

# Village of Maple Bluff NEWSLETTER

August 2016



## **Robert Lizon & Erik Lien**

Fest On The 4th Parade Participants  
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# Welcome

## Calendar of Events

### August

- 4 Heightened Adventures Aerial Park Trip
- 9 Partisan Primary Election 7:00am - 8:00pm
- 11 Brewers vs. Braves Trip
- 12 Building Board Meeting & Village Board Meeting

### September

- 5 Labor Day
- 13 Building Board Meeting & Village Board Meeting

### October

- 11 Building Board Meeting & Village Board Meeting
- 31 Halloween  
Trick-or-Treating Hours 5:30-7:30pm

## Village Board

<b>President</b> Jim Schuler.....	249-1696
<b>Trustee</b> Peter Duff.....	249-0565
<b>Trustee</b> Cynthia Johnson.....	230-5080
<b>Trustee</b> Kristine Jaeger.....	217-1919
<b>Trustee</b> Eric McLeod.....	244-1371
<b>Trustee</b> Timothy O'Brien.....	246-0321
<b>Trustee</b> Carl Vieth.....	249-4647

## Village Departments

<b>Administrator/Police Chief</b> Tim Krueger...	244-3048x111
<b>Clerk/Treasurer</b> Sarah Danz.....	244-3048x102
<b>Deputy Clerk/Clerk of Court</b> Rene Dopkins...	244-3048x100
<b>Rec. Dir./Deputy Treasurer</b> Curt Erickson...	244-3048x106
<b>Police</b> .....	244-1430
<b>Public Works</b> .....	244-3048
<b>Fire &amp; Rescue</b> .....	244-3390

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### **A Very Active Summer in Maple Bluff** By: Tim Krueger; Village Administrator/Chief of Police

It sure has been a busy summer around the Village. I want to recap some of these activities, but mostly I want to discuss some of the crime related cases we have experienced. Before I get going on those, I wanted to write briefly about my June. You may have noticed, I did not have a July Newsletter because I was gone for most of June and did not pre-write an article. Sorry if you missed me!

June was about my family. In the first week, my son Adam graduated H.S. and we held his party on graduation day, June 5th. This was the same day as the Village Grad Party at the beach. Many of you know the work that goes into those events!! The day after, both of my kids got onto a bus and went to NY City with the Music Department from their school. That same day, Brenda and I got onto a plane and went to Anna Maria Island in Florida. We walked the beach, road bikes, went swimming and casually lounged ourselves into tranquility.

Upon all of us returning home, it was a quick but massive laundry, exercise, a day of work, and then the entire family, plus my mother in law, went on a two week excursion to Europe. We started in Finland, went to several parts of Italy along with a day trip to Switzerland. The trip was amazing, but as the end came, I was ready to head home and quite frankly, get back to work!

The first 3 weeks of July have been a challenge. In recent village emails, I have detailed the problems we have experienced around the neighborhood with thefts and burglaries. The good news is that the Maple Bluff Police Department has had good success in solving several of these crimes and getting a better understanding of the car entry and theft problem. Three burglaries that took place in the upper bluff have been solved with 3 persons being arrested and charged, with another suspect to be charged soon. In a different case, a suspect was arrested as he was entering cars and taking coins in the lower bluff. That same night, 5 other suspects were escorted from the Village. A recent bike theft suspect was caught as he walked away from that bike after taking it from the beach. Another bike theft suspect dropped a bike after the 16 year old owner chased after them.



All of that on top of a car chase where several Maple Bluff Police Officers were instrumental in apprehending a 16 year old with drug addiction problems who was driving a brand new stolen Dodge pick-up truck, intoxicated by controlled substances, in an extremely reckless manner (76mph on Sherman Avenue plus other dangerous driving maneuvers) while in possession of a stolen Glock 17 9mm pistol with a 32 round extended magazine. I am extremely proud of our officers, Sgt. Jay Sugden, Officer Chris Rathmann and Officer Kyle Dabbs and K-9 Ali for their work on that case. Of course, many of you are aware of our speed enforcement grant from the State D.O.T which has extra officers working traffic enforcement! Yes, it's been busy.

As the last paragraphs in one of my emails recently stated: "Heroin and other prescription drug problems continue to be our communities' greatest challenges. It is changing the landscape of our neighborhoods. We are affected by it here in Maple Bluff, so please think about your family, your home, your cars and your neighbors. Develop better self-protective habits. Meanwhile, we will continue to do the best we can on our side of this equation". I am not trying to overdramatize what we are seeing, but I don't want to underplay these incidents either.

Final notes: The Village continues our approval process for the open lots on the Sherman Av/ Roxbury site. The Developer should be bringing more information near the later part of August at which point the Plan Commission and Village Board should give final consideration of the project. Also, I recently spoke with Bachmann Construction who is the Contractor responsible for the retail space being developed. They should begin construction very soon!! Lets hope!

## Village President

### Development Developments By: Jim Schuler

Since shortly after the apartment building proposed for the Roxbury/Sherman parcels failed last January, we've been considering a new proposal for a 27-unit condominium project on that site. The two-story project includes both townhouse (multistory) and flat style condominiums, all with underground parking.

And though many who were concerned with the size of past projects like the reduced scale of this one—or prefer that this is condos and not apartments—we still have an unanswered question regarding the economic feasibility of the project. Can the developer secure financing and, if so, are these the right style, design and price condos to attract both village down-sizers and new residents?

The developer's original option to purchase the parcels from the current owner expired on June 30th, but he's secured a sixty-day extension—and brought in some expertise to help with the rezoning and TIF approval process. Keep your fingers crossed—hopefully, we'll have an approved project in the next two months.



## Village Clerk/Treasurer

### Partisan Primary Election - August 9th

Polls will be open on August 9th from 7:00am to 8:00pm at the Village Center. The following offices will appear on the ballot: United States Senator, Representative in Congress District 2, State Senator District 16, Representative to the Assembly District 48, District Attorney, County Clerk, County Treasurer and Register of Deeds.

During this election you may only vote for candidates in one political party. The purpose of the Partisan Primary is to narrow the candidates to one per political party, per office.

Photo ID is required to vote, so please be prepared. If you have questions regarding the Photo ID requirement, please contact Sarah Danz, Village Clerk, at 244-3048.

Absentee voting and voter registration is available Monday – Friday, 8:00am – 4:30pm through August 5th. You may also register to vote on Election Day. Registering to vote requires Proof of Residence while Absentee Voting requires Photo ID.

### **Fest on the 4th Follow Up**

By: Kris Loy; Fire Chief

The Maple Bluff Fire Rescue Association would like to thank everyone who contributed and helped make this year's Fest on the 4th a tremendous success. The Fest on the 4th is the Fire Rescue Association's largest fund raising event of the year. Thanks to your contributions, our firefighters raised over \$3,500 to use towards firefighter training and education initiatives. Thank you for your continued support.

### **New Fire Engine**

Members of MBFD's Equipment & Apparatus Committee visited Pierce Mfg. on July 20th to conduct an inspection of our new fire truck. Our truck is progressing nicely and is scheduled to be completed mid-August. Please follow us on Facebook and Twitter to receive up to date pictures and information about the new fire engine.



~ **New Engine #1 Dedication** ~

~ **Fire Prevention Open House** ~

**Saturday, October 8, 2016**  
**Ceremony & Wet-Down: 10:00am**  
**Open House: 10:30am-2:00pm**

**Maple Bluff Firehouse**  
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### **Fire Truck Dedication Ceremony & Fire Prevention Open House**

Please join the Maple Bluff Fire Rescue Department on Saturday, October 8, 2016 at 10:00am as we hold a dedication and wet-down ceremony for our newest apparatus.

The ceremony will be followed by our annual fire prevention open house from 10:30am-2:00pm. Firehouse tours, demonstrations, and fire truck rides will be offered throughout the day.

## 3 Good Months.

By: Tom Schroeder, Public Works Director

I have run out of time and must rush to meet the newsletter deadline. The August newsletter... Augh! Summer and the growing season are half over!!! The warmth. The sun. The fun...the care-free existence...and school will be back in session. Wait a minute, that was 40 years ago! OK, so there is a little part of me that has never gotten over the summer vacation ending all too abruptly. Could it be, that most of all, I miss not having the summer vacation???! If only time travel was possible.

Back to reality. Hey! We have 3 good months before we start packing away the garden tools and getting the rakes and leaf blowers out, so get outside and take on your yard and garden work. While you are doing so, take the time and look closely at your trees to assess their condition. You want to look for vigorous growth; full crown; solid limb unions; clearly defined root flair, and little to no imperfections with the bark of the tree. If you see branches or limbs without leaves; limbs that look dark and or wet at the union with the trunk or other limbs; missing bark; a root flair that is hardly discernable, you should probably investigate further and or get a professional opinion. Having a pro come and assess your trees, especially older mature trees, is highly advisable. Look no further than the storm we had last month when several mature trees failed in a variety of ways; roots/trunk/limbs. Many of the failures that I looked at had hidden issues of rot and decay that were not necessarily displayed outwardly, or easily recognized by a casual observer. Maybe not every year, but every 4-6 years the big trees should get a close look and any preventative pruning that may be necessary. One last topic regarding trees: protecting the root flair. Be sure that you can see the flair. The flair is the transition of roots to trunk. Root tissue needs to be in the ground and not exposed to air. Conversely, the flair and trunk need to be exposed to air and not in the ground or hidden by overuse of mulch...it needs to breathe. If the flair and trunk are covered or buried, the tree is doomed to an early demise because these tissues will rot if not allowed to be exposed to air. Mulching is probably the most important protective act you can provide your trees when applied properly. It helps keep movers and trimmers away from injuring the bark and flair. Be sure to pull the



mulch back several inches away from the bark to allow for the flair to breathe. Also be sure to only use a couple of inches of mulch in the beginning and then only for color or as necessary to maintain that 2" cover.

With a little research you can find all kinds of practical suggestions for tree care. Please call with your questions and concerns.

### Trash/Recycling

Trash pick up is in yellow, recycling dates are circled

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## Beach Park Update.

By: Curt Erickson, Recreation Director

If you have not had an opportunity to check out the new tennis courts at the beach I would encourage you to do so. They have turned out great. The Village also added Pickleball lines to the two courts as this sport is the fastest growing sport in the US right now amongst adults.

Phase 2 of the Beach Park projects will begin this month. The existing playground will be removed sometime during the week of August 22nd with a specific date yet to be determined. The playground, infinity climber and swing

set will be removed by Kids Around the World and will be donated to a different country. The park will then be absent of a playground until the week of September 11. During this time frame, there will be prep work occurring as the Village will be excavating and removing other parks items necessary for the new playground build. Lee Recreation will be installing the playground on September 15 & 16. We are in need of volunteers to help assist in this build. Please contact Curt Erickson for more information or sign up online by visiting the VOMBPARKSANDREC page on Facebook.



Trailed by staff, security and her motorcade, Maple Bluff's new Mayor Dr. Erin Vanness tossed sunscreen and waved to jubilant sun-worshipping crowds while leading the Fest on the Fourth Parade.

## Maple Bluff Welcomes First Female Mayor, Dr. Erin Vanness

Jubilant, sun-loving crowds greeted new Maple Bluff Mayor, Georgetown- and UW-educated, and Mayo Clinic-trained dermatologist Dr. Erin Vanness, as she led the annual Fest on the Fourth Parade. Trailed by security, the mayoral motorcade, and staff, our dermatologist-turned- mayor tossed sunscreen bearing her motto, "Always Wear Protection" to exuberant UV-ray endangered spectators. And In a triumphant boost for the Equal Pay Act of 1963, Maple Bluff's first female mayor paid as much, if not more than, any of Maple Bluff's previous male mayors to purchase the office.

The Mayor's official portrait will now replace Susan B. Anthony on all village currency, and past village president Stacy Soderholm will be invited to join Mayor Vanness in the newly-christened Lilly Ledbetter corner of the Esquire for official conferences on women with purchasing power in politics.

With our first female in the mayoral manse, could this be the year we also see the first woman in the White House?



# Parks & Recreation

## Trips

**Trip: Brewers vs. Braves**  
**Day: Thursday**  
**Date: August 11, 2016**  
**Time: 10:00am – 6:00pm (return time may change)**  
**Location: Meet at the Village Center**  
**Fee: \$56.00**  
**Age: 8-15**



Join us for a fun-filled day of Brewer baseball as they take on the Atlanta Braves at Miller Park. Space is limited so enroll fast! Bus will leave the Village Center at 10:00am and we will return promptly after the ending of the game. Price of the trip includes bus transportation, ticket and lunch. These seats are located in Section 111 which is behind the Brewers dugout and first base.

## Fall Programs

**Flag Football (4yr-5yr old)**  
**Tuesdays: September 6-October 25**  
**Time: 4:30pm-5:30pm**  
**Location: Johnson Park**  
**Fee: \$58.00**



Look and play like the Pros in this NFL Flag Football program. Each week participants will learn various skills in flag football and be able to play games with new teams weekly. All program participants will be given an NFL jersey and a set of flags. It is encouraged to send your kids in appropriate attire as this program will meet, unless severe weather or lightning is present.

**Flag Football (6yr-8yr)**  
**Wednesdays: September 7-October 26**  
**Time: 4:30pm-5:30pm**  
**Location: Johnson Park**  
**Fee: \$58.00**

Look and play like the Pros in this NFL Flag Football program. Each week participants will learn various skills in flag football and be able to play games with new teams weekly. All program participants will be given an NFL jersey and a set of flags. It is encouraged to send your kids in appropriate attire as this program will meet, unless severe weather or lightning is present.

## Flag Football cont.

**Flag Football (9yr-11yr)**  
**Thursday: September 8-October 27**  
**Time: 4:30pm-5:30pm**  
**Location: Johnson Park**  
**Fee: \$58.00**

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## Young Explorer

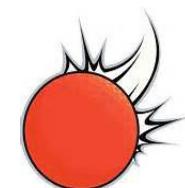
**Young Explorer**  
**Mondays: September 12-October 24**  
**Time: 5:30pm-6:15pm**  
**Location: Warren Dailey Cabin**  
**Fee: \$33.00**  
**Ages: 5-10**



Participants will meet at the Warren Dailey Cabin each Monday and participate in nature based games, crafts and activities. This program will provide a fun way for participants to learn more about nature. Participants should dress for the weather as some of the activities will take place outside.

## Dodgeball

**Dodgeball**  
**Mondays: September 12-October 24**  
**Time: 4:15pm-5:15pm**  
**Location: Gym**  
**Fee: \$33.00**  
**Ages: 8-14**



Dodge, Dip, Dive and Duck in this playground favorite game after school on Mondays. Kids are out of school early and this will provide them the opportunity to burn off some energy.

## Archery

Archery  
Tuesdays: September 6-October 25  
Time: 5:45pm-6:45pm  
Location: Gym  
Fee: \$43.00  
Ages 8+



This program will teach shooting techniques and positions, accuracy and provide each participant an opportunity to shoot compound bows and crossbows.

## Volleyball

Youth Volleyball  
Tuesdays: September 6-October 25  
Time: 7:00pm-8:00pm  
Location: Gym  
Fee: \$38.00  
Ages: 8+

Learn volleyball skills and receive a volleyball for your participation. Each week we will work on a different skill and then play games with those skills.

## Arts & Crafts

Arts & Crafts  
Fridays: September 9-October 28  
Time: 4:30pm-5:15pm  
Location: Warren Dailey Cabin  
Fee: \$23.00  
Ages: 3-6 years old



Program participants will use their imaginations and create fun arts and craft projects to take home.

## Yoga

Candlelight Yoga  
Wednesdays: September 7-October 26  
Time: 7:00pm-7:45pm  
Location: Warren Dailey Cabin  
Fee: \$56.00  
Ages: 12+



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## Family & Friends of **Peter Taborsky**



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