



VILLAGE OF MAPLE BLUFF

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

September 2016



Camp Ya Gotta WANNA



Welcome

Calendar of Events

September

- 1-14 Beach Park Playground Removal
- 5 Labor Day
- 13 Building Board Meeting & Village Board Meeting
- 15-16 Beach Park Playground Install

October

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

November

- 8 Election Day
- 24 Thanksgiving
- 25 Admin. Office & Public Works Closed

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
- Clerk/Treasurer** Sarah Danz.....244-3048x102
- Deputy Clerk/Clerk of Court** Rene Dopkins...244-3048x100
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Fall Schedule By: Tim Krueger; Village Administrator/Chief of Police

School is now in session and our busy fall schedules with Football, Soccer, Swimming, Volleyball, Fall Baseball and not to mention all of the other school activities are about to overwhelm us. But, I want to address just a very few topics I am thinking about.

First, as the full assault on our reasonable and common senses draws near this November 8th (Election Day), please remember that political signs are permitted in the area of your property that is not in the Village Right of Way. That is hard to define because on each street it is different, so let the guidance be that it should be off the roadway at least 15 feet. I would also encourage you to cheer for your candidate of choice, but after the election, let's all decide to pull down our signs and cheer for the country and our state to be successful. Ideally that is with whichever candidate wins the election.

Finally, I want to talk about next July. Yes, July 2017!! July 27th-29th of 2017, the Maple Bluff Country Club (MBCC) will be hosting the All City Swim Meet. The Maple Bluff Village Board has agreed to work with and support the MBCC's efforts for this event.

I recently attended the 2016 All City Swim Meet hosted at Seminole. Other Village staff also attended as did staff from the Country Club. I have to tell you that I was impressed. This is a LARGE event. In this case, large may be an understatement. I am anticipating that the footprint of this event will encompass much of the lower and upper bluff. There will be Thousands and Thousands of additional persons in and around the Village and the MBCC for this event. With Thousands of people, comes hundreds and hundreds of cars and additional traffic searching for parking.

We are working on plans for this event already. I put this information out to you now, in September of 2016, so that you can begin to prepare yourself for this week in July of next year. Village Services, access, traffic routes, and general peace and tranquility will be affected for those days at the end of July next year. Are you thinking of taking a vacation? That may be a good week to get away! Are you going to stay in town and work? Maybe you want to plan to leave early for the office those days and by the way, come home late too! If neither of those options work for you, maybe you want to think



about volunteering and help out with the event! Whatever your intention, please watch for additional details to come out thru this winter and especially early next spring. I would like our planning process to be done by spring so that we can focus on getting details disseminated to everyone thru early next summer.

Firefighters Visit Camp Ya Gotta Wanna

On August 10, 2016, firefighters from the MBFD gave fire safety presentations to some future firefighters at Camp Ya Gotta Wanna. After the presentations, the kids enjoyed a refreshing run through Dane County's best sprinkler.



Burglaries and Bullies By: Jim Schuler

Twenty-five years ago our home in Maple Bluff was burglarized. I was out of town and my wife, Marvel and our daughter, Zoe, then six years old, were asleep upstairs. It was a warm September night and the burglar or burglars came onto our front porch and climbed in through an unlocked window. They may have gone upstairs, but they left Marvel and Zoe alone. They did take Marvel's purse and her car, which was recovered within a mile of our house some weeks later, the back seat covered in burns from drug pipes and an odor that made us suspect the car been used to transport livestock.

To this day, despite other security upgrades, I check every downstairs window before I go to bed. And I'm especially concerned when I hear about new crime in the Village, like the burglaries earlier this summer in the upper Bluff and Fuller's Woods, and the incidents of petty thievery and bullying committed by a group of kids from adjacent neighborhoods. All have contributed to something that bothers me above all else—kids not feeling safe. No matter how much time and money we invest into making Maple Bluff the place of idyllic childhoods, it's wasted if our kids are too scared to enjoy it.

Criminals, no matter what their age, are opportunists. If they've previously gotten the message that Maple Bluff is an easy target, we're already reversing that. Thanks to Chief Krueger and our Maple Bluff police force, the burglars involved in the upper Bluff incidents have been arrested and are jailed. The juveniles that caused much of the trouble around the beach and Country Club have been identified and uninvited from the Village. Gaps in the fence along the railroad tracks are being closed. And though much of petty crime is seasonal, our Police Committee will be meeting regularly between now and next summer to develop additional strategies to protect your property and families. Some of the ideas being discussed include security cameras at entrances and parks; increased patrolling; additional training for recreation, public works and fire staff; and even a Helping Hand program where homes are identified as safe places for kids to ask for any kind of help.

And we each need to do everything we can to eliminate opportunities in our homes and driveways by locking cars and doors, by reporting suspicious behavior and by empowering our kids to ask for help if they're at all uncomfortable or threatened.

One of the things I love about the village is how we look out for each other. It's an almost old-fashioned, small town attitude that many of us grew up with, and which can benefit our kids, too. I know what a difference a good neighbor can make.

I grew up in the village of Golden Valley, a small suburb on the western border of Minneapolis. And the summer I was ten, my friends and I were terrorized by the Drewlow brothers and their scabrous band of lackeys from a couple of blocks away. If one of our bikes was left unattended, they'd steal it or throw it in the pond; if we built a fort in the woods behind Good Shepherd church, they'd vandalize it or tear it down. And if they caught us anywhere out of the sight of adults, they'd beat or humiliate us to tears. My dad's advice to, "Walk up to the biggest one and punch him in the nose," seemed to me unrealistic and possibly suicidal. But I suggested it to my friend Mark (who obviously thought my dad was smarter than I did) and he gave it a try.

Luckily, Mike Drewlow was dazed long enough—not by the force of Mark's punch, but by the very audacity of it—for us to get a small head start before the chase ensued. Since we hadn't reached puberty yet, our shrieks had the piercing pitch to catch the ear of Ingrid Maslow, a neighborhood mom who'd been smuggled out of Germany after seeing her mother shot by the Gestapo and had a thing about bullies. Cigarette in one hand and wiffle ball bat in the other, she chased the Drewlow gang all the way back to their home turf. I don't remember ever seeing them on Idaho Avenue again.

Of course, I don't recommend smoking or armed confrontation—but let's all look out for each other's property and kids.

New Fire Engine Update

By: Kris Loy; Fire Chief

The MBFD expect to take delivery of our newest fire engine sometime during the last week of August 2016. Visit our website, www.mapleblufffire.com, for updates on the truck's delivery



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. Fire-house 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 or from a neighboring firehouse’s apparatus. The ritual dates back to the late 1800’s when horse drawn pumpers were used throughout the nation’s Fire Service.

Horses that were commissioned for service would be washed along with the pumper at their newly assigned firehouse and backed into the firehouse bay. The firefighters would then fit the new horse with its harness placing the company in service. After every run, firefighters had to hand push their pumpers back into the bay and ready themselves for the next alarm.

When new horses or pumpers were purchased neighboring firehouses, department chiefs, and citizens from the surrounding community would attend the ceremony to celebrate the new powerful addition to their neighborhood firehouse.

On October 8th, the MBFD will continue to celebrate this tradition with the help of a driver in the seat and the engine’s transmission in reverse. After being wet-down, the new engine will be slowly rolled backwards into the bay while firefighters assist by pushing upfront.



~ 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



Summers End

By: Tom Schroeder, Public Works Director

Summer is nearing its end and schools are back in session. The Badger and Packer football seasons are underway and yard and garden activities will begin to ramp up as the growing season grinds to a halt over the next 6-8 weeks. With the fall leaf collection season nearing, I would like to review the guidelines to help ensure that we are able to be as efficient as possible in providing our services. One aspect of how we approach this time of year is that it is not different than any other season, in that we will make an entire circuit thru the village while collecting leaves. Sometimes we are able to initiate a second round before weeks end. However, as in past years during the week of Thanksgiving, we will make no such promise of making it thru the entire village. I know...three months from now.



As for the guidelines let me give them as DO's & DON'T's:

- Do bring yard waste out to the streets edge and place these materials on the terrace.
- Don't place materials for collection in the street where it can easily end up in the storm system that leads to the lake.
- Do mulch your lawn/grass/leaves to provide "free" fertilizer for your lawn.
- Don't blow leaves or grass out onto the streets. Storm sewer to lake again!
- Do separate unlike materials into like piles. Leaves/garden debris/soils/rocks/sticks/branches etc. require separation. Also, no pet waste please.
- Don't make one giant co-mingled ball of every thing. Several materials go in different collection streams.
- Do keep materials for collection including trash and recycle containers away from utility poles/mailboxes/trees/shrubs/parked vehicles etc.
- Don't over fill your trash containers. Some residents have a trash cart that is as big as the large recycle carts that are emptied by hydraulic arms. My personnel do not have hydraulic arms! Guidelines for trash containers are to be nothing larger than 30 gallons in size and 50 lbs once loaded. Some of these containers weigh 25 lbs empty! Please comply voluntarily.
- Do research for clean sweep type items and where you can take them.
- Don't forget that most appliances and other larger items require pre-paid collection stickers.
- Don't expect us to collect any of these materials if they are in conflict with these guidelines.

Hoping that you're having a great end of summer! I am looking forward to this seasonal transition that's just around the corner. Autumn, it's a great time of year to be outside and enjoy your job or hobbies... and of course a good football game! Please call with your questions and concerns.

Trash/Recycling

Trash pick up is in yellow, recycling dates are circled

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Successful Summer

By: Curt Erickson, Recreation Director

What a successful summer the Recreation Department has endured. Seasonal part-time staff at the Beach and CYGW were tremendous this summer in the implementation of Arts/Athletics and CYGW. It is hard to believe that we have entered into the month of September! Kids will put away their swim suits and grab their backpacks as the changing of the new school year begins.

A big change is occurring at the Beach Park this August into mid-September. The existing playground located in front of the beach house (installed in 1991) has been removed in preparation for the new playground which will be installed to the north Thursday, September 15 and Friday, September 16. The Village is seeking volunteers to help our contractors to install the new structure. Volunteers will assist in minimal concrete work, placing materials in specific locations and assisting in putting the playground together. For more information on how to volunteer please contact Curt Erickson.



Parks & Recreation

Marina Summer Lease

The summer lease terms will end on October 14th. Please be sure to have your boats and/or trailers removed by that date if you have not paid for winter storage. If you are looking for winter storage, the Village still has space available. Please contact Curt Erickson for more information or visit the Village's website.



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

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.

Young Explorer

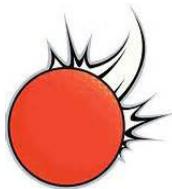
Young Explorer
Mondays: September 12-October 24
Time: 5:30pm-6:15pm
Location: Warren Dailey Cabin
Fee: \$33.00
Ages: 5-10



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+



Come and escape at the end of your day to a relaxing evening of Yoga at the Warren Dailey Cabin. Classes incorporate stretching, gentle movement, restorative poses with an emphasis on relaxing your entire body. Let the sunset create a calm and peaceful state of mind. All levels welcome and no experience necessary.

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Professor Koch's talk will focus on strategies to
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