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VILLAGE OF MAPLE BLUFF

NEWSLETTER





As I described last month, we have had a change in the Printer of our Newsletter. This change has had one significant and very positive impact, and that is the return to our relationship with AlphaGraphics Madison. AG Madison is owned and operated by Village residents Karen and John Bickers, who have always gone above and beyond our requests for any of our printing needs. They really strive to make sure that we are taken care of. AG Madison does graphic design, printing and marketing solutions. For many years both before and after my arrival in 2001, they printed our Newsletter, the Village Directory, as well as, other Village print jobs. They have continuously printed our Village Directory, but an opportunity to have our Newsletter printed for no cost to the Village presented itself and the Village moved our Newsletter to that opportunity. Now, we have moved all of our business back to AlphaGraphics Madison and I could not be more pleased to have us back with John and Karen. We are grateful for their work and look forward to this relationship for a long time!

There are significant construction projects taking place around the Village. Here is an update. The project at 601 N. Sherman is well underway. The Cat Clinic and the Inferno have been taken down and construction on the new structure is beginning. The Maple Bluff Country Club will begin work on their renovations in late September. It is anticipated that removal of the current pool will take place first. To secure the work zone for this project, the Lakewood Drive entrance to the MBCC will be closed to regular traffic some time during the week of September 28th. You should plan to use the Kensington Drive entrance for ingress/egress into the Club. This includes foot and bicycle traffic as well. A large work site like this is quite dangerous, so please follow all indicated signs.

The Village is awaiting additional and new information from the developer regarding a proposal for a multi-unit apartment building at the corner of Roxbury and N. Sherman Ave. You have likely received correspondence from persons interested in this project. Once the Village has the needed information, another meeting with the Plan Commission will be scheduled.

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BEFORE



DURING



AFTER

DRIVEWAY DONATIONS

Last year, I had asked our residents to help support one of Maple Bluff's more seasoned residents who still lived in her own home, but needed some significant work done to her driveway, sidewalk, steps and entrance to her home. These updates would ideally reduce the trip hazards that can be so devastating for elderly persons.

The request for financial support for this neighbor was extremely successful and well received. With this article, you should find several pictures of both the "before" and "after" the work was completed. If you can't see it from the pictures, half of the garage floor had sunk at least 6-8 inches. The entrance into the garage had to have several 2x4's to bridge an automobile to get into the garage because the driveway had also sunk considerably. In addition, the cracks in the driveway, sidewalk and the crumbling steps were deteriorated beyond the safe point.

A community care organization helped this resident with her steps, but the Village helped to coordinate the removal and replacement of her driveway, garage floor, and sidewalk. All of this work was paid for by neighbor contributions!! Great job everyone!! The homeowner would like to express her thanks for everyone's generous donations. She is very happy and much safer!

MY TOP 12 REASONS FOR LIVING IN MAPLE BLUFF

The end of a spectacular summer has me feeling a little reflective—and competitive. Whenever I hear of someone looking for a new home, I wonder why they'd look anywhere other than Maple Bluff. I'd urge them to consider the following:

1. LOCATION.

Thank goodness, we're not on the west side. No, we're close to the airport, the interstate system, downtown . . . In fact, every time I'm on the west side, I wonder, "Why would anyone want to live *here*?"

2. PARKS & REC.

Thanks to the Parks Committee and Village staff, Maple Bluff lives up to the "Camp Happy" moniker coined by neighbor Mike Douglas. If you don't agree, attend one of the concerts at the Beach Park next summer. Or check out a stand-up paddleboard at the Beach Park for a guaranteed attitude adjustment. Or watch the kids at Arts & Athletics or Camp Ya-Gotta-Wanna.

3. SCHOOLS.

Whether you send your kids to public, private or parochial schools, you can't lose if they grow up in the Bluff. Studies show that Village graduates of *any* high school do equally well in the Ivy League, UW system and a wide variety of public and private institutions across the country. Why? Because we raise 'em right.

4. LAKE MENDOTA.

It's what attracted us to the neighborhood in the first place and it's still a daily source of pleasure, whether we're out on the water or the ice—or just sitting on the shore. And Maple Bluff has, inarguably, the best stretch of shoreline on the lake.

5. PUBLIC SAFETY.

Aside from the professional skills of our fire, ems and police personnel, their community involvement, their *neighborliness*, makes us even safer.

6. MBCC.

We're not even current members (though we may rejoin when the new pool opens) but the club means a lot to us—as a place to walk our dog, cross-country ski, or host our daughter's wedding. And I especially enjoy hearing the sounds of a Saturday swim meet drift down the hill (especially since I no longer have to work at them).

7. PUBLIC WORKS.

Since we still own a property in the city of Madison, we know how much more our guys in green provide. And extra kudos to an already exemplary department for maintaining the gardens at the Beach Park.

8. PET FRIENDLINESS.

There is no better place to be a dog—or have one. And for the most part, they earn it by being remarkably well-behaved. That goes for the dogs, too.

9. VOLUNTEERISM.

What would go away without your involvement? Garden triangles. Fest on the Fourth. The Bocce Beach Bash. Fire and EMS volunteers. Village government. The Fathers' Day Parade. All the Troop #5 Eagle Scout projects.

10. BIKING.

Cycling is one of my four favorite forms of exercise—and Maple Bluff is my favorite place to embark from. We're only fifteen minutes by road bike from beautiful, empty rural roads. And we're also close to a network of bike paths that we can take anywhere from a concert-on-the-square, to a game at Camp Randall, or an ice-cream cone in Paoli.

11. OUR NEIGHBORS.

Maple Bluff is a miserable place for misanthropes. But I could fill volumes with personal and second-hand accounts of how much a difference having good neighbors has made in all our lives.

12. KID FREEDOM.

Though encroachments are being made on kids' freedom to roam and play unsupervised, it's still practiced in Maple Bluff. Why? Because of all of the above, parents know their kids are safe—and they just can't deny them the pure fun that comes with growing up in the village

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RECOMMENDATIONS & REMINDERS

This is my first time writing the Village newsletter so I thought it would be an appropriate time to share some recommendations with you. This fall, as you collect the lawn and garden debris and place it out near the street for collection, please remember to place material in like piles. The leaves should be void of all other rubbish. Similarly, sticks, branches and wood materials, should be free of lawn and garden debris. Mixing these materials may prevent us from performing our collections until these items are properly separated as required. Following these guidelines will help prevent damage to the collection equipment and to the personnel operating the equipment. Also be sure that yard waste materials are NOT placed in the street where they can be carried whole or in part into the storm water system—directly connected to the lake. These are good housekeeping practices.

Avoid placing material near mailboxes, poles and trees or near parked vehicles that may prevent us from executing a collection. If there is a vehicle in front of the pile you would like the Village to collect, we would likely be unable to do so because of the obstruction. We request that you please do not park near the piles. These simple suggestions are very important in helping us perform a more complete and timely service for everyone.

RECYCLING RULES & REGULATIONS

I would like to remind all of our residents about the recycling rules and regulations: <http://ecode360.com/7002992?highlight=solid#7002992>.

The Village refuse and recycling pick up will occur on Wednesdays. Recycling is a contracted service with Advanced Disposal and will occur on a bi-weekly basis. All containers must to be placed at the curbside no sooner than 24 hours prior to the regularly scheduled collection time and no later than 6:30 a.m. on the day of pick up. Advance Disposal will not pick up anything that does not fit into the bin unless you contact them at 251-7878 prior for a special pick up. This service may come with an additional cost.

Additional information about this can be found on our website at: <http://villageofmaplebluff.com/village-departments/public-works/>

Please also remember when throwing away some appliances there may also be an extra fee associated with the pick up (<http://villageofmaplebluff.com/village-government/village-documents/>). Examples of these are, but not limited to: TV's, tires, microwaves, refrigerators, and dehumidifiers.

Recycle — It's Easy

You can recycle by following these simple directions.

Plastic containers
Collect by recycling code 1, 2, 3 Thru 7. Remove caps and rings. Rinse. Flatten. Place in recycling cart.

Glass bottles and jars
Rinse. No need to remove labels. Clear, Brown, Green. No lightbulbs. No dishes or glasses. No windows. Place in recycling cart.

Aluminum
Aluminum cans, Foil, Pie plates. Magnets won't attract aluminum. Rinse. Place in recycling cart.

Tin cans
Rinse. Remove the label (if required). Place in recycling cart.

Mixed paper and newspaper
Bundle and tie newspaper. Place in recycling cart.

Corrugated cardboard
Look for the ribbed, wavy layer. Flatten the cardboard. Place in recycling cart.

or recycling center to find out what is recyclable in your community.

Paper
✓ Paperboard (cereal boxes, paper egg cartons, paper towel rolls, etc.)
✓ Corrugated Cardboard
✓ Mixed Paper (junk mail, office type paper)
✓ Newspapers, Magazines & Catalogs
✓ Phone Books

Cans & Glass
✓ Glass Bottles and Jars, all colors
✓ Aluminum Cans
✓ Aluminum Pans/Foil
✓ Steel/Tin Cans
✓ Empty Steel Paint Cans
✓ Empty Aerosol Cans

Plastic Containers
✓ PET #1 Plastic Bottles & Jars
✓ HDPE #2 Plastic Bottles & Jars
✓ #2 Tubs and Containers
✓ #3-#7 Bottles and Containers

Wise Recycles
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Again, visit our website for a complete list of the items that are not accepted into the landfill. You can also find additional information about recycling. The staff that does the refuse collection asked that I mention and stress, recycling is everyone's responsibility. Please recycle and do not dispose of cans, bottles, and plastics into the trash; place them into your provided recycling bin.

If you have an interest in volunteering with the village in one of our numerous gardens, we have many opportunities for you to show off your green thumb. Or, if you're a gardener with an itch to expand your talents in new areas, please give us a call. We have many gardens along Lakewood Boulevard where you can showcase your gifts!

In the next month's newsletter, I will discuss the DOs and DON'Ts of snow removal and concerns regarding Ash trees.

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Which Electronics Are Banned From Wisconsin Landfills?



Wisconsin's electronics recycling law bans the landfilling and incineration of several types of electronics. These bans apply no matter where the devices are from or who used them. Wisconsin households, K-12 public schools and Milwaukee Parental Choice Program schools can recycle banned devices (except cell phones) through E-Cycle Wisconsin.



- Desktop computers
- Desktop printers, including printers combined with fax machines, scanners and copiers
- Video display devices of at least 7" long in the longest diagonal dimension. These include TVs, laptops and computer monitors
- Computer peripherals including keyboards, mice, hard drives, scanners, speakers, flash drives, external modems and other devices
- Fax machines
- DVD players, VCRs, DVRs and other video players
- Cell phones

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As a reminder, the summer rental term will be ending October 14th. If you have in-water storage, please have your boat removed on or prior to that date to allow for the Village to begin the removal of the hoists and pier.

WINTERIZATION OF PARKS EQUIPMENT

October is a busy month as we prep for the impending snowfall. We will be busy removing the windscreens, beach park furniture, gaga ball pit, piers, disc golf baskets and canoes, kayaks and paddleboards for the winter months. The canoes, kayaks and paddleboards will be moved from the beach on or near October 15th.

KALAHARI INDOOR WATERPARK TRIP

Friday, November 13

2:00pm-9:00pm

Fee: \$55.00

Ages: 10+

Join us as we venture to the Kalahari Indoor Waterpark for an afternoon of thrill slides, pools and swimming. Fee includes: waterpark pass, jumbo slice of pizza, fountain drink and bus transportation.

BASKETBALL PROGRAMS

Beginning in November, the Village gym will be occupied by Basketball practices for the numerous Rec Basketball leagues we are a member of. Be sure to check the Village's Calendar on the website for information on open gym times.

Once coaches have been established for each age group, the programs will be available for registration. Please watch for updates through emails and Facebook for more information as it becomes available.

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Thank you!



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FIRE ENGINE PURCHASE APPROVED

At the September 8, 2015 Maple Bluff Village Board Meeting, the trustees reaffirmed their commitment to providing the residents of Maple Bluff with the highest quality fire protection services and equipment possible. After hearing recommendations from the Village's Fire/EMS and the Fire Department's Equipment & Apparatus Committees, the Board unanimously approved the purchase of a new fire engine from Pierce Manufacturing.

This new apparatus will take the place of our existing 22 year old engine and help better serve our residents by increasing our pump capacity, equipment storage, and overall functionality at emergency incidents. The new engine will be manufactured at Pierce's production facility located in Appleton, WI and take approximately ten months to build. Visit our website, www.mapleblufffire.com, and Facebook Page for updates and photos as our new truck is in production. The MBFD would like to thank the Village Trustees, Fire/EMS Committee Members, and our Equipment & Apparatus Committee Members for their dedication throughout this approval and specification process. The MBFD is humbled by your support. Thank You!

FIRE PREVENTION OPEN HOUSE

The Maple Bluff Fire Rescue Department will be hosting our annual Fire Prevention Open House on Saturday, October 10, 2015 from 10am-2pm. We will be offering firehouse tours, fire truck rides, safety presentations, and vehicle extrication demonstrations throughout the day. We hope to see you there.

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: *Fire Chief* **KRISTOPHER LOY** (608) 244-3390 or kloy@villageofmaplebluff.com.

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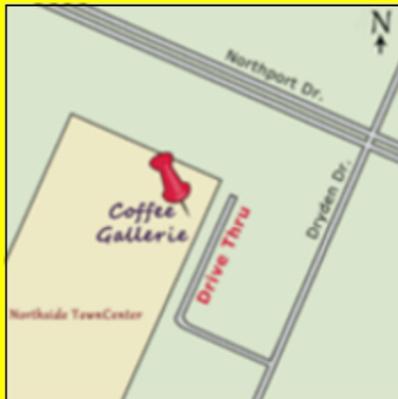
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