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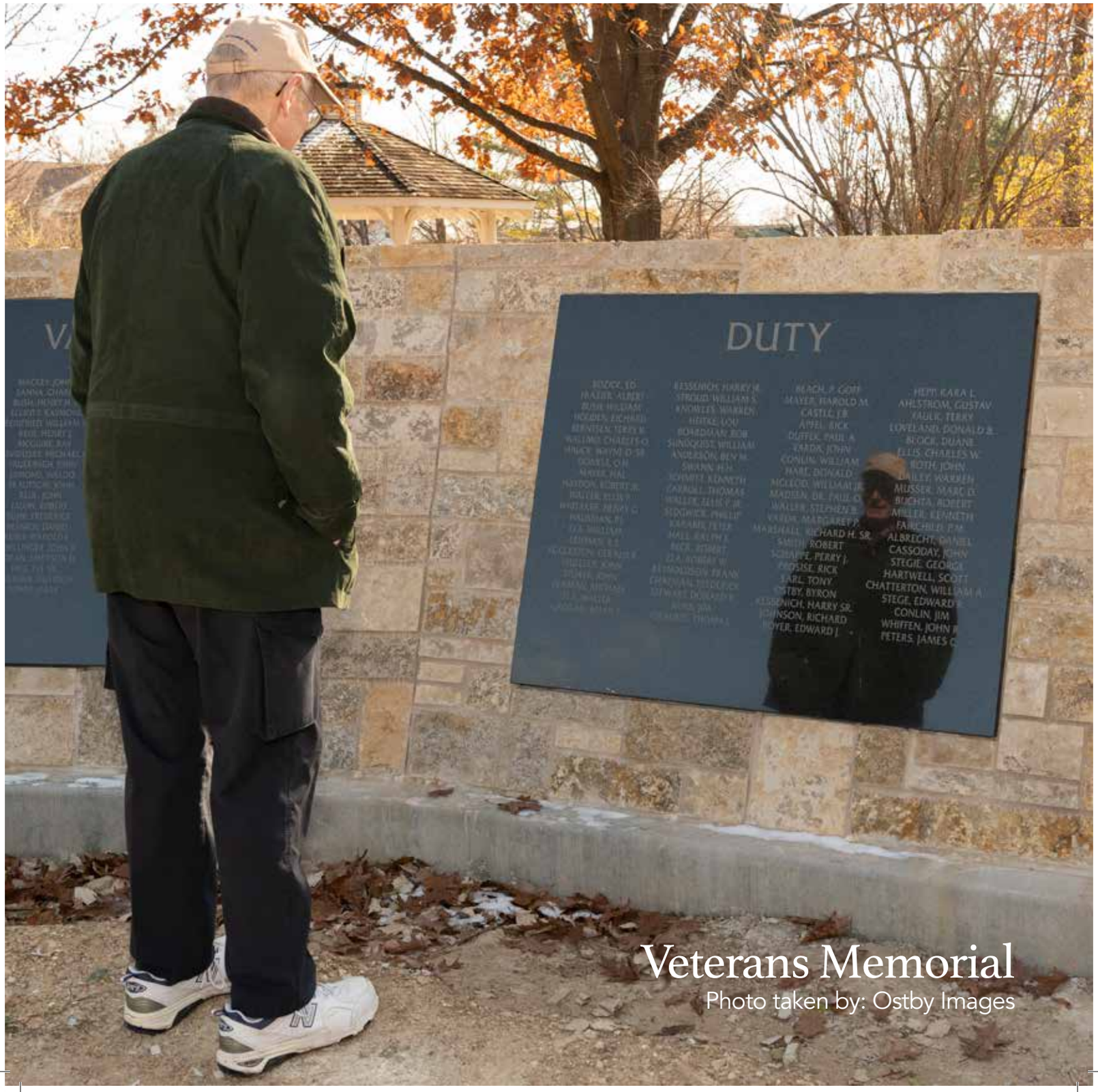
January 2019



Veterans Memorial

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Welcome

Calendar of Events

January

1	New Year's Day
8	Building Board Meeting
8	Village Caucus/Village Board Meeting
27	Winterfest

February

12	Village/Building Board Meeting
14	Valentine's Day

March

10	Daylight Saving
12	Village/Building Board Meeting
17	St Patrick's Day

Trash/Recycling

Trash pick up is in gray, recycling dates are circled

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Village Board

President Timothy O'Brien.....246-0321
Trustee Kevin O'Driscoll.....298-7102
Trustee Patrick Grant.....217-1815
Trustee Kristine Jaeger.....217-1919
Trustee Eric McLeod.....244-1371
Trustee Jim Schuler.....249-1696
Trustee Carl Vieth.....249-4647

Village Departments

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Clerk/Treasurer Sarah Danz.....244-3048
Deputy Clerk/Clerk of Court Rene Dopkins.....244-3069
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Happy 2019! By Tim Krueger

The Plan Commission recommended to the Village Board their approval of a 29 unit apartment development at the corner of Roxbury Road and N Sherman Avenue. The Village Board considered this recommendation at their December meeting and it was approved. The project still needs to be reviewed by the Building Board and TIF proposals are still expected, but several major planning hurdles have now been accomplished. As this moves forward, there will be meetings between village staff, the development team and their contractor about how the construction will impact the local area, including traffic flow. As those details are established, we will continue to communicate those to residents.

I must admit, in my time with the Village, the area proposed for development has been that proverbial thorn. The site was well dormant long before I arrived in the Village, but the frustration of watching that area linger as an eyesore and then having multiple proposals come forward and get pushed back made me worry that nothing would happen. But here we are today, ready to move forward.

As we look forward to 2019, there will be a lot of focus on this development, but we have other things to accomplish as well. Another significant project to be completed is the Veterans Memorial. As you are likely aware, construction was halted in late fall with the approach of winter. We still have the plaza to be built, flag pole installations, caps to be installed over the top of the wall and of course the finish landscaping. There is a celebration being planned for the Vets Memorial in conjunction with Fest on the 4th.

Also moving into focus for 2019 is the work of the Boy Scouts in the replacement of their cabin behind the Village Center. Recent correspondence indicates that the Boy Scouts may be looking for work to begin later this summer after Camp Ya Gotta Wanna is completed. Between now and then, watch for information about this effort and how you can be helpful! As I learn more specifics or other details, I will be sure to pass them along.

Remember the Village Caucus will be held on Tuesday, January 8th at 7:00 pm.

N. Sherman Avenue Elevation

Shop With A COP By: Jessie Knops

On Sunday, December 2nd 2018 the Maple Bluff Police department joined Dane County in the 18th annual Shop With A COP community program. Each child was paired with an officer who donated a day to make sure they had a wonderful experience.

That day started with a ride in a squad car, a $200 Target gift voucher, wrapping gifts together, followed by pizza and finally, a ride home. Ninety-four children and police officers from Dane County participated in this event.

We have an outstanding police department that is always caring and willing to go above and beyond what is required of them. Like our community, our officers are a truly a unique set of people. We are all fortunate to have them looking out for us.

Monday, Jan. 21 -- The Medallion's hunt -- The first clue @ 4 pm will be posted via village email, and posted on the Village Boards! Hidden somewhere in the neighborhood is a treasured medallion (a bedazzled blue skillet). Follow the daily clues to the treasured hiding place! The prize for the medallion finder is $100, to be presented at the Saturday Winter Festival!

Friday, Jan. 25 -- Euchre Tournament at the Beach House -- Come one, come all! If you like euchre, beer or neighborly bonding this is a CANNOT MISS event. Or, if you like only one of the above, this is a CANNOT MISS event. Festivities begin at 6:30--We will feature premium beers and delicious pizza from Pizzeria Uno. Don't play euchre? We'll teach you! You will be randomly paired with partners and meet new friends and neighbors! Registration will end at 7:30pm, followed by rules and tournament play at 8 pm. Winners in the top 3 places receive a cash prize and neighborhood glory. Following the tournament which will end at approximately 9:30 pm, we will commence a mega-dance party, enjoying a melange of classic hits from the late 90's and early 2000's. Think Sir Mix-a-lot, late-era Backstreet Boys, and debut-album Britney for good measure.

Last year, incoming newbies to the Tourney (Kelsey Hausmann, Molly Lohr, and Ellie Hausmann) did a smashing job with the Euchre Tournament and they return in 2019 with the same amazing effort! Believe me, these girls know how to put on a party! This year, we look to our village card sharks to topple 2018 Champ, Ryan Stephenson. Euchre King Ryan won a huge cash prize, then lost it on the way home (thanks to the hijinx of a meddling village resident), then found his pile of cash again the next day. He looks for revenge on this mischievous trickster--watch out, you know how you are! All village residents have a fair shot at winning, unless the Sugar gang shows up, in which case we can expect a sweep if they reappear on the leaderboard in 2019. Villagers too chicken to play cards are encouraged to attend and volunteer as beer maidens. This is a paid position in which servers are compensated in pizza, drinks and first turn on the shotski. Cost to play in the tourney is $20/player and includes buy in, pizza and one premium beer or glass of wine. Add unlimited beer/wine for $10. Make the right choice. Sign up ahead of time online or the night of tournament.

Saturday, Jan. 26 4 pm to 7:30 pm. Winter's Night Festival at the Beach House -- This year, we put a new twist on Winterfest as we bring the family-friendly event back to its roots as a midwinter night gathering! Many years ago, Winterfest began as an evening event where families would gather to eat chili, imbibe, and partake in winter fun. We now return to this old tradition and inject some new fun! We are very excited to bring a Winterfest Cross Country Luminary Run! Arrive promptly at 4 pm to register for the race, and don your provided glow-in-the-dark swag before we start you off on an adventurous 2-3 mile course across the rolling hills of Maple Bluff Country Club. All ages are invited to participate and we'll have loads of glow in the dark accessories for everyone! When the fastest villager crosses the finish line, we'll festoon you with your Winterfest crown; when the last, least and slowest villager has returned from the route we'll serenade the winner as he or she lights the Winterfest Torch. The torch shall remain lit until every last bit of chili is eaten and ever drop of hot chocolate drunk. That brings me to my next point!

The hotly anticipated chili cook-off will begin at 5 pm! All aspiring top-chefs (or just people who own a crockpot) are invited to bring a pot of chili and compete for the neighborhood title of Chili Cook-off Champion. Past champions include Tim O'Meara, Cynthia Johnson, and Stacy Reid. Chili, fixings, hot dogs, chips, and cookies, premium beer and water will be provided for all Villagers to enjoy for dinner. Cost is $5 per person for entry to Winterfest (includes lunch) and $5 for unlimited beers. After we fill up on midwestern goodness, we'll enjoy ice skating (God-willing, depends on global warming), the annual Idaderod* sled race, and candlelit broomball! There will be outdoor fun for all as we light up the outside of the Beach House with a bonfire and winter-lights.
*previously known as Ididerdad, recently renamed by Jason Smith

Timeline of events:
Jan. 25 Euchre Tourament
6:30 pm -- registration begins
7:30 pm -- rules, refresher, and refill drinks
8:00 pm -- tournament play commences
9:30 pm -- tournament play ends, dance party begins

Jan. 26 Winter's Night Festival
4:00 pm -- registration begins for Glow-in-the-dark Cross Country Luminary Run.
4:30 pm -- Whistle start for the run, runners depart
5:00 pm -- Torch lighting, awards ceremony for winner. Chili eating in the Beach House to follow!
5:00 pm-7:30 pm -- Ice skating, Idaderod, and Broom Ball
7:30 pm -- Raffle prize drawing.

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Everyone Welcome! **www.willystreet.coop**

Please join us as we celebrate our high school graduates

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Come & congratulate our high school seniors at the traditional All-Maple Bluff Graduation Party. Village residents, friends & family are invited to attend.

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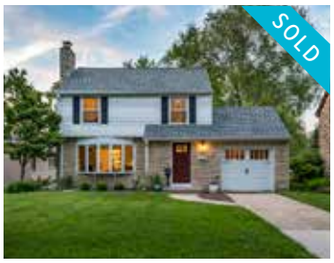

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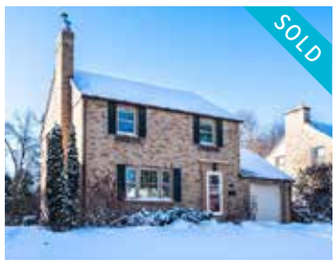

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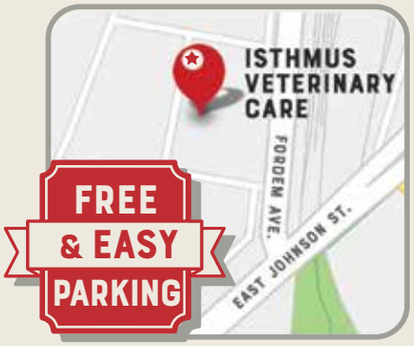

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Public Works

2019. By Tom Schroeder

Welcome to the New Year of 2019! Having finished and survived the past year may well be some form of relief for some, and yours truly included. This recent past year provided many challenges as I suppose any year will do. I recall a point in time this summer after the heavy rains and localized flooding that I was actually looking forward to winter conditions and a sense of normalcy. December provided little precipitation along with fairly mild temperatures for the first three weeks…unlikely to be a white Christmas…lake levels are at or nearly at seasonal levels.

The mild end of year did allow for an extended yard waste collection period as we are still waiting for a substantial snowfall to take place and have everyone exchange their rakes for snow shovels. This year's fall collection provided several challenges with our equipment's availability. One of our trucks developed a fuel delivery issue and required towing to a repair center. After a lengthy diagnostic process, and an extreme repair proposal a second opinion from a different service center provided a more reasonable solution…back in operation. During this period of time (10 days) our collection capabilities where cut in half and then our leaf loader machine had an electrical melt down that burned the starter and battery cables. We took that leaf machine out of service and rotated in our other leaf loader. Aside from a starter/cables/battery it was determined that the flywheel required maintenance and in order to get to the flywheel the clutch/bearing/pressure plate would need removal and should be replaced for practical reasons…15 years in service. All was accomplished over a couple of weeks once we got the correct components. Now we have all of our leaf collection equipment on line …all is good…not quite…our chipper developed a non-start issue. Troubleshooting identified the problem to be 3 out of 4 glow plugs had failed. Special order from the factory…of course. The chipper is back in working order. It was OK to not see much snow in December.

Please use caution when winter storms arrive as it pertains to driving and snow removal and even walking on slippery surfaces. Keep the snow on your property; not in the street or your neighbor's yard. Place trash and recycle containers at the corner of your driveway approach when snow banks begin to grow. Allow us to clear the road snow before you move vehicles onto the streets and give snow plow trucks lots of room…in the village and out too. Christmas trees will be collected weekly during January…even after.

With December of 2018 behind us I hope all of you had a great Christmas with family and friends…warmth and good cheer to start out the New Year. This time of year has provided more lasting memories for myself than any other. May we all have opportunity …make that… take the opportunity to have experiences with family and friends that provide memories that stand the test of time.

Call with your questions and concerns. Have a great New Year!

Did you know....

Key Fob/Bathroom use at Village facilities:
The Village Board approved after hour access to the Beach House and Dailey Cabin for bathroom use by way of an electronic key fob. Key fobs can be picked up and paid for at the Village Center during business hours. Information about the program can be found on the Village's website along with the registration form. Please allow for up to 48 hours after submitting the form and making payment for the key fobs to be programmed.

Marina:
The Parks, Recreation and Board of Harbor Commissioners agreed with Village staff's recommendation to freeze the 2018 marina rates for 2019 due to the flooding and removal of the pier and hoists early in 2018. Applications were mailed in resident's property tax bills and will need to be received no later than March 8th. After the March 8th deadline, staff will begin contacting residents who are on the waiting list for space. If you would like to be added to the waiting list, please contact Curt Erickson at cerickson@villageofmaplebluff.com or 230-7655.

Beach Park and Beach House projects:
If you have not had an opportunity to visit the Beach House and/or Park since the end of October, please do so. The projects at the park concluded at the end of October with a new patio, walkway to the fire pit and removal of debris built up near the service drive.

Reserving the Gym:
In order to provide the most access to our residents, the gym will NOT be available for exclusive rentals during non-school (MMSD and private school) days, this will include snow days, unless a previously established class/program has the space occupied, such as MSCR and Connie Martin's Fitness classes. We have found that by reserving the gym during non-school days it has prevented residents from using the gym.

Employment

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 5th at 3:00pm.

Camp Ya-Gotta-Wanna Counselors
CYGW is currently seeking enthusiastic, responsible counselors to provide a safe, fun experience for participants at CYGW. Counselors will need to be at least 14 years of age and have had prior babysitter experience or completed the SafeSitter or Red Cross Babysitter training course. Counselors will be assigned specific groups of participants between the ages of 3 years of age and 7 (or entering 2nd grade). Counselors will report to the CYGW Director and will perform various daily tasks such as cleaning, providing snack to participants and the supervision and instruction of youth.

All applications must be returned to the Village Center by April 5th at 3:00pm. Applications can be picked up at the Village Center or downloaded from the Village's website.

Trips

Cascade Mountain Ski/Snowboard
Date: January 21
Time: 8:45am – 5:45pm *return time may vary depending on traffic and weather conditions
Fee: $63.00
Ages: 7 – 16
Min/Max: 14/28
Hey kids, join the Monona, Cottage Grove & Maple Bluff Recreation Departments for an awesome day of shredding down the slopes of Cascade Mountain. Enjoy the mountain on your skis or snowboard. There will be a separate waiver form for rental of equipment. Fee includes bus transportation, lift ticket (if you have a season pass, discounted rate is available), supervision, lunch ticket and rentals (if necessary). Drop off and pick up will be at the Village Center.

Programs

Youth Dodgeball
Thursdays 1/10 - 2/28
4:30pm - 5:30pm
Fee: $40.00
Ages: 7 – 11
Min/Max: 12/40

Are your kids feeling cooped up as the winter months drag on? Sign them up to dodge, dip, dive and duck in this playground favorite game on Thursday afternoons.

Teen Dodgeball
Fridays 1/11 - 3/1
4:30pm - 5:30pm
Fee: $40.00
Ages: 12 – 16
Min/Max: 12/40

Are you looking to get your teenager out of the house and more active? Sign them up to dodge, dip, dive and duck in this playground favorite game on Friday afternoons.

Winter Archery
Sundays 2/17 - 3/17
2:00pm - 3:00pm
Fee: $36.00
Ages: 7 – 15
Min/Max: 6/12

Are you looking for a fun activity for your child during the winter? The class will focus on hand-eye coordination while playing a variety of fun, competitive games. Space is limited to 12 participants so sign up fast.

Battledarts: Nerf
Friday, January 25th
6:00pm – 8:00pm
Village Center
Fee: $15.00
Ages: 7 – 15
Min/Max: 20/40

As the adults in the Village partake in the annual Winterfest Euchre Tournament enroll your children in this fun two hour Nerf challenge provided by Battle Darts. Battle Darts are able to provide up to 20 nerf blasters at a time. Participants are able to bring their own equipment, however, darts are not guaranteed to be returned at the end of the 2 hours challenge. Registration is required no later than 1/20/2019.

Educational Classes

Music Together
Time: 10:30am – 11:15am
Regular Classes: Fridays 1/11 – 3/22
Fee: $170/child or $270/family
Ages: 1 – 5, parents are required to stay with kids
Location: Warren Dailey Cabin

Come join Krystal Lonsdale for a rich and fun semester of Music Together! Music Together is an international program, helping children birth through 5 years old grow musically through play. Sing and dance with your child as you support their musical growth...and have a ton of fun! The music you hear in class comes home with you via a download and music book...so you can continue the listening and learning at home. For more information or to register for the Free Demo Class visit: www.MusicForLifeMT.com

Youth Leadership: Women
Date: Sunday, March 17th
Time: 1:00pm – 2:00pm
Instructor: Carrie Calkins
Fee: $20.00
Ages: 12 – 18
Min/Max: 8/20
Village Center Conference Room
Pre-registration is required by March 1st

Empowering young women and girls to boost their self-esteem and improve their body image. This class will expose the ugly truths and discuss how the pressure to be beautiful is robbing young women of their self-esteem. A low self-esteem can leave them plagued by feelings of shame and worthlessness. Poor self-esteem is linked to poor performance in school and on the job, vulnerable to violence and depression. Let us break these chains and promote a healthy and happy life.

Restaurant Etiquette (Table Etiquette)
Date: Sunday, February 10th
Time: 12:00pm – 1:15pm
Instructor: Carrie Calkins
Fee: $45.00
Ages: 6 – 12
Min/Max: 6/14
Pre-registration is required by February 1st
Location: Bear and Bottle

This is a 75 minute course providing hands-on instruction on proper restaurant etiquette and table manners. The skills are applicable to the home and restaurant dining experience. Is this my glass of water or yours? Elbows off the table! Which fork am I supposed to use? Stay in your seat! Use your inside voice. Chew with your mouth closed please. Children will also learn and discuss the importance of dining with family and friends, proper table conversation and respecting ones self and others.

Educational Classes

STEM: Engineering Marvels!
Dates: Saturdays 2/23 – 4/27 (skip 3/23 & 3/30)
Time: 2:00 – 2:45pm
Instructor: Dane County Engineering for Kids
Fee: $150.00
Ages: 5 – 7 ½ years of age
Min/Max: 8/14
Location: Village Center Conference Room
Pre-registration is required by February 10th.
Join us in exploring the fun sides of science, technology, engineering and math in this 8 week course designed for K – 1st graders. Each week students will use the Engineering Design Process to explore STEM related hands on activities. Students will discover how rockets fly, be able to build the strongest bridges ever, understand the manufacturing of creating delicious treats and more.

Engineering Aerospace
Dates: Saturdays 2/23 – 4/27 (skip 3/23 & 3/30)
Time: 3:00pm – 4:15
Instructor: Dane County Engineering for Kids
Fee: $175.00
Ages: 7 ½ - 11 ½ years of age
Min/Max: 10 /20
Pre-registration is required by February 10th
STEM club introduces students to a new, hands-on, STEM learning lesson every week from various engineering disciplines. For each lesson, students focus on developing problem solving, critical thinking and peer collaboration skills. These life skills provide students with the confidence to approach challenges in their lives and realize that they can succeed.

Educational Classes

Candlelight Yoga
Dates: 1/9-2/27 (no class on 1/30)
Times: 6:45pm – 7:30pm
Location: Warren Dailey Cabin
Fee: $56.00
Ages: 12 +
Instructor: Casey Zimmerman

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.

Summer Camp Programs

Arts & Athletics
Mon-Fri
6/17 – 8/16
Ages: 7 - 12 (entering 2nd through completion of 6th Grades)
2:15pm - 4:15pm
Fee: $180.00
Instructors: Beach Lifeguard staff
This 9-week summer program provides youth (entering 2nd through 6th grade) a fun, safe environment that provides activities at the Maple Bluff Beach Park. Arts and Athletics will provide participants the opportunity to participate in a variety of games, swimming activities, arts and crafts on a daily basis. Attendance will be taken daily, however, attending daily is not a requirement as each day new activities are offered. In the event of inclement weather (severe thunderstorms in the area) notification will be sent out to parents via email/text that Arts and Athletics will be cancelled. Notification to parents could potentially be made within an hour of the start time due to changing weather. Arts and Athletics will not cancel in rain events, as we move activities inside the beach house or change the outside activities. From past experiences, we have found that rainy days can be the most fun for participants. There will be no meeting on Thursday, July 4th.

Camp-Ya-Gotta-Wanna
*****Tues, Wed, Thur*****
6/18 - 8/15
Ages: 3 - 7
1:00pm - 4:00pm
Fee: $375.00
Instructors: Director, Jessie Knops and CYGW Counselors
New dates in 2019!!! CYGW will now be offered Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays! This 9 week summer program will meet at Firemen's Park 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 2019). This afternoon playgroup program will offer structured and free play

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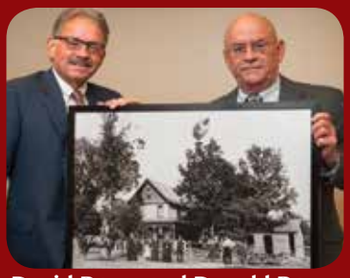

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