



VILLAGE OF MAPLE BLUFF

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

February 2017



Michael O'Driscoll, Finn Jaeger, Sam Johnson, Connor Paulowski, Lucy Johnson, Callie Paulowski, Olive Jaeger & Grace Jaeger

Calendar of Events

February

- 2 Groundhog Day
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 14 Village/Building Board Meeting
- 20 Presidents' Day
- 21 Election Day

March

- 12 Daylight saving Time begins
- 14 Village/Building Board Meeting
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 17 Marina Applications Due
- 20 Spring begins
- 31 CYGW & Lifeguard Applications Due

April

- 1 April Fools' Day
- 11 Village/Building Board Meeting
- 16 Easter

Village Board

President Jim Schuler.....	249-1696
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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

Village Departments

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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My Letter To The Next President By: Jim Schuler Village President

Even though it's rumored that President Trump doesn't read, I was moved to hear that President Obama left a letter to his successor on the desk of the Oval Office. It's a beautiful tradition, and one I'd like to adopt here in Maple Bluff.

But since the Village President doesn't have an office—much less a desk—I'm sending my letter to Tim O'Brien via this Village newsletter. I know it's a bit presumptuous, but all the polls predict Tim will win the election by a landslide. And though he'll receive this almost three months before he takes office, that's about as long as most of us wait to read Village newsletters (if at all).

Like President Obama, I'm also writing this in the form of a Top Ten list. I just hope mine won't be completely ignored:

Dear President O'Brien:

Along with my heartfelt congratulations on your overwhelming victory, here are my Top Ten Pieces of Presidential Advice:

1. Try not to yawn during your first Security Briefing. Boring is good.
2. Don't expect to get any credit. Do you remember who was the mayor of Mayberry? My point, exactly.

3. Anytime you want to make an unscheduled visit to the Village Center, park at Citgo, and sneak around from Sherman Ave. Otherwise, staff will spot you in the parking lot and flee out the back.
4. Unless you bring Rocky. The First Dog gets all the prestige and affection that we should have.
5. Remember, no one agrees on what they want in their own backyard—much less their neighbors'.
6. While the Silent Majority is, in fact, silent, the more minor the minority, the louder they are.
7. Since you have little leverage over the volunteers who man our committees—and have no real authority over Village employees—your leadership depends on charm, blind optimism and accepting the fact that you're just going to have to do some things by yourself.
8. Before you insist that the First Lady call you, "Mr. President," think about how it sounds when said sarcastically.
9. I didn't feel I had the gravitas to pull off leading the 4th of July parade on the village Segway. You do.
10. If I couldn't control Bobby Bocce, you don't have a chance. He's gone rogue.

Good luck, my friend! This is the dawn of the next Camelot!

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Bobby Bocce Wants YOU to Be Bocce Auction Co-Chairs!

Your hard-working Parks-n-Rec Committee have already secured Pedro's, the Beach Park and volunteers to set up prior, clean up after and check up on Bocce players and bidders during the event. We are looking for two volunteers to prod their friends and neighbors for silent auction donations, enter the items in the system, and manage the check-out. It's all automated with easy-to-use software, many recurring donations, and the guaranteed assistance, guidance of past co-chairs Cynthia Johnson and Sheila Young. Email or call Cynthia or Sheila if you are interested in becoming a master of Behind the Scenes Bocce (and waking up feeling great on June 3rd). New co-chairs will get an introduction to Bocce Auction 101, brainstorming session and software training over dinner and drinks chez Johnson's or Young's.

Uncle Bobby and Maple Bluff Need You! Call today!

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P.S .Save the date: Annual Bocce Beach Bash [Friday, June 2, 2017](#)

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Fire Rescue Department By: Kris Loy, Fire Chief

Annual Report:

Each year the fire rescue department submits an annual report to the Village of Maple Bluff Board. This report includes statistical data about emergency calls for service and detailed department training/event information for 2016. You may download a copy of the 2016 Annual Report by visiting our website: www.mapleblufffire.com.

Fire Rescue Association Elections:

The Maple Bluff Fire Rescue Association held their annual dinner and election of officers on January 12, 2017. The Fire Rescue Association's officers for 2017 are: President: Andrew Boersma, Vice President: Katy Reed, Treasurer: Dan Wallsch, Secretary: Kalab Evans, Trustee: Erik Theissen

Fire Hydrants:

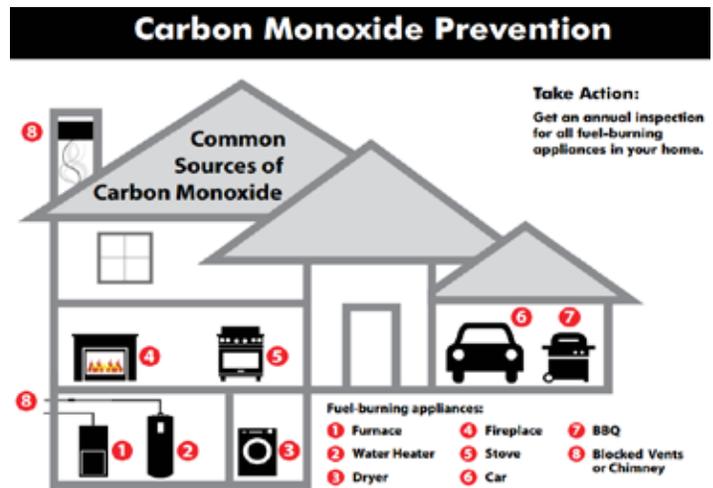
One item often overlooked following each snow storm is clearing a path to your fire hydrant. If you have a hydrant on or near your property, please take a few extra moments to clear snow away from it in case of a fire emergency. Those precious moments could help save you, your family, or your neighbor's lives.



Carbon Monoxide Alarm:

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Does your home have a working carbon monoxide detector? It is imperative that every home have at least one, traditionally in areas where gas burning appliances are located. CO detectors are readily available in most hardware and retail stores, as well as online. If you would like additional information, please contact the Maple Bluff Firehouse (608)244-3390.



VILLAGE RESIDENT DINING PRIVILEGES AT MAPLE BLUFF COUNTRY CLUB

IF YOU LIVE IN THE VILLAGE OF MAPLE BLUFF YOU HAVE AN MBCC MEMBER #

Residents may utilize the dining room up to three times per year. You may pay with cash or be billed to your member number. Payment is due upon receipt. For reservations please call 608-249-2144.

Follow us on Facebook to see what is happening at Maple Bluff Country Club. If you have attended an event or dined at the club please rate and review us! We greatly appreciate your input!!!!!!



Registration

Register online at: <http://apm.activecommunities.com/maplebluffrec> Or Complete the necessary registration form. Regular priced registration is due by Friday, April 7th. Post-April 7th registration, late fees will apply.

Camp

Camp-Ya-Gotta-Wanna
Mondays, Wednesday & Fridays
1:00pm – 4:00pm
June 12th – August 11th (9 weeks)
Fee: \$350.00
Firemen’s Park and/or Village Center

This 9 week summer program meets at Firemen’s Park M, W & F from 1:00pm-4:00pm. Enrollment for this program is open to all Maple Bluff resident children between the ages of 3 and 7 (entering 2nd grade in fall of 2017). This afternoon playgroup program will offer structured and free play opportunities, as well as, arts and craft projects. Groupings will be divided based on age of the children and the parent volunteers will try their best to group your child with their friends.

Is your child ready for camp?

Camp can be a fun and exciting place for young children. The age range for CYGW is 3-7, but not all 3-year-olds are ready for camp. Here are some questions you can ask yourself when determining if your child will be ready for camp by summer:

Can your child do well without an afternoon nap?

If your child is still dependent on a daily afternoon 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 unless a care-taker is staying with them.

Can your child do well in an environment with a lot of stimulation?

On rainy days, camp is held indoors and it can be loud and very active at times

We want every camper to have a great experience at camp and we are here to help.

If you are still unsure if your child is ready for Camp, please contact a member of the Parent Group or Curt Erickson.

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Opportunities

CYGW Counselor Opportunities

Camp is looking for numerous Camp Counselors for the 2017 summer. Counselors must be 14 years of age or older. Counselors will need to be able to attend all orientations, pre-camp meetings, pre-camp picnic and be available to work regular camp hours which begin June 12th through August 11th. In order to be considered a regular Camp Counselor, Counselors may not miss more than 5 days of Camp. Camp meets Monday, Wednesday and Fridays at Firemen’s Park between the hours of 1:00pm-4:00pm. For more information on the position and/or a detailed job description, please contact Curt Erickson. **Applications are due to the Village Center by 3:30pm on Friday, March 31st. Applications can be picked up in the Village Center or on the Village Website.**

Youth Athletics

Arts & Athletics

Mon-Fri

6/12 – 8/11

Ages: 7-12 (entering 2nd through completion of 6th Grades)

2:00pm-4:00pm

Fee: \$173.00

This 9-week summer program provides youth (entering 2nd through 6th grade) a fun, safe environment that provides fun activities at the Maple Bluff Beach Park. This program is an open program (participants may leave the beach at any time throughout the program with written permission from parents) with attendance taken daily. Throughout the summer participants will participate in arts, crafts, games, sports and other exciting activities. On occasion small groups may leave the Beach for other activities, but notification will be made to parents with confirmation that this will occur. Please note in the event of inclement weather, A and A may be cancelled for the safety of participants and staff.



Youth Athletics cont.

Coach Pitch Baseball Clinic
Saturdays, 3/4, 3/11, 3/25, 4/1 & 4/8
Age: 6-9 years old
9:00am-10:30am
Gym
Fee: \$18.00



Jeff Feinblatt will be leading instructional skill development in this 5 week session. This program will take place in the gym. All participants need to bring their baseball gloves. Skipping 3/18.

Youth Dodgeball
Mondays 3/13-4/24 (skip 3/27)
Age: 7-15
4:45pm-5:45pm
Gym
Fee: \$33.00



Participants will be divided up evenly each week in this old phy. ed favorite program. All program participants must wear tennis shoes.

Spring Archery
Wednesdays 3/15-4/26 (skip 3/29)
Ages: 7-15
5:15pm-6:15pm
Gym
Fee: \$43.00



Archery is an excellent skill to learn, as it improves hand-eye coordination, concentration and patience. During this 6 week course, program participants will have the opportunity to shoot compound bows and crossbows. Each class meeting will have drills and fun games mixed in.

Teen Fitness: WERQ
Thursdays: 3/16-5/4
Ages: 12-18
4:30pm-5:15pm
Gym
Fee: \$56.00

This nonstop 45 minutes of dance fitness uses current pop and charting music. WERQ combines repetitive athletic moves and fresh dance steps. The 45 minute time frame includes a dancer's warmup and proper cool down with stretching and balance poses. The class will be low impact (no jumping, fast turns or spinning). The choreography is easy to follow and well cued.

Instructor: Betsy Carpenter

Youth Enrichment

Engineering for Kids: LEGO Adventures
Wednesdays 3/1-5/3 (skip 3/29 & 4/12)
Age: 4-7
5:00pm-5:45pm
2nd Floor Conference Room Village Center
Fee: \$125.00

Using LEGO bricks, students build an airplane rescue, a giant escape and a sailboat storm. They also learn how to program and operate their creations using a laptop computer.

Engineering for Kids: Robotics MINDSTORM
Wednesdays 3-1/5/3 (skip 3/29 & 4/12)
Age: 7-12
6:00pm-7:30pm
Fee: \$155.00

Using LEGO MINDSTORM, mathematical concepts and engineering principles students will brainstorm, plan, test and modify sequences of instruction to accomplish a given task. Students will also learn the sequence of communication between the robot, and the programmer by collecting and analyzing data using the robot's sensors.

Interviewing Techniques 101
Tuesday, March 7
Age: 14-18
4:30pm-5:30pm
Fee: \$15.00

Are you looking for a job this summer? Have you ever had an interview for a job before? Or would you like some helpful hints and practice on preparing and hopefully landing the job? This one hour course will provide you several helpful hints about preparing for the interview, Do's and Don'ts and provide the opportunity for a mock interview.

Toddler Arts/Crafts
Fridays 4/7-4/28
Ages: 3-5
9:00am-9:45am
Warren Dailey Cabin
Fee: \$23.00

This program will create great art projects that your youngster will be sure to want to hang on their fridge. This 4 week course will meet at the Warren Dailey Cabin once a week. Program participants will need to bring an oversized shirt for some projects.

Trips

Trip: Six Flags Great America

Thursday, July 6th

Ages: 7-16

7:30am-9:00pm

Fee: \$75.00



Participants will meet at the Village Center and travel to Six Flags for a day on the rollercoasters, amusement rides and water park (water park fee is not included). Participants will need to bring extra spending money for lunch. Lunch costs tend to be expensive at Six Flags. Dinner is included at Kopps in Brookfield on our return trip home. As a reminder the larger rides have height requirements. For more detailed information on height requirements visit: <https://www.sixflags.com/greatamerica/attractions/ride-list>

Adult Programs

Fitness Class: Masala Bhangra (Free Demo)

Monday 3/13

Ages: 12+

6:00pm-6:50pm

Gym

Fee: FREE DEMO

Named one of the top 5 workouts in the U.S. Masala Bhangra workout uses energetic Bhangra moves with contemporary Bollywood dance steps. Participants will be able to burn up to 500 calories per workout. This unique dance mixes cardio with fun and is suitable for all fitness levels. This free demo class will be an introduction to a future 4-8 week class beginning later in March and will continue at Beach Park in the summer. Pre-registration is required. Come give this exciting workout a try. For more information or to view Masala Bhangra, visit the Facebook page: "Masala Bhangra Madison".

Adult Programs cont.

Fitness Class: Masala Bhangra (Paid Class)

Mondays 3/20-4/10

Ages: 12+

6:00pm-6:50pm

Gym

Fee: \$32.00 or \$10.00 drop-in

Named one of the top 5 workouts in the U.S. Masala Bhangra workout uses energetic Bhangra moves with contemporary Bollywood dance steps. Participants will be able to burn up to 500 calories per workout. This unique dance mixes cardio with fun and is suitable for all fitness levels. For more information or to view Masala Bhangra, visit the Facebook page: "Masala Bhangra Madison". Register for the entire 4 week class at \$32.00 (\$8/class) or drop-in fee at \$10.00/class if you do not want to commit to the 4 weeks.

Adult Dodgeball Tournament

Saturday, March 18

Beginning at 9:00am



Gym

Fee: \$10.00/person

Gather up your team of 5 and compete against your neighbors and friends in our first ever Dodgeball tournament. Each team will play at a minimum 3 games. Winners of the games will be determined by eliminating every player on the opposing team, or who has the most team members left after 20 minutes. Pre-registration is required by 3/4/17.

Fitness Class: WERQ

Tuesdays 3/14-5/2

Age: 18+

9:00am-9:50am

Fee: \$56.00

This nonstop 50 minute of dance fitness uses current pop and charting music. WERQ combines repetitive athletic moves and fresh dance steps. The 50 minute time frame includes a dancer's warmup and proper cool down with stretching and balance poses. The class will be low impact (no jumping, fast turns or spinning). The choreography is easy to follow and well cued.

Instructor: Betsy Carpenter

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Raízes do Brasil - Capoeira Madison

By Patrick Grant

Are you interested in learning a little bit of Portuguese, music and being active all at the same time? Now you can... Raízes do Brasil - Capoeira Madison has moved its Sunday training sessions to Maple Bluff Village Center Gym. Starting March 5th at 10am we will be running an 8 week Parent and Child introductory class. Kids and adults will together learn the basics of capoeira, a Brazilian art form that fuses self defense, dance, music and acrobatics. During classes all ages will practice movements, play games and sing songs together. In addition there will be class time reserved for adults and kids to learn separately before coming back together to play capoeira at the end of class. Parents and Kids ages 4 and up are welcome to come, learn, experience and practice capoeira.

I was introduced to capoeira two years ago, through my kids Dominic and Elijah. Our then 4 & 1/2 year olds were at "Kids in the Rotunda" when we first saw this magical combination of music, song and martial arts and then, for the first time ever, they volunteered to go up on stage and participate in the demonstration! I was happily surprised by their excitement and so we headed to the next class on Sunday. There, I and other parents were welcomed to practice alongside the kids. I was amazed by a few things:— how incredible the workout was and, in a few short weeks, how much stronger and flexible I had gotten. I even started going to the adult only classes on Sunday and during the week.

Capoeira was my first introduction to Martial Arts in any form. I was worried it would be like Cobra Kai from the Karate Kid with everyone lined up and someone shouting at the front. It was the complete opposite... You are constantly moving across the floor and around the gym. While most martial arts spar and block in their matches, in capoeira we "play" together in a Roda - moving with the beat of the music. In the beginning stages of learning this art form the emphasis is to get close without contact and to trick your opponent into moving certain ways all the while dodging their movements. Capoeira definitely has that relaxed Brazilian feel to it!



The kids too were hooked. I appreciated how they were improving their balance, strength and full-body coordination through this new art without even realizing it. They were too distracted by learning a new language, crawling around the floor and loving doing it. Most of the kids' movements are named after animals and this really brings out the fun as they walk like different beasts throughout the class. As the boys progressed they learned the names of each distinct capoeira move in Portuguese and soon they had learned a few songs in Portuguese which they have been singing around the house ever since. The more they practiced the more self-confident they became. As they progress I can see how they have become more and more comfortable playing in the middle of the Roda as those around them clap, sing and cheer them on.

As a parent the best part has been the opportunity to exercise and learn together as a family. We have found that in Brazil there doesn't seem to be an age limit of when people stop playing Capoeira and it's never too early (or too late) to start.

Registration information will be sent out in Mid-February and will be available on our website www.capoeiramadison.com. If you would like to learn more please email me pjgrant@gmail.com, visit our website or come and see us in action at International Festival at the Overture center on February 25th.





Splash on in! MBCC Hosting All City this Summer

On July 27-29, Maple Bluff Country Club is hosting the All City Swim Championships for the first time in the club's history. As committee co-chair, I am proud and excited to be working with many friends and neighbors to bring this city-wide event to our friendly little "beach town" on the shores of Lake Mendota. All City is the premiere event for youth swimmers in the Greater Madison Area and one of the largest outdoor amateur meets in the country, with a history dating back to 1962. Almost 2,000 swimmers (ranging in age from 4 to 18) and their family and friends attended last year's meet each day at Seminole. Yes, we are talking about one heckuva beach party!

As you can imagine, hosting an event of this scale really does take a village: our committee is 44 members strong, comprised mostly of Maple Bluff residents. We started preparing for All City in the fall of 2015. Since then, our team has been working hard on many aspects of the meet including site planning, sponsorships, communications, event logistics and more. We just completed the preliminary site and traffic management plans, which were developed over many months in partnership with the Maple Bluff Country Club and the Village. You will be receiving more details about these plans—via emails, flyers and face-to-face visits from Chief Krueger and his staff—beginning in April. You

will soon also be able to find information on our All City 2017 website, which is set to launch in the spring.

If you are wondering if you can get involved in this historic event, the answer is absolutely! In fact, we not only welcome participation by as many people as possible, we depend on it. Roughly 300 volunteers are needed each day to ensure that the meet runs smoothly, safely and efficiently. As we get closer to the event, we will be posting a link for residents to sign up to volunteer for a shift (or two, wink-wink). You need no experience, and will enjoy participating in this community event for all ages! In the meantime, if you're interested in volunteering, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Debbie Darien, at 608-243-9268 or mvdtrad@gmail.com.

We will continue in this newsletter to provide updates and fill you in on details as they develop. Meanwhile, if you have questions or are interested in becoming a sponsor for the meet, you may direct them to me at kelly32odriscoll@yahoo.com or 608-886-7700, or my co-chair, Dave Kettner at dkettner99@gmail.com or 608-770-9878.





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