

A Day to Remember come this December!

Saturday, July 27, began with all the gentle beauty a midsummer morning in Shoreland Hills can offer. And it only got better from there, for it was the last Saturday of July, the traditional date for the Shoreland Hills community beach party! From 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Stop 31 was awash (sorry!) with activities for the very young to the rest of us!

A tempting array of Stop 31/Shoreland Hills gear, was offered vigorously by neighbor Peter Marino and his crew with everything from beach bottles, t-shirts, flashlights, sweatshirts, and frisbees to a limited edition of a South Shore-style Stop 31 poster, created by local artist Nick Bridge and graphic designer Toni Bennett. The posters alone raised \$5,000 to be applied to the remaining debt on our expanded beach. Our Split the Pot opportunity brought in \$310 more to be applied to that debt.

The kiddos were thoroughly engaged in a game of Beach Bucket Rally, where no one lost and no one stayed dry! Kudos to our brave and expertly prepared game crew who shepherded a score of munchkins who could not have been better behaved and more delighted to receive their medals. We predict that you will see this as an addition to the 2028 summer Olympic competitions!

Another activity that proves each year to win the hearts of our kids and many of our grown-ups is the opportunity to have the delightful and highly skilled face painter and temporary tattoo artist from Paint Time Fun who spent three intense and very warm hours fulfilling the imaginations of their young patrons. Only the arrival of the Dunes Kona Kone Ice Truck could lure them from getting yet another tattoo to grabbing that icy treat, enhanced by any flavors they could pour atop their cones!



Ah, s'mores! Let the fires be lit. Let the marshmallows pour forth their gooey goodness. Help Hershey make more money! (Actually, we purchased equally tasty, but less costly, products!) As the sun began to recline, the firepits worked their magic and kids and the rest of us adults alike

stuck those sticks into the flames with mouths watering in anticipation



The only element more magical than the setting sun and faces happily smeared in rich brown and gooey white was the captivating sunset bagpipe performance by our gifted Kathleen Lang!



What a day. What an evening. What an abundance of reasons to start planning Stop 31 Beach Party '25! Don't you want to join the fun? If so, just email Sue Bridge at sue6721@gmail.com or call 708-439-4373.

Please say thanks to the following dedicated neighbors who made this year's Beach Party something we will all look back on fondly when the snow flies! They are:

Peter Marino, Andi Berkowitz, Alan Berkowitz, Eileen West, Pat Saulka, Mark Saulka, Kitty Ryan, Sue Bridge, Nick Bridge, Rebecca Lipton, Ron Lipton, Mary Schwartz, Bruce Williams, McKinley Wells, Laura Schuerman, Joe Schuerman and so many others who jumped in whenever they saw we needed help! Thank you all!

Gratefully,

Sue Bridge, your neighbor