



VILLAGE OF MAPLE BLUFF

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

October 2016



Beach Park's New Playground

Dave Sugar, Jim Schuler, Sheila Young, Cynthia Johnson, and Peter Duff

Welcome

Calendar of Events

October

- 4 Ribbon - Cutting At Beach Park
- 8 Fire Prevention Open House 10:00am-2:00pm
- 11 Building Board Meeting & Village Board Meeting
- 31 Halloween
Trick-or-Treating Hours 5:30-7:30pm

November

- 6 Daylight Saving Time ends
- 8 Election Day
- 24 Thanksgiving
- 25 Admin. Office & Public Works Closed

December

- 25 Christmas
- 31 New Year's Eve

Trash/Recycling

Trash pick up is in gray, recycling dates are circled

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Village Board

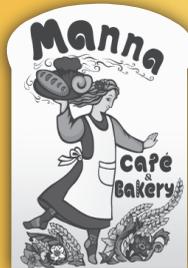
- President** Jim Schuler.....249-1696
- Trustee** Peter Duff.....249-0565
- Trustee** Cynthia Johnson.....230-5080
- Trustee** Kristine Jaeger.....217-1919
- Trustee** Eric McLeod.....244-1371
- Trustee** Timothy O'Brien.....246-0321
- Trustee** Carl Vieth.....249-4647

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- Administrator/Police Chief** Tim Krueger...244-3048x111
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Safety By: Tim Krueger; Village Administrator/Chief of Police

Recently, I sent an email to the Village that addressed concerns I had heard from a resident or two regarding safety within the Village. My email content discussed in detail the concerns I have about vulnerabilities to crime within the Village. These concerns were based on incidents that have been reported to police here in the Village. I strongly encourage you to get onto the Village email list to receive updates from myself and other staff of the Village. As a side note, I have contemplated providing Twitter based communication, but there are still many persons not using that platform. Email still seems to be a very base level of communication, only one step above this Newsletter which is the most basic communication method we have.

The past several years, the Village has had proposals from various Developers for a multi-family development at the open lot at the corner of Roxbury and N. Sherman Ave. For one reason or another, those proposals were not passed and we are still waiting for that one special project that gets neighbor and political support, as well as, being financially viable.



During discussions on the proposals, references are consistently made to the Gateway Plan which the Village adopted several years ago. That plan was a guide to what the Village may like to see in the annexed triangle parcels. Now, as an extension of the Gateway Plan, the Village wants to consider more specific streetscape ideas and concepts for the stretch of N. Sherman Avenue from the entrance of the Village at Oxford Place to the intersection of Commercial Avenue. The idea would be to create a more unique feel on Sherman Avenue so that anyone driving into the Village would quickly and more easily realize that they have entered the

Village. Please watch for more information about these discussions and please participate as neighborhood feedback will be a critical component of these concepts.



Later this month will be Halloween!! The structured hours for Trick or Treating is from 5:30p-7:30p, but you are welcome to adjust those hours as they work for you. That may include starting earlier or staying open later based upon visitors and the amount of goodies you have left! As most everyone knows, your porch light being "ON" is the international signal of "Open for Trick or Treaters". Have fun!



~ **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
18 Oxford Place, Madison, WI 53704**

Village Clerk

Absentee Voting for the Presidential Election

In person absentee voting will begin on October 10th and continue through November 4th. Absentee voting is available during regular business hours of 7:30am-4:30pm Monday through Friday at the Village Center, 18 Oxford Place. You will need to show Photo Identification before voting. Photo Identification is defined as a document that proves your identity such as a driver's license or passport. The address on the document is not relevant.

Absentee ballots can also be mailed, emailed or faxed. Please contact Sarah Danz, Village Clerk, at 244-3048 for information on how to obtain a ballot in this manner.

Voter Registration is required for all persons wishing to vote. In order to register you need to be; at least 18 years old on election day, a resident of the village for at least 10 days and able to provide proof of residence. Proof of residence is defined as a document that proves where you live. A utility bill, paystub, Government document or Wisconsin Driver's license that contains both your name and Maple Bluff address would be sufficient.

Additional information can be found at myvote.wi.gov

Village President

10 Things I Learned Last Summer

Inspired by the "How I Spent My Summer Vacation" essays I was assigned in elementary school, here are the top 10 things I learned last summer.

1. Every summer gets shorter than the last. This one lasted about three weeks.
2. 9 out of 10 kids (and 7 out of 10 adults) agree that the new Beach Park playground is better than the old one.
3. Despite improvements in design and aesthetics, spinning playground equipment is still more nauseating than fun.
4. All ticketed residents agree that our High Visibility Traffic Safety grant wasn't worth it.
5. Despite the Village president's suggestion that residents get first-time warnings instead of tickets, I didn't.
6. Enhancing pedestrian safety at the Beach Park and country club entrance are worth almost anything—except 8 bright green, high visibility signs.
7. According to expert opinion, the new Village tennis courts are the nicest in Dane County.
8. The new building under construction on the former Noah's Ark/Cat Clinic/Inferno site will be finished this year—and will also be home to an upscale gastro-pub.
9. I had a theory that Chatterton pond not only helped control runoff, but had permanently reduced our mosquito population. Wrong.
10. Three weeks of a great Maple Bluff summer are better than three months anywhere else.

New Fire Engine By: Kris Loy; Fire Chief

On Friday, September 16, 2016 the Maple Bluff Fire Rescue Department took delivery of the newest addition to our fleet. This new fire engine will help our department by providing additional storage for rescue equipment, increased pumping capabilities and improve the safety of firefighters responding to calls with the latest in emergency warning and communications devices. Our members have been diligently training with the new apparatus and expect to have the truck ready for service prior to its dedication ceremony. Residents are encouraged to stop at the firehouse to see the new truck.



Thank You

I would like to thank the members of the fire department's equipment & apparatus committee, especially Derek Goplen, Katy Reed, and A/C Matt Sutter, for their incredible dedication to our fire engine replacement project. During the course of the past 11 months they each spent an untold number of hours helping to ensure the Maple Bluff Fire Rescue Department and the residents of the Village of Maple Bluff received the highest quality fire engine available. Their hard work and diligence during the design and specification process will not go unnoticed by the current and future firefighters of our department. This truck is just one tool in our toolbox to help ensure we abide by our motto "Everyone Goes Home". Thank you again. I am lucky to work with such a dedicated group of professionals.

I would also like to thank the members of the Maple Bluff Fire/EMS Committee and the Village Board. Their continued support provides the members of our department with the most up to date fire and rescue equipment which enables our staff to work efficiently and effectively in emergency situations. Thank you again.

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.

A long standing tradition in the fire service, a "wet-down", is a ritual celebrated by many fire departments in the United States in which firefighters commission a new fire apparatus by anointing it with water sprayed from the retiring pumper's tank water and from neighboring firehouse's apparatus. After being wet-down, the new engine will be slowly rolled backwards into the bay while firefighters assist by pushing upfront. The ritual dates back to the late 1800's when horse drawn pumpers were used throughout the nation's Fire Service.

The ceremony and open house will be held at the Maple Bluff Firehouse, 18 Oxford Place, Madison, WI 53704. Please contact Chief Kristopher Loy (kloy@villageofmaplebluff.com) with any questions about this event.

Fire Truck Parade

The Maple Bluff Fire Rescue Department will be participating in the 2016 Fire Prevention Fire Truck Parade on Sunday, October 9, 2016. The event, hosted by the Dane County Fire Chiefs Association, will feature fire apparatus from Dane County as they parade up State Street in Madison beginning at 1:00pm. All of the fire apparatus will be on display around the Capitol Square following the parade. We hope to see you there.

Fire Prevention Week

The Maple Bluff Fire Rescue Department urges all Village residents to know how old their smoke alarms are and to replace them every 10 years.

Does your home have a smoke alarm? According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), the answer is likely yes: NFPA research shows that most American homes have at least one. But do you know how old your smoke alarms are? If you're like most people, you're probably not so sure.

A recent survey conducted by NFPA revealed that only a small percentage of people know how old their smoke alarms are, or how often they need to be replaced. That lack of awareness is a concern for the MBFD and NFPA, along with fire departments throughout the country, because smoke alarms don't last forever.

NFPA 72, National Fire Alarm Code®, requires smoke alarms be replaced at least every 10 years, but because the public is generally unaware of this requirement, many homes have smoke alarms past their expiration date, putting people at increased risk.

As the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week for more than 90 years, NFPA is promoting this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, "Don't Wait - Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years," to better educate the public about the critical importance of knowing how old their smoke alarms are and replacing them once they're 10 years old. Fire Prevention Week is October 9-15, 2016.

To find out how old your smoke alarm is and its expiration date, simply look on the back of the alarm where the date of manufacture is marked. The smoke alarm should be replaced 10 years from that date (not the date of purchase). The MBFD also says smoke alarms should be tested monthly, and that batteries should be replaced once a year or when they begin to chirp, signaling that they're running low.

For more information on smoke alarms and this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, "Don't Wait: Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years", visit www.firepreventionweek.org.



Shop With a COP

As the Holiday season is fast approaching, for many families in our area, this gift-giving might not be possible due to financial hardships they may be facing. To address this need a group of law enforcement agencies have collaborated for the past 15 years on an event called "Shop with a Cop." The event provides economically disadvantaged families within Dane County with gifts during the holidays and this year the Maple Bluff Police Department is excited to announce that we will be joining in on the fun!

We are currently working with Lakeview Elementary to find hard-working students with no major discipline issues. Shop with a Cop gives the children an opportunity to interact with law enforcement in a positive context. It also allows our Department to give back to our community and gives the children a sense of satisfaction as they are able to provide gifts for their families.



On Sunday December 4, 2016 approximately 85 children will be brought to the Target on the East-side of Madison where they will be paired with an officer. They will shop together for gifts for the child's family. Each Child will be provided with \$175 with which to purchase presents. After shopping, the Children will be treated to a pizza party at the VFW where they will spend time wrapping gifts with their officer.

In order to continue the success of this program, we need the ongoing support and monetary contributions from area businesses, along with personal donations. Our goal is to increase the number of families we can help, however we can only do so through generous public donations.

If you would like to contribute, here are a few ways:

- Amazonsmile. You shop. Amazon gives. It is a new Amazon program that enables shoppers to easily donate to their favorite nonprofit organization.
- Go online and make a donation.
www.shopwithacopdanecounty.org
- Mail a check to Maple Bluff Police Department
Attn: Shop with a Cop
18 Oxford Place
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Please Make All Checks Payable to Shop with A Cop-Dane County, INC

If you have any questions, please contact Jessie Knops at jkrops@villageofmaplebluff.com. All donations to the program are tax deductible. Thank you for your generosity!



Maple Bluff Gymnasium

As we enter into the fall months the Village Center gym sees an increase in use. Beginning in November, week-day use is most commonly reserved for the Village's basketball programs. Weekend use sees a lot of drop-in and/or reserved times for use. Did you know that you can view the gym calendar on the Maple Bluff website? If there are no activities or reservations listed the gym may be available for drop-in use. Below is a list of rules for use of the gym during drop-in use:

1. All users must pay the appropriate fees prior to entering the gym (Res \$1.00 and Non-Res \$2.00)
2. Residents may bring up to **3 non-resident** users per drop-in use
3. In the event separate groups are using the gym at the same time, the gym must be shared equally
4. No food, gum or soda in the gym
5. No dunking allowed
6. Place items used back in the location where you retrieved them from when your use has ended

Winterization of Park Equipment

October is a transition month as the warm-weather items get placed in storage until next spring. Items that will be removed include: piers at the Beach and Marina, hoists at the Marina, furniture, paddleboards, kayaks, canoes and disc golf. This year, the contractors who installed and consulted on the tennis court project recommend that the windscreens remain on the fencing but to roll the windscreens up. All of these park items will occur within the month of October if not prior to the end of September.



Basketball Programs

Basketball Programs

INSTRUCTIONAL

Pre-K and Kindergarten

Saturdays: 12/3, 12/10, 12/17, 1/7, 1/14, 1/21

Time: 8:00am-9:00am

Fee: \$33.00

This co-ed basketball program will provide participants skills and drills necessary for early learning of basketball. This program will focus on dribbling, passing, shooting techniques and teamwork.

1st – 2nd Grade Boys

Saturdays: 12/3, 12/10, 12/17, 1/7, 1/14, 1/21

Time: 9:15am-10:15am

Fee: \$33.00

This instructional skill-development program will work on various drills to improve or teach dribbling, passing and shooting. Near the end of each session, participants will play a scrimmage working on the various skills learned that class.

1st – 2nd Grade Girls

Saturdays: 12/3, 12/10, 12/17, 1/7, 1/14, 1/21

Time: 10:30am-11:30am

Fee: \$33.00

This instructional skill-development program will work on various drills to improve or teach dribbling, passing and shooting. Near the end of each session, participants will play a scrimmage working on the various skills learned that class.

Traveling/League Rec Basketball (\$76.00/player includes a jersey)

4th Grade Boys

Mondays: Practices 5:00pm-6:30pm

Dates: 11/14/16 – 3/20/17

Games: TBD

Fee: \$76.00

Coaches: Peter Wood & Brynn Bennett-Feinblatt

Practices will be held in the Maple Bluff Village Center Gym. Games will be played in Waunakee, Middleton and Cross Plains. Games will begin in January with the schedule to be released at a later date.



Other league teams 4th-8th will be available once scheduling of practices with coaches have been completed. Please watch your emails and the November newsletter for more information on times and coaches.

Beach Park's New Playground



In September, several members of the community came together with Lee Recreation to install the new playground at the beach. The project will celebrate it's opening with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Tuesday, October 4th at 5:45pm.





Thank you to all of our Volunteers:
 Dave Sugar, Lon Schoor, Donna Schoor, Todd Montgomery, Trey Sprinkman, James Hallick, Ryan Dow, Al Michaelson, Ann Dailey, Jeff Loree, Linda Owen, Ravi Shah, Cynthia Johnson, Sheila Young, Lynn Bolz, Jason Potter, Dave Vanness, Patrick Grant, Ellis Waller, Jim Schuler, Casey Eggleston, Ed Nowicki, Kevin Hurley and Peter Duff



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Are You Looking for the "Right" Exercise?

By: Mary Albrecht

Can you walk? If so, you can learn to Square Dance! With today's fast paced life style, Square Dancing may seem, you know, old fashioned! For many of us, memories of Square Dancing is what we experience in school, or it's what Grandma and Grandpa use to do.

Today, Modern 21st Century Square Dancing is full of fun, high energy, and great music! There are numerous health benefits to Modern Square Dancing as well as great social aspects.

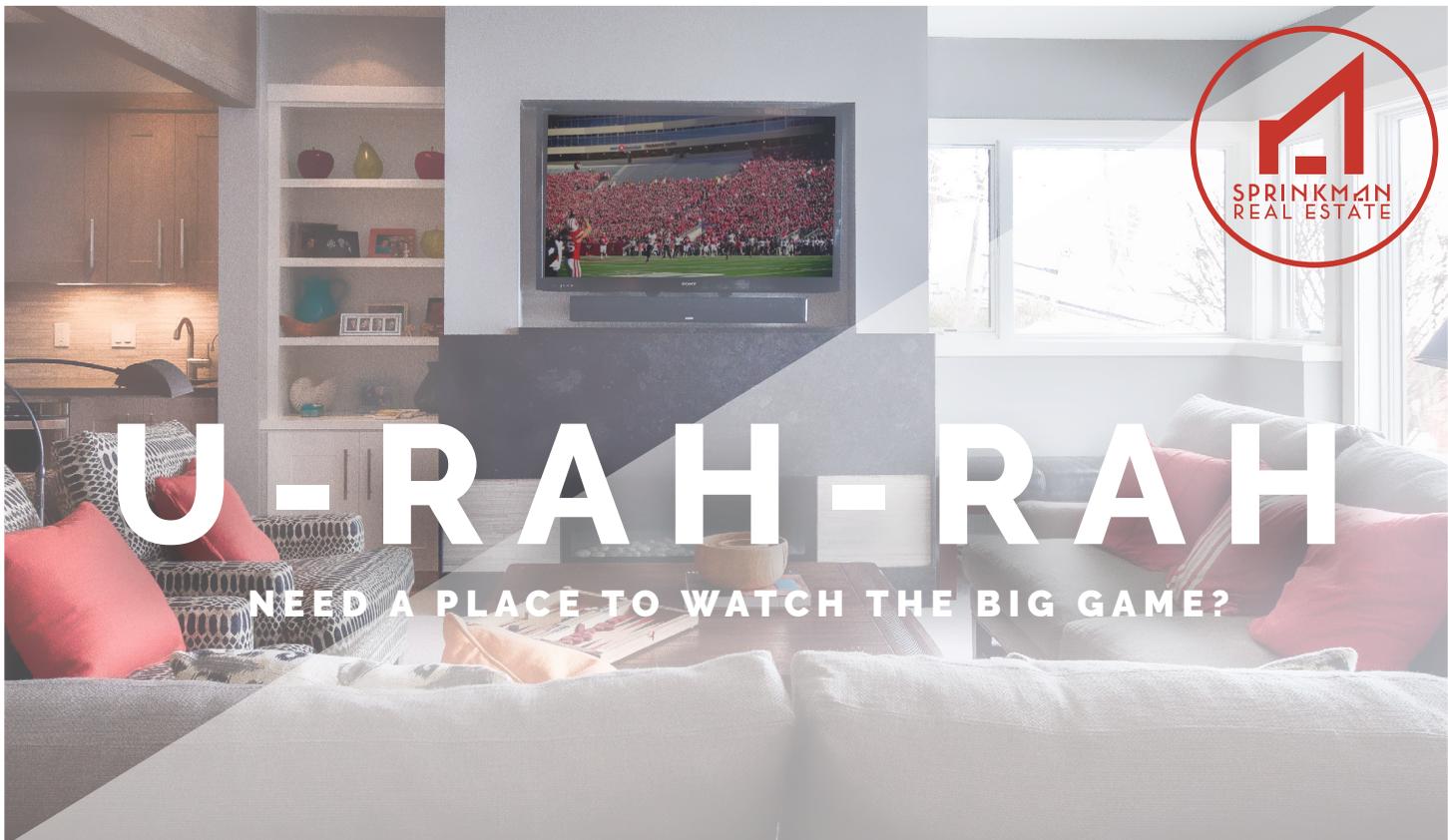
- 1) Dancers briskly walk between 2 1/2 to 5 miles at a typical dance.
- 2) On average, studies show Square Dancing will add 10 years to your life.
- 3) Square Dancing is known to protect against dementia.
- 4) Burn Calories. Dancing for 1/2 hour can burn between 200-400 calories.
- 5) Square Dancing is an excellent choice for rehabilitating from surgery.
- 6) Social Dancing allows you to get great exercise and have fun with others letting you build new friendships.



Square Dancing is also a great value for your money. In today's world of high tech entertainment, Square Dancing seems like a steal! A typical dance costs \$6.00 a person and you get 2 1/2 hours of dancing and socializing. Stop and think where else you can get that kind of value.

For those interested in learning Modern Square Dancing, Westport will hold lessons designed to get you up and dancing quickly. Lessons will start Oct 2nd at the Maple Bluff Village Center and run from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Children are welcome to attend but must have a genuine interest in learning to dance. Lesson fees are \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for youth under 18.

Want to know more? Call Eldon or Virginia at 608-244-3694. You can also visit Westport Squares website at www.westportsquares.com and use the "Contact us" for more information.



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