Village of Maple Bluff

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

August 2020

Photo taken by: Tom Schroeder

Welcome

Calendar of Events

August

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September

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8	Village/Building Board Meeting

October

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3	General Election
10	Village/Building Board Meeting
26	Thanksgiving

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

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Village Board

President Timothy O'Brien.....444-7564
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
Police 244-1430
Public Works.....244-3048
Fire & Rescue.....244-3390

Vote Walt Stewart for the 48th Assembly District!

An experienced progressive fighter

- **Equip** our medical workers with essential supplies
- **Fight** for affordable healthcare
- **Support** our local job creators
- **Terminate** qualified immunity for law enforcement
- **Expand** funding for public education and teachers
- **Provide** affordable services for elderly and vulnerable neighbors
- **Protect** our lakes and our environment
- Protect **Retirement Benefits, Wisconsin SeniorCare, Social Activities at Senior Centers, & Meals on Wheels.**
- Expand **Transportation & In-Home Care** to keep folks in their homes.

Committed member to this community

- **St. Mary's Hospital** Development Committee
- **Committee on Parks & Recreation, Village of Maple Bluff,** 24 yrs
- **Dane County Private Industries** Council
- **Housing Initiatives, Inc.**, providing housing for the poor, homeless, and mentally ill
- **Northside Planning Council**, promoting job training, social connections, and economic development
- **NewBridge Madison**, providing programs and services for Madison's older population
- **Downtown Madison Rotary Club**, Committee on Racial Equity and Inclusion

Vote for Walt Stewart for Aug. 11 Primary!

New Members of Our Team!

I would like to start by introducing two new members to our police department. During the past month, we had the fortunate and timely opportunity to grow our team by hiring and training two new part-time officers! Officer Chris Jauch and Officer Jean Pierre "JP" Contreras both completed an accelerated field training process with our department. These young men have well-deserved reputations as officers and work full-time for the Town of Madison. During our assessment and selection process we found them to fit our team exceptionally well. Chris and JP accepted offers for employment at a critical time and we are very grateful to have them come onboard now. Our part-time officers are critical in providing support, coverage, and assistance to our small cadre of full-time officers; especially at a time of historically low staffing.

As you are likely aware, we have a very small police department and typically have one officer on-duty at any given time. This reality makes your communication with us an essential component to quick response and success upon arrival. I raise this point because we receive a significant number of calls at the Village Center that need to go through the county dispatch center for maximum efficiency. Please continue to call 911 for emergencies and (608) 255-2345 for non-emergency response. When you call these numbers, the Dane County Dispatch Center does their best to ensure that our on-duty officer receives accurate and timely information. Dispatch will ask you key questions and relay the necessary information to our officer; which ensures they arrive in a timely manner and with a detailed understanding of the situation. Without this detail, the officer lacks critical information necessary for your safety and theirs. Our officers greatly appreciate the detail you provide when reporting any emergency or community concern.

On a final note, I would like to thank you for your continued support. All village staff have demonstrated exceptional poise despite the many challenges we have faced over this spring and summer. I continue to feel exceptionally fortunate to serve this community, and especially to do so along side my staff. We remain steadfast in our mission: We passionately deliver exemplary public services and responsible governance to improve the experience and value of our community.

Sincerely,

Tanner A. Nystrom

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

VILLAGE OF MAPLE BLUFF
MONDAY, AUGUST 10TH, 2020 6:00PM

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Village of Maple Bluff Plan Commission will hold a public hearing on the above date and time via Zoom. Please contact the Maple Bluff Village Center, 608-244-3048 or info@villageofmaplebluff.com, to receive participation information.

The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comment on proposed changes to the ordinance language in Sections 225-40(D)(8) "Rear building line, lake lots" and 225-46(B) "Detached accessory structures" of the code of the Village of Maple Bluff. A copy of the proposed revised ordinance sections can be obtained from the Village Clerk, Sarah Danz by phone 608-230-7651 or email sdanz@villageofmaplebluff.com. All interested parties are invited to participate in the hearing and provide comment. Questions regarding this issue should be directed to Tanner Nystrom, Administrator, at 608-244-3048.

ELECTION

A Partisan Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, August 11th. Polls will be open from 7:00am-8:00pm at the Village Center 18 Oxford Place. To request an absentee ballot by mail, go to myvote.wi.us before 5:00pm on August 6th. A sample ballot can be found on the village website villageofmaplebluff.com under Village Government – Elections. If you have questions, please call the village center at 608-244-3048.

From Maple Bluff Fire Rescue Dept:

By: Kristopher Loy, Fire Chief

Response Information:
Total Responses (YTD): 53

Average Response Time (dispatch to on scene): 4.02 minutes

New Interns:
Each year, the Maple Bluff Fire Rescue Department recruits students pursuing their Associate's Degree in Fire Science at Madison College to participate in our prestigious live-in internship program. Once accepted into our program, the students live at our firehouse for two years while they attend College. Our program allows students to apply the skills they learn at school each day in a real-world application while also learning valuable career building skills for the future. The program similarly helps our department by providing highly motivated, youthful, and energetic firefighters/EMTs to our roster. Students who have successfully completed our program are currently employed at career fire departments, ambulance services, emergency rooms, and dispatch centers throughout the country. This year we welcome Lillian Conley (Racine, WI), Michelle Garcia (Oregon, WI), and Matthew Suchomel (Columbus, WI) to our internship!

Fire/Shooting Incident:
In the afternoon hours of July 1, 2020 our department was dispatched to a home in the 400 block of N. Sherman Ave. for a possible structure fire. Upon arrival, our crews found an odor and a slight haze of smoke inside the home believed to be electrical in nature. While investigating the source of the smoke, crews at the scene were presented with an unusual medical emergency.

A vehicle entered the fire scene, stopped on N. Sherman Ave, and the occupants informed our crews that there was a person in the vehicle who had been shot. Life saving measures were immediately started. Paramedics from Ryan Brothers, and personnel from Maple Bluff PD, Waunakee FD, Monona FD, and Maple Bluff FD attempted resuscitation efforts but unfortunately the patient's injuries were too severe, and the patient was pronounced deceased at the scene. It was determined that the shooting occurred on the north side of Madison, so the scene was ultimately turned over to their police department for further investigation.

Following the EMS incident, fire crews were able to isolate the potential problem within the home as faulty electrical equipment and advised the homeowner to contact an electrician. We assisted in ventilating the home prior to leaving the scene.

While we continually train for the unexpected, this incident was "unique" to say the least. I commend our

entire staff, as well as our mutual aid partners, for their ability to immediately adapt to the rapidly changing incident. The ability to alter their mindset from a fire response to an unexpected medical incident without missing a beat is a testament to their professionalism and dedication to our community.

Incidents like this test the resiliency of our members and outline the importance of good mental health practices within emergency services. Following incidents like this, those involved can be left with a lot of questions. When, where, why did this happen? Did we do everything we could for the patient and their family? What did other responders do at the incident? Not knowing the answers to some of these questions tends to wear on the minds of emergency responders. This is the reason we conduct critical incident debriefings after emergency calls like the one we responded to on July 1st. Emergency responders involved in the incident (dispatch, police, fire, EMS, medical examiner, and even hospital staff) are brought together to confidentially share their piece of the puzzle, help fill in the blanks, and counselors give emotional support when appropriate. Follow up care is also provided to staff who wish to continue with an emotional support program. The mental health of our personnel is paramount to help ensure we can provide the best service possible to our community.

Dept. of Public Works: By: Tom Schroeder

It looks as though the Coronavirus has been and will continue to be a mainstay in our foreseeable future as it alters nearly every facet of our lives.

I take my hat off to all the other village departments that are dealing with staffing, distancing, protocols, and directives that are in a state of flux. We in Public Works have the luxury of being outdoors and or in a large shop as we attend to our tasks at hand.

There seems to be no shortage of heavy rain events this summer…literally when it rains it pours. Mendota surged several inches with the kind of rain we experienced July 26th.

Ground water is on the rise as well. Sump pumps are earning their keep. We recently made a connection for a resident to our storm system so that the sump pump discharge line is no longer surface flowing down the street to the first available storm inlet. We should be able to make another residential sump to storm system connection in the next few weeks. Having the storm line on the near edge of road is what makes these connections possible.

We continue to focus on ash tree reduction as we have for the last several years. The next one we take down will be the one displaying the most symptoms of infestation. When we discover any tree showing significant negative attributes, such as die back/crown thinning, structural issues, broken or rotting limbs, we will give that tree the necessary attention from pruning/hazard reduction to removal. As mentioned before, it is unlikely that there will be any replacement trees this year.

I would like to take the time to point out the outstanding display of gardening our volunteers provide to the village for all of us to enjoy. I would also like to provide a shout out for Dorothy Mirowski for her efforts to transform the 2 gardens at Lakewood and Roxbury from weed beds to beautiful gardens in less than a years' time. Call with your questions and concerns, thank you!

Summer 2020! By: Patrick Grant

As we move through the summer it has been great to see so many people in the neighborhood out enjoying all that the village has to offer. While COVID has caused major disruption to normal operation for Parks and Recreation there have been a few upsides. The marina is busy with boating traffic, the tennis courts seem to be constantly in use with pickle ball or tennis matches. Beach park is seeing constant traffic and the lifeguards are doing a great job following the new guidelines and keeping people safe. Overall our community is connected, strong and making the most of the current situation.

At the Parks Committee, we face a strange year – one without our regular Bocce tournament and other popular events that help bind our sense of community. Bocce was a major source of funds for new equipment at our parks. We were fearful that this dip would derail the steady progress that we have made over the past number of years in our equipment refresh and following our comprehensive outdoor recreation plan (CORP).

This plan which is refreshed every few years, has a long term focus. We work to ensure that we focus on one park every 3-6 years. This long term view enables us to adapt to surprises and take advantage of opportunities when they arise. This summer we encountered one such opportunity. Park equipment manufacturers are offering a deep discount on their sets. With the strong fiscal management and our reserves from last year's Bocce, we will be able to purchase a new play structure at Firemen's park and a structure for McBride Park for less than our original Firemen's park budget. Installation will begin in the Fall. This represents phase one of the Firemen's park project and we look forward to working with the Scouts and Camp ya Gotta Wanna as we move through the complete project.

With that longer term view we have also commissioned a concept plan for Johnson Park. This plan will build upon the CORP. These concept plans have been invaluable in planning and developing Beach Park and Firemen's park and we look forward to continuing to use these tools to provide the village with amazing facilities.

Stay safe and enjoy the rest of the summer.

Parks and Recreation Committee.
Darby, Patrick, Ravi, Sandy and Sheila

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August Parks & Recreation

Although COVID-19 forced a major change in summer programs and events, it has allowed time in preparation for park improvements that were listed in a 2015 Comprehensive Outdoor Rec Plan. This summer's focus has been on phasing Firemen's Park improvements, McBride Park's playground and recently long-term planning for Johnson Park.

Firemen's Park Playground Replacement

After several months of planning and meetings, Village Committee's approved the replacement of the playground at Firemen's Park. A new and exciting playground will be installed late summer-early fall. Similar to the Beach House playground replacement, the Village will be seeking volunteers to assist installing the equipment. More information and sign-up will be available as dates for installation are known.

McBride Park Playground Replacement

Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, playground vendors are significantly reducing costs for playgrounds as they have large quantities of supplies. The older McBride Park playground has not met current playground codes and has deteriorated to a point that it will cost more to upkeep rather than replace it. The Parks Committee has reviewed several options and will be funding the replacement through existing Bocce funds.

Shelter Rentals

The Dailey Cabin and Beach House will be made available for rentals in the near future. If you are interested in reserving these facilities, you'll need to follow all rules and guidelines established by Public Health Madison Dane County. For more information regarding guidelines on group gatherings visit: www.publichealthmdc.com.

The Village gym will continue to remain closed until Dane County moves into Phase 3 of the Forward Dane Plan.

Summer Concert Series Postponed to 2021

As a reminder, the 2020 Summer Concert Series has been postponed due to COVID-19. All scheduled bands have agreed to 2021 dates. The committed 2020 Sponsors have all gracious committed to roll their sponsorships into 2021. Thank you to the following sponsors for their generosity: Best Buds Landscaping, Sprinkman Real Estate, JP Cullen, Monona Bank, Kwik Trip and Festival Foods.

Beach House Lifeguard Hours

Beach Park continues to see a lot of use throughout the day. The Lifeguard staff has been doing an exceptional job maintaining and sanitizing the Beach House and paddle boards. The staffed lifeguard hours will continue through the month of August or as staff's availability allows. Current hours of lifeguards are: Monday – Saturday 9:00am – 7:00pm and Sunday 11:00am – 7:00pm, in the event of approaching or current inclement weather the Beach House may be closed.

Winter Marina Storage

The summer term for storage will continue until October 15th. If you need storage space after October 15 and through the winter, the Village will have some availability. If you are interested, please contact Curt Erickson for details or you may fill out the Marina agreement form on the Village's website and return it to the Village Center.

Programs

Morning Yoga
Time: 7:00am – 8:00am
Location: McBride Park
Fee: $70 for 10 classes or $10/drop-in fee
Instructor: Peter Duff
Dates Tuesday & Thursdays 7/28 – 9/3
Exceptions: 8/5 instead of 8/6 and skip 8/25 & 8/27

Come enjoy a fundamental yoga practice designed to cultivate greater physical and mental awareness through meditation, alignment, balance and breath. All levels and abilities are welcome! Participants must bring their own mat and optional props (yoga blocks/strap). The class will meet at McBride Park.

Safe@Home Training
Time: 9:00am – 10:30am
Location: Virtually
Fee: $35.00
Instructor: Curt Erickson
Date: Tuesday, August 25
Ages: 8 - 11
Registration is required by August 10

Learn important skills for different scenarios if you are going to be staying home alone for short periods of time for the first few times. These skills will help you understand the Do's & Don'ts and why your parents have established specific rules.

Firemen's Park

SafeSitter® Babysitter Training
Time: 8:30am – 12:00pm
Location: Virtually
Fee: $65.00
Instructor: Curt Erickson
Date: Monday, August 24
Ages: 11 - 15
Registration is required by August 10

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.

Wiffle Ball Homerun Derby
Time: During Lifeguard Hours
Location: Beach Park Tennis Courts
Fee: $10.00
Instructor: Lifeguard staff
Dates: August
Ages: 9 – 16

During the week of August 3rd, have your child stop down at Beach Park during Lifeguard staffed hours for Round 1 of a competitive home run derby. Age brackets will be established for competitive balance.

Competitors will be given 5 minutes in round one to see how many home runs they can hit over the fence on the Tennis Courts at Beach Park.

Staffed hours will be Monday - Friday 9am - 7pm. There maybe occasions that the tennis courts are not available due to conflicting use.

STAY INFORMED

If you would like to stay on top of all the news & exciting events in Maple Bluff join the village email list.
Just email your info to
jknops@villageofmaplebluff.com

Virtual Yoga
Time: Wednesdays 6:45pm – 7:30pm
Location: Through Zoom
Fee: $56.00
Instructor: Casey Zimmerman
Dates: July 8 – August 26

*This class will be offered through Zoom. Meeting codes will be provided to those that are registered.

**Spend some time at the end of your day relaxing in a virtual yoga class. Classes incorporate stretching, gentle movement and restorative poses with an emphasis on relaxing your entire body. All levels welcome and no experience necessary. To participate remotely, make sure your space is clear for exercise and that there are no objects in your way. A good rule of thumb is to clear a space that allows you to walk four steps back and forth and side to side. We recommend you consult with your doctor before participating in physical exertion and you should cease activity if you feel lightheaded, nauseous, short of breath, etc.

By participating in this class, everyone agrees that they are participating at their own risk and the Village of Maple Bluff is held harmless in the event of an injury.

Cycling September
Time: Anytime that works in your schedule
Fee: $15.00
Dates: Month of September
Ages: Any

In conjunction with the nationwide cycle September event, Maple Bluff is challenging everyone to cycle at least 100 miles. Entry into the program is $15.00 and will include a Maple Bluff water bottle for your bike. Once registered, you'll receive an invitation to join "Love to Ride" which can be linked to Facebook, Strava and other apps.

1. Before participating in a physical fitness program, you should consult your health care provider for guidance if you have not previously done so.

2. By participating in the challenge program, you should not over exert your physical capabilities.

3. Immediately cease exercise in the event that you feel lightheaded, shortness of breath, nauseous, etc. and you should seek medical attention if necessary.

4. Participation in the challenge is done at your own risk.

Everyone welcome! Check out any of our **three** locations.

See www.willystreet.coop/coronavirus for updates about our precautions.

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Donations are being accepted at the MBCC pool guard office. Please make checks out to: Second Harvest Food Bank of Wisconsin -or- cash at exact amount ($20).
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