

January, February, March 2023



Chamber Chat *Issue #1 for 2023*
Sharon Chamber of Commerce
Business & Community Working Together
PO Box 383 Sharon, Wisconsin 53585

Sharon Chamber of Commerce Updates



The Sharon Chamber of Commerce had an extremely busy 2022. We were able to get the organization refiled at both levels, the Federal as well as the State. We had quite a few loop holes to jump through, but are now moving ahead at full speed. We would like to **Thank Everyone** for your patience and understanding, and ask for it to continue as we strive to bring the organization back to what it can be.

- With your continued support we were able to fund the Sharon Chamber of Commerce Scholarship for a Sharon Graduate, class of 2022-2023.
- Included **21** Business Plaques on the Welcome to Sharon Chamber sign.
- Re-established the Citizen of the Year Award.
- Established a Member-to-Member Discount Program.
- Donated to the Sharon Food Pantry, to help Families in need.
- Donated to Toy's for Tot's, to brighten Christmas Morning for children.
- Provided Welcome Bags to the new residents in the Village.
- Published the quarterly Chamber Chat Newsletters. Which we all hope you enjoyed reading. We are always accepting articles of interest, send them to any of the Chamber board members for review.
- Participated in and Volunteered for Model A Day & Victorian Christmas.

Plans for 2023

- Most Importantly we would like to Thank all our members that have chosen to Renew their Membership.
- Our 2023 Membership Renewal dues have had **no increase** for the new year.
- Continued efforts to promote our local businesses and develop working relationships with them.
- Getting our website up and running.
- Arrange hanging Planters for the Downtown District.
- Continuation and possible enlargement of the Sharon Chamber of Commerce Scholarship.
- The Chamber is working towards "**Art in Sharon**". A group of artists in Sharon, creating beautiful art murals throughout the village. If you are a building owner and would be interested in offering up an outside wall for a mural, please reach out to Jessica Bauman at: Jessica.bauman@live.com

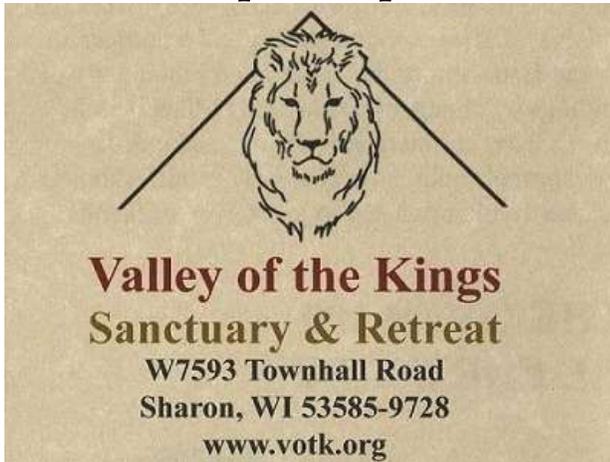
The Sharon Chamber of Commerce is always in need of Individuals interested in joining our committees for planning purposes, our long-range planning for future events, and the betterment of the organization. You do not have to pay for a membership to become involved, everyone is welcome to join us. **We will be having Monthly Meetings on the 3rd Sunday of every month at 3:00 pm, at the Christ Lutheran Church. Please come and join us, All are welcome to attend.** If you would like to be a **Voting Member**, then you would have the option of becoming a Supporting Member, the Yearly fee for a Supporting Member is \$25.00.



Please get involved and join us, to help us keep this organization moving forward. Get involved, together we can accomplish more. Feel free to contact Jessica Bauman, from the Sharon Chamber of Commerce at Jessica.bauman@live.com or give her a call at 815-517-2548

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A Very Big "Thank You" to Valley of the Kings for their ongoing Sponsorship



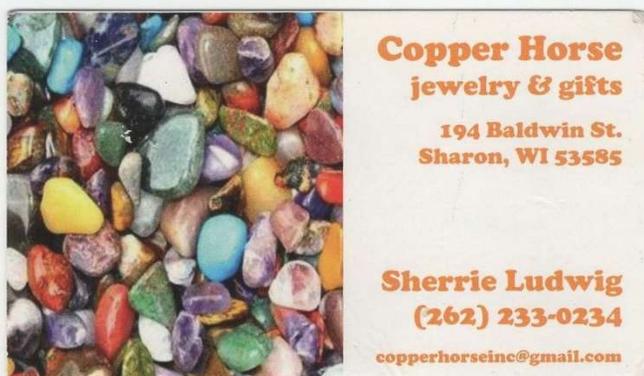
Valley of the Kings Sanctuary & Retreat is a nonprofit tax-exempt charity which depends on donations and support from the public. Go to their website: <https://votk.org> or Face Book Page, for information on how to support them and their needs.

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Copperhorseinc@gmail.com (262) 233-0234.



Winter in Full Swing Time to think Snowmobile Fun



The club meets every month throughout the year. Our meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of every month. Meetings start at 6:30 pm and meet at the Dawson home. We are always looking for members to join our club.

For information contact: Bill or Sherrie Dawson at: bsdawson@sharontelephone.com

A Quick Reminder of the Village Ordinance on Snow Removal

Sec. 30-7. Snow and ice removal.

(a) *Responsibility of owner, occupant, etc.* With the exception of lots zoned B-1 central business district, the owner or occupant of any lot or land, within the village, abutting upon any public street along the line of which a sidewalk shall have been constructed, shall, whenever the sidewalk shall be encumbered with snow or ice, clear the same from the sidewalk within 24 hours after the cessation of each storm. For lots zoned B-1 central business district, if four inches or more of snow or ice encumber the sidewalk, it shall be the duty of the public works department to clear the sidewalks within 24 hours of the cessation of each storm; when less than four inches of snow or ice encumber the sidewalk, owner or occupants of lots zoned B-1 central business district shall be subject to all provisions of this section. In case it is impossible or impractical to remove the ice from the sidewalk, it shall be treated with sand, salt or some other substance, until removed, so that the sidewalk will not be slippery or dangerous to pedestrians. In case of the failure of any owner or occupant to remove the ice from the sidewalk, it shall be the duty of the public work department to do so, and the expense of the removal or treatment shall be invoiced to the property. If the invoice is not paid within 30 days, the invoice shall become a special tax or charge against the property to be collected in the manner specified. The village administrator-clerk-treasurer shall keep an accurate account of the expenses of clearing ice and snow from each lot or parcel land. The administrator-clerk-treasurer shall annually enter unpaid invoices in the tax roll as a special charge against each lot or parcel of land found in violation of this chapter, and the expense shall be collected in all respects like other general property taxes upon real estate. The amount to be charged for snow and ice removal or treatment shall be set from time to time by resolution of the village board.

(b) *Deposit in street restricted.* No person shall cause snow from his premises to be deposited onto the abutting sidewalk or onto any street in the village without a permit from the village board, which may require payment of a fee sufficient to reimburse the village for the cost of removing any snow so deposited.



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Monthly Meetings and Reminders

Village Committee Meetings: Agendas are published on the Village of Sharon website at villageofsharon.com.

All Committee and Board meetings are held at the Village Hall on a Monthly Basis

General Operation First Tuesday 5:30 pm

Streets & Parks First Tuesday 6:00 pm

Public Utilities First Tuesday 6:30 pm

Public Safety-First Thursday 4:30 pm

Finance First Thursday 5:00 pm

Village Board Meeting: Second Tuesday 7:00 pm

Sharon Chamber of Commerce: Will hold our Monthly Meetings the 3rd Sunday of every month at 3:00 pm, at the Christ Lutheran Church

The Community Closet: Located at the Old Bell Tower Church is open Monday, Friday, Saturday from 9:00 am - 12:00 Noon and Tuesday's from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm.

Sharon Drift Skippers: 2nd Thursday of every month. meetings start at 6:30 pm and at the present they meet at the Dawson home.

Library: All Library Activities happen at the Library

Make & Take Crafts: New Craft available for the children every Monday

Senior Chair Yoga: Wednesday at 9:00 am

Coffee Hour: Wednesday 10:00 - 11:00 am

Thursday Nights at the Library:

Film Club: 1st Thursday Each Month at 6:00 pm

Family Game Night: 2nd Thursday at 5:00 pm

Family Coloring Club: 3rd Thursday 5:00 pm

Cook Book, Book Club: 4th Thursday 6:00 pm

Historic Downtown Sharon: Third Thursday at The Old Bell Tower Church at 7:00 pm, check FB page for possible changes to the date, time & location.

Dates and Events to Watch For

January 3, 2023 - Back to School for the Sharon Community Grade School

March 20th - 24th - No School for Spring Break

If you would like to be included in our Dates and Events, for the next quarterly printing (April, May & June) please submit your information **before March 7th, 2023** to Marge Dreksler mdreksl@charter.net
Put Chat Event Dates in the Subject Line.

If I do not know about it, I can not include it!



Thank You to All the Sharon Chamber Members that have Renewed their Memberships for the upcoming year of 2023



Plan your next 2023 Fundraiser through Pat's Brew & Que!

Pat's Brew & Que has given back many ways by providing their Restaurant and Bar Venue and by giving back profits with their Amazing BBQ meals! Contact Kathy Rapp to learn more and to schedule your upcoming Fundraiser.

Kathy Rapp (cell) 815-298-8918

Pat's phone # 262-736-2222

Garbrecht Upholstery is Looking ahead to next Christmas

Oakie Wallin, owner of Garbrecht Upholstery, has located a fantastic Santa chair, which she donated to the Sharon Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber has supplied the Material for refinishing, and Oakie has Volunteered her Time & Expertise to Refinish it in red velvet. Once completed, the Sharon Chamber will have it available for local groups and organizations to rent for their events. Please watch out Facebook Page for information on Rental.



Thinking of a Move? Give Ceresa a call.

262-903-6960 ceresa@c21affiliated.com

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Sauk Valley Bank

1075 S. Division Street in Harvard, IL

Their Hours are:

Lobby hours are M-F 8:30 to 5:00

Sat. 8:30 to 12 noon

Drive up is open 7:30 to 5 M-Th, 7:30 to 5:30-

Friday and 7:30 to noon on Sat.



Harvard Community Radio,

WHIW 101.3 FM

Continues Promoting Sharon Wisconsin, their promotions brought new faces to our Victorian Christmas! Watch or listen through Facebook Live, as Dave in the Morning, starts at 6:00 am, and it is great! With our sponsorship, they are promoting Sharon, Wisconsin on a continuous basis. Along with some great conversation and music. You can also listen from their website at <https://www.whiwharvard.com/home>. Want to learn more about the Arts? Listen in on another of their great programs. "Notes from the Studio" which is presented by our very own [Dave Dietrich, from Dietrich Studio and Gallery every Sunday from 7-8pm on 101.3 FM WHIW and https://www.whiwharvard.com](#). A wonderful informational program, based on the Arts.

Bored with Winter?

Watch for Activities Scheduled by Koren's Crafty Signs & Décor on her Facebook Page



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Like my page on Facebook - Koren's Crafty Signs & Decor



Village Committee and Board Updates

As of the Decmeber meetings

On November 16,2022 a few of us, Butch, Marge, Amanda and Dawn from the Village attended the Walworth County Economic Development Alliances annual meeting. This year it was based on "How to make the most of and make peace with a **Multigenerational Team.**" It featured Elizabeth Oplatka as their keynote speaker. She covered so many fasinating **aspects of Working Together as a Team,** much more than I could cover express in this column. She discussed all of the Generations and what they have to offer, as well as what they are known for such as the Baby Boomers being precieved as AGEING OUT. **The most important thing I took away from the conference was, how it is Extremely Important to Listen and take each and every generations ideas and input into consideration.** We all have a different perspective on things and the solution is usually found in Everyones Input! That we can All be Involved and we All have ideas and knowledge to Share and Use!



Arntzen Corporation continues to move ahead with their construction. Although there has been no definite date set for them to be fully operational, they are making progress. With a few Building Sturctures now on the property, they are working mainly indoors on pavement & flooring. The next step, weather providing, will begin after the new year. Which will begin the process of set up for the Rail-Spur. Gilbank Construction has been preparing the site for Volkman Railroad Builders to construct the actual Spur.

Moving Forward with the Sewer Updates, they are working towards haveing completed the majority of the work necessary on the Resetting and Replacement of damaged lines. Work on the Sliplining that is necessary for the upgrade continues, and is at least 1/2 completed. They will continue onto the next phase, after the New Year with sealing and man hole repairs.

Spring Elections will be on April 4,2023. There are 3 Trustee Positions and The Village President Position, that are up for Re-Election.

Keeping in line with State Requirements, the Village will be updateing our Comprehensive Plan this year. Aproximate start date is January 3,2023 with an approximate completion of October 2023. They will be working with Village Staff, the Planning Commision, as well as Public Participation and Open Meetings, watch for updates on any meetings that will be set up. Public Input is welcome at any of the open meetings.

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*Need a Yearly DOT Inspection?
Wisconsin Truck and Boom Repair,
owner Bob Lembke, can help you out*



2476 Vista Dr. Lake Geneva, Wisconsin 53147
Hours are: Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday by Appointment. Closed on Sunday
Phone: 262-248-8200
<https://wisconsintruckandboom.com/services/>

Did You Know

Some interesting facts about Wisconsin

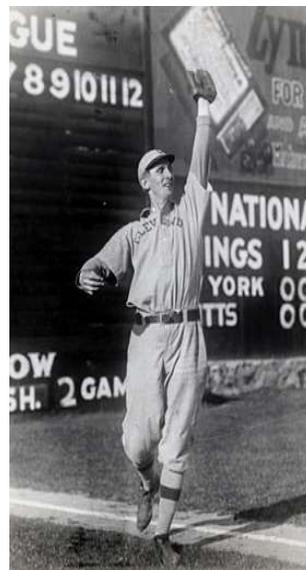
Admitted to Union: May 29, 1848 as the 30th State
Land Area: 34.8 million acres
State Parks: 60,570
Acres Length: 320 miles
Width: 295 miles

How About Some of These

- Wisconsin was named the Badger State - this name originated from the miners who lived in holes
- Almost 1/3 of all Americans live within a 500-mile radius of Wisconsin
- Nearly 21 million gallons of ice cream are consumed by Wisconsinites each year.
- The first ice cream sundae was concocted in Two Rivers in 1881.
- Practically all the natural lakes in Wisconsin have resulted from glaciers.
- The Fox River is one of the few rivers in the nation that flows north.
- Door County has more shoreline than any other county in the US - over 250 miles.
- It takes an average of 100 hours of fishing to catch a 33.4-inch muskie.
- More than 800,000 deer roam Wisconsin woods.
- If all the hunters on opening day of deer season in Wisconsin were grouped together, they would comprise the sixth largest army in the world.
- The largest experimental aviation event in the world is the EAA Fly-In (Experimental Aircraft Association) at Oshkosh.

- Sheboygan is the "Bratwurst Capital" of the world.
- Sun Prairie's sweet corn festival is one of the largest of its kind in the nation.
- Wisconsin is a leading producer of Ginseng in the United States.
- Green Bay is known as the "Toilet Paper Capital" of the world.
- According to Wisconsin stories, Wisconsin contains more ghosts per square mile than any other state in the nation.
- The first circus in the US was in Delavan, Wisconsin.

How About Right Here in Sharon



George Perring, was born in Sharon, WI. On 8/13/1884 - 8/20/1960, passed away & buried in Beloit, WI. At the age of 76. Was a Major League Baseball Player, who played for five seasons with the Cleveland Naps as their Third Baseman from 1908 to 1910.

Walter S. Goodland, was born in Sharon. 12/22/1862. Was a member of the Republican Party. He served as 40th Mayor of Racine 1911-1915, Member of the Wisconsin Senate 1927-1935, Lieutenant Governor of Wisconsin 1939-1943 and as the 31st Governor to the State of Wisconsin, 1943-until his death at the age of 84 on 3/12/1947.



Travis Frederick born in Sharon, WI. 3/18/1991. Attended Big Foot High School and studied Computer Engineering & Computer Science at the University of Wisconsin - Madison. In 2013 he started his NFL career with the Dallas Cowboys, and remained with them until he announced his retirement on March 23rd, 2020.

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Village of Sharon Complaint Process

A New Year always comes with a List of New Year Resolutions, have you given it much thought?

Here are a few ideas:

- Stop gossiping. Do not be that person who spreads Negativity. Spread positivity instead.
- Give a Compliment to someone each day, who knows you may make that one person feel better about themselves.
- Try something New. Venture outside of your comfort zone, you never know what you can discover.
- Clean Out your Clutter. Research shows that Clutter can be a Large Stressor. So, eliminate what you do not need and organized what you need. Less Clutter = Less Stress.
- Volunteer. Not only is volunteering good for your own mental and physical health, but you're doing something kind and selfless for others.
- Stay in touch with those who matter. A quick call, text, or email can make a world of difference. Better yet, why not meet face to face, in person is Always Better.

Information we all can use is the process to follow when we have an issue to be bring to the Villages Attention. Waiting until the monthly board meeting will more than likely not get the kind of results you may want.

The Village does act on complaints and issues, but we also need to realize that it may not have an Immediate Outcome. Some issues need to go through different Committees and some through a Legal Process, so they may take time to resolve.

The First stop should always be the Village Clerks at the Village Hall. The issue can possibly be resolved through the them. The clerks can bring the issue to the different Departments attention and possibly to an amicable solution. You may not be the only one filing a complaint, and it could possibly be an issue the Village is already working towards solving.

If not able to address within the clerk's office, the clerk will address the issue to the proper Chair Person of whichever Committee it would fall to. It then will be added to the agenda of that Committee, for discussion and possible solution. **If not on the agenda, it cannot be addressed at the committee meetings.** Residents are always welcome to attend the committee meetings to further discuss the issue, as well as offer a possible solution. Usually if you have a complaint, you should also have a possible solution to offer. After the issue has been discussed at the Committee Level, they try to offer an amicable solution, and then direct it to be put on the Village Boards agenda.

Now on the Board agenda, the issue is discussed at the Monthly Village Board Meeting. The issue is discussed as well as possible solutions explained. The Board then will vote on how to address the issue and proceed to the solution.

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Winslowstudio11@gmail.com

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Hours

Monday 6:00 am - 3:00 pm
Tuesday - Friday 6:00 am - 8:00 pm
Saturday 6:00 am - 3:00 pm
Sunday 6:00 am - 2:00 pm