

# **NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER**

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS, SHOREWOOD! CAN YOU BELIEVE THE HOLIDAY SEASON AND NEW YEAR ARE ALREADY UPON US AGAIN?

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF YOU FOR THE GREAT YEAR WE'VE HAD IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD. WE'VE ACCOMPLISHED MORE THIS YEAR IN TAKING CARE OF THE COMMON PROPERTY, UPGRADING ITEMS, CONNECTING NEIGHBORS WITH EVENTS, AND IN KEEPING OUR NEIGHBORHOOD LOOKING GOOD. THE BEST PART - IT WASN'T JUST FROM THE WORK OUR BOARD MEMBERS ARE DOING. IT'S FROM THE MANY HOMEOWNER VOLUNTEERS WHO HAVE HELPED WITH EVERYTHING FROM SETTING UP EVENTS, CLEANING UP THE DEBRIS FROM THE SMASHED WALL UP FRONT, TO HOSTING NEIGHBORHOOD BBQS AND BLOCK PARTIES, DECORATING THE ENTRANCE. AND MUCH MORE.

IT HAS BEEN A GREAT YEAR FROM AN HOA STANDPOINT WITH FEWER COVENANT VIOLATIONS, MANY MORE ARCHITECTURAL REQUESTS WHICH HAVE BEAUTIFIED OUR NEIGHBORHOOD, AND LESS NEIGHBOR COMPLAINTS. OUR BOARD THEME FOR OUR NEIGHBORHOOD IS "CONNECTING." AS A BOARD, WE'RE MANDATED TO OVERSEE ALL OF THE PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED ITEMS BUT OUR PASSION IS TO CONNECT OUR NEIGHBORHOOD AS PEOPLE IN A THRIVING COMMUNITY. WE PLAN ON CONTINUING TO FIND WAYS TO DO THIS AND LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR HELP. PLEASE CONTACT US WITH ANY SUGGESTIONS YOU HAVE AND IF YOU'D LIKE TO VOLUNTEER TO BE ON ONE OR MORE OF OUR NEIGHBORHOOD COMMITTEES.

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT ME OR ANY OTHER BOARD MEMBER WITH RESPECT TO ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS YOU MAY HAVE. 2024 WILL NO DOUBT BE ANOTHER GREAT GROWTH YEAR IN THE COMMUNITY OF SHOREWOOD. I HOPE YOU ALL HAVE A WONDERFUL HOLIDAY SEASON WITH YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILIES.

DOUGLAS ROUTH, PRESIDENT

#### WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD!

IN SEPTEMBER, BOARD MEMBER AT LARGE, LEIGH ANN ROUTH, CREATED A WELCOME PACKET TO DELIVER TO NEW NEIGHBORS. THIS PACKET INCLUDES INFORMATION ABOUT THE HOA LIFE PORTAL, A QUICK REFERENCE SHEET OF WHO TO CONTACT WHEN AND ALSO A COUPON TO RUBY'S SWEET TREATS!





#### SNOWFALL REMINDERS

AS THE TEMPERATURE DROPS, WE WANTED TO ASK THE FOLLOWING FROM OUR RESIDENTS TO ENSURE THAT FUTURE SNOW REMOVAL IS EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT, THUS SAVING THE ASSOCIATION MONEY:

- PLEASE ENSURE ALL TRASH CANS ARE PLACED AT THE END OF THE DRIVEWAY AND NOT IN THE STREET
- PLEASE ENSURE ALL VEHICLES ARE REMOVED FROM THE STREET, INCLUDING CUL-DE-SACS, AND PARKED IN DRIVEWAYS DURING A SNOWFALL
- PLEASE CLEAR YOUR RESPECTIVE SIDEWALK. IT IS NOT ONLY CITY CODE, BUT IT ALSO BEING A GOOD
  NEIGHBOR. THIS ALLOWS OUR SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN TO HAVE A PLACE TO WAIT AT BUS STOPS AND
  OUR NEIGHBORHOOD WALKERS TO REMAIN SAFE, OUT OF THE STREETS.

LET'S HOPE MOTHER NATURE GOES EASY ON THE MIDWEST THIS YEAR!

## **NEIGHBOR SPOTLIGHT - MEET RUBY!**

RUBY IS A SHOREWOOD RESIDENT WHO STARTED BAKING WITH HER GRANDMA WHEN SHE WAS 8 YEARS OLD. NOW. AT 12. SHE HAS BEEN SELLING HER BAKED GOODS TO THE SHOREWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD VIA FACEBOOK FOR THE PAST YEAR AND EVEN HAD A TABLE AT THE 2023 SHOREWOOD EASTER EGG HUNT!

RUBY'S DELICIOUS MENU INCLUDES (BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO) PINEAPPLE UPSIDE DOWN CAKE/CUPCAKES. COOKIES, CINNAMON ROLLS, CARROT CAKE, STRAWBERRY CAKE, KEY LIME PIE, CREAM PUFFS AND GERMAN CHOCOLATE CAKE. SOME WEEKS SHE EVEN TAKES SPECIAL REQUESTS!

RUBY NOT ONLY ENJOYS BAKING (SHE SAID CUPCAKES ARE HER FAVORITE SWEET TO MAKE). BUT SHE IS ALSO RAISING MONEY FOR HER FUTURE. SHE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE A BAKING CAREER AND IS SAVING THE MONEY FROM RUBY'S SWEET TREATS FOR COLLEGE.

KEEP AN EYE ON THE SHOREWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD FACEBOOK PAGE TO SEE WHAT RUBY IS BAKING NEXT AND TO PLACE YOUR ORDER!

### 2023 HOLIDAY LIGHT CONTEST

THE WEATHER IS GETTING COLDER AND THE SHOREWOOD STREETS ARE GETTING BRIGHTER AS OUR NEIGHBORS PUT UP THEIR OUTDOOR HOLIDAY DECORATIONS AND LIGHTS! WHO IS UP FOR ANOTHER YEAR OF FRIENDLY COMPETITION? CAN THE CYR FAMILY ON VALLEY VISTA KEEP THEIR WINNING STREAK ALIVE?

SUBMIT YOUR ENTRY FOR THIS YEAR'S CONTEST BY EMAILING ONE PHOTO OF YOUR EXTERIOR DECORATIONS ALONG WITH YOUR ADDRESS TO HOA@SHOREWOODFW.COM BY FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8TH.

A MAP OF ELIGIBLE HOMES WILL BE POSTED TO FACEBOOK AND OUR WEBSITE ON DECEMBER 10TH, WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO TAKE A DRIVE AROUND SHOREWOOD TO VIEW ALL OF THE HOMES BEFORE VOTING FOR YOUR FAMILY'S FAVORITE!

VOTING WILL TAKE PLACE ON WWW.SHOREWOODFW.COM BEGINNING ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10TH AND ENDING ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 18TH AT 11:59PM ET. OFFICIAL CONTEST RULES ARE POSTED ON WWW.SHOREWOODFW.COM.





HOA LIFE IS A SOFTWARE THAT THE BOARD USES TO MANAGE THE ASSOCIATION AND COMMUNICATE DIRECTLY WITH RESIDENTS. THROUGH HOA LIFE, HOMEOWNERS CAN MESSAGE THE BOARD, SUBMIT AN ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW REQUEST, SEE ACCOUNT VIOLATIONS AND SUGGEST OTHER VIOLATIONS ANYNOYMOUSLY TO THE BOARD. TO LOG IN, VISIT WWW.HOALIFE.COM. UPON LOGIN, YOU'LL BE ASKED FOR YOUR PROPERTY ADDRESS AND A PIN NUMBER THAT IS UNIQUE TO YOUR LOT. IF YOU NEED THE PIN NUMBER FOR YOUR LOT, EMAIL HOA@SHOREWOODFW.COM.

## **IMPORTANT DATES 2024**

JANUARY 1, 2024: ANNUAL DUES ARE DUE 2ND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH: HOA BOARD MEETING, 6PM AT WESTVIEW ALLIANCE CHURCH JUNE 11, 2024: ANNUAL MEETING

DATES FOR THE SPRING / FALL GARAGE SALES, EASTER EGG HUNT AND NEIGHBORHOOD NIGHT OUT ARE FORTHCOMING



