



# VILLAGE OF MAPLE BLUFF

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

*February 2021*



Photo taken by: Tom Schroeder



## Calendar of Events

### February

|    |                                |
|----|--------------------------------|
| 9  | Village/Building Board Meeting |
| 14 | Valentine's Day                |
| 16 | Spring Primary                 |

### March

|    |                                |
|----|--------------------------------|
| 9  | Village/Building Board Meeting |
| 14 | Daylight Savings               |
| 17 | St. Patrick's Day              |

### April

|    |                                |
|----|--------------------------------|
| 4  | Easter                         |
| 6  | Spring Election                |
| 13 | Village/Building Board Meeting |
| 22 | Earth Day                      |

Trash/Recycling

Trash pick up is shaded, recycling dates are circled

| February |    |    |      |    |    |    | March |    |    |      |    |    |    | April |    |    |      |    |    |    |
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| 14       | 15 | 16 | 17   | 18 | 19 | 20 | 14    | 15 | 16 | 17   | 18 | 19 | 20 | 11    | 12 | 13 | 14   | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 21       | 22 | 23 | (24) | 25 | 26 | 27 | 21    | 22 | 23 | (24) | 25 | 26 | 27 | 18    | 19 | 20 | (21) | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 28       |    |    |      |    |    |    | 28    | 29 | 30 | 31   |    |    |    | 25    | 26 | 27 | 28   | 29 | 30 |    |



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|                                       |          |
|---------------------------------------|----------|
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| <b>Trustee</b> Kevin O'Driscoll.....  | 298-7102 |
| <b>Trustee</b> Patrick Grant.....     | 217-1815 |
| <b>Trustee</b> Kristine Jaeger.....   | 217-1919 |
| <b>Trustee</b> Eric McLeod.....       | 244-1371 |
| <b>Trustee</b> Jim Schuler.....       | 249-1696 |
| <b>Trustee</b> Carl Vieth.....        | 249-4647 |

## Village Departments

|   |          |
|---|----------|
| <b>Administrator/Police Chief</b> Tanner Nystrom..... | 244-3048 |
| <b>Clerk/Treasurer</b> Sarah Danz.....                | 244-3048 |
| <b>Deputy Clerk/Clerk of Court</b> Rene Dopkins.....  | 244-3069 |
| <b>Rec. Dir./Deputy Treasurer</b> Curt Erickson.....  | 230-7655 |
| <b>Police</b> .....                                   | 244-1430 |
| <b>Public Works</b> .....                             | 244-3048 |
| <b>Fire &amp; Rescue</b> .....                        | 244-3390 |

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## The Winter Stretch!

As we enter February, the mild winter we enjoyed thus far seems to have shifted. Our Public Works crew are hard at work keeping the streets and sidewalks clear of snow, while ensuring necessary maintenance is continually performed. They are a dedicated group that keep our facilities operational and community beautiful all year round – we appreciate their long mornings, days, and nights as mother nature dictates their work schedules. As they can attest, we are well into the winter stretch!

This winter has brought some challenges for our team and I am appreciative of everyone's resilience. Despite a few concerns of potential exposures, our staff have remained vigilant and responsible throughout the challenges of COVID. Our Fire Chiefs and Recreation Director have been instrumental in leading our team through planning and response protocols on multiple occasions. I am proud to work with considerate people who want to keep everyone around them safe and healthy. I am also grateful for a community that understands when temporary delays in service are necessary.

We will continue to adjust our operations to meet competing priorities of the times.

As we proceed into 2021, we are focused on improving our services to you. Our Fire Department, Police Department, and Public Works Department are all undergoing hiring processes in search of highly qualified additions to our team. We look forward to introducing new staff members to you in the coming months! As we look to bring new staff onboard, I also want to highlight that January marked Jessie Knops' 5th year anniversary and Curt Erickson's 12th year with the village. I sincerely appreciate the innumerable contributions each of them makes to our team daily!

I once again thank you for your support! We are here to deliver exemplary public services and responsible governance to improve the experience and value of our community. Your feedback is instrumental to our mission, so please continue to let us know how we can best serve you.

Sincerely,

Tanner A. Nystrom



## From Maple Bluff Fire Rescue Dept:

By: Kristopher Loy, Fire Chief

### Response Information:

Total Responses 2021 (YTD): 8

Average Response Time 2021 (dispatch to on scene):  
3.97 minutes

### Pancake Breakfast:

The Maple Bluff Fire Rescue Association would like to extend our sincere appreciation to Ancora Café and their staff. They contributed time, staff, online ordering platform, and the use of their new café located at 611 N. Sherman Ave. to help ensure the success of our pancake breakfast. Without their help, this event would not have been possible. We also want to thank everyone who attended this event to show support for our fire department. With everyone's generosity we raised over \$3,800.00 to help benefit our firefighters, training, wellness initiatives, and equipment purchases for the department.



### Keep Fire Hydrants Clear:

The Maple Bluff Fire Rescue Department urges you to please clear the snow and ice from around the fire hydrant nearest your home. In case of fire, firefighters need to be able to get to hydrants quickly to protect people and property. You could help the fire department save precious seconds when responding to an emergency.



### Save The Date:

As you glance out your window on this blustery February day, imagine this... The smell of freshly cut grass, a cool drink in your hand, and you, playing golf at the prestigious Maple Bluff Country Club. That's right, it's never too early to dream about golf!

Save the date! The Maple Bluff Fire Rescue Association, in conjunction with our friends at the Maple Bluff Country Club, will be hosting a four-person golf scramble on September 13, 2021. Be on the lookout for updates throughout the spring and summer as we look for sponsors and chip away at event details



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 [jkrops@villageofmaplebluff.com](mailto:jkrops@villageofmaplebluff.com)

# T-Shirts For Sale

The Maple Bluff Fire Rescue Association is selling "Proudly Supporting The Maple Bluff Fire Department" t-shirts for only \$20.00 for adults and \$18.00 for youth!

Order Form:

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|---------------------|---------------------|-------|
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| Total:              |                     | _____ |

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**Submit your order and payment to:**

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**Questions?**

Contact Kristopher Loy, [kloy@villageofmaplebluff.com](mailto:kloy@villageofmaplebluff.com)

## Featured Firefighter:

This month's featured firefighter is volunteer FF/EMT Genaro Cruz.



## MEMBER PROFILE: GENARO CRUZ

*Genaro has been a volunteer firefighter with the Maple Bluff Fire Rescue Department since 2019. He has an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice and when not volunteering his time with the MBFD, he enjoys camping, hiking, chess, and cooking. "Helping people in their time of need and knowing someone is alive and/or their house is still standing (because we were there)" is his favorite part of being a firefighter/EMT.*





## Dept. of Public Works: By: Tom Schroeder

January weather has been far less volatile than the political atmosphere. Fortunately, we have experienced a mild month with slightly above high and low temperatures and slightly below snow amounts. If its snow and cold you want, we still have plenty of our winter season to navigate. If recent history holds true for the roller coaster weather scale we usually experience, I suggest that we will likely be served a healthy dose of cold and snow before long.

As with past winter conditions, it is our goal to treat all of the intersections, hills and curves with salt and sand mix. These areas will be the first to show pavement and with time the balance of roadways will clear as well. We do not have a bare pavement policy. Keeping the roadways plowed during long duration storms minimizes the build up and allows the treatment material to be more effective toward the end of the storm.

Having mentioned snow, I would like to thank all who manage their snow removal appropriately by keeping it on property and not in the street or your neighbor's terrace.

Another thank you to all who have altered their trash container size/volume and weight. This is more important than you may think as we perform the collection by hand, as we do with most of our street side collection services.

This time of year, please consider the conditions before placing odd unbagged materials such as metals or small odds and ends as they can easily become "lost" in snow and become a hazard for pedestrians/pets/bicyclists and vehicles/equipment. Even placing wood chunks that became part of the snowbank has destroyed a hydraulic pump motor on the Bobcat snow blower when we widen the roads when snow accumulates excessively.

We have had a chance to internalize and clean the shop and perform maintenance on our equipment. Taking advantage of the mid-season lull.

Expect to see a lot of action this year addressing the needs of tree removals.... there are still ash trees requiring our attention. There will be an equally important task to plant a significant number of trees this year...I much prefer planting rather than removal. Feel free to remind me of tree desires you may have.

An interview of interested applicants for an opening with the Department of Public Works will take place early February. I look forward to offering a conditional employment opportunity to one of the applicants shortly thereafter.

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Price

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Market

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*\*data collected from SCWMLS 1/14/2021*



## February Programs

### Extreme STEM: Catapults & Dragons

**Day:** Mondays

**Dates:** February 8 – March 15

**Time:** 4:00pm – 5:00pm

**Location:** Beach House

**Fee:** \$70.00

**Instructor:** Youth Enrichment League

**Age:** 5 – 10

STEM Enrichment using LEGO® bricks for the 21st Century learner. Each {YEL!} STEM class follows four basic components. Teach It!...Each class students are taught the basic STEM engineering concepts behind each project. Build It!... Students use LEGO® bricks to build a snapping dragon, railroad crossing, and design their own marshmallow catapult. Explore It!... Then they use the project to explore basic engineering concepts - this session is focused on lever concepts. Play It!...Finally they play with their project, modify it, create extensions and have fun working with it. Sign up today to THINK, LEARN and PLAY WELL with {YEL!}. For more details about {YEL!} STEM classes, visit YouthEnrichmentLeague.com.

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### Robotics

**Day:** Fridays

**Dates:** February 12 – March 19

**Time:** 4:00pm – 5:00pm

**Location:** Beach House

**Fee:** \$76.00

**Instructor:** Youth Enrichment League

**Age:** 6 – 12

21st Century Robotics Enrichment using LEGO® bricks. Each {YEL!} Junior Robotics class follows four basic components. Teach It!...Each class students are taught the basic STEM engineering concepts behind each project. Build It!... Students use LEGO® bricks to build a walking giant, ferocious lion, terrible pterodactyl and more. Program It!...Then they program the project to walk, roar, flap its wings and more using drag-and-drop icon-based software. Play It!...Finally they play with their project, modify it, create extensions and have fun working with it. Sign up today to THINK, LEARN and PLAY WELL with {YEL!}. For more details about {YEL!} STEM classes, visit YouthEnrichmentLeague.com.

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### Fencing

**Day:** Tuesdays

**Dates:** February 9 – March 16

**Time:** 4:00pm – 5:00pm

**Location:** Beach House

**Fee:** \$80.00

**Instructor:** Youth Enrichment League

**Age:** 7 – 13

Each fencing class follows four basic components: Teach It – hall of fame Olympic fencing coach Ro Sobalvarro creates lessons and curriculum, Practice It – students pair up and practice fencing move or concept, rotate partners and repeat, Move It – students then participate in fencing matches using only the moves taught so far and Play It – 10 – 15 minutes each class students fence with multiple fencers at their skill level. All equipment is provided.



### Magic

**Day:** Wednesdays

**Dates:** February 10 – March 17

**Time:** 4:00pm – 5:00pm

**Location:** Beach House

**Fee:** \$71.00

**Instructor:** Youth Enrichment League

**Age:** 6 – 10

Amaze your family and friends with prestidigitation and legerdemain (magic tricks...that is). Students will learn how to master and perform multiple magic tricks each day and take-home items to showcase tricks to family and friends. The YEL! Magic class is crafted for fun, inclusion and applause for all magicians.



## March Programs

### Virtual Yoga

**Days:** Wednesdays

**Dates:** March 10 – April 28

**Time:** 6:45pm – 7:30pm

**Location:** Virtually through Zoom

**Fee:** \$72.00

**Instructor:** Casey Zimmerman

Spend some time at the end of your day relaxing in a virtual yoga class. Classes incorporate stretching, gentle movement, 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 Village of Maple Bluff is held harmless in the event of an injury.



## **YEL! Brick Builders**

**Days: Monday**

**Dates: March 22 – April 26**

**Time: 4:00pm – 5:00pm**

**Location: Beach House**

**Fee: \$70.00**

**Instructor: Youth Enrichment League Staff**

**Ages: 6 – 12**

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## **YEL! Coding**

**Days: Thursday**

**Dates: March 25 – April 29**

**Time: 4:00pm – 5:00pm**

**Location: Beach House**

**Fee: \$76.00**

**Instructor: Youth Enrichment League staff**

**Ages: 8 – 12**

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## **Employment**

### **Summer Recreation Employment:**

The Village is anticipating a return to in-person programming this summer. Applications are now being accepted for CYGW Director and Counselors, as well as, Beach Lifeguards. Hours of employment and pay will vary depending on the position. CYGW positions are available for anyone over the age of 14. Beach Lifeguards must be a minimum of 16 years of age. Applications can be found on the Village's website. For more information, please contact Curt Erickson, [cerickson@villageofmaplebluff.com](mailto:cerickson@villageofmaplebluff.com).

## **Summer 2021 Programs**

### **Arts & Athletics & CYGW**

Registration for Arts & Athletics and CYGW will be accepted on a wait list basis until further notice. The Village will be following and practicing all recommendations set forth by Public Health in determining in-person programming.

### **2021 Summer Community Events**

Current orders issued by Public Health have been trending in a positive direction to be able to offer modified community events this summer. Please continue to watch the newsletter and other publications for more information about Bocce, Summer Concerts, Fest on the Fourth, etc.

## **Park, Recreation & Harbor Committee News**

It's hard to believe that with a fresh 6 inches of snow on the ground that most of the updates from Park, Recreation and Harbor Committee is about this coming summer!

At our last meeting we discussed Camp Ya-Gotta-Wanna and A&A. With the current trend from Dane County public health the probability of camps running this year is moving in the right direction. While nothing is certain at this point, we are cautiously optimistic. We have also been working with the Country Club to make the process for village residents to sign up for kids summer swim and tennis lessons more streamlined. We will keep you posted as the details are finalized.

We also discussed our annual Bocce tournament. We opted to focus on a late summer date rather than trying to hold a smaller or virtual event on the traditional day. With a one year recuperation from those amazing events now is the time put on those thinking caps and get creative for this year's silent auction.

The final summer update, we expect our summer concert series to happen this year. Bands are booked, and I am looking forward to music by the lake. There will still be social distancing measures in place and we will continue to be adaptable to the requirements of the moment.

For now, I hope you are enjoying the snow shoeing, cross country ski trails and all that winter has to offer. It won't be long until the green grass returns!

Sincerely,

Patrick Grant



## WHAT OUR MEMBERS ARE ENJOYING THIS WINTER



### ENJOY YOUR WINTER ACTIVITIES ON THE MBCC GROUNDS

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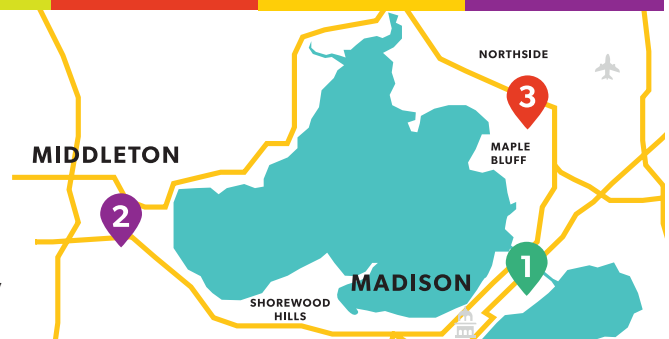


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