



VILLAGE OF MAPLE BLUFF

NEWSLETTER





FEBRUARY 2016

February. Hhmmm, what do I say this month. It's cold outside? No, that's not interesting. What if I write about a story I was just reading this afternoon regarding a 21 year old Oshkosh woman who was in Milwaukee for a concert, and by her friends' account, was highly, highly intoxicated. She left a house party after having a disagreement with a friend. She made it a slight distance away from the party before falling over into the snow and eventually freezing to death due to the sub 0 temperatures. This is a tragic story with horrific results. In each of our own worldly experiences, there are many of us "reasonable" and "responsible" adults who look at a case like that and utter the phrase "There but for the grace...."

Lessons abound in every tragedy and every horrific story that we hear. But it does not always have to be tragedy that gives us reason to pause. Everyday life experience dictates that there are lessons to be learned. The question is, what do we actually take away from those experiences? In tragedy and death, often the lessons are easily recognized. Lessons get learned. Changes get made. We move on. In less dramatic circumstances, we are not always so quick to see the errors of our ways. Not so quick to implement changes or improvements that can protect us. Life, as viewed thru a time continuum, should be filled with getting and being better. Being better people. Making better decisions. Learning from our past mistakes. But sometimes, we don't.

Several years ago (more in my youth), I found myself in similar circumstances of that unfortunate 21 year old woman in Milwaukee. Highly intoxicated. Late at night. Winter/Cold. Unintentionally laying/sleeping on the cold turf. Friends didn't know where I was. It was an ugly set of circumstances, but my situation worked itself out. From that I learned lessons. I changed the parts of my life I identified as being a problem. I think I am a better person now, than I was then. Even though you did not know me then, I hope you would see it the same. "There but for the grace....."

The Village recently convened for a difficult decision regarding a development at the corner of Roxbury and Sherman Ave. Neighbors, families, and even the best of friends differed on the question of this development. Each had legitimate points to be made. In the end, there were not enough political votes to make this development happen. But from that process, many lessons have been learned. Lessons that tell me that we have to work harder; we need to communicate more; we need to listen; we need to find consensus; and we need to find solutions that work for everyone, especially when we are so divided. We collectively move forward with those lessons learned and we will collectively try to find a solution to that corner. We will.

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VETERAN'S MEMORIAL

Over the course of the past two years the Veteran's Committee consisting of John Schmid, Julie Cornelius, Sandy Thomas, Rick Apfel and Ellis Waller have been diligently working on collecting names of past and present Village Veterans for these names to be memorialize on a Veteran's Memorial that is nearing approval. The information for each Veteran will be inscribed on granite within the memorial and consist of Veteran's Name, Service Branch, Rank and Years of Service or Conflict Served. Below is a list of Village Veteran's in which we are missing a portion of that information.

If you have any of the information from the list please contact Rick Apfel at apfel.rick@gmail.com or Curt Erickson at cerickson@villageofmaplebluff.com by the end of February.

| Name | Branch | Rank | Yrs of Service | Conflict Served |
|---------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Beck, Robert | | | | |
| Bolz, Jack | | | | |
| Bolz, Robert M. | Army | | | WWII |
| Bush, William | | | | |
| Carter, Thomas L. | | | | |
| Chamberlin, Robert | | | | Vietnam |
| Chatterton, William | Navy | | | WWII |
| Class, Jack | | | | |
| Conlin, Jim | | | | WWII |
| Conlin, Peter | | | | WWI |
| Conlin, William | | | | WWII |
| Dailey, Warren | | | | |
| DeWitt, Jack | | | | |
| Duffek, Paul A | | | | |
| Earl, Tony | Navy | | 1961-1965 | |
| Eggleston, Gerald R. | | | | |
| Ela, Richard | Army | | | |
| Ela, William | USCG | | | |
| Elliott, Raymond | | Colonel | | WWII |
| Ermer, Donald S. | | | | |
| Frautschi, Jerome W. | Navy | | | |
| Frazier, Albert Jr. | Army | | 1953-1955 | Korea |
| Gibson, Skip | | | | |
| Hall, Larry | | | | |
| Hall, Ralph E. | Navy | | | WWII |
| Harned, Dr. Lew | Army | Brigadier General | | |
| Harper, John | | | | |
| Heitke, Lou | Army National Guard | Colonel | | |
| Hommel, William H. Jr. | USMC | | | WWII |
| Houck, Wayne | | | | |
| Houden, Richard | Navy | | | |
| Kessenich, Harry Jr. | Navy | | | WWII |
| Kiesling, Richard | | | | |
| Lang, James "Jim" | Navy | | | |
| Lucey, Patrick | Army | Captain | | |
| Marshall, Joseph P. | USMC | | | WWI |
| Marshall, Samuel | | | | WWI |
| McGuire, Ray | | | | |
| McGuire, Tom | | | | |
| McKenna, Linda | | | | |
| McKenna, Patrick | | | | |
| O'Brian, Dick | | | | |
| O'Brien, Tim | | | | |
| Ramsey, Wayne | | | | |
| Resnick, Daniel | | | | |
| Reul, James | Army | | | WWII |
| Reul, John | | | | |
| Reynolds, John | | | | |
| Reynoldson, Frank | | | | |
| Reynoldson, Jack | | | | Korea |
| Schappe, Perry J. | | | | |
| Schmidt, Wilbur | | | | |
| Sorenson, Bob | | | | |
| Stege, Scott H. | Army | | | |
| Storer, John | | | | WWII |
| Taff, AJ | | | | WWI |
| Tormey, Weston C. | | | | |
| Vaccaro, James Andrew | | | | |
| Waterman, Robert W. Jr. | | | | |
| Weber, George | | | | |
| Weston, John Cassoday | | | | |
| Whiffen, James Douglass | Navy | | | |
| Whiffen, John R. | Navy | | | |
| Winding, Frederick C. Jr. | | | | |
| Yost, John C. | | | | |

SUDDENLY NEXT SUMMER

The first day of winter is when I start thinking about the coming spring and summer. It's not because I don't like the cold and snow, but because the ever-lengthening days seem to build momentum towards all the fun that comes with summer in the Bluff.

I'm particularly looking forward to the summer of 2016 because we'll see some projects completed that are going to make life in Camp Happy even happier.

BEACH PARK

We'll see completely new tennis courts down at the Beach Park this summer. At the same time, we'll redo the parking lot to make it more space-efficient and improve pedestrian and bicycle safety through that area and up to the club. Meanwhile, the Parks Committee is finishing up their plan for the lake side of the park—which will give us something else to look forward to in the summer of 2017.

MBCC

One of the benefits of watching so many BBC series on Netflix this winter has been the addition of the word "gob-smacked" to my vocabulary; it's the best way to describe your reaction when you'll see the club's new pool, patio and fitness center this summer. As a Village resident, you automatically have club privileges. Make sure and use them as early in the summer as possible—because as soon as being gob-smacked allows, you're going to want to sign up for a membership that gets you up there every day.

VETERAN'S MEMORIAL

Though the target date for completion is Veteran's Day, 2016, a hardworking group of neighbors will be in full fundraising mode this spring and summer for the village Veteran's Memorial in Johnson Park. Whether you're a veteran, have one in your family, or just appreciate their service and sacrifice, stay tuned for opportunities to help fund and celebrate a long-overdo addition to the village.

N. SHERMAN AVE.

The purpose of our Tax Increment District is not just to encourage improvements in our small but important commercial area, but fund infrastructure improvements that we'll all enjoy. This summer you'll see a new pedestrian crossing at the Roxbury intersection of N. Sherman. And you won't see the power lines that used to be on the east side of Sherman—we're burying them as part of the improvements.

None of these would be possible without the efforts of our committees, the volunteers who serve on them and our incredible staff. The best way you can support them is by enjoying all that Maple Bluff has to offer, no matter what the season. And I know none of them ever gets sick of hearing the word, "Thanks."

So, "thanks!

JIM SCHULER
Village President

SIMPLE STEPS TO SAVE WATER

Hello and welcome to the first of several newsletters with basic information that over the course of the next few newsletters I will try to provide you with some simple steps to help save water which means that you could lower your water bill. As you read on, I hope that you will find some helpful information.

Saving water around the home is simple and smart. The average household spends as much as \$500 per billing period on its water and sewer bill but could save about \$170 per year by retrofitting with water efficient fixtures and incorporating water-saving practices. Of course there could be hidden or other leaks in the home that go unnoticed, which will directly affect the water bill. Please remember that any undetected leaks will have adverse effects to the sewer bill as well.

How much money you save will depend on the cost of water where you live, but it makes sense that using less water lowers your utility bill. More importantly, using less water preserves this limited resource for generations to come.

INSIDE THE HOME



Your toilet may be quiet as a mouse, but are you sure it isn't leaking?

Water leaks account for approximately 14% of all water use in the average American home, and the toilet is one of the most likely places to find them.

Sometimes it is easy to tell that your toilet is leaking - you hear the sound of running water or a faint hissing or trickling. But many times, water flows through the tank silently, which is why these leaks are often overlooked.

More information at:
<http://water.usgs.gov/edu/qa-home-percapita.html>

More information at:
http://www3.epa.gov/watersense/docs/ws_indoor508.pdf

If you feel as though your water reading is unusually higher than normal, contact the Public Works Water Department so that we can review the history of your homes water usage.

Also as a reminder, the DNR requires the Village to make a yearly percentage of Cross Connection inspections so please call to schedule an in home Cross Connection Survey.

Thank you, **PAUL ELLIOTT**, *Village of Maple Bluff Public Works*

GET FLUSH WITH SAVINGS

- Consider installing a WaterSense labeled toilet, which uses 20 percent less water while offering equal or superior performance. Compared to older, inefficient models, WaterSense labeled toilets could save a family of four more than \$90 annually on its water utility bill, and \$2,000 over the lifetime of the toilets.
- Check for toilet leaks by adding food coloring to the tank. If the toilet is leaking, color will appear in the bowl within 15 minutes. (Make sure to flush as soon as the test is done, since food coloring can stain the tank.)

ACCESSORIZE YOUR FAUCET

- Installing a WaterSense labeled aerator is one of the most cost-effective ways to save water. Also consider replacing the entire faucet with a WaterSense labeled model. Either way, you can increase the faucet's efficiency by 30 percent without sacrificing performance.
- Repair dripping faucets and showerheads. A drip rate of one drip per second can waste more than 3,000 gallons per year.

CLEAN UP WITH SAVINGS

- A full bathtub can require up to 70 gallons of water, while taking a 5-minute shower uses only 10 to 25 gallons.
- Turning off the tap while you brush your teeth can save 8 gallons per day.

LIGHTEN YOUR LOADS

- Wash only full loads of dishes and clothes or lower the water settings for smaller loads.
- Replace your old washing machine with a high-efficiency, ENERGY STAR® labeled model, which uses up to 50 percent less water and electricity.

More information at:
http://www3.epa.gov/watersense/pubs/simple_steps.html

DAILY WATER CONSUMPTION AMOUNTS

The figures below are the average daily amounts of consumption in the United States for common uses. Data is from the Environmental Protection Agency. Older homes with older toilets and sinks will use more than what I have listed below.

| ACTIVITY | AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD | HOUSEHOLD USING CONSERVATION METHODS |
|------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| Bath | 36 Gallons | 15 Gallons |
| Brushing Teeth | Tap Running = 2 Gallons/Min. | 1 Gallon/Min. |
| Dishwashing | 15 Gallons | Short Cycle = 7 Gallons |
| Hand Washing | Tap Running = 2 Gallons | ½ Gallons |
| Shaving | Tap Running = 20 Gallons | Using Bowl = 1 Gallon |
| Shower (5 min.) | Tap Running = 5 Gallons/Min. | Tap Running = 2 Gallons/Min. |
| Toilet Flush | 3-7 Gallons | Low Flush Toilet = 2 Gallons (Low Flow .6 and 1.6 Gallons) |
| Washing Dishes by Hand | Tap Running = 8-27 Gallons | 1.5-2 Gallons |
| Washing Machine | Top Loading = 40 Gallons | 25 Gallons |
| Watering Lawn | 12 Gallons/Min. per Zone | ** |

REGISTRATION FOR RECREATION PROGRAMS CAN BE COMPLETED IN THE FOLLOWING WAYS:

VISIT: <http://apm.activecommunities.com/maplebluffrec>
STOP BY the Village Center and complete the registration form
MAIL the registration form to the Village Center

WINTER-SPRING 2016 PROGRAMS

TODDLER AGED/PRE-SCHOOL AGED PROGRAMS

ARTS & CRAFTS

Dates: Thursday, 2/11-3/17 | Time: 2:30pm-3:00pm
 Location: Warren Dailey Cabin | Ages: 3 & 4 | Fee: \$26.00
 This fun class will create neat age-appropriate arts and craft projects. Weekly arts and crafts will be planned for your youngster to take home. Program participants must be toilet trained.

TUMBLING

Dates: Thursdays, 2/11-3/17 | Time: 3:15pm-4:00pm
 Location: Gym | Ages: 3-5 | Fee: \$26.00
 Tumbling is a preschool gymnastics program. Come explore landscapes, sing songs, play silly games with the parachute and much more. Join our 3-5 year old program, as they work on their fine and gross motor skills with an emphasis on coordination, strength, balance and socialization, through the use of fun and kid friendly gymnastics equipment. Participants must be potty trained.

GRADE SCHOOL – MIDDLE SCHOOL AGED PROGRAMS

YOUTH DODGEBALL

Date: Tuesdays, 2/9-3/29 (skip 2/16 & 3/22) | Time: 4:30pm-5:45pm
 Location: Gym | Ages: 8+ | Fee: \$38.00
 "Dodge, Dip, Dive and Duck" in this classic phy-ed favorite game. Various games will be played throughout the course of the program. Participants will need to wear tennis shoes for the program.

YOUTH ARCHERY

Date: Thursdays, 2/11-3/17 | Time: 4:30pm-5:30pm
 Location: Gym | Ages: 7-15 | Fee: \$33.00
 Learn to shoot compound bows and crossbows in this beginning level archery course. Each week participants will gain skills in concentration, accuracy and relaxation.

BOATERS SAFETY COURSE

Date: Saturday, April 16 | Time: 8:00am-5:00pm
 Location: Gym | Fee: \$40.00 | Age: 12+
 Maximum: 30 students
 Anyone born after Jan 1, 1987 must complete a Safe Boating Class in order to operate a boat. The fee for the class includes text, lunch and refreshments.

Registration:

1. Checks are made payable to USCGA-Flotilla 45-01 and mailed to John Linder at 5318
2. Participants must include first, middle and last name, DNR Customer Number (can be Lighthouse Bay Drive, Madison WI 53704. obtained through WI DNR 888-936-7463), Date of Birth, Phone number and address for each student.

ADULT/FAMILY PROGRAMS



“PAINT ON THE GOGH”

Date: Thursday, February 4 | Time: 6:30pm-8:30pm
 Location: Warren Dailey Cabin | Ages: 12+ (Families) | Fee: \$43.00
 Have you heard of paint/wine nights? Love to paint? Don't have the supplies? Haven't tried painting since Elementary Art class, but want to give it a 'Gogh'? Two art loving teachers bring everything needed to teach you how to paint an artwork of your choice. We'll take care of the entertainment! No prior experience is necessary.

CANDLELIGHT YOGA

Date: Wednesday, 1/13-3/9 | Time: 7:00pm-7:45pm
 Location: 2nd Floor training room | Fees: \$56 or \$10 per class
 Escape from your day and enjoy the tranquility of Candlelight Yoga with a blend of stretching, gentle flow and restorative poses with a focus on relaxing and melting the stress away. All levels welcome. Wear something comfortable and enjoy the benefits of letting go.

ADULT ARCHERY

Date: Wednesdays, 2/10-3/16 | Time: 5:30pm-6:30pm
 Location: Gym | Fee: \$33.00
 Learn to shoot compound bows and crossbows in this beginning level archery course. Each week participants will gain skills in concentration, accuracy and relaxation. Participants are not allowed to bring in their own bows to the course.

SUMMER 2016 PROGRAMS (MANY MORE TO COME)

CAMP-YA-GOTTA-WANNA

Dates: 6/13 – 8/12 | Days: M, W, F
 Time: 1:00pm-4:00pm | Location: Firemen's Park
 Fee: \$325.00 (fee valid until 4/1, \$30 late fee applies 4/2)
 Ages: 3-8 (entering 2nd grade) | Director: Emily Barry
 This 9 week summer playgroup program has been in existence for more than 25 years. CYGW offers structured and free play opportunities, as well as, arts and craft projects for village youngsters. Camp groups will be divided based on age and staffing ratio. The parent volunteer committee will try their best to group your child with their friends. **Regular Registration Ends April 1st.**

Important questions regarding your child's readiness for Camp

- Can your child do well without an afternoon nap?
- If your child still depends on a daily nap, postponing camp until next summer might be the best choice
- Can your child use the restroom independently?
- Children cannot come to camp in diapers and need to be potty trained, unless a care-taker is staying with them throughout the duration of camp.
- Can your child do well in an environment with a lot of stimulation?
 - On rainy days, camp is held indoors and it can be very loud and very active at times. We want every camper to have a great experience at camp.

If you have additional questions, please contact a member of the parent group: Holly Davie, Katie Stephenson, Katie Waterman and Tracy Petersen

ARTS & ATHLETICS

Dates: 6/13-8/12 | Days: M-F

Times: 2:00pm-4:00pm | Location: Beach Park | Fee: \$173.00

Ages: 7-13 (entering 2nd grade through the completion of 6th)

Instructors: Summer lifeguard staff Arts and Athletics is a fun-filled summer program that utilizes Lake Mendota, Beach Park Tennis Courts, Beach House and all other amenities at Beach Park. On a daily basis, various activities, games, arts and crafts and challenges will take place. Attendance will be taken daily, however, daily attendance at Arts and Athletics is not required by participants. All participants are strongly encouraged to bring a towel, swimsuit and apply sunscreen on a daily basis.

Regular Registration Ends April 1st.

SUMMER EMPLOYMENT

CAMP-YA-GOTTA-WANNA COUNSELORS

Camp is looking for numerous Camp Counselors for the 2016 summer. Counselors must be 14 years of age or older. In order to be considered a regular counselors this summer you must not miss more than 5 days from 6/13-8/12. Applications can be picked up at the Village Center and are due back no later than

April 1st at 4:00pm.

BEACH LIFEGUARDS

Applications are now being accepted for Summer Beach Lifeguards. The Lifeguard staff is responsible for controlling the actions of the swimmers and program participants, performing appropriate rescues when required and providing CPR/First Aid when necessary. The work will also involve providing a fun, safe and educational atmosphere for summer program participants. Applications can be picked up at the Village Center and are due back no later than **April 1st at 4:00pm.**

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR LIFEGUARD CERTIFICATION COURSES?

American Red Cross Offering: March 19-March 23

For more information or to register:

https://apm.activecommunities.com/mscractivenet/Activity_Search/american-red-cross-lifeguard-training-class/1293

Dane County YMCA's are offering the course

February 29-April 4

For more information visit: <http://www.ymcadanecounty.org/register?tagid=21674>

MARINA

MARINA APPLICATIONS

Marina Applications will be mailed to the 2015 tenants mid-February. These applications will be due back no later than **Friday, March 18th.** If you are interested in renting space at the Marina for 2016 and have not been a past renter, please contact me for more information. There is a possibility for a handful of land boat/trailer storage spaces available.

There is a waiting list for in-water slip storage.

FEBRUARY 16TH IS ELECTION DAY

An election will be held in the Village of Maple Bluff on Tuesday, February 16th. The polls will be open from 7am – 8pm. There will only be ONE contest on the ballot and it will be for Justice of the Supreme Court. This will be a primary election, so the intent is to reduce the number of candidates from three to two. Those two names will then appear on the April 5th ballot to determine a winner. The candidates running for Justice of the Supreme Court are: Rebecca G. Bradley, JoAnne F. Kloppenburg and Joe Donald.

As a reminder, the Wisconsin Voter Identification Law has been reinstated and you will be required to present photo identification in order to cast a ballot. The document you present is used to prove your identity and therefore only the name, photo and expiration date will be checked by election officials. The most common acceptable forms of photo identification include:

- ✓ Wisconsin Driver's License unexpired or expired after 11/4/2014
- ✓ State of Wisconsin Identification Card unexpired or expired after 11/4/2014
- ✓ Military ID card issued by a US uniformed service unexpired or expired after 11/4/2014
- ✓ US Passport booklet or card unexpired or expired after 11/4/2014

Now is the time to make sure you have acceptable photo identification or obtain one if necessary.

And remember to..... **BRING IT TO THE POLLS**

If you have questions about photo identification, or general election questions, please contact Sarah Danz, Village Clerk 244-3048.

Village Center, 18 Oxford Place.

SARAH DANZ, Village Clerk
244-3048

MAPLE BLUFF FIRE RESCUE ASSOCIATION

HONORARY LIFETIME MEMBERS



Lifetime Memberships Awarded on January 14, 2016, the Maple Bluff Fire Rescue Association granted lifetime memberships to EMT Ann Dailey, Chief Richard Reiter, Asst. Chief Chuck Busby, and Chief Josh Ripp for their outstanding dedication to the Maple Bluff Fire Rescue Department.

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