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Maple Bluff
NEWSLETTER



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Jonah Westrich,
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Annual Fire Department Awards Banquet

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S CORNER

OUR CONSTRUCTION WORK for this season has started very positively! We have found that Parisi Construction is a hard-working and aggressive company. They are attacking our infrastructure projects diligently with a hope to get all of the pipe related work completed by the end of May. That does not mean that the work will be completed! There will still be road rebuilding, pavement, and landscaping to be restored. But so far, we are quite happy with the quality of work and their approach to getting the work completed.

I have had several phone calls and emails from people wondering about the Village wide Garage Sale for this year. Because of the poor conditions around much of the Village, there will be no organized sale. However, each homeowner can make their own determination on if they want to host their own individual sale.

Recently a resident called and asked me to remind residents about controlling their pets. First, it was pointed out that often times, pet owners will allow their animal to relieve itself on bushes, flowers, or other landscaping features that are on the private property of the homeowner, and not on the right of way. Please be respectful of where you allow your pet to relieve itself. Many residents spend a lot of money on their landscaping and prefer that you not allow your pet to use that as their relief spot. The other concern expressed was about controlling pets in your yard so that they are not a nuisance to persons and their pets who are walking on the sidewalk. Each of these suggestions requires a simple, thoughtful consideration of others.

Don't forget that Bocce is approaching rapidly. I understand that there will be sign ups starting soon, so get your registration completed soon and make sure you reserve your spot to play!

Tim Krueger, Village Administrator/Police Chief
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Dear Residents,

I hope you are all enjoying May so far. It's a fun time as we head into summer.

There is suddenly so much more to see and do during these beautiful, sunny months. It's also that time of year when the local farmers markets are finally up and running outdoors. I always enjoy going to the farmers market on the Capitol square early Saturday morning to buy natural, fresh produce. More often than not, it's more about the experience than what I actually buy at the market. I encourage you to take time to make it to a farmers market this summer to take advantage of what all the local vendors have to offer.

Graduation is also coming up. It's a proud moment to see a friend or family member receive a high school diploma or college degree. Enjoy celebrating this time and reflecting on their achievements.

Also, I hope you have a great Memorial Day weekend with friends and family. It's your time to relax and have fun. Growing up, every Memorial Day weekend we would go camping. It always seems to rain that weekend, but I have some amazing memories to look back on.



With all there is to do, I'm sure you and your family will take plenty of photos these next few months. As always, please feel free to submit them to us.

Best,

Erin Vander Weele

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Recreation Programs and Community Events from the Department of Recreation

Recreation Programs

All Recreation programs, excluding Camp Ya-Gotta-Wanna, are due May 30th. Late Registration begins May 31st and a \$10.00 fee will be added to all programs.

To enroll in Recreation programs you may drop off or mail in the registration form to the Village Center or you may register online at: <http://apm.activecommunities.com/maplebluffrec>

YOUTH ENRICHMENT COURSES

Arts & Athletics

Dates: June 16 – August 14

Days: Monday – Friday

Times: 2:00pm-4:00pm

Age: 7-12 Fee: \$153.00

This 9-week summer program provides youth (entering 2nd through 6th grade) a fun, safe environment that provides fun activities at the Maple Bluff Beach Park. This program is an open program (participants may leave the beach at anytime throughout the program with written permission from parents) with attendance taken daily. Throughout the summer participants will participate in arts, crafts, games, sports and other exciting activities. On occasion small groups may leave the Beach for other activities, but notification will be made to parents with confirmation that this will occur.

**Please note in the event of inclement weather, A&A may be cancelled for the safety of participants and staff.*

Junior Archery

Dates: Thursday, June 19 – Thursday, July 31

Times: 11:30am-12:30pm

Ages: 8-12 Fee: \$43.00

Sign up to practice your skills in archery. This session will work on shooting techniques and positions, accuracy and provide each participant an opportunity to shoot different types of bows. Each week we will provide competitions to be named the best archer of the week.

Educational Programs

EFK: Video Game Design

Dates: Monday, June 16 – Monday, July 21

Times: 5:30pm-7:00pm



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CARTOONING UNDER THE SEA WORKSHOP | June 24, 26 & 27 | 4:15-5:45 | Fee \$40

What a great opportunity to draw original Young Rembrandts' fish characters! Our fish characters will consist of sharks, jelly fish, octopus and others. We will give our fish characters expressions and will place them in fun, action scenes. On our final day, we will draw a large scene of the coral reef environment, inviting a great opportunity to use a variety of colors and textures. Our creative juices will flow as we develop new and fun characters! Pencils, markers and Sharpies™ will be used.

HISTORICAL GIRL WORKSHOP | July 8, 9 & 10 | 4:15-5:45 | Fee \$40

Here is your chance to draw a variety of girl dolls in many different costumes and accessories from different periods in time. We will learn to draw the basic doll figure. Then we will place this doll figure in several varying time periods. Our dolls will each have coordinating outfits that fit the scene. The final day will consist of many historical dolls together in a large scene. Pencils, color pencils, markers and Sharpies™ will be used.



VEHICLE DRAWING WORKSHOP | July 22, 23 & 24 | 4:15-5:45 | Fee \$40

This workshop is for artists who love to draw vehicles! We will use an assortment of artistic techniques. On our first day we will draw a "Hummer" ATV, a sport car and a jet. The second day we use a graphic style to complete a large "Harley" style motorcycle. A large detailed, camouflaged WWII tank, on the third day, will complete our vehicle workshop drawings. Pencil, color pencil, Sharpies™ and markers will be used.

Contact James with any YR questions: 608-444-3213 | Email: jcayo@youngrembrandts.com

To register for these programs or for more information, please contact the Maple Bluff Village Center at: 608.244.3048 or to enroll online visit: <https://apm.activecommunities.com/maplebluffrec/>

HOW IT WORKS: We provide all classroom supplies and a qualified and trained instructor. Classes are held at the Warren Dailey Cabin. Parents are responsible for transportation.

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Community Events

Beach Bash & Bocce

Tournament – Friday, June 6, 2014

Fest on the Fourth Festivities –

Friday, July 4, 2014



The Village will again be selling discounted tickets for summer attractions around the area. If you are planning a trip to the Wisconsin Dells, the Village Center is the place to stop for all the great attraction tickets, which include: Noah's Ark, Mt. Olympus, Jet Boats, Ducks, Boat Tours, Mini-Golf, etc.

Chula Vista Resort Day Passes

Regular Rate: \$29.95, Our rate: \$19.95

Upper Dells Boat Tour/Jet Boat Adventure/Wisconsin Ducks

Regular Adult: \$27.75, Our rate: \$23.50
Regular Child: \$13.85, Our rate: \$13.50

Mt. Olympus Water & Theme Park

Regular Rate: \$42.58, Our rate: \$23.50

Noah's Ark Waterpark

Regular Rate: \$41.52, Our rate: \$31.25

Pirate's Cove Adventure Golf & Family Fun Center

Regular Rate: \$8.50, Our rate: \$5.50

Six Flags Great America

Regular Rate: \$65.99, Our rate: \$43.25

Dells Army Ducks/Wild Thing Jet Boat

Adult Rate: \$28.17, Our rate: \$18.00
Child Rate: \$12.21, Our rate: \$9.00

Ages 7-13 Fee: \$125.00

Electronic Game Design: Platform Game - Students will use Multimedia Fusion 2, to create their own video game. A platform is a side-scrolling, Mario-type game where students program characters and a two-dimension obstacle course. They attempt to avoid or overcome enemies and reach an end goal on multiple levels. At the end of the class, students take home a copy of the game they create.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

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YOUTH SPORTS

Boys 3 on 3 Basketball League

Dates: Monday, June 16 – Monday, August 4
Times: 12:00p-2:00p

Ages: at least 7 but less than 10

Fee: \$15.00

Sign up for our summer 3 on 3 basketball league which will play games at McBride Park and the Village Center Gym. Teams will be randomly drawn and a game schedule will be released following the registration deadline. This 8 week league will end with a tournament on August 4.

Boys 3 on 3 Basketball League

Dates: Monday, June 16 – Monday, August 4
Times: 10:00a-12:00p

Ages: at least 10 but less than 13

Fee: \$15.00

Sign up for our summer 3 on 3 basketball league which will play games at McBride Park and the Village Center Gym. Teams will be randomly drawn and a game schedule will be released following the registration deadline. This 8 week league will end with a tournament on August 4.

Girls 3 on 3 Basketball League

Dates: Tuesday, June 17 – Tuesday, August 5
Times: 10:00a-12:00p

Ages: at least 7 but less than 10

Fee: \$15.00

Sign up for our summer 3 on 3 basketball league which will play games at McBride Park and the Village Center Gym. Teams will be randomly drawn and a game schedule will be released following the registration deadline. This 8 week league will end with a tournament on August 5.

Girls 3 on 3 Basketball League

(Time and date changed)

*Dates: Thursday, June 19 – Thursday, August 7
*Times: 12:00p-2:00p

Ages: at least 10 but less than 13

Fee: \$15.00

Sign up for our summer 3 on 3 basketball league which will play games at McBride Park and the Village Center Gym. Teams will be randomly

drawn and a game schedule will be released following the registration deadline. This 8 week league will end with a tournament on August 7.

Beginning Tennis I

Dates: Wednesday, June 18 -

Wednesday, July 9

Times: 4:30pm-5:30pm

Ages: 6-9 Fee: \$33.00

This 4 week program will provide participants smaller class sizes and will focus on the fundamentals of tennis using the Quick Start Program.

Beginning Tennis II

Dates: Wednesday, July 16 –

Wednesday, August 6

Times: 4:30pm-5:30pm

Ages: 6-9 Fee: \$33.00

This 4 week program will provide smaller class sizes and will continue focusing on basic fundamentals in tennis using the Quick Start Program.

Intermediate Tennis I

Dates: Wednesday, June 18 -

Wednesday, July 9

Times: 5:30pm-6:30pm

Ages: 9-13 Fee: \$33.00

This 4 week program will provide small class sizes to focus on improving tennis skills and fundamentals. No previous tennis experience is necessary.

Intermediate Tennis II

Dates: Wednesday, July 16 –

Wednesday, August 6

Times: 5:30pm-6:30pm

Ages: 9-12 Fee: \$33.00

This 4 week program will provide small class sizes to focus on improving tennis skills and fundamentals. No previous tennis experience is necessary.

TEEN PROGRAMS

Paddleboard Instruction

Date: Thursday, June 26

Time: 10:45am-12:00pm

Age: 12-17 Fee: \$35.00

Location: Beach Park

Isthmus Paddleboards will be providing a morning of lessons on Lake Mendota for our Village Youth. This course will teach participants balancing on the paddleboard, paddling techniques and turning techniques.

Archery Challenge

Dates: Monday, June 16 – Friday, June 20

Days: Monday-Friday

Time: 4:30pm-5:45pm

Ages: 12-17 Fee: \$33.00

Location: Gym

This course will teach archery skills throughout the week. Each day there will be a competition that will determine the final shoot off on Friday. Friday's high scorer will receive prizes.

Disc Golf League

Dates: Tuesdays, June 24 – August 5

Times: 1:00pm-2:30pm

Ages: 12-17 Fee: \$25.00

Join in the competition to be crowned the best Disc Golfer in Maple Bluff. Each week points will be given to each participant

and added up at the last meeting. End of the summer winner will receive a prize.

Canoe & Kayak Trip

Date: Thursday, July 24 (weather permitting)

Times: 12:30pm-3:30pm

Ages: 12-17 Fee: \$20.00

Paddle to the UW-Memorial Union for some Babcock Ice Cream with the Recreation Staff, space is limited to the first 8 participants. Participants will leave from the Beach Park.

Saturday Movie in Park Series

Dates: Saturdays, June 28, July 19, August 16

Times: Movie will start at 8:30pm

Ages: 12-17 Fee: FREE

Have your tweens and teens come down to the Maple Bluff Beach to watch an age appropriate movie. Movie goers will be provided popcorn and beverages (juice/soda/water).

TRIPS

Wednesday, June 25 9:00am – 5:30pm

Brewers vs. Nationals Fee: \$52.00

Ages: 8-17

Participants will meet at the Village Center and travel to Miller Park to watch the Washington Nationals vs. Milwaukee Brewers. Participants will receive a tailgate lunch prior to entering the stadium. Seats are located in sections 108 (8 rows from the field). Maple Bluff was given 25 tickets, so please sign up fast.

Thursday, July 10 8:00am-9:00pm

Six Flags Great America \$61.00

Ages: 8-17

Participants will meet at the Village Center and travel to Six Flags for a day on the rollercoasters, amusement rides and waterpark. Participants will need to bring extra spending money for lunch and dinner. Lunch costs tend to be expensive at Six Flags.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Sunset Yoga

Dates: Thursday, June 19 – Thursday, July 31

Times: 8:15pm-9:00pm

Ages: 12+ Fee: \$56.00

Location: Beach Park

Come and escape at the end of your day to a relaxing evening of Yoga at the Maple Bluff Beach. Classes incorporate stretching, gentle movement, restorative poses with an emphasis on relaxing your entire body. Let the sunset create a calm and peaceful state of mind. All levels welcome and no experience necessary.

Couch to 5K Program

Dates: TBD

Times: TBD

Ages: 12+ Fee: \$80.00

Location: Meet at the Village Center

Instructor: Casey Zimmerman
(Running Coach/Personal Trainer)

Over the course of the 8 weeks, the training program will begin with basic walk/run interval training. The program will gradually progress safely into longer running intervals so that by the end of the program you are able to run for 30 minutes continuously and are full prepared to run a 5K.



Bocce Beach Bash XII

Bash and Silent Auction taking place Friday, June 6

AND AFTER A winter like this one, we need B3 more than ever! So put it on your calendar—and come up with a great Silent Auction Donation—because this year the Beach Bash will be more fun (and more fund raising) than ever before.

And in case you're new to the Village (or have no memory of prior Bashes) here's a recap:

- B3 is a big adults-only party for Maple Bluff residents and friends with a Margarita Bar, Pedro's buffet, not-so-Silent Auction and, oh yeah, a Bocce Tournament.
- It's for our Parks. All tournament, bar, buffet and, especially, Silent Auction proceeds go to park improvements and recreational programs.
- It's a great way to meet (or re-meet) your neighbors. Since after a long winter, few of us remember each other anyway, everyone wears name tags. And random tournament pairings, limited picnic table space, and congestion at the bar and Silent Auction guarantee you'll meet lots of people—and like at least a few of them.
- You don't have to play Bocce, but if you want to, register now at <http://www.silentauctionpro.com/onlineticketpurchase.php?groupId=346>. After the 128 tourney spots are filled (and they fill up fast), there will be a waiting list in order of registration dates.
- The Bash is open to everyone. So invite/bring/lure friends, neighbors and family from inside and outside the Bluff as long as they're 21 years of age or older and ready to spend money at the Silent Auction.

The Bocce Beach Bash Depends On Your Silent Auction Items!

Over the last eleven years, Silent Auction donations and bids have raised over \$200,000 for our Maple Bluff Parks—and helped fund the Beach House restoration; the patio, awning and furniture (and more new furniture) at the Beach; the Circuit Play and swing sets in McBride; the Beach Park climbing structure; a Park shelter for Camp Ya-Gotta-Wanna; playground equipment at Johnson and Fireman's Park; concerts at the Beach; the McBride Park basketball court; Tennis court resurfacing; the updated Disc Golf Course; Johnson Park landscaping, the Canoe/Kayak Sharing program, and contributed to the new Dailey Family Cabin at Fireman's Park.

But it all depends on the Silent Auction—so please get creative and generous.

Have a cabin or condo you'd be willing to auction off for a weekend? How about Badger, Packer, Brewer or Bucks tickets? An irresistible dessert? Cultural events such as tickets to the Symphony or theater? Or the favorites (and big money makers): dinners, parties, events or outings hosted by you. Contact Curt Erickson at 244-3048 or cerickson@villageofmaplebluff.com.

- Actually, it's about the Silent Auction. That's what brings in the big bucks for our parks—so please donate Silent Auction items. Contact Curt Erickson at 244-3048 or cerickson@villageofmaplebluff.com
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News from the Department of Public Works

THE SEEMINGLY EVERLASTING cold winter has given way to a cool start for spring, along with a couple of snow flurries to emphasize who is in charge. Cooperative weather or not, we have contractors working along Cambridge and Lakewood installing storm water pipe and replacing curb stop water services as well. That's in the southern portion of the 2014 CIP. To the north, the contractor has been installing water main pipe along the 7-800 block of Lakewood Blvd. and Del Mar Dr. They will be working their way onto Kings Way and Laurel Lane for more water main and sanitary work, as well as storm system installation. They will be returning to areas with new water main, after cleaning and flushing allows for tests to be taken for DNR permission to connect residences in these areas to the new system. We are still waiting for approval from the Railroad of our planned approach to install the water supply across the golf course from Sheridan/McPherson. There is a long way to go with this project, but the production thus far has been significant. Please be cautious when driving in or near project areas, avoid them when you can!

If you are in the project zone, specifically an area that is being worked in, please have your garbage and recycling containers out by 6 a.m. of collection day. We will make every effort to accomplish these areas before the contractor starts their day. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Speaking of collections, brush and yard waste will not be collected when construction is taking place. We will make every effort to provide services when the roadways are open from both

directions. Please be patient, thank you.

A couple of reminders: The village does not collect clean sweep type items. Currently Dane County Clean Sweep is located at 7102 US Hwy 12, Madison WI 53718. The website is: www.danecountycleansweep.com and has great information to help everyone with their disposal of hazardous products.

Additionally, I would like to remind everyone that recycling is mandatory and the responsible thing to do. Every one of us can, and should do the best that we can at being diligent regarding our recycling habits. Most residents in the village do a great job, as a community you are ahead of the curve. When you have collection needs that go beyond the collection cart, you can call our contractor to make arrangements for a "hand collection" at a nominal fee: Advanced Disposal 251-7878.

Springtime is here and with that gardens and trees will need planting. The new Warren Dailey cabin should be taking shape. The first Bird City/Tree City celebration takes place May 3rd at the Village Center. Please look for an article from Village Trustee Martha Grasty in this newsletter regarding the event. Set aside some time for bird watching and tree planting!!

There will be many challenges yet to be conquered during this construction year. The transformation has just begun. Let us all keep our eye on the prize! Your continued cooperation and patience is greatly appreciated. Thank You.

Tom Schroeder, Public Works Director

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The Maple Bluff Fire Rescue Department

Thank You!

For the past two years, interns Candace Wetter and Derek Gopen have dedicated their time and professional skills to the Village of Maple Bluff. The job of an intern is often times a thankless one. That being said: thank you, thank you, thank you! Whether they were cleaning the Village Center, responding to emergency calls, assisting baby ducks crossing the street, or developing new and innovative programs for our department, Candace and Derek were there always there. Thank you for everything you've done for our department and the Village of Maple Bluff, and good luck with your careers in the fire service.

Fire Department Auxiliary

Have you ever thought to yourself, "I'd love to help my local fire department, but don't want to fight fires."? If you answered yes, then our Fire Department Auxiliary is perfect for you. The Fire Department Auxiliary assists in supporting members of the Fire Rescue Department during major incidents and training sessions by providing essential non-firefighting tasks. The Fire Department Auxiliary also helps with fundraising efforts for equipment and supplies for our firefighters and EMTs. If you are interested in joining or would like additional information about the Maple Bluff Fire Rescue Department Auxiliary, please contact Assistant Chief Kristopher Loy (608) 244-3390 or kloy@villageofmaplebluff.com.

Lake Property Numbering System:

The Dane County Lakes and Watershed Commission and the Dane County Sheriff's Department have created a lake property numbering system to provide a more rapid response to emergencies and enhance the personal safety of everyone who uses our lakes. Each lakeshore property on Lakes Mendota, Monona, Waubesa, and Kegonsa has been assigned a unique "lake address." The Mendota addresses begin with the letter "A"; Monona with "B"; Waubesa "C"; and Kegonsa "D". These numbers have been cross-referenced in the 911 Center's computer system with the property street address. Each sign cost only \$10, and is available by contacting Chief Joshua Ripp at the Maple Bluff Fire Rescue Department, 608-244-3390 or jripp@villageofmaplebluff.com. This is an entirely voluntary program, but is strongly encouraged by the Maple Bluff Fire Rescue Department.

With this system in place, a boater in distress can report his or her location by cell phone using the nearest lake property "address" as a reference point. Similarly, a landowner who observes an emergency on the water can dial 911 and the dispatcher will be able to translate the street address to a water location. For an emergency in a lakefront home, the nearest response may be the Sheriff's Recreation Patrol or the Maple Bluff Water Rescue Boat.

An added benefit to lakeshore residents is that the lake address can assist



in locating by water the home of friends. Instead of providing directions such as "the large white house located between the big willow tree and the brown boat house," lakeshore residents are able to give friends their pier address. With that number, friends are immediately able to navigate to the correct area of the lake and find the exact pier.

BOATING SAFETY TIPS:

No matter how much experience you have boating, it's always a good idea for everyone to review boating safety rules before departures. Familiarize yourself with these 9 basic boating safety tips each time you hit the water:

1 Be Weather-wise: Always check local weather conditions before departure- TV and radio forecasts can be a good source of information. If you notice darkening clouds, volatile and rough changing winds,

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or sudden drops in temperature, play it safe by getting off the water.

2 Follow a Pre-Departure Checklist:

Proper boating safety means being prepared for any possibility on the water. From compliance with fire safety regulations to tips for fueling up, following a pre-departure checklist is the best way to make sure no boating safety rules or precautions have been forgotten.

3 Use Common Sense: One of the most important parts of boating safety is to use your common sense. This means operating at a safe speed at all times, especially in crowded areas. Be alert at all times, and steer clear of large vessels and watercraft that can be restricted in their ability to stop or turn. Also be respectful of buoys and other navigational aids, all of which have been placed there for one reason only- to ensure your own boating safety.

4 Designate an Assistant Skipper: Make sure more than only one person on board is familiar with all aspects of your boat's handling, operations, and other boating safety tips. If the primary navigator is injured or incapacitated in any way, it's important to make sure someone else

can follow the proper boating safety rules to get everyone else back to shore.

5 Develop a Float Plan: Whether you choose to inform a family member or staff at your local marina, always be sure to let someone else know your float plan. This should include where you're going and how long you're going to be gone. A float plan can include the following information: name, address, and phone number of trip leader; name and phone number of all passengers; boat type and registration information; trip itinerary; and types of communication and signal equipment onboard.

6 Make Proper Use of Lifejackets: Did you know that the majority of boat accident drowning victims were found not to be wearing a Lifejacket? Make sure that your family and friends aren't part of this statistic by assigning and fitting each member of your onboard team with a lifejacket-prior to departure.

7 Avoid Alcohol: Practice boating safety at all times by saving the alcohol for later. The probability of being involved in a boating accident doubles when alcohol is involved, and studies have also shown

that the affect of alcohol is exacerbated by external effects such as sun and wind.

8 Learn to Swim: If you're going to be in and around the water, proper boating safety means knowing how to swim. Local organizations such as the American Red Cross and others offer training for all ages and abilities - check to see what classes are offered in your area.

9 Take a Boating Course: Beginning boaters and experienced experts alike need be familiar with boating safety rules of operation. Boater education requirements vary by state- some require validated completion of at least one boating safety course. Regardless of your individual state's requirements, it's always important to be educated, aware and prepared for every circumstance that might arise. You can learn boating safety rules by taking a local community course, or there are online tutorials to help educate novice boaters. Visit www.boat-ed.com/wi for online boating course information.

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Tandem Press is one of only three professional presses affiliated with a university in the United States. Each year, a select number of internationally renowned artists are invited to participate in Tandem's artist in residence program, where they collaborate with a staff of master printers to create exclusive editions of prints. Artists who have visited include luminaries such as Jim Dine, David Lynch, Judy Pfaff, Sean Scully and local favorites Bill Weege, Dennis Nechvatal, TL Solien and Greg Conniff. The Chazen Museum of Art is the official archive for Tandem Press and receives one print from every edition that is created. The archive can be viewed by appointment. Tandem prints hang in museums and corporations throughout the United States, Europe and Asia including the Museum of Modern Art, the Whitney Museum in New York, the Art Institute of Chicago and the National Museum of American Art in Washington D.C. Tandem Press is located in the Roundhouse at 1743 Commercial Avenue and welcomes studio visits.

This year Tandem Press will hold its annual Wine Auction on Thursday, June 19th. The event will include a live and silent auction of wine and artwork, during which a variety of wines, hors d'oeuvres, and a gourmet catered dinner will be served. The Wine Auction raises funds that support Tandem Press' educational and outreach programming, including student scholarships and national and local exhibitions. All are invited to attend the 2014 Wine Auction. Tickets will be available in May. For additional information about the Auction, please contact Tandem Press at 608-263-3437.

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(L to R) Dan Marz, Eric Harms, Peter Duff, Craig Hughes, Mike Jones, Mark Little (photo by Paula Cooper)

Ice Golf Event was a Success

The weather was favorable for a competitive round at Maple Bluff's inaugural "ice golf" event, the Chatterton Open. The Six-some left all form and finesse at their respective homes and played as well as conditions permitted. Participants came prepared with a single club (of their own choosing) and a tennis ball. The 9-hole course on Chatterton Pond was meticulously planned and conceived by Dan Marz and Craig Hughes the morning of the event. Eric Harms got an early lead and kept separation from the pack. Congratulations to him and all who participated. For those who could not make this event, you missed some good laughs. Next year, there will be a championship sport coat on the line, which the winner can wear year around to receive compliments from all and possibly a beer from the other competitors.

Opening for Beach Park Gardener(s)

This spring is the start of my fourteenth year tending the Beach Park gardens. Our house is currently listed for sale and we are making plans to leave the Bluff. I want to thank everyone for their support of my endeavors to beautify the village's venerable Beach Park beside beautiful Lake Mendota. I have enjoyed the opportunity to create a garden in a community setting. The appreciative response from village residents has given me a lot of satisfaction over the years. But time keeps marching onward and I'm ready to pass the trowel, pruners, medians, and window boxes to the next gardener or gardening team. If anyone would like to talk with me directly about the current plantings, watering system, or any other specifics, please feel free to call me at 347-3563. If you would like to investigate this a bit further, please call Tim Krueger (phone 244-3048 ext.111).





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	* 731 Wilder Dr	4	3548	\$825,000	\$232.53	
	* 1173 Farwell Dr (Lake)	3	2268	\$860,000	\$379.19	
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	* 403 Coleman Rd	5	4055	\$925,000	\$228.11	
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57 Cambridge Rd (Lake)	4	6431	\$3,450,000	\$536.46		
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