Village of Maple Bluff

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

February 2020

Congratulations! Dominic & Elijah Grant • Polly & Tucker Stephenson

Winterfest 2020 Medallion Winners

Welcome

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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

Administrator/Police Chief Tanner Nystrom.....244-3048
Clerk/Treasurer Sarah Danz.....244-3048
Deputy Clerk/Clerk of Court Rene Dopkins.....244-3069
Rec. Dir./Deputy Treasurer Curt Erickson.....230-7655
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Public Works.....244-3048
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Newfound Appreciation! By: Tanner A. Nystrom

Over the past 8 weeks, I had the opportunity to observe and evaluate our community from a newcomer's eyes. Many of you came to introduce yourselves and welcomed me to the village – Thank you for the warm reception! In addition to your hospitality, the staff patiently provided essential guidance in an effort to help me succeed during the transition. A good number of residents have provided instructive feedback and I am truly grateful for everyone's input – I ask that you continue to tell me what's on your mind and I will ensure you are all informed of what I see from the village center.

Working with our village staff has been eye-opening to say the least and I want you to know how fortunate I am. The programming coordinated by our recreation department is exceptional and truly makes our village stand out as a model community. The consistent enthusiasm and grit that I see demonstrated by our public works staff is inspirational – They are the tip of the spear for village services and second to none. The leaders in our fire department do an exceptional job of guiding and mentoring our young interns while also prioritizing comprehensive training, maintenance schedules, and community outreach. Finally, our police department continues to demonstrate exemplary professionalism while shouldering the burdens of change and understaffing with resilience and fortitude.

Over the past two months, I have spent the vast majority of my time working with our administrative staff. They have demanding jobs and I ask a lot of them. In addition to daily operations they endured challenges associated with computer infrastructure upgrades, realignment of duties and responsibilities, tax season obligations, and election preparations. I continue to introduce new ideas, present difficult questions, and ask them to help make our organization better in unique and challenging ways. They have consistently and without hesitation responded with optimism and positivity. I have a newfound appreciation for the commitment they demonstrate and the challenges they continually overcome.

With such exceptional staff in place, we have the opportunity to plan for coming years. We are organizing working groups to develop and improve procedures, programs, and policies that enhance our administrative and operational practices; and reinforce our existing culture of committed and selfless service. We are also actively assessing future infrastructure needs, project proposals, communication platforms, financial priorities, and crime deterrence strategies to ensure that services continue to meet – if not exceed – your expectations. We strive to provide you with the absolute highest quality of public services and improve your quality of life to the best of our ability.

Thank you again for your support! As public servants, your quality of life and appreciation equates to mission accomplishment for us. Please know that I am available if you wish to discuss anything or have recommendations for our community. I look forward to continued interaction with all of you and feel very fortunate to work for you and with the village staff.

Sincerely,

Tanner A. Nystrom

Village Clerk

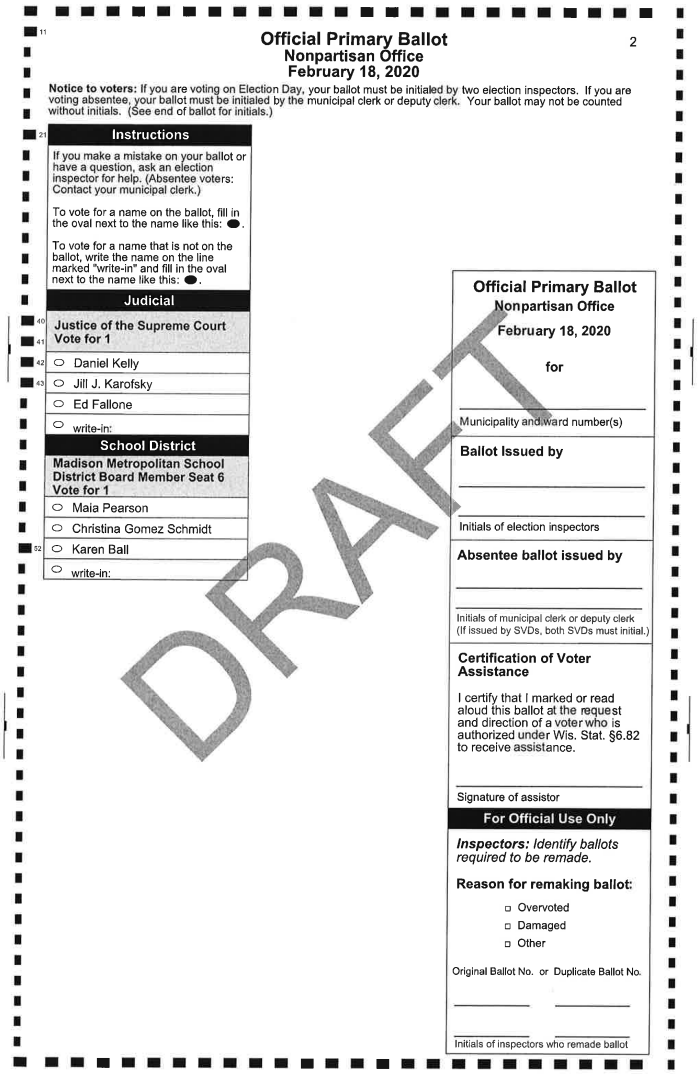
Election Day February 18th

On Tuesday, February 18th, a primary election will be held for the Justice of the Supreme Court and Madison Metropolitan School District Board Seat 6. A primary means that the number of candidates will be narrowed to two for each contest and those two candidates will appear on the April 7th ballot.

Residents of Maple Bluff vote at the Village Center, 18 Oxford Place, and polls will be open from 7:00am – 8:00pm.

Three other elections will be held during 2020. Those dates are April 7th, August 11th and November 3rd.

If you wish to register to vote or request an absentee ballot, please visit myvote.wi.gov. You may also contact the village office at 608-244-3048 with questions.



Official Primary Ballot
Nonpartisan Office
February 18, 2020

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Notice to voters: If you are voting on Election Day, your ballot must be initialed by two election inspectors. If you are voting absentee, your ballot must be initialed by the municipal clerk or deputy clerk. Your ballot may not be counted without initials. (See end of ballot for initials.)

Instructions

If you make a mistake on your ballot or have a question, ask an election inspector for help. (Absentee voters: Contact your municipal clerk.)

To vote for a name on the ballot, fill in the oval next to the name like this: ⬬.

To vote for a name that is not on the ballot, write the name on the line marked "write-in" and fill in the oval next to the name like this: ⬬.

Judicial

Justice of the Supreme Court
Vote for 1

- ⬭ Daniel Kelly
- ⬭ Jill J. Karofsky
- ⬭ Ed Fallone
- ⬭ write-in:

School District

Madison Metropolitan School District Board Member Seat 6
Vote for 1

- ⬭ Maia Pearson
- ⬭ Christina Gomez Schmidt
- ⬭ Karen Ball
- ⬭ write-in:

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for

Municipality and ward number(s)

Ballot Issued by

Initials of election inspectors

Absentee ballot issued by

Initials of municipal clerk or deputy clerk
(If issued by SVDs, both SVDs must initial.)

Certification of Voter Assistance

I certify that I marked or read aloud this ballot at the request and direction of a voter who is authorized under Wis. Stat. §6.82 to receive assistance.

Signature of assistor

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Inspectors: *Identify ballots required to be remade.*

Reason for remaking ballot:

- ☐ Overvoted
- ☐ Damaged
- ☐ Other

Original Ballot No. or Duplicate Ballot No.

Initials of inspectors who remade ballot

DRAFT

Visit the Bookmobile!

The Bookmobile visits Maple Bluff **EVERY Friday from 10:30-11:30** at the Fire Department. The Bookmobile offers a variety of newly released books, magazines, DVDs, music and audiobooks for children, teens and adults. Can't find it on the Bookmobile? Place a hold and get it within a week.

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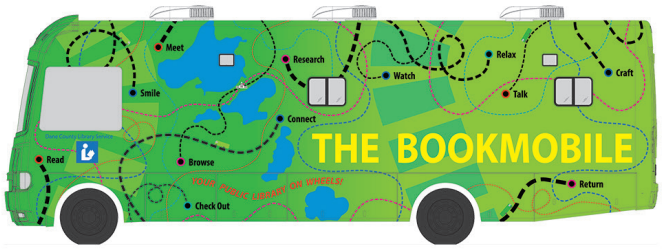

The development at Roxbury Road and N Sherman Avenue is quickly nearing completion. **"The Gordon"** is on schedule to begin rentals on May 1st. If you are interested in obtaining information about the rental units, or would like a peek inside, be on the lookout for an open house at the end of February. Immediate inquiries can be directed to Jason Rice at 608-442-5094.

Meet Our New Administrator/Police Chief: By: Tom Schroeder

While we all are tearing January off the calendar and exposing February, your Village administration and department operations have a new commander and chief, Tanner Nystrom. I would encourage you to stop by and introduce yourself and meet our new administrator/police chief; he is an engaging and dynamic individual who has impressed from the start and continues to do so. As part of his emersion into Village operations, we arranged a meeting with our engineer from Town and Country, Brian Berquist. As far as Public Works goes, what better way to understand where we are than to know where we have come from. Brian provided a guided tour explaining the process of a capital improvement project from start to finish. He then elaborated upon the multiple projects undertaken by the Village form the early nineties; 2005; 2010; 2014 expounding on the accomplishments of each of these projects. As much as has been accomplished in the last 25-30 years, there are still significant infrastructure needs that will need to be prioritized and implemented in the near future and beyond. The specific nature of these needs would be similar to the large projects of recent history that addressed water/sanitary/storm and road reconstruction. In addition to that will be concerns of infiltration and inflow into the sanitary sewer system that can influence the amount of wastewater treatment costs from Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District. There are also concerns with some of the Village's storm water outfalls that were out of the project scopes of prior projects. Brian's presentation was an excellent depiction of the state of the Village's infrastructure.

We had a busy stretch of winter weather during the middle of January as large low-pressure systems passed by over a 3-4 day period, providing precipitation from the front/middle/backside of the storm. Remember to be a good neighbor by storing your snow on your lot, not in the street or another lot. Contractors are notorious for doing the easiest movements first. I give kudos to the service providers that clean up and place snow where it belongs.

When opportunity presents itself, we will be removing ash trees that have presented symptoms of the ash borer. I have a few trees left from last year's list and several more to add for this year. Something that I would encourage all property owners to have done every few years would be an assessment of tree health and vigor along with a trimming and pruning plan in place for your trees young and old alike. There are many very large trees in the Village that should get a review by a professional. There is more to tree health than having a crown full of leaves.

With the talk of climate change, and or global warming, or even recent trends like the last 2 years with our lakes at flood stage, it appears that higher annual precipitation rates are going to feed the high ground water that has been a concern for many years, and will be for the foreseeable future. If you are using a sump pump, please give consideration to connecting to the storm system if available. Sending ground water into the sanitary sewer is a violation of Village code. I would also recommend talking with your plumber about installing a back flow preventor for your sanitary sewer lateral.

A friendly reminder: Trash receptacles have a size limit. They also have a weight limit of container and contents.

Village Code 186-4. Preparation of solid waste for collection.

A. No container or bag placed for collection shall exceed 30 gallons in capacity or 50 pounds in weight.

B. All rubbish placed for collection shall be placed in suitable containers of not more than 30 gallons in capacity or 50 pounds in weight.

Give your local trash guy on the village crew a break and practice voluntary compliance.

As always if you have a question or concern please call. Thank You.

Trash/Recycling
Trash pick up is shaded, recycling dates are circled

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HOLIDAYS AT THE CLUB

Maple Bluff Village Residents have the opportunity to enjoy MBCC's fine dining and club events up to 3 times per year!

"Hi guys! Wow, what a great night! The staff really shined at the Christmas party. It was such a treat to get those framed photos on the way out -- what a great surprise!!! They looked professional quality and Betsy has assured that the photo of us together will end up on her mantle. The food was amazing too! I know it was crazy but the staff worked so hard and hustled, hustled, hustled! Everyone had a great time. That was a huge win! Thank you!!!"

Ellen, MBCC Member

LADIES' NIGHT

The ladies' enjoyed an evening of yoga, appetizers, refreshing infused water, and wine specials!

MAPLE BLUFF COUNTRY CLUB PRESENTS

CHEF'S TABLE

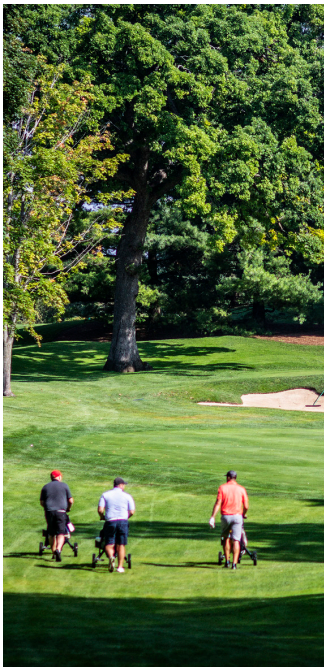
An intimate and unique evening with your friends, family, business associates, or potential clients. See the chefs at work! You will dine on a multi-course meal, in MBCC's banquet kitchen, prepared by our outstanding culinary team. Wine or spirit pairing optional. Choose from one of our delectable multi-course menus or develop your own extraordinary menu with our Executive Chef Kenton and Sous Chef Nick.

Members Only

Email Executive Chef, Kenton, at kentonh@mbcc1899.com to reserve your date and create your menu!

DID YOU RECENTLY MOVE TO THE VILLAGE OF MAPLE BLUFF?

CONTACT MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR, JENNIFER MALLOY, AT (608) 249-2144 FOR MORE INFORMATION ON OUR EXCITING MEMBERSHIP OFFER!



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2020 WINTERFEST

After last year's scheduling conflict with the polar vortex, Mother Nature really owed us one for Winterfest 2020, and she did not disappoint. The lake froze and snow fell all week in anticipation of one of Maple Bluff's most time-honored traditions.

Crowds came out for Friday night's Euchre tournament which featured delicious pizza generously donated by Pizzeria Uno. Competition was tough, but card shark Cori Paulowski took home 1st place. Second place went to Peter Ouchakov and a tie for third place to euchre veteran Jason Smith and neighborhood newbie Joe O'Conner. A big thank you to euchre co-chairs Kelsey Hausmann, Ellie Hausmann and Molly Lohr for another flawless year of Euchre! Thanks also go out to Amy and Mark Cigan for pizza pickup and delivery and Trish Grant for her help with registration! It was great to see a lot of familiar faces, new Villagers and first time euchre players coming together for the game.

Saturday afternoon neighborhood families descended on Beach Park for the family fun portion of Winterfest and hotly anticipated Chili Cookoff. The magical winter wonderland of Beach Park provided most of the entertainment as the kids wasted no time playing on the frozen lake, making snowmen and throwing snowballs. Indoors they decorated sugar cookies and made a snowman craft while eating delicious Maple Bluff Country Club hotdogs. Jason Smith supplied the Hammerschlagen - a huge hit all night long. Attendees warmed up with delicious hot cocoa with all the fixings and a roaring Bonfire. Thanks to our Bonfire master (and chili judge) Chris Meadows, the fire was beautiful, long lasting and perfect for s'mores. Music was provided by resident DJ, Brett Waterman who spun tunes and took requests into the night for a few hardcore Winterfesters.

We had heard rumors that some chilis were already underway Friday night, so mouths were watering to see what the chefs had in store. With 9 beautiful and varied chilis on hand, the judges had their work cut out for them. Last year's champ, Jeff Masciapinto, Village Administrator Tanner Nystrom, Bocce Chili Judge winner Chris Meadows and Village Trustee Patrick Grant lined up their chili cups and got down to business picking the village's most amazing chili. The resounding winner was KC Haldeman whose chili the judges declared, "outstanding - the clear winner." KC received a gift card for Sur La Table and serious bragging rights. The judges are begging for the recipe of 2nd place winner Josh Pelleter's nontraditional chili. The third place winner presented a "great traditional chili" and was also the contest's youngest competitor, 11 year old Claire Palovcik.

The traditional medallion hunt, this year for kids 18 and younger, took families all over the Bluff for hours at a time trying to piece together clues offered by medallion mastermind, Ellen Reyerson. While many kids walked by the carefully hidden medallion hundreds of times, Elijah and Dominic Grant and Polly and Tucker Stephenson found the bejeweled blue skillet tucked inside the wheel well of a trailer parked in the back of the Boy Scout Cabin in Fireman's Park. They were awarded $100 at Winterfest. Well done!

Special thanks to all of our Winterfest volunteers including co-chairs Erin Vincent, April Grogan and Sarah Pelleter, Trish Grant, Chris Meadows, Nancy and Chuck Carpenter, Jenny Freese, DJ Brett Waterman, Jason Smith and Ellen Reyerson. A big thank you also goes out to the Village of Maple Bluff Staff for their tireless help with set up and logistics and Maple Bluff Country Club for generously providing hotdogs, cornbread and hot cocoa!

NEW Sports Equipment Sale

Do you often need to purchase the next size up of sporting equipment? What do you do with the outgrown equipment? The Village is offering the opportunity to sell and purchase used equipment from other Village residents on Saturday, April 18th. For a minimal fee the Village will provide each family a table to display their equipment. For more information, please contact Curt Erickson

Marina

Marina Applications
Applications were sent out to the 2019 renters in their property tax bills. Applications have been slow to return to the Administration Office. The deadline to renew space is Friday, February 28th. If you've misplaced the application; please contact me or you may download the application online.

Winter and Spring Programs

Music Together
Fridays, January 10 – March 13
Time: 10:30am – 11:15am
Location: Dailey Cabin
Instructor: Krystal Lonsdale
Fee $170 for a first child, an additional $100 for a second child if that second child is 8 months or older by September.
Description:
"Preschoolers, babies, and toddlers....bring your parent, grandparent, or caregiver and join us for 10 weeks of musical learning and fun! Join Krystal as you learn our Sticks collection of music this winter. We'll sing about great big stars in the sky, we'll trot to Grandmas house to see what she has for us to eat, and mimic water sounds as we work on our tone and rhythm."

Programs Cont.

Learn to play Pickleball
Learn to play the fastest growing sport in the world. Easy to learn and lots of fun. Your clinic will be learning four basic pickleball shots, playing strategy, scoring and coached playing with lots of fun. Learn to play pickleball will meet at the Village Center Gym. Each 2-hour session is $44.00. Pre-registration is required. Instructor: Jeanne Burgess
Date: February 7
Time: 4pm – 6pm

Advanced Pickleball
Move your pickleball game up to the next level with a session devoted to getting to the net and net strategy, shots and play. This two-hour clinic will meet at the Village Center gym with a fee of $44.00. Pre-registration is required. Instructor: Jeanne Burgess
Date: February 15
Time: 4pm – 6pm

Paint 'N Sip
Date: Saturday, February 29th
Time: 1:00pm – 3:30pm
Location: Bear and Bottle
Age: 21+
Instructor: Art-Vark Studios
Fee: $40.00
Minimum: 10 participants
Join us in the first ever, painting class offered exclusively for adults. Bear and Bottle has graciously allowed the Recreation Department to set up in the brightest location in their sitting area. The group will start with a sample painting that we recreate. At the end of the class, everyone will go home with a 16x20" painting of their very own. The painting is titled "More Wine Please". Food and beverages will be available for purchase through Bear and Bottle.

Programs cont.

Spring Candlelight Yoga 1
Dates: Wednesdays March 4 – April 29
Time: 6:45pm – 7:30pm
Location: Casey Zimmerman
Fee: $63.00
Come and escape at the end of your day to a relaxing evening of Yoga at the Dailey Cabin. Classes incorporate stretching, gentle movement, restorative poses with an emphasis on relaxing your entire body. Let the candlelight create a calm and peaceful state of mind. All levels welcome and no experience necessary.

Spring Candlelight Yoga 2
Dates: Wednesdays May 6 – June 24
Time: 6:45pm – 7:30pm
Location: Casey Zimmerman
Fee: $63.00
Come and escape at the end of your day to a relaxing evening of Yoga at the Dailey Cabin. Classes incorporate stretching, gentle movement, restorative poses with an emphasis on relaxing your entire body. Let the candlelight create a calm and peaceful state of mind. All levels welcome and no experience necessary.

Spring Break Archery
March 30 – April 3
11:00am – 11:45am
Fee: $33.00
Instructor: Curt Erickson
Location: Gym
Ages: 7 – 12
Join us in this fun-filled session of archery during Spring Break. Participants will learn basic skills in archery while playing fun games. Participants should wear long-sleeves. Females should have their hair pulled back in a pony tail or up to prevent the bow string from catching their hair.

Spring Break Teen Archery
March 30 – April 3
12:00pm – 12:45pm
Fee: $33.00
Instructor: Curt Erickson
Location: Gym
Ages: 13 – 17
Join us in this fun-filled session of archery during Spring Break. Participants will learn basic skills in archery while playing fun games. Participants should wear long-sleeves. Females should have their hair pulled back in a pony tail or up to prevent the bow string from catching their hair.

Young Rembrandts Art Class 1
Wednesdays 2/15 - 4/8 (skip 4/1)
Time: 4:15pm - 5:30pm
Location: Dailey Cabin
Ages: 6 - 12
Fee: $120.00
Description:
Young Rembrandts unique, step-by-step curriculum helps children ages 6-12 develop increased patience, discipline and focus as well as a host of artistic skills such as art vocabulary and history, drawing and art skills, expanded creativity, imagination and confidence. Classes are held once a week with all supplies provided. New lessons each session!

Young Rembrandts Art Class 2
Wednesdays 4/15 - 6/3
Time: 4:15pm - 5:30pm
Location: Dailey Cabin
Ages: 6 - 12
Fee: $120.00
Description:
Young Rembrandts unique, step-by-step curriculum helps children ages 6-12 develop increased patience, discipline and focus as well as a host of artistic skills such as art vocabulary and history, drawing and art skills, expanded creativity, imagination and confidence. Classes are held once a week with all supplies provided. New lessons each session!

Safe Kids 101
Thursday, May 14
5:30pm – 7:30pm
Fee: $20.00
Ages: 9 – 15
Deadline to register: May 7
Location: Conference Room
Does your pre-teen think they are ready to stay home alone? Would your child know what to do if the doorbell rang and you weren't at home? Get your child ready by sending them to the Safe Kids 101 class! Basic guidelines, fire safety, digital safety, (including cyber-bullying, sexting, and personal information) community safety, including stranger danger and first aid/emergencies.)

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Programs Cont.

Wisconsin Boaters Safety Course
Dates: Saturday, May 2
Time: 8:00am – 5:00pm
Fee: $25.00
Ages: 12 +
Min./Max.: 12 / 30

The fee for the class is $25.00. This includes one "About Boating Safely" text, lunch and refreshments.
Each additional family member is $20.00 using the same text. Additional texts are $20.00 each.
We have experienced great results when parents, grandparents or guardian attend the class with the children.
Successful completion of the class and test results in your DNR certificate for Safe Boating.
STUDENTS SHOULD BE AT LEAST
12 YEARS OLD
Anyone born after 1/1/87 must take a Safe Boating Class and complete the examination in order to operate a boat.
Things you need to send me:
1. The first, middle and last name of each student.
2. The class you wish to attend.
3. A check payable to USCGA-Flotilla 45-01 with the correct amount due for the number of people attending and the number of texts you desire.
4. Mail the check to: Village of Maple Bluff 18 Oxford Place Madison, WI 53704
5. Include birth dates of all students.
6. Include the DNR customer number. If you don't have one call 1-888-936-7463 to receive a number. This is the same number used for hunter, snowmobile etc issued by the DNR.
7. Include the phone number of each student.
8. Include the addresses of each student for the DNR certificate.
9. Address you want the text sent to if different from that on the check.
DO THIS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
We have a maximum of 30 students per class, and the classes fill quickly. I will send you the text when I receive your check. When you receive the text you will be registered for the class.
Thanks, if any questions, please feel free to contact Curt Erickson at 608-230-7655 or cerickson@villageofmaplebluff.com

Summer Programs

Arts/Athletics
Monday – Friday
June 15 – August 14
Fee: $180
Ages: 7 – 12
Beach Park

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.

CYGW
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
June 16 – August 13
Fee: $375.00
Ages: 3 – 8
Firemen's Park/Gym

This 9 week summer program meets at Firemen's Park T, W & TH from 1:00pm-4:00pm on June 16 through August 13. 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 2020). 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.

Parents will need to provide cell phone numbers at the time of registration. Please be sure to verify you have the correct phone number listed on your account.

Summer Programs Cont.

***New Hike, Explore and Swim at Devil's Lake**
Date: 8/10
Day: Monday
Time: 8:30 am – 4:00 p.m.
Ages: 8 - 14
Drop off/Pick up Location: 18 Oxford Place
Destination: Devil's Lake State Park, Baraboo
Cost: $45
Registration Deadline: August 1st
Description: Take a journey up the East Bluff with guided naturalists from Devil's Lake Nature Center. Hike through the park's geologic time line, learning about how oceans and glaciers helped to form Devil's Lake! After the hike, enjoy a hot dog lunch, sandy swimming beaches and relax lakeside. Hot dog lunch will be provided. Bus will leave promptly at 8:30 a.m. Parents are welcome to sign up with their child.

Project Runway
Dates: Monday – Friday, June 22 – June 26
Time: 9:00am – 12:00pm
Ages: 9 – 13
Fee: $135.00
Location: Village Center
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. On Friday, parents will be invited to a end of the class fashion show, showcasing the items the kids have created.

Robotics 2.0
Dates: Monday – Thursday July 20 – July 23
Ages: 6 – 12
Fee: $100.00
Location: Village Center
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Introduction to Tree Climbing 1
Date: Monday, July 27
Time: 10:00am – 12:00pm
Fee: $45.00/class
Ages: 7 +
Location: Marina
Instructor: Curtis Andrews, Treetop Explorers
Fun, Fitness, Adventure! Peaceful and invigorating, Recreational Tree Climbing utilizes professional climbing gear to ascend into and explore tall trees. Climbers build self-confidence and connect nature and themselves in unique way.

Climbers will be ascending within minutes after an easy-to-follow tutorial from a qualified tree climbing facilitator. Once you are in your harness and clipped on rope, you are free to ascend at your own pace and move about the tree as you feel comfortable.

Summer Programs Cont.

Introduction to Tree Climbing 2
Date: Thursday, August 27
Time: 4:00pm – 6:00pm
Fee: $45.00/class
Ages: 7 +
Location: Marina
Instructor: Curtis Andrews, Treetop Explorers
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Summer Employment Opportunities

Beach Lifeguards:

Applications are now being accepted for Summer Beach Lifeguards. The lifeguard staff is responsible for controlling the actions of the swimmers, program participants and performing appropriate rescues and aid when necessary. The work will also involve providing a fun, safe and educational atmosphere for summer program participants. Dates of employment will be Memorial Day through Labor Day with a pay range of $10.00 - $12.00/hr. All applications are due back to the Village Center no later than 3:00pm on April 3rd.

CYGW 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 Course. Counselors will be assigned specific groups of participants between the ages of 3 and 7. Counselors will be required to perform various daily tasks such as cleaning, providing snack and supervision and instruction. Dates of employment will occur between Memorial Day through Labor Day with a pay range that is competitive for similar work. All applications are due back to the Village Center no later than April 10th.

Concerts in the Park - 2020 Summer Concert Line-up

June 15: Johnny Chimes Band
https://www.johnnychimes.com/

June 22: Ryan McGrath Band
http://www.theryanmcgrathband.com/

June 29: Beth Kille Band
https://www.bethkille.com/

July 13: Gin Mill Hollow
https://www.ginmillhollow.com/

July 20: Dig Deep
https://digdeepwi.bandcamp.com/

July 27: Trapper Schoepp
http://trapperschoepp.com/

If you or your organization is interested in partnering with the Village to provide these great bands, please contact Curt Erickson at 608-230-7655 for more information.

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Annual Fest on the Fourth

Committee Volunteers Needed to coordinate this year's event. **Donate a few hours of your time to make this community event happen! Help is needed:**

- Family Games, Prizes & Face Painting
- 5K Walk / Run Planning
- Parade Coordination
- Sponsorships
- Overall Coordination

The **Fest on the Fourth of July** is a community event, primarily put on by volunteer residents of the Village. It is one of the things that makes living in Maple Bluff so special. If you are ready to donate a few hours of time, please contact Curt at the Village Hall or Andrea Finck (andreamfinck@gmail.com).

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