vision Plan,” says Johnson. “We want the Vision Plan to address where we see ourselves in 2025 in terms of our neighborhoods, housing, demographics, business district, recreation and wellness, education and cultural opportunities, citizen connectedness to their community, infrastructure, governance, and sustainability.”



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## Central District Plan Covers the Business District

The Central District Plan focuses on the Oakland Ave. and Capitol Dr. business district. The 2006 plan included land and zoning information, transportation and parking needs, constraints to and opportunities for improvements, and design guides. A section on Implementation included priority projects, streetscaping plans, incentives for building improvements and methods for recruiting developers.

The re-building of Capitol Dr. including the new entry-way bridge, building façade improvements and our three new buildings – the Cornerstone, the Ravenna and the LightHorse 4041 – were all inspired and shaped by the Central District Plan.

**“The overall framework of a good plan provides controls, allows for flexibility and helps eliminate arbitrary decision making.”**

“We are particularly proud of the fact that we found a way to continue to move forward during the economic downturn,” says Johnson. “When money was unavailable to finance building condos, there was enough flexibility in the Central District Plan to change to apartments.”

A consultant has been hired to assist the Shorewood Village Board and the Community Development Authority (CDA) in updating the 2006 plan. Along with comparing the 2006 plan with what has been accomplished, the consultant will conduct interviews, host community meetings, and help Board members assess current threats and opportunities, both within and outside of the Village, that could impact the future of our business district. Results of the Vision Plan, as noted above, will also have an impact on the Central District Plan.

“The consultant will be directed to strategically address next steps,” says CDA Chair Pete Petrie, “and to concentrate on implementation and a detailed action plan.”

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# Property Assessment 101

## How Property Values and Home Improvements Impact Tax Bills



When the property tax bill arrives in December, most people quickly check the “amount due” and either frown with displeasure because the amount has gone up – again – or sigh with relief because there is an unexpected decrease from previous years. Few of us stop to think about how the amount of tax due is determined.

The total amount of tax to be collected from Shorewood property owners is determined by the financial needs of the institutions that rely on the property tax for support (Village, School District, County, MATC, etc.). Each property owner pays a “fair and equitable” portion of the total amount based on the assessed value of their property.

### **How is assessed value determined?**

Wisconsin law requires that all assessments be based on fair market value, i.e., what a property would sell for on the open market from a willing seller to a willing buyer. The best evidence of market value is a recent sale of the property to be assessed, or recent sales of reasonably comparable properties. Comparable sales should be similar in location, style, age, size, condition, quality and amenities.

Periodically, a revaluation of the entire community is necessary to update assessments based on sales of comparable property and economic conditions. Assessed values may change in response to changing trends in the real estate

market. A neighborhood or a particular house style may become very popular, thus causing market values to rise at higher-than-average rates. Inflation and the economy of the entire community also have an effect on assessed value. The inverse can also be true, as economic times may dictate the value of properties to decrease.

Annually, a review of property improvements (as evidenced by permit applications) is conducted by the assessor to determine if adjustments should be made to the assessed value of individual properties. In Shorewood, this assessment review is provided by Associated Appraisal Consultants, Inc. It is important to understand that the assessor does not create value – people establish value by their transactions in the market place. It is the assessor's responsibility to interpret what is happening in that market place.

### **Why is the assessed value of Shorewood property currently higher than the market value?**

Wisconsin law recognizes the difficulties in maintaining annual full value assessments and therefore requires each municipality to assess property within 10 percent of full value at least once every five years. Our current tax bill is based on an assessed value, which is approximately 115% of market value (based off the 2012 residential median assessment to sale ratio). Property is typically selling for less than assessed value (primarily due to the recent housing bubble/recession).

However, the 15% overage does trigger the need for a new, village-wide revaluation of assessments to determine if the market value of all types of property have decreased or increased at the same rate.

The main purpose of a revaluation is to reestablish state compliance and fine tune uniformity. “Uniformity in assessments to ensure equity among taxpayers is very important,” says Village Manager Chris Swartz. A revaluation is currently being planned for 2015-2016.

### **Why am I paying taxes on an assessment that's higher than my property is worth?**

Property owners know their assessment is used to calculate their December tax bill. What many taxpayers find confusing is that the assessment is only one part of the equation for computing the property tax. The other variable used to compute property taxes is the tax levy.

The levy represents the budgets established by the municipality, schools, etc., to cover their expenses. Those expenses are apportioned among property owners according to the percentage of ownership they have in the total property of the municipality. Thus, the actual tax bill is dependent on both the amount of all the taxing jurisdiction levies and the proportion of your assessment to the total value of property in the community. If you own 1% of the property value in your community, then you will pay 1% of the tax levy. It is the proportion of your assessment to the total



**An attic remodel could add increased value to a home's assessment.**

- Landscaping including lawns, shrubbery, trees and flowers

**What property improvements have the biggest effect on assessed value?**

- Adding rooms or garages
- Replacing older original siding
- Modernization of kitchens or baths
- Adding central air conditioning
- Adding fireplaces
- Extensive remodeling

Because the law provides that the assessment be based upon the market value of the improvement, the real question is how much the total value of the building and land has changed due to the improvement. The cost may not be the true measure of any change in market value. However, under many circumstances, a prudent property owner will calculate that the change in value due to remodeling will approximate the cost of such work. If there is an increase in market value, it should be reflected in an increase in assessed value.

**What recourse do property owners have if they believe their assessment is incorrect?**

Property owners who believe that their assessments are in error can appeal. The first step is to contact the assessor either in person at the Shorewood Village Hall (Wednesdays only), or by e-mail or phone anytime: Associated Appraisal Consultants, Inc., 1.800.721.4157 or info@apraz.com. The assessor will ask that a questionnaire be filled out to expedite the review.

If the property owner is dissatisfied with the assessor's opinion of value, they may appeal to the Shorewood Board of Review. More information on the current assessment of all Village properties is available online at villageofshorewood.org. Click on "Assessment Search" under Quick Links and follow the prompts, or contact Associated Appraisal directly.

value of the community that affects your tax bill, not the assessment number itself.

Said another way, your municipality must collect a certain amount – no more, no less. It divides that amount among all owners in proportion to the amount of property they own. Whether the property in the municipality is assessed at 90% of market value or 110% of its market value has no effect on your particular tax bill, so long as your neighbors are also being assessed at that same 90% or 110%. This is the concept of uniformity and the basis for Wisconsin tax law.

An increase or decrease in the assessment of an individual property does not predict whether the tax bill for that property will go up, down or remain the same.

**What property improvements have the least effect on assessed value?**

Generally, your assessment will not be increased for minor repairs such as those listed below. However, a combination of several of these items could result in an increased assessment.

- Repairing concrete walks and driveways
- Replacing gutters and downspouts
- Replacing a water heater
- Repairing or replacing a roof
- Repairing porches
- Repairing original siding
- Replacing older windows
- Patching or repairing interior walls and ceilings
- Replacing or upgrading electrical service
- Replacing a furnace
- Adding weather stripping or replacing screens, storm windows or doors
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# Village Notes and Resources

For more information on Village news and events, visit [villageofshorewood.org](http://villageofshorewood.org) or call 414.847.2601.



## Correction: Little Free Library

In the fall issue of *Shorewood Today*, one of the Little Free Library pictures was mis-labeled. The library

pictured here is located at 2726 E. Shorewood Blvd, not at 4124 N. Morris. According to home owner, Charlie Desando, the Shorewood Blvd. library was built by his son for his mother's birthday. We are sorry for the error, but pleased that readers are interested enough in the little libraries to call the error to our attention.

## For Safety Sake, Remove Holiday Decorations

As we settle into winter it is important we don't forget to remove our holiday decorations. The National Electric Code states: Temporary electric power and lighting installations shall be permitted for a period not to exceed 90 days for holiday decorative lighting and similar purposes.

Take care when removing holiday decorations, inspecting cords/wires for damage, and loose or broken bulbs, and recycle or throw out anything that has reached the end of its useful life. Taking the time now will make next year's decorating safer and faster.

## Village Provides Sand/Salt Mix for Sidewalks

A mix of sand and salt for icy walks is available free of charge to residents during the winter months. The mix is located in a box at the south end of the DPW parking lot and can be accessed during regular hours (Mon.-Fri. from 7 a.m.-3:30 p.m.) and

on Saturdays when the DPW yard is open. Please bring your own container.

## Dreaming About Spring House Projects?

Remember to check and see if permits are needed for your projects. Contact the Planning and Development Department at 414.847.2647 or visit the Village website.

## Shorewood Police Department Schedules Annual "Town Hall" Meeting

Please join Chief David Banaszynski at the Shorewood Police Department's annual Town Hall meeting on Wed., March 26 at 6:30 p.m. in the lower level of the Library. Information on the Shorewood Police Department, last year's crime statistics, summer's initiatives and more will be presented – plus, resident questions will be addressed. The Police Department's strategic plan as it relates to the Village's 2025 Vision Plan will also be explained.

## Make Final Payment to Contractors ONLY After All Work and Inspections Complete

David Henson, Planning and Development Department building inspector, offers the following advice regarding final payments to contractors for building or renovation projects.

"From large to small home improvement projects, the final payment is the most critical item to help assure the project has been completed to your satisfaction and within the parameters of the building codes.

When the project is close to completion, you and your contractor should schedule a final inspection with the appropriate Village building official to review the project compliance with building codes. It is not uncommon that there will be minor outstanding items at this point. Once this inspection has been completed, you and your contractor will generate a punch list of work still to be completed which should be tied to the final payment. Only after all items on the punch list are completed, and a re-inspection by the building official (if necessary) has taken place, should you make final payment to your contractor."

For more information about working with contractors and building inspection, contact Henson at 414.847.2644 or [dhenson@villageofshorewood.org](mailto:dhenson@villageofshorewood.org)

## Spring Yard Clean-Up May 3

When the snow of winter is melted away, volunteers will be needed to help older and disabled adults in Shorewood prepare their yards for spring. The Shorewood Connects Spring Yard Clean-Up is scheduled for the morning of Sat., May 3. This long-standing community event drew over 125 volunteers in the fall for a lively morning of leaf raking and community outreach. It's not just about the leaves!

Contact Michelle Boehm at [michelle.boehm@sbcglobal.net](mailto:michelle.boehm@sbcglobal.net) or 414. 698.4369 for more information.



Members of Shorewood's junior varsity and varsity volleyball teams assisted with the fall Yard-Clean-Up.



## Village Survey Results Available

Almost 1,600 residents, representing close to a quarter of Shorewood households, participated in a Village-wide survey in September (see survey highlights below). Along with influencing the Vision Plan (see pg. 22), survey results will be used to evaluate service and infrastructure priorities and development policies.

The survey was conducted by the Center for Urban Initiatives and Research at UWM. Complete survey results, as well as further information about the Vision and Central District plans, are available on the Village website. Opportunities for community review of the plan drafts will be posted online and listed in the Village Manager's Weekly Memo. Register on the website to receive the e-mailed Memo.

## Village Survey Highlights

- Respondent's perception of Shorewood characteristics was overwhelmingly positive; they checked either excellent or good in the following categories: Sense of Community (89%), Overall Appearance of the Village (93%), Schools (87%), Walkability (95%) and Reputation (94%).
- Respondents were "very supportive" (45.5%) or "somewhat supportive" (37.5%) of comprehensive sewer improvements. Only about one in 20 respondents were either "not very" or "not at all supportive."
- First on the list of conditions requiring attention is Public Safety/Crime Issues (36.5% of respondents), followed by Parking (24.7%) and Traffic Flow/Safety (18.8%).
- Just over two-thirds of respondents indicated a preference to either maintain or expand services, both of which may include user fees and/or property tax increases. The most popular option was to maintain services, keeping any increase in user fees and/or property taxes at no more than the rate of inflation (60%). However, one quarter indicated a preference to reduce services, either to maintain or decrease the current level of user fees and/or property taxes.
- Village Board President Guy Johnson was fascinated to find that "Flyers on the Garbage Carts" was second only to *Shorewood Today* magazine as a valuable source of Village information. To receive timely information on local matters, he encourages everyone to sign up to receive the weekly Village Manager's Memo via e-mail (sign up on the Village website).

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# Feldenkrais Method® Workshop Coming to SRC

by Justine Leonard

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Sebastian explains that unlike traditional exercise (where movements can become mechanical), Awareness Through Movement® developed by Dr. Feldenkrais is a means to re-engage the nervous system in the kind of learning we all do as infants, but later usually abandon. "The structure of the lessons engages the whole system in a process of learning where old habits can be replaced by new awareness and skill. The lessons are easy to do, benefit everyone, and the results can be extraordinary."

Shorewood senior adults will have the opportunity to participate in Feldenkrais workshops presented by Sebastian on Thursday, April 3 and 10 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Shorewood Senior Resource Center. The sessions called "Ease Your Knees with Feldenkrais," will focus on persons challenged by knee pain or difficulty in movement, or who are experiencing hip

and foot pain. The movements taught in this class are not just exercises but actual lessons that will help persons with these difficulties reorganize their hips, knees and lower legs for greater comfort and greater leg power. This workshop will include floor work, but the lessons are designed to make getting to and from the floor possible. Participants will be able to continue to work for improvement with lessons that can easily be done at home.

With ingenious movement lessons that offer the benefits of improved daily action and balance, and sharpened thinking, this gentle workshop will leave us with a deep sense of safety and well-being. The total cost for both workshops for residents is \$36/nonresidents \$42. Pre-registration with payment is required. To register or for more information contact Elizabeth Price, SRC Coordinator, at 414.847.2727

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## Learning Never Ends at Senior Resource Center Trips and Workshops Offer Enjoyment and Education

**Take advantage of the many programs for fun, learning and socialization offered by the Shorewood Senior Resource Center (SRC). Call 414.847.2727 for the complete schedule, or visit [villageofshorewood.org/src](http://villageofshorewood.org/src).**

### **Autumn in the Hudson Valley, October 6-10, 2014**

The Senior Resource Center is hosting its first-ever extended trip. Participants will fly to Albany, N.Y., and stay at the historic Beekman Arms Inn in Rhinebeck. Day trips include stops at the Roosevelt's Springwood estate, Vanderbilt mansion, Union church of Pocantico Hills, West Point and the Culinary Institute of America. The trip will be at a leisurely pace through small river towns to enjoy the splendid autumn colors.

The trip is organized by Sunflower Tour. Discounts of \$50 per person will be offered to those attending our presentation meeting at the SRC on Wednesday, March

5, at 1 p.m. Please contact Elizabeth Price at the SRC for more information.

### **Tax Assistance, Thursdays, February 6 to April 10, 1-5 p.m.**

FREE Tax Help provided by volunteers from AARP. Walk-ins are welcome.

On any Thursday starting February 6, appointments can be scheduled in person for a future Thursday; no telephone appointments will be accepted. (AARP volunteers cannot help with rental properties or recent divorces.)

### **Men's Morning Spring Programs, Wednesdays, 10-11:30 a.m.**

Donuts, coffee and juice will be served. Please pay \$3 at the door (No pre-

registration is required). Women are also welcome! Upcoming programs:

**February 12: My Life with the Green and Gold** with Jessie Garcia, WTMJ sports reporter and Green Bay Packers' expert. Signed copies of her book will be for sale.

**March 12: Memories of Borchert Field with Bob Buege** This retired teacher whose avocation is baseball history has published four books (two about the Milwaukee Braves), and he is currently writing a history of Borchert Field.

### **May 14: The Aging Brain with psychiatrist Michael McBride**

The good, the bad and reasons for hope.

**June 11: Hybrid and Electric Cars** Learn about the new high mileage cars and then

have an opportunity to test drive them! Nissan Leaf, Chevy Volt, Toyota Plug-in Prius and more.

**Lunch Bunch ■ Thursdays, 11:30 a.m.** The group meets once a month at a different restaurant for fun and food. New friends always welcome! Register in the SRC office or call 414.847.2727.

**Thursday, February 13**  
Oakcrest Tavern, 4022 N. Oakland Ave.

**Thursday, March 13**  
Harry's Bar & Grill 3549 N. Oakland Ave.

**Music Appreciation Thursdays, February-May, 10:30 a.m.-12 noon**  
Presentations with music aficionado David Tolan. Please pre-register. Cost: residents \$7/ nonresidents \$9 per class.

**February 20:** The Many Moods of Mozart  
**March 20:** Opera Overtures: Great Beginnings.

**April 17:** Music appreciation from Bach to Joplin.

**May 15:** All That Jazz

**Ask a Dietitian, Tuesdays, February 25 and March 25, 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.**

Registered dietitian Carmel Bankier-Sweet RD, CD will talk in February about foods to improve your health and in March about foods that reduce inflammation. Programs are free – please pre-register.

**Paczki Treats, Tuesday, March 4, 10-11 a.m.** Stop by the SRC to enjoy a traditional Fat Tuesday treat. Paczki (jelly, prune and custard filled donuts) and coffee will be served free of charge while supplies last. Candidates running for local offices will be our guests.

**Beginning Gentle Yoga, Tuesdays starting March 4, 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.** The class concentrates on gentle physical and relaxation techniques in a systematic way using all muscle groups to help maintain flexibility in the spine and joints. Basic breathing exercises are also used. Students are not required to get down on the floor, and the postures are adapted with support of walls, chairs, tables, etc.

to increase flexibility, balance and strength. Residents \$5/nonresidents \$7.

**One-on-One Tech Support ■ Fridays in March and April, 10-11 a.m.**

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**Third Annual "Spring Into Wellness" Wednesday, April 2 ■ 9 a.m.-12 noon**

Memory/depression screenings, grip testing/balance screenings, blood pressure/vision checks, Indian cooking demo and more; "Be Healthy, Live Long" presentation by John Shier R.N. at 10 a.m. FREE admission and door prizes!

**Learn to Play Mah Jongg with Barbara Weiss, Thursdays, April 3, 10, 17 and 24, 1-3 p.m.**

Residents \$12 and nonresidents \$15. Please pre-register.

**Ease Your Knees with Feldenkrais, Thur., April 3 and 10, 6:30-8:30 p.m.**



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## Bench Placed in Hubbard Park Honors Former Resident

The first memorial bench was placed in Hubbard Park in November in memory of Thomas K. Burke who came to Shorewood with his parents Leonard C. and Helen Burke in 1958 and lived here until 1970. He graduated from Shorewood High School in 1969. As a child, he and his friend Bill Stephens would play in Hubbard Park, catching crabs in summer and ice skating in the winter. As a high school student, Tom participated in wrestling and volleyball and was a member of Boy Scout Troop 106.

Tom, who had very happy memories of growing up in Shorewood and many lifelong friends from his years in the Village, died on November 11, 2012 in Oshkosh.

There are many beautiful ways to honor a loved one, give back to the community and enhance the beauty of Shorewood. Your gift, no matter what size, can be used toward a variety of amenities that will add enjoyment for our residents and guests. The new Village giving

brochure that lists numerous needs in the community and associated costs can be picked up from Village Hall or can be viewed on the Village website at [villageofshorewood.org](http://villageofshorewood.org).

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**Let us help you learn everything you need to know about our vibrant Village!**

- School programs, athletics, performing arts and theatre
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- Energetic business district with an eclectic mix of shops and restaurants
  - Parks and recreation
  - Shorewood Public Library
- Village services including Police Department and Department of Public Works
  - Senior Resource Center
  - Volunteer opportunities

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Welcome New

Contact our Program Director Jenny Heyden to find out more. Call **414.847.2721** or e-mail [welcome@villageofshorewood.org](mailto:welcome@villageofshorewood.org).



A recent *Welcome New Neighbors* event offered tours of Shorewood's Police and Fire Departments.

Photo by John O'Hara

## Welcome New Neighbors Program Schedules Events

**Saturday, February 8 ■ 10-11 a.m.**

### **Indulgence Chocolatiers**

Join Welcome Neighbors and Indulgence Chocolatiers at their Shorewood location, 4525 N. Oakland Ave. for the February meet and greet of new neighbors and residents. Enjoy samplings of chocolate, Valentine's Day Specials and new neighbors' orientation. RSVP by February 4 to [welcome@villageofshorewood.org](mailto:welcome@villageofshorewood.org).

**Thursday, March 6 ■ 7-8 p.m.**

### **Garden Room/TOCHI Restaurant ■ 2107 E. Capitol Dr.**

New Neighbor orientation, reception and tour of the Garden Room spaces including the glass rooftop greenhouse and new restaurant, TOCHI, on the lower level. Guests can also enjoy the artist reception for Rostislav (Slava) Yanovsky at TOCHI. RSVP by March 4 to [welcome@villageofshorewood.org](mailto:welcome@villageofshorewood.org).

**About the artist:** Shorewood resident Slava Yanovsky created a large folk art piece for the Shorewood Public Library as a counterpoint to the technology used in a modern library. Yanovsky was originally trained as a printmaker, then began experimenting with cutting zinc and copper etching plates into weather vanes. Today, he approaches folk art in his own creative way with boldly carved wood whirligigs and other whimsical objects. Visit [shorewood/building/art.htm](http://shorewood/building/art.htm).

**Saturday, April 5 ■ 10-11 a.m. ■ Shorewood Public Library ■ 3920 N. Murray Ave.**

Welcome New Neighbors and the Shorewood Public Library join forces to provide Forms and Fun: Tax Time Preparation and Voter Registration. Enjoy a cup of coffee, get a personal library card for you and your children, finish up any tax-time forms, sign up for Recreation Department exercise classes, and register to vote! Activities for kids available while you take care of business. RSVP recommended by April 2 to [welcome@villageofshorewood.org](mailto:welcome@villageofshorewood.org).



# 2014 NEIGHBORHOOD OF THE YEAR

Seeking Entries  
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of the Year:

Application Deadline  
February 28

Is this the year your block  
will be recognized?

Shorewood's Neighborhood of the Year competition is a way to acknowledge closely knit blocks in our community. Celebrations, work and service projects, block parties, intergenerational activities, regular e-mail communications, and more connect our residents in ways that contribute to the high quality of life in our Village. Shorewood has a reputation for promoting healthy neighborhoods and connecting its residents in a variety of fun and interactive activities!

**The Shorewood Connects Neighbors project is now seeking applications for its fourth annual "Shorewood Neighborhood of the Year" competition.** Applications are due by February 28, and the winning neighborhood will be featured in *Shorewood Today* magazine and have an opportunity to march behind a "Neighborhood of the Year" banner in the Village's annual 4th of July parade. Permanent street signs noting the award will also be placed on the winning block.

Applications will be judged according to the following criteria: inclusiveness, communication and organization, and whether the block incorporates a service element. The one-page application is easy to complete and can be found at [shorewoodtoday.org](http://shorewoodtoday.org).

If you have any questions, please contact Sue Kelley, Shorewood Connects facilitator at 414.961.7262 or [sue@suekelleyconsulting.com](mailto:sue@suekelleyconsulting.com).



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## Frequently Asked Questions

Shorewood's Customer Service staff members field a variety of questions from residents, and this is a sampling of those most frequently asked.

**Can I park on the street overnight for free?**

Yes, all vehicles are allotted 12 free nights per year. Overnight guests may also park on the street. Call the police non-emergency number at 847.2610 to arrange the free parking.

**What does a "Snow Emergency" mean? Should I be concerned about parking?**

When a snow emergency is declared (usually announced on local TV and radio stations, as well as on the Village website), parking is prohibited between midnight and 6 a.m. on all streets except Wilson Dr., Capitol Dr. (between Downer and Farwell and between Newhall and Wilson) and Oakland Ave. (between Kenmore and Kensington and between Edgewood and Shorewood Blvd.).

**Is there a Village noise ordinance?**

Yes, noise should not be plainly audible at a distance of 50 ft. from structure or vehicle from 10 p.m.-7 a.m. Construction is allowed 7 a.m.-6 p.m. on weekdays; equipment machinery or vehicles are prohibited between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m.

**Are our Village parks available for private parties?**

Yes, however, the Village does NOT reserve park space, so someone from your party should arrive early to secure the space you want. Remember that liquor, dogs and grilling are not allowed in our parks. Tents may be used, but must be secured with sand bags rather than stakes.

**When snow banks are high, where should I put my garbage kart and recycling bin?**

Garbage karts should be kept clear of snow and ice and placed on a level surface at the curb or in the alley. Karts will NOT be picked up on top of, or frozen into, a snow bank. Shoveling a flat spot next to your driveway or boulevard walk is a good idea. Please do not place them on the public sidewalk. Remember, there is a 200 pound load limit on each kart, but three separate trash bags (max. 30 lbs. each) will also be collected if left next to the kart. Karts must be at the collection point by 7 a.m. on your assigned day. You may purchase an additional kart (\$65) or bin (\$10) at either DPW or the Village Hall.

**There are potholes on my street; how can I get them fixed?**

The Village of Shorewood has a total street length of 30.15 miles plus 5.67 miles of alley to check and repair. If you know of a pothole in your area, please call it to our attention by reporting it to the Shorewood DPW at 414.847.2650.

## Primary/Spring Elections

A primary election will be held on Tuesday, February 18, to eliminate one of the people running for the two open positions on the School Board: Ruth Treisman, Paru Shah, Margaret Schmidt, Wendy Daniels-Rhodes and Gregg Davis.

An election will be held on Tuesday, April 1, to fill the following positions:

- Two Village of Shorewood Trustees
- Two Village of Shorewood School Board members
- Court of Appeals
- Circuit Court Judges Milwaukee County: Branches 7, 21, 27, 31, 32, 40 and 41

A referendum question concerning the regulation of political donations and spending will also be on the April 1 election ballot. Mike Maher and Ann McKaig are running unopposed for the two positions on the Village Board.

All polling locations will be open for both the primary and spring elections. New to the Village? Call 414.847.2601 for complete voting information.

## Citizens' Police Academy Scheduled

The Shorewood Police Department will kick off its 11th Citizens' Academy on Thursday, March 6. The Academy is a program designed to give participants a working knowledge of the Shorewood Police Department and consists of a series of discussions and interactive classes with officers.

Some of the topics covered during the academy include traffic enforcement, OWI, laws and legal issues, drugs and narcotics, crime prevention, defensive tactics and firearms, and a patrol interaction where participants go out on patrol with Shorewood Officers.

The next Academy meets every Thursday night for 10-weeks starting March 6. Participants need to be at least 18 years of age and must live, work or own property within Shorewood. Those who are interested in, or are currently enrolled in a criminal justice program are also considered.

Those interested in this program can pick up an application at the Shorewood Police Department or apply online at [villageofshorewood.org/police](http://villageofshorewood.org/police). For more information on the Citizens' Academy, contact Lt. Jeff Schmidt at 414.847.2610.

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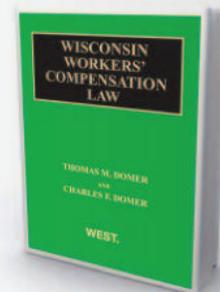
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## 2014 Shorewood Construction Projects Scheduled

Given the cold and snowy start to our winter, it is hard to imagine that “construction season” will come again, but plans are well underway for road and sewer construction for the summer of 2014. The second phase of sewer improvements in the Basin 6 area will take place on Glendale Ave. from Bartlett Ave. west to Marlborough Dr. Construction will be most extensive on the Marlborough end because the new sewer pipe must be placed very deep in the ground at that point.

Total street reconstruction (curb to curb) will take place on Murray Ave. from Capitol Dr. north to Lake Bluff Blvd. plus the adjoining cross streets and on the 1400 block of Kenmore Pl. (see map above). Private lateral lining will take place on Ardmore Ave. Lateral lining requires minimal disruption of traffic. Work in all areas will begin in April – weather permitting!

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# Shorewood Community Calendar

## FEBRUARY

- **Fri.-Sat., Feb. 7-8: "I Never Saw Another Butterfly"** 7 p.m., Shorewood High School Auditorium; visit shorewooddrama.org for ticket information (see page 17)
- **Fri., Feb. 7: Atwater Movie Night** 7 p.m., Atwater Elementary
- **Sat., Feb. 8: Welcome New Neighbors Reception** 10-11 a.m. at Indulgence Chocolatiers, 4525 N. Oakland Ave. A special event for new Shorewood residents. RSVP to welcome@villageofshorewood.org (see page 32)
- **Sun., Feb. 9: "I Never Saw Another Butterfly"** 2 p.m., SHS Auditorium; visit shorewooddrama.org (see page 17)
- **Sat., Feb. 15: Boutique Blowout** 8 a.m.-2 p.m., Atwater School Cafeteria. Clothing and accessories at deeply discounted prices from area boutiques. \$5 admission fee is donated to the Shorewood Recreation Department's "Round Up for Recreation" program that provides financial support for those unable to afford the Department's activity fees. For more information, call 414.962.4030 or Liz@shop53211.com
- **Tue., Feb. 18: Primary Election for Shorewood School Board positions** 7 a.m.-8 p.m. All polling locations open.
- **Wed., Feb. 19: Band-O-Rama** 7 p.m., SHS Arena, free admission
- **Thur., Feb. 20: SHS Orchestra Benefit Concert** 7 p.m., Shorewood High School Auditorium, free admission
- **Fri., Feb. 21: Atwater and Lake Bluff Schools Half-Day**
- **Fri., Feb. 21: Recreation Department Activity Night** for grades 7-8 at Shorewood Intermediate School, 7-9 p.m. Visit shorewoodschoools.org and click on "Recreation Department"
- **Sat., Feb. 22: Atwater Pancake Breakfast** 9-11 a.m. Presale tickets \$6/person; at the door tickets \$8/person. Children age two and under eat free. All proceeds benefit Atwater School.
- **Fri., Feb. 28: Atwater and Lake Bluff Schools Half-Day**
- **Wed.-Thur., March 5-6: No Junior Kindergarten**

## MARCH

- **Sat., Mar. 1: Natural Lawn Workshop** 10 a.m.-12 noon at the Village Center, lower level of Library. Presented by the Shorewood Conservation Committee, free admission
- **Thur., Mar. 6: All Schools Half-Day** (11:30 a.m. dismissal)
- **Thur., Mar. 6: Welcome New Neighbors Reception** 7-8 p.m. at the Garden Room (2107 E. Capitol Dr.) and its new TOCHI restaurant on the lower level. A special event for new Shorewood residents. RSVP to welcome@villageofshorewood.org (see page 32)
- **Thur., Mar. 6: Parent/Teacher Conferences** 12:30-8 p.m.
- **Thur., Mar. 6: Citizens' Police Academy** (see page 35)
- **Fri., Mar. 7: No School for Shorewood School District**
- **Fri., Mar. 7: Parent/Teacher Conferences** 8-11:30 a.m.
- **Fri.-Sat., Mar. 7-8: "Mulan Junior"** (Shorewood Intermediate School musical), 7 p.m., Shorewood High School Auditorium (visit shorewooddrama.org)
- **Sat., Mar. 8: SEED's Swing with Shorewood** 6 p.m., Discovery World (visit shorewoodseed.org)
- **Thur., Mar. 13: Shorewood Intermediate/High School Choir Concert** 7 p.m., North Shore Presbyterian, free admission

- **Sat., Mar. 15: SIS and SHS Solo and Ensemble** at SHS (All day)
- **Thur., Mar. 20: SHS Spring Band Concert** 7 p.m., Shorewood High School Auditorium, free admission
- **Tue., Mar. 25: Atwater Science Fair** 7-8 p.m., Atwater School
- **Wed., Mar. 26: Shorewood Police Department Annual Town Hall Meeting** 6:30 p.m., Village Community Room, lower level of Library (see page 35)
- **Thur., Mar. 27: District Orchestra Festival** 7 p.m., Shorewood High School Arena, free admission
- **Fri., Mar. 28: Shorewood Intermediate School** 11:30 a.m. dismissal (end of quarter)
- **Mon.-Fri., Mar. 31-Apr. 4: Spring Break** No school for Shorewood School District

## APRIL

- **Tue., Apr. 1: Election Day** (see page 35)
- **Sat., Apr. 5: Welcome New Neighbors Reception** 10-11 a.m. at the Shorewood Public Library. A special event for new Shorewood residents. RSVP to welcome@villageofshorewood.org (see page 32).
- **Sat., Apr. 5: Rain Gardens and Rain Barrels Workshop** 10 a.m.-12 noon at the Village Center; presented by the Shorewood Conservation Committee, free admission
- **Thur., Apr. 10: SIS and SHS Jazz Concert** 7 p.m., Shorewood High School Auditorium, free admission
- **Fri., Apr. 18: No School for Shorewood School District** (District offices and VHE Community Pool closed)
- **Fri., Apr. 25: Atwater Family Dinner** 5:30 p.m. with Atwater "Idol" entertainment at 7 p.m., Atwater School
- **Fri., Apr. 25: Recreation Department Activity Night** for grades 7-8 at Shorewood Intermediate School, 7-9 p.m. (visit shorewoodschoools.org)
- **Sat., Apr. 26: Lake Bluff Rummage Sale** 9 a.m.-12 noon, Lake Bluff School (from 11 a.m.-12 noon fill a bag for only \$3)

## MAY

- **Sat, May 3: Annual Wearable Art Show** presented by the Shorewood Woman's Club; 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. in the Village Center (lower level of Library).
- **Sat, May 3: Conservation Fair** 9 a.m.-1 p.m. in Atwater School parking lot (rain location inside cafeteria). Educational events and disposal opportunities for a variety of household items including clothing, electronics, expired/unwanted medications and mattresses (no hazardous wastes)
- **Sat., May 3: Spring Yard Clean-Up** presented by Shorewood Connects Neighbors (see page 26)
- **Fri.-Sat., May 9-10: "West Side Story"** 7 p.m., SHS Auditorium (visit shorewooddrama.org)
- **Fri., May 9: Atwater Rummage Sale** 3:30-8 p.m., Atwater Elementary School
- **Sat., May 10: Atwater Rummage Sale** 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Atwater Elementary School
- **Sun., May 11: "West Side Story"** 2 p.m., Shorewood High School Auditorium (visit shorewooddrama.org)

# Out and About in the Village of Shorewood



Welcome to 2014! A brand new year unfolds in Shorewood as we look back at some of the most recent special events in our Village. Keep in touch with all the latest happenings by regularly visiting [shorewoodtoday.com](http://shorewoodtoday.com), [shorewoodwi.com](http://shorewoodwi.com), [villageofshorewood.org](http://villageofshorewood.org) and [shorewoodschoools.org](http://shorewoodschoools.org).

**1.** Santa visited with guests at the Pet Outpost during the Stop, Shop & Restore holiday event sponsored by the Shorewood Business Improvement District in December. **2.** Shorewood's own Jessie Garcia, WTMJ sports reporter, recently spoke about her new book, "My Life with the Green and Gold" at the Shorewood Public Library. **3.** The Welcome New Neighbors Program recently staged an open house event at Shorewood's Police and Fire Department where our newest families learned more about Shorewood living (see page 32). **4.** Musical entertainment was provided by the Shorewood High School Orchestra String Quartet at City Market during Stop, Shop & Restore. **5.** The High School choir filled the Auditorium with their beautiful voices during the Winter Music Festival in December.



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