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## Teaching the value of community

I am filled with excitement for the 2023-24 school year. I am also pleased to share information about new state standards for social studies education, and the teachers here in the District who are helping to lead this important work, in this issue of *Shorewood Today*.

Education that shapes the hearts and minds of the next generation of leaders, changemakers, parents and neighbors is what sets Shorewood schools apart. In my short time in the Village, I have been so inspired by the tremendous amount of pride the community takes in its schools, and our traditions of excellence and inclusion. Our collaborative commitments to equity and diverse perspectives enrich the learning experience for all students.

The District's social studies curriculum is a powerful example of the teaching and learning priorities that distinguish a Shorewood education: *Our students are leaders who challenge themselves to grow and achieve academically, pursue their passions, navigate change, learn continuously and contribute to the common good.* These guiding principles encourage civic mindedness, making learning more relevant and impactful for students – and their communities.

Thank you for your steadfast commitment to our schools and to public education.

—Laurie Burgos  
Superintendent  
Shorewood School District



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*On the cover: Shorewood High School Social Studies educators (from left) Brian Schulteis, Evan Schmidt and Jesse Perez in the school's iconic Copperdome classroom. Photo by Patrick Manning.*



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## SPOTLIGHT: Shorewood Police progress toward goals

It's been over a year since Shorewood hired Police Chief Heather Wurth. Under her leadership, the department continues to increase community engagement, develop officers' softer skills and foster an atmosphere of greater officer autonomy.

Wurth also continues to evaluate the recommendations set forth by the Weiss Organizational Study, commissioned in 2020 by the Village Board. Among other recommendations, the study included steps to increase transparency with the community and to adopt a more efficient, data-driven approach to policing.

Wurth publishes weekly and monthly reports on the police department's website and, in August, presented a detailed report on her communications strategies to the Village Board. She also believes in being a recognized face in the Village.

"A big part of my job is to promote legitimacy and trust in law enforcement among Shorewood residents," says Wurth. "Part of how I accomplish that is by being proactively out in the community."

Wurth enjoys getting out of her office to do everything from staffing a Shorewood Farmers Market booth to visiting the library's tortoise exhibit. She even donned skates and hit the ice at last winter's Shorewood Chill event.

"There's a difference between just being visible and being actively engaged," Wurth says. "I want to be engaged and I want the officers to be as well."

Another initiative has been increased training and an emphasis on best-in-class management of people dealing with mental health challenges. "We really emphasize the importance of treating everyone with dignity and respect," Wurth notes. "That also goes

for protecting the mental health of our law enforcement officers, an issue that's near and dear to my heart."

Everyone in the department, including civilian staffers, must have an annual mental health check-up, a practice Wurth says is necessary to "help us create a healthy work/life balance and be the best version of ourselves so that we can serve others."



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—Shorewood Police Chief Heather Wurth

by a banking scam with enormous patience and compassion, even driving her to her bank and sitting through her meeting with a bank officer.

"We are learning every single day how to make the Shorewood Police Department the best it can be," says Wurth, who has lofty goals for the department's future. "I want us to be a training destination and the premier law enforcement agency on the North Shore."

## Senior Resource Center WELCOMES NEW ASSISTANT

The Shorewood Senior Resource Center has welcomed a new program assistant, **Elena Castro**.

Castro is a senior at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, where she is working toward a bachelor's degree in social work with minors in psychology and aging.

Before working at the Shorewood SRC, Castro interned with East-side Senior Services, a non-profit organization that helps seniors live independently and stay connected with their community.

"One of my biggest passions is community building and creating opportunities for connection," says Castro. "I look forward to meeting everyone and working as the program assistant for such a lovely organization in an exceptionally caring community."



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"[I bring] a diversity of clothing so people can see other sides of fashion besides the usual dynamic," Edwards says.

Originally modeling for a friend's boutique, Edwards decided to start her own business seven years ago. What started as posting photos online and self-modeling soon turned into a thriving online store and then studio.

One of Edwards' core values is simply seeing her customers happy and excited about new clothing. Building connections with community members is also important to her, and she says she enjoys talking with customers as they shop to better understand their tastes and preferences.

"My favorite part of owning a business is just putting a smile on [customer's] faces," she says. "I like people to feel good about themselves."



## Happy Little Stars

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Longtime arts educator and professional photographer **Tracy Federwitz** has transformed the former Swanky Seconds space into a cheerful party shop and creative space called Happy Little Stars.

New wood floors, painted walls and custom-made tiles create a backdrop for the three big wooden tables used both for creative workshops and to display the carefully curated selection of wares. Federwitz describes her inventory as "tasteful, charming party supplies and balloons, as well as a selection of fun wearable items, like costumes and hats."

Happy Little Stars also offers classic children's toys from well-loved brands like Fisher-Price, and Federwitz has partnered with Bay View's Alive and Fine shop to sell vintage children's clothes.

Federwitz envisions renting out the space for parties and events, and also seeks to partner with other small businesses and local artisans to host workshops and fun activities for children and their caregivers.

"I recognize, especially as a parent, that life is fleeting," she says, "so being a part of helping families build memories and celebrate spending time together is a real honor."

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**Sophia Barry** (pictured below, right, with colleagues) bought her first home at age 19 and real estate has been a passion ever since. The Shorewood native and mother of three has now opened her own boutique real estate office, Sophia Barry Realty Group, capitalizing on her success as a top-selling agent for the three years she's been licensed.

"We offer a hyper-local service that's deeply knowledgeable, particularly about Milwaukee's North Shore neighborhoods," Barry says. "We're there for every aspect of the transaction, from the inspection to the closing and much more."

A seasoned entrepreneur, Barry started two successful businesses prior to becoming an agent. At her previous real estate firms, her sales consistently placed her in the top 1% among Wisconsin agents.

Barry brings high energy and dedicated customer service to her new venture. "I look at each client as an individual," she says, "and go above and beyond to make the experience a positive one."

SBRG has set up shop in the redesigned storefront that for decades was home to Chattel Changers consignment store. Passers-by will now find local property listings and descriptions posted on the windows.

Barry encourages locals to stop in and say hello: "We're always happy to give people a general idea of their home's value, and we love to meet our neighbors in Shorewood!"





Social Studies teachers at Shorewood High School, from left: Jesse Perez, Evan Schmidt, Nicole Magin, Samantha Kehoe and Brian Schulteis.

SCHOOLS FEATURE STORY

## New Standards in Social Studies Education

District's new curriculum emphasizes context, place and citizenship

BY CARRIE WETTSTEIN | PHOTO BY PATRICK MANNING

The Shorewood School District is introducing a new social studies curriculum this fall that builds on current strengths, addresses student interests and meets state-wide academic standards. The new offerings are the results of a collaborative effort among longtime and newer Shorewood educators, several of whom are involved at the state level to reimagine and shape social studies education in Wisconsin.

### New Courses at All Levels

Shorewood High School social studies department chair Evan Schmidt, SHS '98, says the new courses at SHS leverage some of the faculty's unique expertise. Beginning this fall, Schmidt, who holds master's degrees in economics and teaching, will teach a college-level Economics 100 course offered in partnership with the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. It's the first-ever dual credit class for SHS, enabling students who take it to earn both high school and college credit.

SHS is also adding AP Psychology, an advanced placement course that social studies teacher Brian Schulteis is excited to

teach. "I am thrilled by the response from students, and to have the opportunity to teach psychology at the high school level," Schulteis says. Requiring no prerequisites, the course is open to all students as part of the District's commitment to equity.

Social studies teacher Jesse Perez will teach a new course that combines Wisconsin civics standards with the curriculum of American Government, an SHS class long taught by John Jacobson, who retired in June. Earlier this year, Perez was one of only two U.S. educators to receive the prestigious Frederick Douglass-James Madison Fellowship. The award supports teachers of American history, American government or civics to earn a master's degree.

"My biggest goal has always been to help my students feel empowered and feel like they can make a difference and impact their communities," he says. "The fellowship will help me continue to grow as an educator."

Two new teachers, Samantha Kehoe and Nicole Magin, will teach two new world history classes at SHS that add depth and breadth to the department's offerings.

At Shorewood Intermediate School, social studies teacher



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—SHS teacher Jesse Perez, 2023 winner of the Frederick Douglass-James Madison Fellowship

Sarah Kopplin, a 2023 Wisconsin Teacher of the Year, will pilot a new course for seventh graders: Civics and Contemporary Issues. Kopplin was also recently appointed president of the board of the Wisconsin Council for the Social Studies, non-profit organization that aims to promote the professional growth and development of social studies educators. (SHS's Perez also became a council delegate this year, enhancing Shorewood's representation at the state level.)

A new eighth-grade class, Wisconsin and US Studies: 1921-1984, will also be piloted at SIS. These changes, Kopplin explains, are designed to pave the way for students to continue their social studies education at SHS with a contemporary issues course in 2024-2025, completing the District's alignment to state standards for ninth-grade social studies.

For elementary grades, social studies curriculum workgroups are drawing on Wisconsin stories to provide context for the study of U.S. history, called place-based learning. This approach has shown that students have a deeper level of understanding and engagement when they are familiar with places and communities. Suggested content in kindergarten through second grade has a theme of "place," whereas the curricula for third through fifth grades have a common theme of "Wisconsin and U.S. Studies."

### Learning Beyond the Classroom

Reflecting on Shorewood's unique approach to student growth and achievement, Kopplin says that social studies is "a way of learning about what matters in life. Citizenship and community engagement have always been central to teaching and learning in Shorewood, and the new academic standards validate our work."

The new courses will also strengthen authentic learning in the District. "Authentic learning focuses on real-world topics and applying knowledge and skills to new issues," Schmidt says, "and that's where Mock Trial, Model United Nations, Investment Club, Youth Rising Up and other extracurricular and co-curricular programs become integral to a Shorewood education."

Model U.N. offers students opportunities to discuss international issues and role-play as the United Nations in events around the country. SHS Model U.N., advised by Schmidt, was one of only a few Wisconsin teams accepted to participate at conferences at both Harvard and Northwestern University this past school year. Students in Mock Trial role-play as real lawyers and witnesses in a courtroom, gaining valuable skills and knowledge of courts and the legal system. Perez coaches the SHS Mock Trial team, which finished second in the state tournament two of the past three years.

"Students in all of our schools have our support to explore their interests and values, and to develop their own civic mindsets," says Schmidt. "It's more important than ever to preparing them for the future." ■

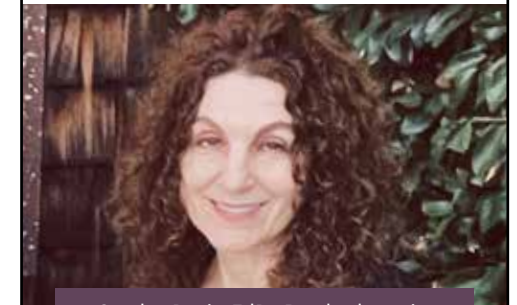
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Yoga instructor Joanna Brooks poses in the Shorewood Public Library, which offers a free, monthly class taught by Brooks and open to all.

brought new people to the library and introduced yoga to some who might not have otherwise considered taking a class.

"We have people of all ability levels, ages and ethnicities attending," Gerber says. "We have patrons practicing in full designer Lululemon outfits and patrons practicing in khakis and loafers. There are those who can completely fold themselves in half to touch their toes and some who can only bend forward a little bit. We really strive to help people feel welcome, and Joanna works hard to accommodate every individual."

Brooks founded Embody in 2015 with a mission to engage more Black people in the practice. Throughout her career, Brooks has used her voice, experience and skills as an

instructor and Black woman business owner to advocate for bringing more holistic wellness practices to communities of color. She has an enthusiastic following in Milwaukee, where her philosophy of inclusion, supportive instruction and rhythmic music selections have made her a highly sought-after instructor.

Her enthusiasm for the Shorewood program comes in part from the unique patronage of a small local library. An advocate for engaging new practitioners and meeting people where they are most comfortable, Brooks believes holding classes in a public space can feel more welcoming.

"Some people might be put off by the idea of a yoga studio or find it intimidating," she explains. "They may better understand the social script of a public library and be more inclined to give the classes a try."

Paid for through community donations, the program also provides yoga equipment such as mats, blocks and straps for patrons who don't have them. In addition, anyone with a library card can check out equipment to take home, a benefit Brooks finds remarkable.

"It really made my mouth drop when I heard they were going to let people check out yoga materials," Brooks says. "I haven't seen that anywhere. It shows an investment in and a commitment to people's wellness that is unusual and impressive."

Gerber acknowledges that the idea of using the library to hold yoga classes may not seem intuitive, but to her, it makes perfect sense. "It's been an innovative way to engage the public and support our mission to care for the whole person," she says. "The community has shown its support through attendance and donations, and I really hope we can continue the program for years to come." ■

VILLAGE FEATURE STORY

## Making Yoga Universal

Free library program extends practice beyond the studio to connect with a diverse population

BY JENNIFER ANDERSON | PHOTO BY PATRICK MANNING

When a friend suggested taking an online yoga class together during the pandemic, Jen Gerber was skeptical. She'd tried studio yoga, but never felt very welcomed or competent. "I logged into Zoom on my phone and thought, 'This is never going to work for me. I can barely see the instructor,'" Gerber recalls. "But as the class started, I realized how detailed Joanna's instructions were, how well she transitioned all of us into the poses. I didn't even need to look at my screen to see if I was doing it correctly. She was just that good."

"Joanna" was Joanna Brooks, owner of Milwaukee's Embody Yoga, and she had offered the free online classes to help people get through quarantine. When Gerber became the Shorewood Public Library's director, she reached out to Brooks to pitch the idea of creating a free yoga program there to help support the library's commitment to equity. She had recalled "how welcomed I felt in Joanna's online classes, like it was a community, and how equitable and available it was to all."

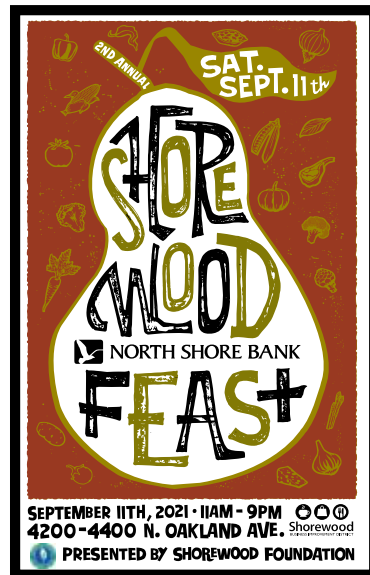
Brooks signed on and, since April, has led people of all ages, fitness levels and backgrounds in free monthly classes held at the Village Center. The sessions have been so well attended, Gerber says, that participants now spill out into the foyer. She says the program has

BID FEATURE STORY

# A Festival Feast

Find free family fun and fantastic food at Shorewood's ultimate block party

BY JENNIFER ANDERSON



Four years of the Feast: Each year, the event's logo has featured different fruits or vegetables.

The 4th Annual North Shore Bank Shorewood Feast, presented by the Shorewood Foundation, has grown into a high-energy street festival for all ages, and this year's event on Sat., September 9 has more attractions than ever. From noon to 9 p.m., the party will be hopping from the 4200-4400 blocks of North Oakland Ave., which will be closed off to usual street traffic for the all-day affair.

"There are going to be so many free, engaging activities for everyone to enjoy," says Janet Henning, BID director. "The BID has worked for months to find, schedule and sponsor a terrific lineup of entertainment for all ages. We think this is a great way to celebrate and showcase Shorewood and so many of the things we offer here: unique artists, amazing food and great live music."

The Feast will include two live music stages, one for local acts featuring music from School of Rock, Brio Studio and The Flood, and a main stage that will showcase popular musicians like Trapper Schoepp, Rob Knapp & Soul Patrol, and the always crowd-pleasing '80s band Radio Radio.

Casey Murdoch from Shorewest Northshore is generously sponsoring a kids' area with loads of family fun. Little ones can show off artistic creations from Mom & Daughter Facepainting and get their own balloon creations from Jest for Fun Joke Shop. Caricature artist Paul Merklein will be on hand from noon to 4 p.m. to draw funny portraits of adults and children, and anyone can try their hand at rock climbing on Adventure Rock's massive portable wall sponsored by Metro Market. All these activities are free.

Well-loved food truck vendors include Flour Girl & Flame, Pop's BBQ, Venture Taco and Pete's Pops,

among many others. Booths will feature the unique works of area artists like the James Steeno Gallery, which specializes in one-of-a-kind graphics of local maps and landmarks, and Paloma Wilder, who specializes in personalized, permanent bracelets, anklets and necklaces that are welded in place.

As visitors enjoy live music at the north end in the early evening, 125 diners will gather at the south end at a long table set up in the middle of North Oakland Ave. for the magical Harvest Feast. This six-course dinner features distinctive dishes from local chefs, served up by friendly volunteers. Tickets for the dinner typically sell out within hours of becoming available.

"The Feast is a celebration of our community and all the amazing people and businesses that call Shorewood home," says Village Trustee Arthur Ircink, an original founder of the Shorewood Feast. "We wanted there to be something for everyone, regardless of age or finances. The Feast has become so much more than just a dinner on the street. It's the ultimate neighborhood block party!" ■

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# ShorewoodEvents

## Fourth annual North Shore Bank Shorewood Feast Saturday, Sept. 9, Noon-9 p.m.

A feast fit for a Village, with food and fun for all ages, including artisan vendors, a kid zone, two live music stages, food trucks and the signature family-style dinner served in the middle of North Oakland Ave. For details, see the feature story on page 10 and visit [shorewoodwi.com](http://shorewoodwi.com).

## Stone Soup Shakespeare presents *Pericles, Prince of Tyre* Saturday, Oct. 7, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Enjoy a family-friendly outdoor theater experience on the Shorewood Public Library lawn. This production of the rarely performed *Pericles* features puppets, pirates and Shakespearean themes of mortality, deception, fate and free will. Bring a lawn chair or blanket, and let the play take you away! This event is generously funded by the Friends of the Shorewood Public Library.



## THE SHOREWOOD WATERS PROJECT'S Annual Fish & Feather Festival

Saturday, Oct. 7,  
11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Celebrate fall, the Milwaukee River, salmon running upstream and migrating birds in beautiful Hubbard Park. Bring your waders and wade among the salmon. A Kids Zone includes sidewalk chalk art, take-home art projects and temporary tattoos. Also enjoy food trucks and the beer garden!

## 26th Annual Masterworks Concert Tuesday, Oct. 24, 7 p.m.

This unique annual concert features the Shorewood High School chamber orchestra, concert choir and chamber choir, as well as the Shorewood Recreation Department's Choral Arts Society. Together, they will perform a classical masterwork at the beautiful St. Robert Church in Shorewood. Free and open to the public.



## VILLAGE TRICK OR TREAT

Sunday,  
Oct. 29,  
1-4 p.m.

## Shorewood Artists Guild Annual Exhibit

Thursday, Nov. 9, 5-9 p.m.

The Shorewood Artists Guild presents its annual art exhibit highlighting the work of local artists showcasing photography, original drawings and paintings, sculpture and more. Patrons can browse and buy original pieces – curated for professional quality and craftsmanship – directly from local creators, many of whom have exhibited in galleries or won awards. Held at The Atrium, 2107 E. Capitol Dr., the event is for all ages and includes food trucks out front and a cash bar at the venue's rooftop garden.

Guild artists will contribute 10 percent of all sales toward a scholarship for advanced art students at Shorewood High School. For more information, visit [shorewoodartistsguild.weebly.com](http://shorewoodartistsguild.weebly.com).



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## Shorewood Connects Fall Yard Clean-Up Saturday, Nov. 4, 9 a.m.

This community service project matches volunteers with older and disabled residents who need help raking and preparing their yards for winter. To volunteer, email Becca Pipkorn at [Shorewoodcleansup@gmail.com](mailto:Shorewoodcleansup@gmail.com). No assignment takes more than two hours!

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Foundation grant benefits Shorewood Nature Preserve

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From left: Katie Fisher, Helen Bolgrien, Moya Bowbray and Roland Schroeder, who weed the Shorewood Nature Preserve every Monday from 9 to 11 a.m. and secured a Shorewood Foundation grant to study and support the preserve.

Hidden in plain sight, the Shorewood Nature Preserve is one of the Village's lesser-known treasures. This self-guided hiking trail at 3950 N. Lake Drive, tucked between two residences and leading down the bluff to the Lake Michigan shoreline, offers a secluded sylvan retreat.

The preserve encompasses just over eight acres with two looped trails at the base and flaunts fields of early blooming blue scilla, tangles of wild grape vines and massive sugar maples. A narrow beach looks out at the lake, where ducks and seagulls jockey for space on the exposed rocks. Visitors should expect to share the space with assorted wildlife: coyote, deer and foxes have all been spotted in the preserve, peacefully going about their business.

While the Village Department of Public Works provides some maintenance and upkeep, a dedicated group of loyal volunteers formed the Friends of Shorewood Nature Preserve last year to protect and promote the preserve. The group's founding members have been informally caring for the preserve for over a dozen years, gathering to pull invasive garlic mustard and to enjoy this tranquil pocket of the Village.

"As close as it is to Lake Drive, you only have to go a few steps down into the ravine before all the traffic noise disappears and all you hear is birds, the rustling of the trees and the waves of Lake Michigan," says Roland Schroeder, one of the group's founders.

Last spring, the Friends group applied for and was awarded a \$5,856 grant from the Shorewood Foundation "to support the intended site evaluation, inventory and assessment of species, and identification of future property improve-

ments," according to the application. The group hired Marek Landscaping based on its reputation for land restoration and commitment to preserving the native environment, and commissioned a land survey to review issues of erosion, path placement and boundaries. The grant also supports training for volunteers on how to identify and eliminate invasive herbaceous plants.

"We wanted to better understand what's down there from a professional's perspective," says another group founder, retired environmental educator Moya Mowbray. Today, the group has gone well beyond pulling weeds to embracing a philosophy of stewardship toward the preserve.

"Even though it's a natural space, it's not going to take care of itself," Mowbray says.

The Village purchased or was gifted the lot in bits and pieces in the late 1970s and early '80s to spare the plot from condominium development and preserve its wild nature. It has become a favorite of migratory birds, and eager bird watchers have noted over 200 different species using this small preserve as a rest stop on their annual journeys. The Marek survey also found a total of 88 plant species and highlighted the importance of preserving the many large trees, such as Butternuts and Northern Red Oaks, that provide vital natural stability to the bluff.

"It's a special place where visitors can experience real peace," Mowbray says. "In today's world, it's more important than ever to protect these spaces where people can escape for a bit and have a chance to commune with nature." ■


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Vashti Lozier sits outside the Village Center. Her volunteer and nonprofit work centers around connecting Shorewood residents.

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## Building Bonds

Vashti Lozier's service to Shorewood brings residents together

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When Vashti Lozier moved to Shorewood with her family in 2007, she dove into school volunteerism. As a mom of three girls, she wanted to support the schools while also connecting with other parents. Since then, Lozier's engagement in Shorewood has grown exponentially, and she's helmed several local organizations that work to strengthen bonds among residents.

Lozier grew up in Rochester, N.Y., and moved to the Midwest from Germany, where the U.S. Army had based her native-Wisconsin husband, Luke. They looked at many Milwaukee-area communities before choosing Shorewood – for the schools and for the District's "amazing orchestra program" – a big draw for the girls.

Lozier quickly took on key roles, chairing Lake Bluff Elementary School's Hot Dog Day, acting as co-president of its Parent-Teacher Organization, chairing the auction for SEED's Swing with Shorewood annual fundraising gala and coordinating the bi-annual Shorewood Connects Yard Clean-Up.

Today, Lozier is the facilitator of Shorewood Connects, which was developed to help older residents age in place and contribute to Village life. Under her direction, the organization conducts "walk audits" that identify strengths and weakness of the Village's well-traveled streets and sidewalks. The group also

works with businesses to create age-friendly atmospheres and to support older residents and those with dementia. Lozier has helped develop initiatives including the AARP-sponsored Decades Dinner, bringing together residents from each decade of life to share a meal and a conversation around aging. She has also led outreach efforts to engage young families to donate time and energy to the community.

"Our goal has been to create a family tradition of volunteerism and helping older neighbors," Lozier explains. "It's a way to not only strengthen family bonds but also to encourage connections between generations of neighbors."

As a longtime Shorewood Woman's Club member, Lozier has been instrumental in organizing its regular candidate forums since 2018, initiating a partnership with the League of Women Voters to host an event known for civility and neighborliness. "We have a very engaged group of citizens in Shorewood who really care about local elections," Lozier says. "The Woman's Club works to support that in a safe and fair environment with these forums."

Those who have worked alongside Lozier – as an election worker, SEED volunteer (and next year's president), room parent, Orchestra Booster and more – have praised her quiet dedication, tenacious work ethic and creative problem-solving.

Although Shorewood Senior Resource Center Director Elizabeth Price insists that "no quote will do [Lozier] justice," she offers that "Vashti employs her vast network of connections in her mission to make Shorewood a better place. Thanks to her efforts, our Village has safer sidewalks, a thriving memory café and caregiver support group, and the fall yard clean-up day in partnership with the School District. Her passion for a friendly, welcoming community shines through all she does." ■



David Winger, Shorewood Community Fitness Center manager, demonstrates the new recumbent cross trainer that's more accessible to members with physical limitations.

RECREATION

## Inclusive Fitness

Rec Department's adaptive equipment broadens access

BY JILLIAN BEASTER | PHOTO BY PATRICK MANNING

Shorewood Community Fitness Center Manager David Winger knows that movement and physical wellness may look different for everyone, and has incorporated more adaptive equipment to suit the varying needs of members.

Winger has engaged in extensive research with the Orthopedic Hospital of Wisconsin to make the bridge for physical therapy clients exercising at the gym easier. He explains that treadmills and ellipticals can account for injuries at the gym, pushing him to also research safer machines, such as ellipticals that allow for easier entrances and exits.

Earlier this year, the T6 Max Recumbent Cross Trainer was added to the SCFC and helps members with physical limitations achieve their fitness goals. Primarily used in physical therapy, this model includes arm cranks, a 360° swivel seat, and has an accommodating weight capacity of up to 500 pounds.

"It allows more people to exercise here," Winger says. "One of our core values is accessibility, and the only way to [honor] that is by having various types of equipment."

Through a generous grant from the SEED Foundation, along with a donation from an SCFC member, the community provided resources to help cover around half the cost of the bike.

Since its introduction, many users have fallen in love with the new machine, including SCFC member Megan Breese.

"When I got started on it back in February, I got really addicted to it," Breese says. "The new machine makes me go to the gym more often."

In addition to adaptable machinery, the Recreation Department has included ADA-compliant removable steps in the VHE Pool at Shorewood High School. Perry Perkins, recreation supervisor, says the steps were necessary to improve the experience of pool users.

"This improved accessibility has opened up opportunities for those who were unable to experience the benefits of being in the water," he says.

As well as incorporating adaptive measures, the Fitness Center will train SHS special education aides on how to use equipment safely and efficiently with their students. Similarly, the Rec Department is developing swimming lessons for those in the community with disabilities or limitations.

"The Shorewood Recreation Department is committed to continually adapting to the needs of the community," Perkins says. "We are always looking for new and creative ways to meet the needs of more of our residents."

Winger adds that the Rec Department is interested in pursuing measures to support not only physical wellbeing but also mental wellness.

"Finding a way to help people not only physically, but cognitively, is a holistic approach to wellness and that is exactly aligned with our values," he says. ■

## Taste of the South

Nino's Southern Sides feeds a hankering for Southern American cuisine

BY JENNIFER ANDERSON | PHOTO BY PATRICK MANNING



Shorewood may be in the heart of the Midwest, but residents have a Southern food hook-up so good it'll make you want a gracious plenty.

Nino's Southern Sides, 4475 N. Oakland Ave., opened in 2015 and has gained a devoted following for its extensive menu of Southern cuisine's greatest hits. Here, hungry locals find staples like mouthwatering fried chicken and catfish, savory black-eyed peas and collard greens, and weekend specials like barbecued pigs' feet, seafood gumbo and pork chitterlings that sell out lickety-split.

And, bless your heart, don't you dare leave without sampling some of Nino's down-home desserts, including peach cobbler, pecan pie or banana pudding cheesecake.

Owner Valerie Daniels-Carter, whose family originally hails from Alabama, started the restaurant because she felt there was a hankering for Southern cuisine on Milwaukee's North Shore. "So many people migrated from the south to the north years ago and a lot of folks who grew up here in Wisconsin were raised on foods cooked by their Southern mothers and grandmothers," she explains.

### BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Restaurateur Valerie Daniels-Carter stands inside Nino's Southern Sides in Shorewood. Hers is the largest female-owned franchise organization in the country.

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Daniels-Carter, who named the restaurant after her high-spirited younger brother, is the founder, owner and CEO of V & J Holding Companies, Inc., which is nationally recognized as the largest female-owned franchise company in the country, according to the company website. In 2009, Daniels-Carter made two of *Essence* magazine's lists: she was among the "Top 10 Black Female Entrepreneurs" and one of the "50 Most Inspiring African Americans in the U.S."

For Nino's, Daniels-Carter has an all-star lineup of cooks who have added their own family recipes to the menu. "It's all cooked fresh," she says. "The cooks are back there peeling potatoes and shucking corn themselves." She adds that her cooks also constantly collaborate to develop new dishes. "I have a terrific team and they have brought some phenomenal dishes to our kitchen."

If she had to choose her last-ever meal, Daniels-Carter says, it would consist of Nino's fried pork with rice and gravy, a side of greens, and sweet potato pie to finish it off. However, she says, "This is authentic Southern comfort food. You can't go wrong with anything on the menu." ■

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EDUCATION  
SPOTLIGHT

Like many Shorewood High School alumni, Peter and Sarah Hammond have fond memories of their years as students. The Hammonds' affection for SHS runs deep, given it's where they met and fell in love nearly 40 years ago. Today, the two have teamed up as co-presidents of the Shorewood Alumni Association, spearheading activities that will celebrate the high school's 100th year in 2024.

"We both feel we wouldn't be where we are today were it not for the amazing experience we had at Shorewood High School," says Sarah. She was on the SHS gymnastics and swim teams, in musicals and captained the pom-pom squad, while Peter played football, ran track, was student council president and was deeply involved in the renowned drama program.

Today and while raising their four children (all SHS graduates), the couple has focused on community involvement. Sarah, the co-founder of an executive and life coaching firm, is a longtime member of the Shorewood SEED Foundation board and has managed countless fundraisers and events for her children's sports teams and clubs. Peter, a managing director at Milwaukee-based investment bank Robert W. Baird, was chair of the Shorewood Community

Development Authority for seven years, at the helm while the group strategized how to best support and encourage affordable housing in the Village. As co-chairs of the Alumni Association, their top goals are to strengthen the ties between alums and the school and raise critical funding. "We know that connection is one of the top indicators of life satisfaction and happiness," Sarah says. "Our hope is to build on the successes past alumni groups have had in bringing people together. We want people to come back to the schools to see their teachers and for students to be able to take advantage of all the knowledge and networks the alums have. There is so much potential to develop lasting bonds that can benefit everyone."

One part of that is to recognize the school's 100-year history and support initiatives that uphold the main pillars of the SHS mission: to educate students, to cultivate a desire for life-long improvement, and to nurture a sense of responsibility, integrity and good citizenship within the framework of a challenging curriculum.

To initiate the run-up to next year's centennial, the couple helped organize an all-class reunion this past July, a half-day party on the SHS front lawn complete with custom tee shirts, music and a bounce house, as well as a happy hour in Hubbard Park. SHS Principal Tim Kenney also gave tours highlighting recent SHS renovations.

"I had high hopes for the event as a way to kick-start enthusiasm for the centennial, but it exceeded my expectations," Kenney says. "Sarah and Peter's planning and teamwork resulted in a fantastic day that was enjoyed by generations of Shorewood grads. The Alumni Association is an integral part of our school community, and we are incredibly lucky to have them at the helm." ■

For more info on the centennial, visit [shorewood.k12.wi.us/apps/pages/alumni](http://shorewood.k12.wi.us/apps/pages/alumni) or [shorewoodseed.org/support/](http://shorewoodseed.org/support/).



Sarah and Peter Hammond, who met as students at Shorewood High School, are now spearheading the school's centennial events.

# Hi, Neighbor

## Young and Inspired

Lola Kahate-Desouza has created her place in the local art scene

BY JILLIAN BEASTER  
PHOTO BY PATRICK MANNING



Moving to Shorewood from Goa, India, four years ago, SHS senior Indira "Lola" Kahate-Desouza brought her creativity and artistic talent with her across the globe. Lately, the local art scene is taking notice.

The Shorewood High School art department has opened many doors for Kahate-Desouza, introducing her to opportunities to showcase her art on a larger scale. Urged to enter the Scholastic Art Award competition this year, Kahate-Desouza took home two Gold Key awards – qualifying her for national award consideration – and one Silver Key award for her works. All were then displayed for a month at the Milwaukee Art Museum.

Additionally, she was encouraged by SHS art teacher Jessica Mohagen to display her work at the Shorewood Artists Guild's "Art at the Atrium" event in 2022. The show's mission is to highlight local artists in a gallery setting, giving Kahate-Desouza the opportunity to sell and share her work. Among her featured works were two pieces from her AP Art class portfolio: *Meri Mama*, a mixed-media piece and dedication to her mother, and an animation called *Third Eye Bindi*, inspired by Kahate-Desouza's sister. She also sold stickers she had created for her mother's restaurant, Ruta's Fresh Indian Fare in Walker's Point.

After initially designing stickers and decals for the restaurant, Kahate-Desouza soon transitioned to creating multiple murals within the Ruta's space and is also designing promotional clothing. Kahate-Desouza says that creating merchandise for her mother's restaurant is "such a physical, tangible work of art that keeps growing."

 Young artist Lola Kahate-Desouza, whose artwork has won competitions, promoted her mother's local restaurant and appeared at the Milwaukee Art Museum.

Kahate-Desouza's childhood home in India was filled with work from local artists and pieces made by family friends, and she says she is noticing unintentional symbols in her work that reflect her culture and values. Femininity is a common theme, with ties to her female relatives: Her lines often imitate hair, as curly hair is prominent in her family. The Bindi – the red dot Hindu women wear on the forehead that alludes to a "third eye chakra" – also makes subtle appearances.

"I love the motifs that would emerge from my art without me meaning them to," Kahate-Desouza says. "That is how you discover your style; it all just comes together into a cohesive style of work that is personal to you."

Beyond AP Art's consistent deadlines, Kahate-Desouza easily finds inspiration in everything around her. Whether it be movies, books, sunsets, or everyday moments with friends or family, "everything keeps me engaged and reminds me of something I could make or have made in the past," she says. "Because my artwork is so centered around my life, family and my culture, I am constantly reminded of it, because I live in it. It all just happens, I don't have to push it."

As her unique style continues to evolve, Kahate-Desouza is excited to grow and develop as an artist. "To see yourself getting better [at art] is, to me, the biggest motivation," she says. ■

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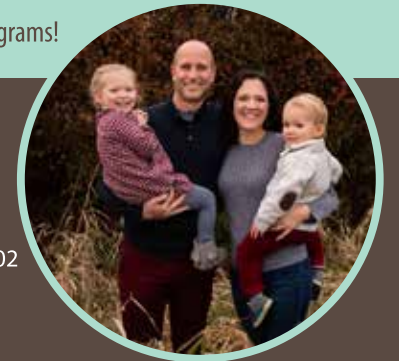
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To maintain this hard-won status and sustain safety as students head back to school, the Village aims to reinforce rules of the road and the responsibilities that come with being a safe and conscientious cyclist.

"People of all ages and abilities share our streets and sidewalks," says Katie Gnau, a local real estate agent who collaborated with the Shorewood Parks and Public Spaces Committee to develop a curriculum for the schools to use when teaching bike safety. "Courteous behavior by all of us – cars, bikes and pedestrians – makes it safer to get around the community."

Gnau's lessons ask young bikers to consider challenges others might face when traversing the Village. "Some people in Shorewood have trouble seeing, are not able to drive or may struggle with balance," one lesson states, and suggests that students discuss "how these people might feel about bikes and scooters on the sidewalk."

Cyclists must follow the same road rules as car drivers, such as stopping at lights and stop signs and yielding to pedestrians. Children under age 12 may ride on Village sidewalks, but should be taught to get off their bikes and walk when passing a sidewalk pedestrian and when using crosswalks.

Drivers in Shorewood also have a responsibility to keep our community safe, including observing school speed-limit zones, stopping for pedestrians in crosswalks, avoiding distractions and staying alert, as well as being mindful of bikes and pedestrians.



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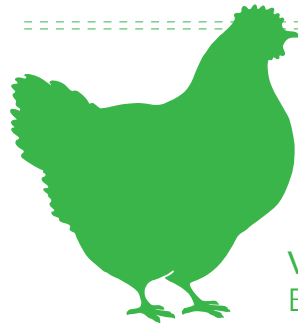
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# Shorewood Resources



## Village Board to consider BACKYARD CHICKENS

This fall, the Shorewood Village Board will consider adopting an ordinance to allow Shorewood residents to keep chickens, a practice not currently permitted.

Village Planning and Development Director Bart Griepentrog says he expects the Village Board to have him begin investigating the options in September, which will include exploring the ways other area municipalities handle the issue. The Board also anticipates discussing methods for community engagement on the subject. Any decision would not go into effect until 2024.

Currently, Wauwatosa, Glendale and Milwaukee all allow residents to keep up to four chickens – but no roosters – in a contained area in their yards.

In 2016, the Shorewood Village Board adopted an ordinance that allows residents to keep up to four colonies of honeybees on their private property, provided they obtain an annual permit and undergo an inspection.

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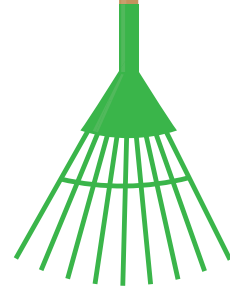
The Shorewood Department of Public Works is making its annual fall plea to residents: Please do not rake leaves from your lawns into the streets. Raking leaves into the street creates a number of problems that affect everyone.

Leaf piles in the roads create crowding on narrow Village streets, inhibiting safe traffic patterns. Dead leaves can clog up storm drains and cause street flooding, so residents should also take care to keep inlet drains free of leaves and other debris.

When leaves break down, they release phosphorus, also known as algae food. According to the Clean Lakes Alliance, leaves left in the streets “make a phosphorus-rich tea that washes down storm drains and directly into our lakes,” where it takes just one pound of phosphorus to produce 500 pounds of algae.

Instead, residents should rake their leaves onto the parkways, where they will be sucked up in due time by the DPW vacuum machine. Leaves can also be bagged with other yard waste for collection, or simply left on the lawn and mowed over to create a natural mulch that feeds the soil.

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In this SRC-exclusive wellness series, physical therapists will help you enjoy a safe and effective home fitness program.

Free; pre-registration required.

- Sept. 27: Managing Chronic Pain: Learn the "Pain Neuromatrix" theory and how to influence it to gain better pain control.
- Oct. 25: Stretch for Success: Learn a manageable routine to help improve flexibility and reduce injury.
- Nov. 29: Build a 10-Minute Home Workout: Learn how to maximize your workout to accomplish goals.

### Boost Your Brain & Memory Program

Thursdays, September 28–November 16, 1-2:30 p.m.

This evidence-based program series from the Aging and Disabilities Resource Center of Milwaukee can help you reduce the risk of developing memory issues. Free; pre-registration required.

### Qi Gong with Sherrod Milewski

Mondays, October 2–December 4, 10 a.m.

\$40 for the series; pre-registration with payment required.

### Fall-Risk Reduction: Six-Week Series

Thursdays, October 5–November 9, 9:30–10:15 a.m.

An evidence-based approach to improve mobility, balance and strength with the goal of reducing the risk and fear of falling. \$30; pre-registration with payment required.

## FUN AND GAMES

### Young at Heart SRC Players

Thursdays, September 7–December 14, 10:30 a.m.–noon

Explore your performing talents! All levels of experience or non-experience are welcome! You and your fellow stars will step into the spotlight in a performance at the SRC on December 13. \$35; pre-registration with payment required.

### Are you Game?

Mondays, Sept. 11–Dec. 18, 1-3:30 p.m.

Enjoy your favorite card or board games with old and new friends! Free.

**CONTACT US** Registration or questions: call 414.847.2727 or email: src@shorewoodwi.gov. Follow us at facebook.com/shorewoodSRC.

All programs are held in the Shorewood Village Center (lower level of the Shorewood Library building) unless otherwise indicated.

### One Hand Pizza, Secondhand Swap

Wednesday, December 6, 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Bring a gently used or new pre-owned item to exchange, then enjoy a variety of pizza! \$5; pre-registration required.

## IN THE KNOW

### Walking Shorewood History

Wednesdays, September 6 & October 4, 10-11:30 a.m.

Come along with Shorewood Historical Society volunteers for guided walks as we imagine the sights and sounds of early Shorewood. Meeting locations will be given the day before each walk. Free; pre-registration required.

- Sept. 6: **Oakland Avenue** – Past and present buildings and businesses along "Main Street" bear traces of the influence of early Village history. Changes highlight the evolving social and practical needs of our growing community.
- Oct. 4: **Ardmore and Woodburn** – Home building in northwest Shorewood accelerated after removal of a railroad spur that ran along Ardmore and Woodburn. We will observe the unique architecture of this area and talk about "fill-in" houses and post-WWII housing needs.

### Recharge Your Brain with Mental Fitness Activities

Monday, October 23, 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Presented by Carol Ann Skurulsky C.O.T.A., Ovation Communities. Free; pre-registration required.

### In-Person, One-to-One Tech Support by Appointment

Ongoing Fridays, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Schedule a 50-minute appointment with a tech tutor. Bring your portable device and get help learning how to make better use of your cell phone, laptop, iPad, etc. Free; appointments required.

### PROGRAMS FROM SHOREWOOD CONNECTS

#### Shorewood Memory Cafe

Second Friday of each month, 10:30 a.m.

The Memory Cafe is a relaxed social event for people living with mild memory loss and their care partners. This group meets in the cafe area of Metro Market at 4075 N. Oakland Avenue. If you're new to the cafe, please contact the SRC to register.

#### Fall Yard Clean-up

Saturday, November 4, 9 a.m.–noon

Community volunteers can rake and help clean up your yard for winter! Please contact the SRC for more information.



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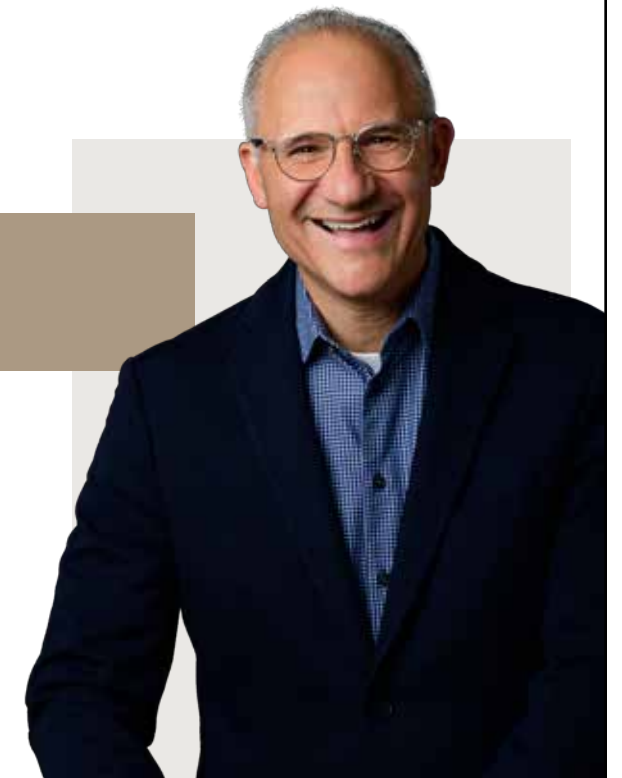
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# Shorewood A Look Back



These homes are among more than 150 Shorewood houses turning 100 this year. They represent diverse architectural styles.

## To Hundreds of Houses: Happy Centennial

If the walls of these Shorewood houses could talk, what a story they would tell.

Shorewood homes constructed in 1923 are celebrating a centennial. About 1,800 homes were constructed in Shorewood in the 1920s. According to assessor's records, 159 were built in 1923. They were all shapes and sizes and represented many popular architectural styles.

Although the majority of these homes were built east of North Oakland Avenue, there were also a few west of Oakland, especially north of East Kensington Boulevard. Most of the west side of the Village was developed later in the decade, after the land was acquired from the railroad and tracks were removed.

Many centennial homes have been renovated to make them more comfortable for 21st-century families. But past and present owners have preserved these well-built homes in such a way that they are looking good, even at age 100!

### Birthday Marker Sale in Progress!

Celebrate your home's birthday by purchasing a granite marker from the Shorewood Historical Society. There are already over 500 markers in place on the boulevards in front of Shorewood homes, representing birthdays from the 1880s through the 1950s. The sale runs through September 30.

To learn more and order a marker, visit [shorewoodhistory.org](http://shorewoodhistory.org).

Photos and information provided by the Shorewood Historical Society. For more information, visit [shorewoodhistory.org](http://shorewoodhistory.org).

**ESTABROOK PARK**  
 SUNDAYS | JUN 18 - OCT 29 | 9:30 - 1:00  
 Get the weekly vendor list at [ShorewoodFarmersMarket.com](http://ShorewoodFarmersMarket.com)

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# Shorewood **Fall Calendar**

SIS = Shorewood Intermediate School | SHS = Shorewood High School

## SEPTEMBER

**SUN. SEPT. 3** Shorewood Farmers Market  
9:30am-1pm, Estabrook Park (south end)  
*Runs through Oct. 29.*

**TUES. SEPT. 5** First Day of School for All  
Shorewood Schools

**SAT. SEPT. 9** 4th Annual North Shore Bank  
Shorewood Feast Noon-9pm, Shorewood  
Business District *For details, see page 10.*

**SAT. SEPT. 9** Yoga for All with Joanna Brooks  
12:30pm, Shorewood Village Center

**SAT. SEPT. 16** Shorewood Waters Project Tour  
of Native Plantings and Green Infrastructure  
12-1:30pm *Registration required at  
swp@shorewoodwi.gov.*

**TUES. SEPT. 19** Shorewood Woman's Club hosts  
Kinship's Vincent Noth, 1-3pm, Village Center

**TUES. SEPT. 26** Shorewood Waters Project  
presents Natural Shorewood: DIY Green Cleaning  
and Lawn Care 6-7:30pm, Hubbard Park Lodge  
*Registration required at swp@shorewoodwi.gov.*

**FRI-SAT. SEPT. 29-30** SHS Homecoming  
Weekend Festivities

**SAT. SEPT. 30** Last day to order your home's  
birthday marker *For details, see p. 24.*

## OCTOBER

**WED. OCT. 4** Shorewood School District  
Walk or Bike to School Day

**SAT. OCT. 7** 10th Annual Shorewood Fish &  
Feather Festival 11am-3pm, Hubbard Park

**SAT. OCT. 7** Stone Soup Shakespeare presents  
*Pericles* 5pm, Shorewood Public Library

**WED. OCT. 11** Author visit: Jeannee Sacken  
6:30pm, Shorewood Village Center

**SAT. OCT. 14** Yoga for All with Joanna Brooks  
12:30pm, Shorewood Village Center

**TUES. OCT. 17** Shorewood Woman's Club  
Breast Cancer Awareness Program 1-3pm,  
Village Center

**TUES. OCT. 24** 26th Annual Masterworks  
Concert 7pm, St. Robert Church

**THURS. OCT. 26-SAT. OCT. 28** SHS Fall Play  
7pm, SHS Gensler Auditorium

**SUN. OCT. 29** Village Trick-or-Treat 1-4pm

## NOVEMBER

**SAT. NOV. 4** Shorewood Connects Fall Yard  
Clean-Up 9am-noon *For details, see page 12.*

**THURS. NOV. 9** Shorewood Artists Guild  
Annual Art Show 5-9pm, The Atrium  
*For details, see page 12.*

**FRI. NOV. 10-SAT. NOV. 11** SHS AFS  
wShowcase 7pm SHS Gensler Auditorium

**SAT. NOV. 11** Yoga for All with Joanna  
Brooks 12:30pm, Shorewood Village Center

**TUES. NOV. 21** Shorewood Woman's  
Club hosts Cordelia Harvey 1-3pm,  
Village Center

**THURS. NOV. 30** SHS Orchestra Concert  
7pm, Gensler Auditorium

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**SAT. DEC. 2** The Shorewood BID's  
Winterfest



**TIPS ON  
RAKING  
LEAVES**

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