



VILLAGE OF MAPLE BLUFF

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

August 2019



Camp Ya Gotta WANNA

Calendar of Events

August

13 Village/Building Board Meeting

September

2 Labor Day

10 Village/Building Board Meeting

October

8 Village/Building Board Meeting

31 Halloween

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

Clerk/Treasurer Sarah Danz.....	244-3048
Deputy Clerk/Clerk of Court Rene Dopkins.....	244-3069
Rec. Dir./Deputy Treasurer Curt Erickson.....	230-7655
Police	244-1430
Public Works	244-3048
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Busy in Maple Bluff.

We have been very busy in Maple Bluff over the last couple of months. First, I want to again thank Tim Krueger for his 18 years of service to the village as our Police Chief and Village Administrator. Tim has been a terrific leader and steady presence through his entire time in Maple Bluff. We wish him good luck as Tim starts a new career. With Tim's departure, the Village Board has appointed Sarah Danz as Interim Village Administrator and Jay Sugden as Interim Police Chief. Both Sarah and Jay have done a great job stepping up to their increased responsibilities. Also, we have begun a formal search process for Tim's replacement. I will report on our progress in the next newsletter.

This year's Fest on the 4th celebration was a wonderful success. The day went off without a hitch thanks to the hard work of our village staff and volunteers. The 5k run/walk, parade, fun and games, softball game, and fireworks made for a fun filled day. The Veteran's Memorial Dedication was the culmination of five years of hard

Interim Police Chief

I have learned in life to never assume what people may or may not know about you and more specifically what defines you. I'd be remiss and have great regret if I didn't take an opportunity to write about the impact the past month has had on me. I hope to give you all a better understanding of who I am and what this current role of Interim Police Chief really means to me.

June 17th, 2019 will be a great highlight of my professional career, as President Tim O'Brien and Trustee Carl Vieth named me Interim Police Chief for the Village of Maple Bluff. This was both a humbling experience and an honor to be able to represent Maple Bluff in that role.

As honorable and important this title may seem for colleagues, I can assure you that to me; it means much more. After that meeting I immediately called my wonderful wife followed by my parents. Specifically, I want to mention my father because he has had the biggest impact in my life when it comes to celebrating my accomplishments. My father's background is full of unusual hardships and he was determined to create a better life for me. He instilled in me the value of gratitude, and to remember those in your life that take the time to mentor and guide you. This value is important during moments of strife and moments of glory. Telling my father that I was named Interim Police Chief was the best gift I could ever imagine giving him, and I thank the village for that opportunity.

work by the Veteran's Memorial Committee. We had a beautiful ceremony led by Rick Apfel. The placing of the wreath in front of the memorial and the playing of taps was an especially touching moment. I believe the Veteran's Memorial will become a special place where anyone can have a moment of quiet reflection.

Maple Bluff's Summer Concert in the Park Series has been a blast and another reason why summer in Maple Bluff is so special. The concerts are a great combination of fun music, savory food and tasty drinks with the chance to socialize with neighbors, especially when we get good weather.

Finally, I hope to see you out and about enjoying the neighborhood as the village is in prime summertime mode. Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns.

Timothy O'Brien, Village President

I tell you this because I believe gratitude is a key component to my character. The title of Interim Police Chief does not define me, make me more important, or guide my values. To me, it is a merely a symbol that quantifies the journey I've taken as a leader. It symbolizes my presence, passion, and commitment to our community. How I respond to the challenges of this role will always come from a place of deep gratitude. Grateful for the opportunity to address community concerns, regardless of how difficult they may seem. Grateful for the opportunity to protect and serve the community I love.

In the end I've found that no matter what title I have, my legacy is defined by the compassion and trust I have built in this community and with my co-workers. That is what defines a true leader!

Thank you for all your support and I look to continue my services to this community for years to come.

Sincerely,

Jay Sugden
Interim Police Chief
Maple Bluff PD





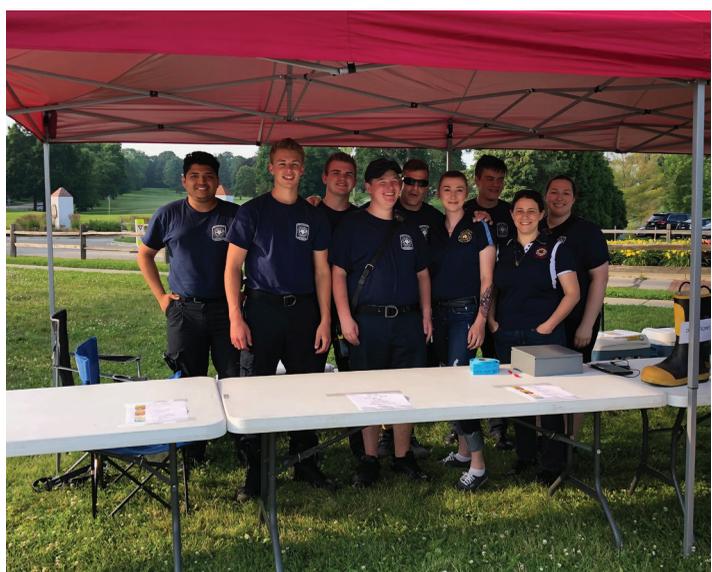
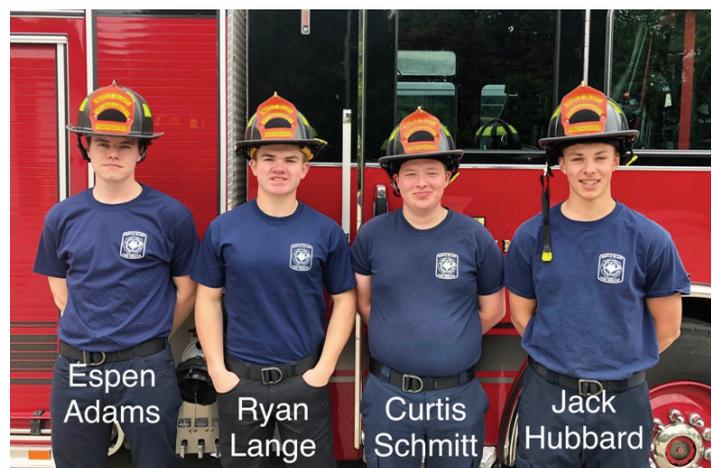
Maple Bluff Fire Rescue Department

Response Data: The Maple Bluff Fire Rescue Department has responded to 68 emergency calls for service with an average response time of 4.2 minutes (dispatch to on scene) in 2019.

Internship: I am excited to introduce our 2019 intern class. Espen Adams (Madison, WI), Ryan Lange (Wauertown, WI), Curtis Schmitt (Mazomanie, WI), and Jack Hubbard (Madison, WI) have been enthusiastic throughout their first eight weeks of orientation and we look forward to their future contributions to the Village and the Fire Service. This brings our total number of students to seven.

Fund Raising: The Maple Bluff Fire Rescue Association conducted numerous, successful, fund raising events this summer. They kicked off the summer with their annual brat and beverage stand at the Village's Fest on the 4th celebration and then served beverages at each of the Concerts in the Park. The association intends to utilize the funds to assist with providing training opportunities, cancer screenings, purchasing workout equipment, and assisting with the remodeling of the fire department's kitchen/day room. Thank you for your continued support!

Kristopher Loy, Fire Chief



Summer of 2019

Newsletter from the department of Public works
The summer of 2019 has hit the half way point and has delivered more of the extreme conditions that winter and spring provided earlier. Perhaps we will experience some normalcy as we move forward, we all deserve it.

I would like to share with you some observations that I have been privileged to see and be a part of as we transition to new leadership here at the Village Center. While the change may have had suddenness to it the process preparing for the inevitable had actually started years ago. The hiring; firing and promotion processes that have taken place in the last 5-7 years have placed very talented and capable people in a position to operate and manage various departments. In fact, a Leadership Academy that took place over the last 2 years placed individuals in the fore front of daily operations and decision making to allow for the most effective and efficient change of leadership imaginable. The challenges that Sarah Danz took on and achieved when she was hired for the Village Clerk/Treasurer position, 6 years ago, were significant. I applaud her successes and fully support her as the Interim Administrator now and moving forward. Officer Jay Sugden was promoted to Sergeant a few years ago; I believe he is in his 25th year wearing the Police shield for the Village of Maple Bluff. Jay assumed the daily management of the department with his promotion and enhanced the communication, morale and enthusiasm...no small feat. Jay's *Whatever It Takes* attitude and candor will serve him well as the Interim Police Chief. He also has my full support now and into the future.



We seem to be adding more trees to our list for removal than we are able to remove them. While it is an ever growing list we are now beginning to give removals weekly attention. As trees are removed we will follow up with stump grinding and restoration.

Middle of summer...just celebrated my 28th year serving the Village of Maple Bluff...still love my job...couple of weeks ago turned 60...attended family reunions that have fewer and fewer aunts and uncles. I truly love coming to work and standing shoulder to shoulder with my work family. The filters are getting thinner and thinner...just telling it like I see it. Call me with your concerns. Thank You.



I also have to make mention of the achievements of the Camp Ya Gotta Wanna director Jessie Knops. This being Jessie's second year managing the operation has proven that the first year was no fluke! I base this on first hand observations. The camp has such a smooth flow with all of the counselors and children actively engaging in multiple activities...I want to join and participate! Great job Jessie!



Parks & Rec Information

If you are like me, you may have blinked and completely missed out on summer. While I know this is not true, but it seems like just yesterday, I was attending my daughter's 8th grade graduation and gearing up for Bocce that night. While we have surpassed the half way point of this summer, we've been able to accomplish some pretty amazing things in the first half: record years for the annual Beach Bash & Bocce, record year for Fest on the Fourth for runners and festivities at Johnson Park, the amazing Dedication of the Veteran's Memorial, The Dailey Service Award recognition ceremony and the Concert in the Park Series. These numbers are at best an estimate based on head counts and events that require registration but we've counted over 2,000 residents and friends at our events! What a fantastic use of our Village Parks.

If you still have kids in our programs, you've been fortunate to have Jessie Knops our CYGW Director and Jay Nikolay our Summer Rec Intern provide them with great programs. The feedback we've received from parents has been very positive and I am extremely proud of the direction these programs have headed this summer. It's great to see the interactions between kids, counselors, lifeguards and directors. Staff takes great pride in creating these positive experiences for all.

The Village and youth have been fortunate to have Max Loetscher and Annika Verhoff as employees for the past several years. They bring a fun, can-do attitude to work on a daily basis at our Beach and the kids at A/A really look up to them. I'd like to thank them and wish them the best of luck as they head off to college this fall. Hopefully, both will be interested in returning next summer!! We also have a number of Lifeguards that will be entering their Senior year this fall: Ellie Redemann, Erin Price, Truely Wallhaus and Kyle Harkin. All four of these ladies have been past program participants and current employees. I often tell staff how rewarding it is to have past program participants come back and want to work with us. This is part of what makes the Village of Maple Bluff so special. We will be looking for more lifeguards and CYGW Counselors again next summer. Look for information regarding these employment opportunities in January.

Summer Concert in the Park Series

What a great few weeks with our Concert Series. After our first Concert was unfortunately rescheduled (August 6th), we were greeted with sunny and warm temperatures for The Mascot Theory, The Jimmy's and the Mark Croft Band and Mama DigDown's Brass Band.

We've had an incredible turnout for the four bands that have performed. Food carts have been excited to be apart of the event and say we have the best music venue in all of the Madison area with the view and set-up. At The Jimmy's Concert, the food carts generously donated over \$250 to Lake View Elementary School PTO. The Maple Bluff Fire Association has been satisfied in their fundraising efforts through beverage sales and we'd like to thank them for their services in providing the attendees with a cool refreshment.

These Concerts certainly would not have been possible without the sponsorships of the following companies: JP Cullen & Sons, Best Buds LLC., Olson Toon Landscaping, Bear & Bottle, Findorff Construction and Badger Krav Maga. We are already in the planning stages for next summer! If you'd like to help in sponsoring a band or the series next summer, please reach out to Curt Erickson 230-7655 or cerickson@villageofmaplebluff.com.



Parks Update

The Village displayed two renderings of a new potential playground at Firemen's Park at Bocce. These plans were only playground renderings on what the Village could potentially deploy at Firemen's Park with an estimated budget of \$50,000 which was estimated to be raised from Bocce. The Parks Committee succeeded in raising this amount of money at the 2019 Bocce event and have began the processes needed to redevelop Firemen's Park. The Village has sought Concept Plan proposals for Firemen's Park from Ayers & Associates and MSA. A Concept Plan will provide the Village helpful studies in how to best utilize the space Firemen's Park offers. For reference, in 2015, the Village utilized Ayers & Associates in a Concept Plan of Beach Park. The Village neared completion of that Concept Plan in 2018 with the landscaping revision around the Beach House.

Look for more information in the upcoming months regarding the plan and a new playground design. The Village is running out of time to install a new playground yet this year, however, a goal the Parks Committee has is to unveil a new structure by CYGW 2020.

Another project that is being discussed is the addition of permanent shade structures in the Village's parks. Many years ago, the Beach House had an awning that had the ability to roll out facing the green space. That awning had structural failures for the following reasons: inadequate solid attachment to the Beach House and wind damage. The Parks Committee will be reviewing proposals on a sturdier structure that will accomplish the shade needs of the patio.

Upcoming Summer Program

Project Runway (Ages 9-13)
M Tu W Th F, August 5th- August 9th
9:00am - 12:00pm
Village Center: Conference Room
Fee: \$120.00

Get ready for your very own Project Runway Fashion Show exhibiting sewing projects (a sun dress, satchel, sunglasses case and more), designs and flair made with your own hands! The YEL! Project Runway Sewing Camp follows four basic principles: 1. Teach It - students are taught multiple hand and machine sewing techniques; 2. Practice It - students practice those techniques on basic projects; 3. Sew It - Students increase their skill and sew more complicated projects; 4. Own It - students showcase their projects on the last day of class (family and friends are invited), then take everything home with them.

Upcoming Summer Program Cont.

Safe Sitter Babysitter Training (Ages 11-15)

Monday, August 12th

8:30am - 12:30pm

Village Center: Conference Room

Fee: Resident: \$65.00, Non-Resident: \$85.00

The course provides hands-on practice in lifesaving techniques to young teens who are home alone, watching younger siblings, or babysitting so they are equipped with the skills and confidence to act in an emergency. They learn basic first aid and infant and child choking rescue. Students also receive instruction on how a child's age affects how to care for them, how to prevent problem behavior, and how to run their own babysitting business. Students who graduate from a Safe Sitter® course receive a completion card demonstrating that they know how to use their skills in situations they encounter.

Fall Programs

The Rec. Dept. is offering the NFL Flag Football program this fall. Kids will receive an official NFL replica jersey. All divisions are coed. Mouth guards are required and must be purchased on your own. All games are on Saturdays with a practice held at Johnson Park. Volunteer coaches are needed.

Flag Football (K-2nd)

Saturdays,
September 7th – October 19th
8:00am – 9:00am

Johnson Park

Fee: \$60.00

Learn the game of flag football in this fun NFL Flag program. Each participant will receive a replica NFL jersey and a set of flags. The program will focus on developing skills each week and then put the skills to use each week in a shortened game. Parent volunteers are needed.



Flag Football (3rd & 4th)

Mondays and Saturdays,
August 19th – October 14th
4:30pm – 5:30pm

Johnson Park

Fee: \$70.00

Learn the game of flag football in this NFL Flag Football program. Each participant will receive a replica NFL jersey and a set of flags. Each week participants will be divided into teams and games will be played while developing skills and learning the rules of NFL Flag Football.



Fall Programs Cont.

Flag Football (5th & 6th Grade)

Tuesdays and Saturdays,
August 20th – October 19th
4:30pm – 6:00pm

Johnson Park

Fee: \$70.00

The Rec. Dept. is offering the NFL Flag Football program this fall. Kids will receive an official NFL replica jersey. All divisions are coed. Mouth guards are required and must be purchased on your own. All games are on Saturdays with a practice held at Johnson Park. Volunteer coaches are needed.



***The 5th and 6th grade league is a traveling league so there will be travel required to road games. Traditionally, this traveling league includes teams from Fitchburg, Verona, Monona, Waunakee, Cross Plains, Stoughton, and Mt. Horeb.

Flag Football (7th – 8th Grade)

Wednesdays and Saturdays,
August 21st – October 19th
4:45pm – 6:15pm

Johnson Park

Fee: \$70.00

***The 7th – 8th grade league is a traveling league so there will be travel required to road games. Traditionally, this traveling league includes teams from Fitchburg, Verona, Stoughton, and Mt. Horeb.



Spanish Lessons (Ages 4-5)

Mondays, September 9th-October 28th
3:30pm-4:00pm

Warren Dailey Cabin

Fee: \$160

Your child will learn through games, music, dancing and play acting that will lead to understanding and speaking basic words and ideas in Spanish.

Spanish Lessons (Ages 6-8)

Mondays, September 9th-October 28th
4:15pm-4:45pm

Warren Dailey Cabin

Fee: \$160

Your child will learn through games, music, dancing and play acting that will lead to understanding and speaking basic words and ideas in Spanish.

Spanish Lessons (Ages 8-11)

Mondays, September 9th-October 28th
5:00pm-5:30pm

Warren Dailey Cabin

Fee: \$160

Your child will learn through games, music, dancing and play acting that will lead to understanding and speaking basic words and ideas in Spanish.

Music Together

Fridays, September 6th Demonstration
September 13-November 15th

10:30-11:15am

Warren Dailey Cabin

Fee \$170 for a first child, an additional \$100 for a second child if that second child is 8 months or older by September. Register early to get a \$10 discount! (registering before the end of August) Referral discounts as well.

“Come join Krystal as you make music with your child! Music Together is a play-based music program....engaging both parents or caregivers as well as children, birth through five (mixed age class). Through ten weeks of class, you will sing and move to a wide variety of music, including a few songs in foreign languages. You go home with the music and music book on the first day of class, giving your family a chance to engage with the music many times between classes, accelerating your child’s enjoyment and musical growth!” Come make music with us!





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Westport Squares is sponsoring two free dance parties on August 23, from 6:30-9:30pm and August 30, from 6:30-8:30pm just for you. Both parties are on Friday evenings at the Maple Bluff Village Center located at 18 Oxford Place, Madison WI 53704.

I know you are thinking "Square Dancing, I did that in school" but this is a newer updated version. You owe it to yourself to check it out. The two free dance parties are a good way to do that. If you like it, Westport Squares will be doing a set of lessons on Sunday nights this fall. The cost is only \$6.00 per person for adults and \$3.00 for youth under 18. Everyone is welcome.

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