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Block Parties		
Authority:	Shorewood Village Board	

The Village Board is adopting Policy No. 4 for the purpose of setting guidelines for block parties within the Village of Shorewood.

Having a Block Party in Shorewood

Summer in Shorewood is a great time to hold a block party. It is a good time for neighbors to get together and strengthen those community ties which help make Shorewood a great place to live. To assist residents in planning the party, blocking the street, and most important, having a safe party, the Shorewood Village Board adopted the following policy:

Purpose

The purpose of this Village policy concerning block parties is twofold. The first is to help provide an orderly and safe procedure for closing the streets for block parties. The second is to alert and solicit the cooperation of the street's residents.

Notification

- Most blocks have found it easiest to appoint either a small committee or one resident to chair the organization of the block party.
- Choose a block resident to serve as the coordinator with the Village.
- Determine the date and hours of the party. It is best to try and include a rain date as well.
- The chairperson or member of the committee should circulate a petition to get permission from the residents of the street to close it. This petition basically advises the Village that there are no objections to the street being closed. To help us in our planning, it is appreciated that the petitions be either delivered or mailed to the Village Manager's Office at least **three weeks** before your planned block party. This time allows the Manager to inform the Police and Fire Departments of the planned event, as well as let the Public Works Department know so the delivery of barricades may be scheduled. Following approval, the Village Manager will send a letter to the block party chairperson.

Safety Concerns

Because the street will need to be closed to traffic, the event may only be held between the hours of 9 a.m. and 8:30 p.m. (During Daylight Savings Time, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.) unless lighted barricades are used on the day of the event. In either case, the party may not go beyond 10 p.m. when the Village's noise ordinance goes into effect.

When the street is closed, it must be from intersection to intersection, or, in the case of cul-de-sacs, from the cul-de-sac to its intersection with the adjoining street. For safety reasons, no partial block closing will be permitted.

Parties which plan to go beyond 8:30 p.m. (8 p.m. during Daylight Savings) will require the use of lighted barricades. Depending on other demands, these barricades may not be available on the requested dates and will be provided on a first request basis.

The Village Department of Public Works will deliver a sufficient number of street barricades to the end of the block on the work day preceding the party and will pick up the barricades at the same location on the next working day following the party. It is the responsibility of the chairperson to erect and maintain the barricades in a proper position during the time the street is closed. Naturally, after the time period for which the street may be closed has expired, the barricades should be promptly removed.

For the sake of safety, it is strongly suggested that vehicles not use the closed street except in the case of an emergency. Residents who plan to use their cars on the day of the party are encouraged to move them from the block before barricades are placed and not to return them until the party is over. Children have a tendency to enjoy playing in the street and running across it without looking when it is closed. In addition, if possible, cars should not be parked on the closed street.

Use of Alcohol

If alcoholic beverages are served at your party, responsible use is urged. Further, use of alcohol by individuals under the age of 21 is against the law.

Consideration of Neighbors

On previous occasions the Village has received complaints from neighborhoods on adjoining blocks about loud noises, etc. Please be considerate of them and refrain from using loud music, especially in the evening hours. Any complaints received by the Police concerning the party will be brought to the attention of the block party chairperson for correction if necessary. We also ask that the street be cleaned of litter after the party.

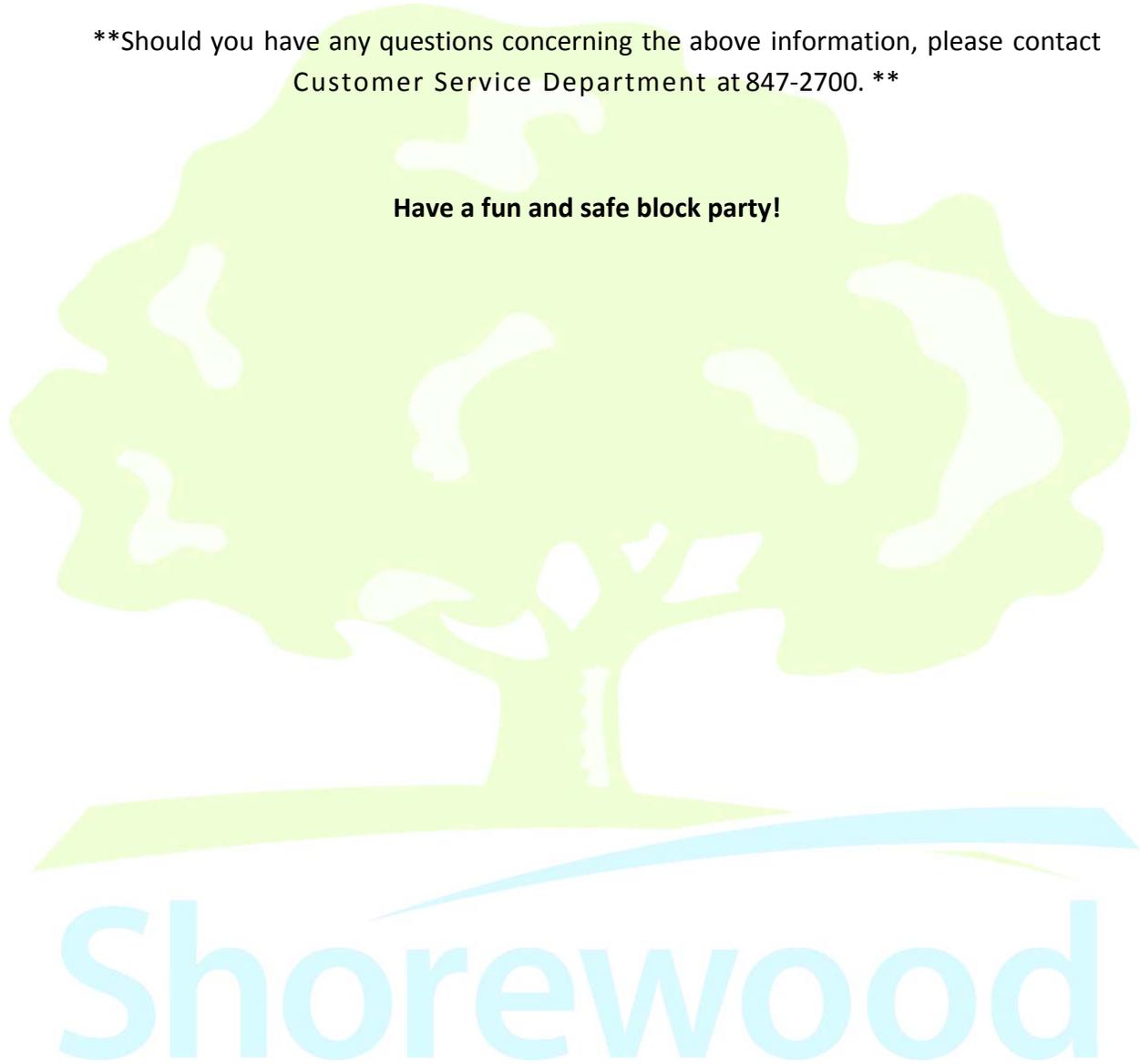
Streets Where Block Parties Are Prohibited

Due to traffic conditions, block parties may not be held on the following streets:

E. Capitol	N. Oakland
N. Wilson	N. Lake
E. Edgewood	N. Maryland
N. Murray (south of E. Capitol Drive)	N. Downer (south of E. Capitol Drive)
N. Morris (south of E. Capitol Drive)	

****Should you have any questions concerning the above information, please contact Customer Service Department at 847-2700. ****

Have a fun and safe block party!



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