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NEWSLETTER

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I had numerous positive comments recently about my June newsletter article and the interest people have in our K-9 program. We are pursuing that program and hope to start our fundraising efforts right around the 4th of July. There will be help that is needed so if you are a dog lover and if you want to help bring a K-9 to our police services, watch for your opportunity to participate! We are really excited about this program!

In this newsletter, there is an article from Village President Jim Schuler that talks in great length about the development at Roxbury and N. Sherman Ave. I encourage you to go read that article for more details, but I want to address a few related issues regarding that area. First, over the past several years, I have heard more comments from people who are concerned about pedestrians and bicyclists being able to cross N. Sherman Ave. We would often encourage people to walk down a block to Commercial and to cross at the traffic light if they did not feel safe. Although that is still a viable option, I have asked our village engineer to develop some simple solutions at Roxbury to help pedestrians and bicyclists get across that busy street.

Associated with those options for crossing N. Sherman, is that when 601 N. Sherman is being developed, the village will be looking to underground some of the power lines in that development zone. That may provide us some options to help with the crossing at Roxbury. My hope is that within

30-45 days, I will have some options to present to the village board so that when the underground work begins around August 1st, and the development starts, we are ready for our implementation of our crossing solution as well.

Don't forget that our Fest on the 4th activities will in fact be taking place on Saturday, July 4th. The committee is working hard to bring you a fun day of activities including the Fest Run, the Parade, the picnic and games at Johnson Park, and the challenging Upper Bluff vs. Lower Bluff softball game! This is a great event that is a lot of fun for all family members. Of course you can't finish off the 4th of July without a nice fireworks display at Beach Park.

One final comment I have is that recently, I was contacted by a resident who had their pet (dog) get extremely sick. The vet believes that the dog may have ingested some type of poison. At this point, everyone believes it was an accidental poisoning. However, it reminds us that occasionally, our domestic pets do get free and chemicals and similar harmful substances, though innocently placed, can quickly be ingested by our furry friends. Think about what substances you may be using to treat nuisance animals, as that substance may also be ingested by our more friendly pets.

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# Dear Residents,

**FOR ME, IT'S** the time of year when it becomes easier to live a healthy life-style. Fresh, organic vegetables are at our fingertips around the local farmers markets, providing plenty of ingredients to make wholesome, delicious meals. If you have any easy recipes you'd like to share with your neighbors, feel free to submit them to me.

My motivation to exercise always kicks in this time of year too. A nice walk or bike ride outside doesn't even feel like exercise to most. I hope your family is having fun in this nice weather. There's so much scenery to enjoy right in your backyard. It's both good for the mind and body to get outdoors and be active every day. If there are any neat places you have come across in the area, such as a nice bike trail or park, please share!



Best,

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**WE HAVE HAD** the kind of spring weather that I would want every year. I hope that you have enjoyed the mild weather as well. It seems that all too often we are subjected to summer conditions with little or no chance to acclimate to the sudden heat and humidity.

This has been a very productive season for us. First off we have kept pace with residential collections as well as addressing several other projects.

The biggest of the projects was the replacement of 1250' of sidewalk along both sides of the 100 block of Kensington Dr.

We have also been providing the early care to the 38 trees and shrubs planted in April and May. We also engage in removal of trees that have health and safety concerns; and there have been several trees to deal with this year. Most of the trees had displayed a decline in health and vigor along with obvious decay and die back. When this occurs the trees hazard ratings sharply rise to a point when removal is the only option. One such tree that occupied the terrace in the 200 block of Kensington for a very long time (120-150 yrs.) was displaying health issues to include squirrel tenants in nearly every limb. It was only once the trunk was removed that the hidden secret was revealed that this tree was completely hollow except for a few inches of support under the bark.

The department has engaged in gardening efforts to maintain a colorful atmosphere along the beach corridor as we adjust to the absence of Sherri Baldwin and all of her talents. While I know that Sherri enlisted the help of family, it was upon her shoulders and green thumbs that a focal point of the village was established and maintained for many years! How do you begin to thank them for their selflessness and years of dedication in delivering such a jewel for all to appreciate?

Which leads to this reminder: We have areas along Lakewood Blvd. that have been reserved for resident gardeners to display their talents! During the street project we installed water supply to be used specifically for each of these proposed garden spaces. Give a call to



the Village Center to express your interest and reserve yours as soon as possible. Thank You.

**Let me review some dos and don'ts:**

- Do place yard waste properly separated into like piles on the terrace and near the streets edge.
- Do place containers for collection yard/garbage/recycle on the terrace or edge of driveway approach.
- Do not place materials or containers in the street.
- Do not place materials next to poles; mailboxes; trees etc.
- Do have your contractor collect and remove waste material that they generate. We do not clean up after contractors services to residents. You are on the honor system here.
- Do water your terraces if recently seeded. New seed needs constant moisture to germinate.
- Do water young and old trees alike when dry conditions persist.
- Do the best job of recycling you can. What we notice in the trash stream tells me we can do better!

- Do pay attention to vehicle speed when driving through areas that children frequent, as well as, work zones. Please.

As always, call with your questions and concerns!

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You love the idea of buying fresh, local food items but find it hard to make it down to the Capitol loop for the Saturday morning Farmers market. No worries! Here is a condensed list of the area markets—find a date and time that works for you!

### INTOWN:

#### Capitol View

June-October  
Wednesdays, 3-7pm  
@Sharpsburg Dr., between at  
Northstar Dr. and Gemini Dr.  
[capitolviewfarmersmarket.com](http://capitolviewfarmersmarket.com)

#### Dane County

April-November  
Saturdays, 6am-2pm @  
Capitol Square  
Wednesdays, 8:30am-2pm  
@200 block of MLK Jr. Blvd  
[dcfm.org](http://dcfm.org)

#### Eastside

April-October  
Tuesdays, 4-7pm @  
Wil-Mar Neighborhood  
Center, 953 Jenifer St.  
[wil-mar.org/](http://wil-mar.org/)  
[eastside-farmers-market](http://eastside-farmers-market)

#### Hilldale

May-October  
Wednesdays & Saturdays,  
7am-1pm @Hilldale west  
parking lot behind Macy's  
[hilldale.com/info/FarmersMarket](http://hilldale.com/info/FarmersMarket)

#### South Madison

May-October  
Mondays, 2-6pm  
@Novation Center, 2500  
Rimrock Rd. (June 1 - Oct. 26)



Tuesdays 2- 6 pm,  
@Madison Labor Temple, 1602  
S. Park St., (June 9- Oct. 27)  
Wednesdays, 2 – 6pm,  
@Meriter Hospital, 202 S.  
Park St., (June 17 - Oct. 28)  
Friday 2- 6 pm, @Villager Mall  
(June 19 - Oct. 30)  
Sundays, 11am-3pm  
@Madison Labor Temple, 1602  
S. Park St., (April 26 - Oct. 25)  
[southmadisonfarmersmarket.com](http://southmadisonfarmersmarket.com)

#### Middleton

May-October  
Tuesdays, 3-6:30pm  
@Terrace Avenue behind  
Hubbard Ave. Diner  
[downtownmiddleton.com/  
farmers\\_market](http://downtownmiddleton.com/farmers_market)

#### Monona

May-October  
Sundays, 9am-1pm @  
Ahuska Park  
[mononafarmersmarket.com](http://mononafarmersmarket.com)

## Roxbury/Sherman Update

**BY THE TIME** you read this, we may have new plans submitted for an apartment building on the Roxbury/Sherman parcels. If so, they're available on the village website. I want to bring you up to date on the history of these parcels, the statutory process by which we'll ultimately accept or deny the proposal as well as other factors that will influence the plan commission and village board's decisions.

First, I'll provide a quick review on the statutory process that this proposal will go through. For a thorough understanding of the process, I recommend you read the Planned Unit Development (PUD) ordinances via the links on the village website, or by typing in [www.ecode360.com/MA2098](http://www.ecode360.com/MA2098) on your browser.

The parcels are presently in an "A" Business District and multifamily dwellings are permitted as a conditional use. However, while the current proposal meets the A district zoning regarding height and setbacks, it doesn't for density (measured as dwelling units per acre or du/ac) so they will petition the Plan Commission for a zoning change to a PUD district. That involves a number of steps (read the PUD statutes).

### ► PLAN COMMISSION REVIEW

Referral of the plans by the Plan Commission to the Building Board. This isn't required, but I think it's the best course of action.

### ► PUBLIC HEARING

Plan Commission meeting to decide whether to recommend to the Village Board that the petition and General Development Plan (GDP) (i) be approved as submitted; (ii) approved with modifications and/or conditions; (iii) referred for further consideration; or (iv) be disapproved.

At that point there are still more approvals required before the developer can get a building permit. First, the GDP is contingent on a Specific Implementation Plan (SIP) being approved by the board. And since this project is also in a Tax Incremental District (TID) and we expect the developer to request TIF funding, that involves review and recommendations by the Finance Committee to the village board.

Finally, as happened last year, neighbors may petition the village board and require a supermajority vote to approve a zoning change. If the full board is at that meeting, that would mean six out of seven would have to vote for approval.

As you may remember, the proposal we considered just about this time last year failed on a 5 (for) – 2 (against) vote. We've urged the current developer to talk to staff, neighbors, commission and board members to see what issues that plan didn't address and what questions it didn't answer to assess what kind of chances this plan will have. Here are the key questions they need to answer:

**1. Land Use.** Is an apartment building acceptable for Maple Bluff, whether or not present zoning allows it and other multifamily housing already exists in the village on the other side of Sherman? If it's the "right" building, yes. We want any building

for any use to reflect the village's heritage and architectural traditions—and contribute to the long-term economic and cultural value of the village. If it's an apartment building, it has to have the quality and amenities to appeal to those of us interested in downsizing without having to leave the village. That same level of quality—bolstered by the benefits of Maple Bluff residency—also needs to attract young professionals who, ultimately, we want to purchase a single-family home in Maple Bluff (after all, most of us rented at one time). While some neighbors have suggested that a retail or mixed use building would be a better fit, I believe retail—and the surface parking required—belongs across the street. Why not condos? Banks are much more reluctant to finance condos than apartments—though we would like to see any proposed apartments have the size and amenities necessary to make them "condo-convertible" as easily as possible.

**2. TIF.** As you may know, while approximately 90% of our property taxes go to the school district, county and MATC, the Tax Incremental District will collect 100% of the taxes on improved properties during the 27 year life of the TID, which we can use to help finance projects—and improve the surrounding infrastructure. The last building we considered was estimated assessed at \$3.8 million and generate \$2.2 million in incremental taxes. Compare that to the dental clinic across Sherman from Citgo: it's currently assessed at less than \$1 million and we can assume a similar development (though none has been proposed) would generate that much less in incremental taxes. Of course, the size of the increment isn't the most important factor—it's how we use it to increase the value of those properties to the Village, both intrinsically and extrinsically.

**3. Quality:** Any proposal that the building board or village board approves has a high bar to clear regarding quality. From design, to construction materials, to landscaping, to amenities, we should and can expect whatever goes up on that site to transform those parcels to some of the most unattractive on Sherman Ave. to exactly the opposite.

**4. Economic Feasibility:** The big question for any building we're considering is, "If you build it, will they come?" We know who we want a multifamily building to attract; we'll expect the developers and our own consultants to quantify it.

I know this doesn't answer all your questions, but feel free to contact me, any member of the board, plan commission and staff to share your opinions, questions or concerns. I'd also encourage everyone to attend public hearings when they're scheduled. In the meantime, please go to the link at the beginning of this article and read through the PUD ordinance. I think you'll see that it's both thorough and rigorous, and serves as a good road map to make sure that whatever we do with this or any other proposals is in the long-term best interests of the village.

**Jim Schuler**  
Village President



**TRIPS:**

**Six Flags Great America**

Date: Thursday, July 9 Time: 7:45am – 9pm  
 Fee: \$75 Ages: 8-17  
 Location: Meet at the Village Center  
 Participants will meet at the Village Center and travel to Six Flags for a day on the rollercoasters, amusement rides and water park. Participants will need to bring extra spending money for lunch and dinner. Lunch costs tend to be expensive at Six Flags.

**Brewers vs. Padres**

Date: Thursday, August 6 Time: 10am – 7pm  
 Fee: \$55 Ages: 8-15  
 Location: Meet at the Village Center  
 Join us for a fun-filled day of Brewers baseball as they take on the Padres at Miller Park. Seats are located directly behind first base 9 rows in. Space will be limited to the first 25 registrations. Bus will leave the Village Center at 10am and we will return promptly after the ending of the game. Price of the trip includes bus transportation, ticket and lunch.

**“Amazing Chase”**

Date: Saturday, August 8 Time: 1pm-5pm  
 Fee: \$80/team (\$20 per person) Max: 20 teams  
 This event is based off the popular hit TV show “The Amazing Race.” The 2015 Maple Bluff “Amazing Chase” will take place in one day while teams race against one another for prizes. Each team will consist of 4 players, which can be made up of families or individuals. HOWEVER, each team must have 1 member under 18 years of age and 1 member over 18 years old. Each participant will receive a t-shirt with the “Amazing Chase” logo on it. Prizes will be awarded for the top 2 teams. **Registration forms can be picked up at the Village Center, registration will not be available online for this activity.**



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR:**

**July 10** beginning at 6 p.m. – Dancing Crabs will perform

**September 12** – Village Birthday Party – Mark Croft will perform

**Canoe/Kayak/Paddleboard Program**

The canoe/kayak/paddleboard program is in full swing. If you have not previously registered, please contact the Village Center. Here are some general guidelines to follow:

1. You must be a Maple Bluff resident 16 years of age or older to take out a vessel. If under 16, you must be accompanied by your parent/guardian.
2. Every use must be properly logged onto the Village Google Calendar, once registered you will receive a link from the Village to add the Google Calendar to your calendars (you must have a Google Account).
3. PFD's (lifejackets) are mandatory for all uses.
4. Equipment must be returned and secured to the appropriate locations.
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The Bocce trophy has passed to a new generation this year as a second-generation winner Colin O'Meara and Kristine Jaeger relied on the luck of the Irish and well-honed skills and spin to defeat Patrick Riha and Melissa Selinger in a thriller under the lights.

Colin is the son of 2008 Bocce champion Colleen O'Meara. The tournament, now in its 13th year, was pioneered by a brave band of competitors including Phil and Helen Bradbury, Stacy and Joe Soderholm, Mike and Kari Douglas and Jim and Colleen Martine on a dark summer night back behind the club's driving range in 2002.

That championship took place under the headlights of their multiple family cars shining on the improvised Bocce grounds. Since then it has become a celebration of summer and a terrific opportunity to support neighborhood parks. In fact, our community came together to raise a net of almost \$39,000 (a gross of over \$45,000) for our parks.

Thanks to all who donated, played, bid and volunteered! Stay tuned as we adopt and implement our updated CORP (Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan). The funds raised at Bocce are key to helping us maintain and improve our parks here in Maple Bluff.

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- 4) The assessor must not open doors, enter through open doors, or look into windows of structures.
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- 6) The assessor may not enter the premises if they have received a notice from the property owner or occupant denying them entry.
- 7) The assessor must leave if the property owner or occupant asks them to leave.

**The Village of Maple Bluff appreciates your patience and cooperation during the village-wide revaluation. Should you have any questions or concerns you may call Associated Appraisal 1-800-721-4157 or the village center.**

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## Meet Maple Bluff's New First Family and Mayor Saf Mahamed

*"I vow to humbly serve and honorably uphold the proud paid political traditions of our village."*

**SWEPT INTO OFFICE** on a surge of late-night bidding, new Mayor Saf Mahamed was sworn in on the morning of Saturday, June 6, 2015 after swiping his credit card at Bocce checkout. Mayor Mahamed brings fresh international perspective and experience to the office. Born in Guyana, and raised and educated in Toronto, he became a naturalized U.S citizen several years ago, thus thinning the ranks of secret Canadians in the Bluff (we know who you are). A seven-year resident of the thriving Lower Bluff Rox-Ox neighborhood (Kensington, Lakewood and Sherman between Roxbury and Oxford), the new Mayor assured this reporter that the one-year sinecure is not merely a stepping stone to higher government office on the Schwarzenegger plan, but a reasonably-priced expression of his dedication to the Village of Maple Bluff, and his hopes for free food and drinks at future neighborhood gatherings.

Please read and respect the privileges and honors accorded to Mayor Mahamed's status as set forth below, and on the official Maple Bluff Scroll of Mayoral Rights and Privileges.

The holder of the titular office Mayor of Maple Bluff shall retain the following rights and privileges while within the physical boundaries of the village until June 3, 2016:

- Villagers instructed to address the holder as "Mr. Mayor" for term of office
- Portrait hung in Village Hall
- Retain official Regalia including Top Hat, Chain of Office, Ceremonial Sash, Key to the Village, Scroll of Authority (must be returned to village by last day of office)
- Stenciled Parking spot at Village Hall and Beach Park: "Reserved for Mayor of Maple Bluff (when s/he arrives first)"
- Opportunity to write and have village board swear non-binding oath of fealty for duration of term.
- Face on all village currency
- Official biography published in village newsletter
- Opportunity to write short column in subsequent village newsletters for duration of term.



Mayor Saf Mahamed and his family, First Lady Anita, son Amir and daughter Asha.



A new mayor for Maple Bluff, Saf Mahamed, follows outgoing Mayor John R. Young and past Mayor Todd Montgomery.

- Privileges to the executive washroom on the first floor of the Village Hall between the gym and fire department.
- Grand Marshall of Fest on Fourth Parade
- Cut ribbons on all new village structures
- Birthday declared a village holiday
- Right to make non-binding decrees of under one minute at all village events or while wearing official regalia within village limits
- Right to emcee the village tree-lighting ceremony
- Opportunity to attend and open all village meetings.
- Opportunity to blurt out "Off with his/her head," after all guilty verdicts announced at village court during weekend sessions.
- Opportunity to grandstand with 5-minute opening remarks and farewell speech at next year's Bocce Event.

The Village President and Police Chief have the right and responsibility at all times, to rein the Mayor in should s/he behave in a manner unsuitable to the dignity of the office and best interests of the village, by revoking any or all of the above privileges, even to the point of removing the titular Mayor from the scene and confiscating the microphone and mayoral regalia. Jurisdiction of this sinecure extends only to the boundaries of the Village of Maple Bluff.

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# MAPLE BLUFF REAL ESTATE MARKET

MAY 6, 2015 - JUNE 5, 2015

	ADDRESS	BEDS	SQ FT	LIST PRICE	PRICE CHANGE	SOLD PRICE
ACTIVE	808 McBride Rd	2	2027	\$315,900		
	308 Laurel Ln	3	2028	\$325,000		
	*330 Kensington Dr	4	2016	\$350,000		
	* 22 Lakewood Blvd	3	2940	\$368,000		
	*360 Woodland Cir	3	2391	\$374,900		
	620 Farwell Dr (Lot)	-	- - - -	\$374,900	-\$25,100	
	<b>* 318 Kensington Dr</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>\$440,000</b>		
	919 Magdeline Dr	3	2786	\$459,900		
	* 272 Kensington Dr	4	3003	\$459,900		
	801 Butternut Rd	4	2940	\$499,000		
	* 822 Charing Cross Rd	4	3322	\$635,000		
	7 Paget Rd	4	4743	\$649,900		
	<b>909 Farwell Dr</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4368</b>	<b>\$825,000</b>		
	403 Coleman Rd	5	4055	\$849,900		
	45 Cambridge Rd (Lake)	5	4200	\$1,050,000	-\$199,900	
	711 Farwell Dr (Lake)	4	2448	\$1,075,000	-\$100,000	
	416 Summit Rd	5	5600	\$1,090,000		
	<b>*11 Cambridge Rd</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3813</b>	<b>\$1,300,000</b>		
	<b>1155 Farwell Dr (Lake)</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5423</b>	<b>\$2,000,000</b>		
	209 Farwell Dr (Lake)	4	4320	\$2,300,000		
415 Farwell Dr (Lake)	6	6500	\$2,495,000			
1077 Farwell Dr (Lake)	6	8984	\$2,999,000			
PENDING	1225 Farwell Dr (Lake)	4	5604	\$1,249,900		
	<b>307 Farwell Dr (Lake)</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8545</b>	<b>\$2,200,000</b>		
SOLD	<b>220 Kensington Dr</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2526</b>	<b>\$425,000</b>		<b>\$411,235</b>
	826 McBride Rd	3	1684	\$369,900		\$348,450
	<b>625 Farwell Dr (Lake)</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4464</b>	<b>\$1,300,000</b>		<b>\$1,050,000</b>

\* New Listing **BLUE = Sprinkman Real Estate Transaction** All statistics have been gathered from the SCWMLS and may not include homes sold without a Realtor.

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**625 FARWELL SOLD**



**220 KENSINGTON SOLD**



**307 FARWELL SOLD**



SAT. & SUN., JULY 11 & 12

**Art Fair on the Square**

@Capitol Square

Art Fair on the Square features works of art in mixed media, ceramics, drawings, graphics, prints, fiber, leather, furniture, glass, jewelry, metal, paintings, photographs, sculpture, 3D mixed media, and wood.

Time: Sat.: 9am-6pm, Sun.: 10am-5pm

[www.mmoca.org](http://www.mmoca.org)

WED.-SUN., JULY 15-19

**Dane County Fair**

@Alliant Energy Center

Enjoy fabulous fair food, an interactive children's petting zoo, carnival rides along with great entertainment. This annual Dane County event has something for everyone! A variety of delicious food will be available as well, and parking is always free!

Time: Please check website for a schedule of events.

Cost: Ages 6-11, \$3 per day or \$6 Season, Adults 12 & over are \$8 per day or \$20 for season. Ages 5 & under are free.

[www.danecountyfair.com](http://www.danecountyfair.com)

FRI. & SAT., JULY 17 & 18

**Midwest Paddle Festival**

@James Madison Park

The 36th annual Isthmus Paddle & Portage has merged with Paddleboard Specialists Midwest Standup Paddle Festival. The crazy fun-filled weekend kicks off at Olin Park Friday evening. Paddlers and the general public are invited for before the race bib pick-up, Gear Demos with some of the best paddle gear on the planet and clinics. The schedule includes Pro clinics for Elite paddlers sponsored by Paddleboard Specialists, Learn to SUP for beginners and SUP Yoga sponsored by Brittingham Boats. Saturday's race begins at James Madison Park with a 1.5-mile paddle on Lake Mendota, followed by a 1-mile portage around the Capitol past the Dane County Farmers' Market, before heading to Monona Terrace and the final 1.5-mile

paddle across Lake Monona to the finish line at Olin Park. Racers and spectators are invited to participate in SUP lessons, SUP YOGA, Gear Demos and to attend the post-race party at Olin Park for live music, food, craft brews and the 2015 Paddle & Portage awards ceremony.

Paddlers are encouraged to get all decked out for the annual Paddle & Portage costume contest.

Time: Please check website for a schedule of events

Cost: Please check online for prices

[www.paddleandportage.com](http://www.paddleandportage.com)

WED., JULY 15-SUN., AUGUST 9

**Olbrich's Blooming Butterflies**

@ Olbrich Botanical Gardens

Experience the magnificence of free-flying butterflies while strolling through the tropical Bolz Conservatory. Live butterflies emerge from chrysalises daily in the conservatory, including low-flyers like the playful yellow and black striped zebras and bright orange julias. More than a dozen species of butterflies, native to both Wisconsin and the more tropical areas of the southern United States can be seen at various times during the exhibit.

Time: 10am-4pm daily

Cost: \$7 ages 13 & up, \$3 ages 3 - 12, Free ages 2 & under, Free for Olbrich members

[www.olbrich.org](http://www.olbrich.org)

FRI.-SUN., JULY 17-19

**Heavy Bombers Weekend**

@Wisconsin Aviation

Heavy Bombers Weekend is shaping up to include air rides and ground tours, featuring the following aircraft: - B-29 "FIFI", B-17 EAA "Aluminum Overcast", EAA Ford Tri-Motor, P-51 Mustang "Gunfighter", T-6 "Texan", C-45 Expeditor, North American SNJ-5. Other possible ground static displays include: Dozens of experimental aircraft static displays, UW Med Flight Eurocopter, Air Guard F-16 static display, WWII reenactors, Food vendors/concessions, vehicle static displays. 1940s Hangar Dance Saturday evening, featuring

"Ladies Must Swing", put on by Wisconsin Aviation. Pre-book air rides via weblink. New in 2015: admission tickets good for all three days!

Time: Daily 9am-5pm.

Sat.: Hangar Dance 6-10:30pm

Cost: Individual: \$15, Family: \$25

[www.heavybombersweekend.splashthat.com](http://www.heavybombersweekend.splashthat.com).

SAT. & SUN., JULY 18-19

**American Girl Benefit Sale**

@Benefit Sales Warehouse,

8830 N. Greenview Drive

For over 25 years, Madison Children's Museum has hosted this one-of-a-kind sale for fans of American Girl dolls, books and accessories.

The 28th Annual American Girl Benefit Sale requires advanced tickets for the Saturday sale, but Sunday's sale is free and open to the public. This is a fundraiser for Madison Children's Museum & American Girl's Fund for Children that attracts thousands of customers from all around the country. Throughout the year, Madison Children's Museum volunteers prepare for the sale of overstock merchandise donated by American Girl.

Time: 8am-Noon

[www.madisonchildrensmuseum.org](http://www.madisonchildrensmuseum.org)

SAT., JULY 25

**Opera in the Park**

@Garner Park

Opera in the Park, Madison Opera's gift to the community, is a night like no other. In beautiful Garner Park, the stars come out in the sky, the light sticks glow in the audience, and singers from the main stage season share their favorite opera and Broadway numbers.

Performed by the outstanding talents of the Madison Opera Chorus, the Madison Symphony Orchestra, and some of opera's brightest stars, Opera in the Park is a free community event perfect for all audiences!

Time: 8-11pm, Garner Park opens at 7am the day of the concert.

Cost: Free

[www.madisonopera.org](http://www.madisonopera.org)

FRI.-SUN., JULY 17-19

### Maxwell Street Days

@Downtown Madison

This annual sidewalk sale and community event showcases Madison's unique State Street and Capitol Square shopping district. More than 100 shops, boutiques, galleries and restaurants—many locally owned—offer terrific bargains on clothing, jewelry, gifts, sporting goods, artwork, food, drink and more in this festive, family-friendly event. Maxwell Street Days has provided bargains, culinary delights and music for more than 30,000 annual attendees.

Time: Fri. & Sat. 8am-6pm;

Sun. 10am-5pm

[www.visitdowntownmadison.com/events](http://www.visitdowntownmadison.com/events)

SAT., AUGUST 1

### National Mustard Day

@ National Mustard Museum

National Mustard Day is celebrated annually at the National Mustard Museum on the first Saturday in August. It is a fun-filled day for the whole family and has traditionally included FREE hot dogs as well as music, games, other entertainment, FREE mustard sampling, and more. The Mustard Museum has been the official sponsor of this event since 1991.

Time: 10am-4pm

Cost: Free

[www.mustardmuseum.com](http://www.mustardmuseum.com)

THURS.-SUN., AUGUST 20-23

### Sweet Corn Festival

@Angell Park

Festival begins with a parade down Main Street on Thursday evening. Event includes craft show, carnival rides, concessions, family stage, beer tent with live bands, kiddie korner activities, petting zoo, and a lot of sweet corn on Sat. & Sun. There will also be the second annual Prairie Pull-Off Tractor Pull, Sat. 4-8:30pm featuring South Central Tractor Pullers and Tri-County Pullers.

Time: Thurs & Fri 6-10pm, Sat

noon-mid, Sun noon-10pm

Cost: Check website for prices and discounts

[www.sunprairiechamber.com](http://www.sunprairiechamber.com)

FRIDAYS, AUGUST 7-28

### Dane Dances

@Monona Terrace

Monona Terrace is thrilled to serve as the home base for Dane Dances! Kick off your heels and get down on the rooftop with these fun community dances that have become a Madison tradition. These concerts were created to help break down racial barriers and bring people of all backgrounds together through music. Food vendors and cocktails are available for purchase beginning at 5pm. Feel free to bring a blanket or lawn chair; seating on the rooftop is limited. Picnic baskets are also welcome. Sorry, no carry-in alcohol. In the case of inclement weather, concerts will be moved inside unless otherwise noted.

Times: Aug 7: 5:30-9:30pm, Aug 14: 5:30-9:30pm,

Aug 21: 5:30-9:30pm, Aug 28: 5:30-9:30pm.

[www.danedances.org](http://www.danedances.org)



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**Piano Lessons:** I'm Katie Wall, a college student looking to teach summer piano lessons to children of all skill levels. I have 14 years piano experience and six years experience working with kids. A weekly lesson time will be arranged to fit your schedule. Call 608-333-6553.

**Nanny:** Hi, I'm Kerry McCarthy, age 20 and currently a sophomore at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. I am Red Cross certified and have been a camp counselor at Camp-Ya-Gotta-Wanna for the past five years. I am looking to nanny this summer and would be available June 1 through mid August (dates can be discussed). I was a member of the Maple Bluff swim team until 2013 and can help with getting the kids to swim lessons or swim team practice. Please contact me at 608-772-9521 so that we can discuss how I might be of help to your family. References can be provided.

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- AMI Montessori school
- Space available for children ages two months to 15 years
- Call or email at 608-661-8200 or [info@isthmusmontessoriacademy.org](mailto:info@isthmusmontessoriacademy.org).

This is a place where you can post Birthday Wishes, Engagement Announcements, Graduation Congratulations, or just a "Shout Out" to a friend or family member. Please email your post to [evanderweele@bestversionmedia.com](mailto:evanderweele@bestversionmedia.com).

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