

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

DEAR NEIGHBORS.

AS WE TRANSITION INTO THE HOLIDAY SEASON, I WANT TO TAKE A MOMENT TO EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE FOR OUR VIBRANT COMMUNITY. WHETHER YOU HAVE LIVED HERE FOR 30+ YEARS OR ARE NEW TO OUR NEIGHBORHOOD, WE ARE THANKFUL YOU ARE HERE.

A LITTLE ABOUT ME

I HAVE BEEN A RESIDENT OF SHOREWOOD SINCE 2006 AND LOVE OUR COMMUNITY SO MUCH THAT WHEN IT WAS TIME TO PURCHASE A LARGER HOME IN 2010, I MADE SURE TO STAY IN OUR COMMUNITY. MY HUSBAND AND I HAVE RAISED 3 CHILDREN HERE, SYDNEY 21, IRELYNN 16 AND GAGE 11. WHEN NOT WORKING AS A DIRECTOR OF SALES, I AM THE BUSY MANAGER OF WHAT WE FONDLY CALL THE GRIFFITH POOL AND ZOO, ASK ME WHY AT OUR NEXT MEETING!

COMMUNITY SAFETY

AS WE CELEBRATE THE SEASON, LET'S REMEMBER TO KEEP OUR COMMUNITY SAFE. PLEASE ENSURE THAT WALKWAYS ARE SHOVELED, CLEAR OF DECORATIONS, AND THAT OUTDOOR LIGHTS ARE FUNCTIONING. IF YOU NOTICE ANYTHING UNUSUAL, REPORT IT TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES TO HELP KEEP OUR NEIGHBORHOOD SAFE.

FEEDBACK AND SUGGESTIONS

YOUR THOUGHTS AND IDEAS ARE ESSENTIAL AS WE PLAN FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR. WE WILL HAVE AN OPEN FORUM DURING OUR ANNUAL MEETING ON FEBRUARY 11TH, 2025 AND LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND ENGAGEMENT. WISHING YOU ALL A JOYFUL AND SAFE HOLIDAY SEASON!

WARMEST WISHES, KRISTI GRIFFITH

NOTICE OF 2025 ANNUAL MEETING



SAVE THE DATE! THE 2025 ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2025 AT 6:30PM AT WESTVIEW ALLIANCE CHURCH (9804 ILLINOIS ROAD).

WHY THE SHIFT FROM THE MAY/JUNE TIMEFRAME TO FEBRUARY?

- WE ARE HOPING MORE NEIGHBORS CAN ATTEND SINCE IT WON'T BE DURING A SUMMER MONTH
- IT ALIGNS CLOSER WITH THE START OF OUR FISCAL YEAR, WHICH ALLOWS FOR AN EARLIER REVIEW OF THE BUDGET FOR THE PAST YEAR AND CURRENT YEAR

WE WILL VOTE ON THREE OPEN BOARD POSITIONS AT THE ANNUAL MEETING. NOMINATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 1, 2025, PER THE SHOREWOOD BY-LAWS.
VISIT WWW.SHOREWOODFW.COM. FOR DETAILS.

TREASURER'S REPORT

THE 2025 ANNUAL BUDGET IS NOW POSTED TO OUR WEBSITE AND THE FINAL 2024 FINANCIAL STATEMENT WILL BE POSTED BY JANUARY 15, 2025. IN RESPONSE TO FEEDBACK WE RECEIVED AT THE 2024 ANNUAL MEETING, WE'VE RENAMED SOME EXPENSE CATEGORIES ON THE MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND INCLUDED DETAILED DESCRIPTIONS ON THE SHOREWOOD WEBSITE.

HOA DUES WILL INCREASE BY 10% IN 2025 DUE TO RISING COSTS IN SEVERAL AREAS. INFLATION HAS IMPACTED THE COST OF SERVICES LIKE SNOW REMOVAL, LANDSCAPING, AND POND MAINTENANCE. ADDITIONALLY, WE WANT TO AVOID DIPPING INTO OUR RESERVE FUNDS, WHICH ARE CRUCIAL FOR FUTURE NEEDS AND UNEXPECTED EXPENSES. WE UNDERSTAND THAT ANY INCREASE IN DUES CAN BE CHALLENGING, AND WE APPRECIATE YOUR UNDERSTANDING AS WE NAVIGATE THE NECESSARY CHANGES. OUR GOAL IS TO CONTINUE ENHANCING THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN OUR COMMUNITY WHILE MANAGING EXPENSES RESPONSIBLY. BY ADJUSTING DUES, WE CAN ENSURE THAT THESE ESSENTIAL SERVICES CONTINUE WITHOUT COMPROMISING THE LONG-TERM FINANCIAL HEALTH OF OUR COMMUNITY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND COMMITMENT TO OUR COMMUNITY. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS, PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO REACH OUT.

RAINY SUMMERTIME FUN

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO CAME OUT TO OUR NEIGHBORHOOD BBO IN AUGUST! WE ENJOYED AN HOUR OF LIVE MUSIC, BOUNCE HOUSES, A FOOD AND ICE CREAM TRUCK, AND MORE BEFORE THE RAIN AND WIND BLEW THROUGH AND CRASHED OUR PARTY!

WE'RE ALREADY BRAINSTORMING FOR NEXT YEAR'S EVENT (KNOWING A RAIN PLAN IS A MUST!) IF YOU HAVE IDEAS FOR OUR NEIGHBORHOOD BBQ, WE'D LOVE TO HAVE YOU ON THE PLANNING COMMITTEE. CONTACT AMY SCHENKEL AT HOA@SHOREWOODFW.COM TO HELP MAKE NEXT YEAR'S EVENT THE BEST YET!













OUR GENEROUS SPONSORS IN ATTENDANCE WEREN'T ABLE TO CONNECT WITH MANY NEIGHBORS DUE TO THE RAIN SO WE'D LIKE TO SHARE THEIR CONTACT INFO IF YOU'RE IN THE MARKET FOR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SERVICES:

- LIONSHIELD CONSTRUCTION (OWNED BY NEIGHBOR, TED RONDEAU): 317.371.5459
- MOSOUITO SHERIFF (LOCALLY OWNED BY THE WRIGHT FAMILY): 888-248.2284
- HOAGBURG ORTHODONTICS (LOCATED AT 9409 ILLINOIS RD.): 260.486.4400
- ROB SQUATRITO, EXP REALTY (NEIGHBOR IN SHOREWOOD): 317.217.9006
- KOORSEN FIRE & SECURITY (NEIGHBOR, SHERRY MILLER'S EMPLOYER): 260.247.9922

COMMON SPACE COMMITTEE

SHOREWOOD HAS A FEW COMMON **SPACES** THROUGHOUT THE NEIGHBORHOOD THAT ARE HIGHLY UNDER UTILIZED. WE WOULD LIKE TO PUT TOGETHER A GROUP OF HOMEOWNERS THAT CARE ABOUT THE UTILIZATION AND FUTURE OF OUR COMMON SPACES. THIS GROUP WOULD MEET A FEW TIMES A YEAR TO DISCUSS AND HELP IMPLEMENT



NEW IDEAS. AS WELL AS BRING UP ANY **COMMON AREA** CONCERNS. INTERESTED? EMAIL **AUSTIN JACOBY FOR INFORMATION** REGARDING THE COMMITTEE'S FIRST MEETING.

2024 HOLIDAY LIGHT CONTEST

HAUL OUT THE HOLLY AND STRING UP THE LIGHTS! IT'S TIME FOR OUR 2024 HOLIDAY LIGHT CONTEST! WE LOVE SEEING THE FRIENDLY COMPETITION THROUGHOUT THE NEIGHBORHOOD THIS TIME OF YEAR AND AFTER THE IMPRESSIVE HALLOWEEN

DECOR WE SAW. THERE'S NO DOUBT WE'LL HAVE SOME **AMAZING LIGHT DISPLAYS THIS DECEMBER! OFFICIAL DETAILS** ARE POSTED ON **OUR FACEBOOK** PAGE AND ON **OUR WEBSITE.**





AS YOU BEGIN TO PLAN FOR SPRINGTIME EXTERIOR HOME IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, DON'T FORGET TO SUBMIT AN ARCHITECTURAL REQUEST VIA THE HOA LIFE PORTAL. THE COVENANTS REQUIRE AN ARCHITECTURAL REQUEST FOR ANY OUTDOOR PROJECT THAT ADDS, ALTERS, OR REMOVES ANYTHING ON THE OUTSIDE OF OUR HOMES, INCLUDING COLOR AND MATERIAL CHANGES FROM THE ORIGINAL.

TO LOG IN, VISIT WWW.HOALIFE.COM. YOU'LL BE ASKED FOR YOUR PROPERTY ADDRESS AND A PIN NUMBER THAT IS UNIQUE TO YOUR LOT. TO OBTAIN THE PIN NUMBER FOR YOUR LOT, PLEASE EMAIL HOA@SHOREWOODFW.COM.

IMPORTANT DATES 2025

JANUARY 1: ANNUAL DUES ARE DUE

FEBRUARY 11: ANNUAL MEETING, 6:30PM WESTVIEW ALLIANCE CHURCH

MAY 15-17: SPRING GARAGE SALE WEEKEND **FALL GARAGE SALE WEEKEND** SEPTEMBER 11-13:

DATE OF EASTER EGG HUNT AND OTHER SOCIAL ACTIVITIES TO BE DETERMINED



2ND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH: HOA MONTHLY BOARD MEETING, 6:30PM AT WESTVIEW ALLIANCE CHURCH



