



VILLAGE OF MAPLE BLUFF

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

January 2021



Photo taken by: Tom Schroeder

Calendar of Events

January 2021

- 1 New Year's Day
- 12 Village/Building Board Meeting
Village Caucus

February

- 9 Village/Building Board Meeting
- 14 Valentine's Day

March

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

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



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The Start of a New Year!

A year has already passed since I was welcomed to the Village, and much has occurred in that time! 2020 brought unpredictable challenges and unique opportunities that make me grateful for staff and residents alike. Thank you – I hope that each of you had a joyful holiday season! I look forward to the start of a new year, and as I do, I would like to recognize the sacrifice and service of our team.

I am honored to share with you, that after 18 years of service Administrative Assistant Sue Ebert made the difficult decision to retire from our police department. Sue dedicated her life to service in Fort Atkinson and our village. Her career is a testament to the commitment we seek to maintain indefinitely. Please join me in wishing Sue the best in retirement and thanking her for all she has done!

I am also honored to announce that on January 1st we hired Officer Javier Salazar to work full-time for our department. Javier started working for us part-time last year and has proven himself to be loyal, competent, dedicated, and especially resilient. Despite sustaining a serious shoulder injury while apprehending a suspect,

Javier remained engaged with our team throughout his recovery, contributed to our mission in any way he could, and faced all challenges with grit and determination. He represents what is best about our future generation of Officers and we are proud to welcome Javier to our family.

I will conclude by saying that I am very grateful to have had the opportunity to serve the village, especially during this challenging time. During my first year I observed our staff respond to countless challenges, time-after-time, with positivity and determination. Individual character is most apparent and noteworthy when circumstances are difficult, and I am humbled by the opportunity to witness the strength among our team. I extend my sincerest gratitude to all of you – village residents and staff – for your support. Public service is the most rewarding calling when serving an exemplary community like Maple Bluff, and alongside people who embody integrity, compassion, trust, and dedication.

Sincerely,

Tanner A. Nystrom

From Maple Bluff Fire Rescue Dept:

By: Kristopher Loy, Fire Chief

Response Information:

Total Responses 2020 (at time of publication): 107

Average Response Time 2020 (dispatch to on scene):
3.92 minutes

Fire Rescue Association:

Pancake Breakfast January 24th, 2021: Mark your calendars! The Maple Bluff Fire Rescue Association has partnered with Ancora Café, www.ancoracafes.com, to host a Covid-19 friendly Pancake Breakfast event on January 24th, 2021 from 8:00am to 11:00am. This event wouldn't be possible without Ancora Café's generous donation of their resources and the use of their newest Ancora Café space in the Village of Maple Bluff (611 N. Sherman Ave.). Online ordering and drive thru details will be announced prior to the event, so please check the Maple Bluff Fire Rescue Department website, <http://www.mapleblufffire.com/association.html>, for additional information today.



Training:

In December of 2020, our firefighters attended a presentation by Lieutenant Rob Kunze of the Fitchburg Fire Department about the importance of mental health amongst first responders. The fire service can take its toll on our members physical and mental wellbeing, and this presentation gave our members suggestions about how we can better cope with and identify stress associated with our profession. It also provided our members with some tools for being able to better identify when our brother and sister firefighters may need help, and, in addition to our employee assistance program, provided us with resources for improving our mental health.

Featured Firefighter:

This month's featured firefighter is volunteer FF/EMT Doug Dietzen.



Member Profile: Doug Dietzen

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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State, Zip: _____

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Adult/Youth Large:	_____ x \$20/\$18 =	_____
Adult X-Large:	_____ x \$20.00 =	_____
Adult 2X-Large:	_____ x \$23.00 =	_____
Adult 3X-Large:	_____ x \$23.00 =	_____
Total:		_____

Maple Bluff Fire Rescue Association is a 501c3 Organization



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Maple Bluff Fire Rescue Association
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Dept. of Public Works: By: Tom Schroeder

The holiday season has passed ending one year and beginning another. I hope you were able to find some peace and joy with family, friends and loved ones. Not an easy task. A year full of reduction in nearly all things except isolation. Perhaps with the limitations that we all have experienced this past year, and more yet to come, we have found what is most important in our lives. May we all be better for it.

We have closed the books on what has been an incredible leaf collection season. There were a couple of rain days and a sprinkle of snow, other than that the weather allowed for us to clean the village up prior to our first real snow fall. I was pleased to see how clean the streets appeared for much of December.

The first snow fall was heavy and packed a high concentration of moisture that a little pre-treatment and persistent plowing left us with very clear roads. The negative from the plowing effort and not having any frost in the ground was that when our edge of plow found soil and turf, we left a mess. When weather allows, we will address the damaged grass. We also experienced our snow blowers clogging from the heavy snow. A little...alright... a lot of snow wax applied to the augers, shoots and impellers made a huge difference. Once applied the snow blowers performed as expected and desired. I would whole heartedly recommend that that you pretreat your own snow removal equipment and reap the benefits. Be good neighbors and continue to place snow on your property and not in the street or your neighbors' terrace. Place the snow away from the walkway or driveway edge. Small plows will run out of room with the stack and run method that they use at the end of your drive.

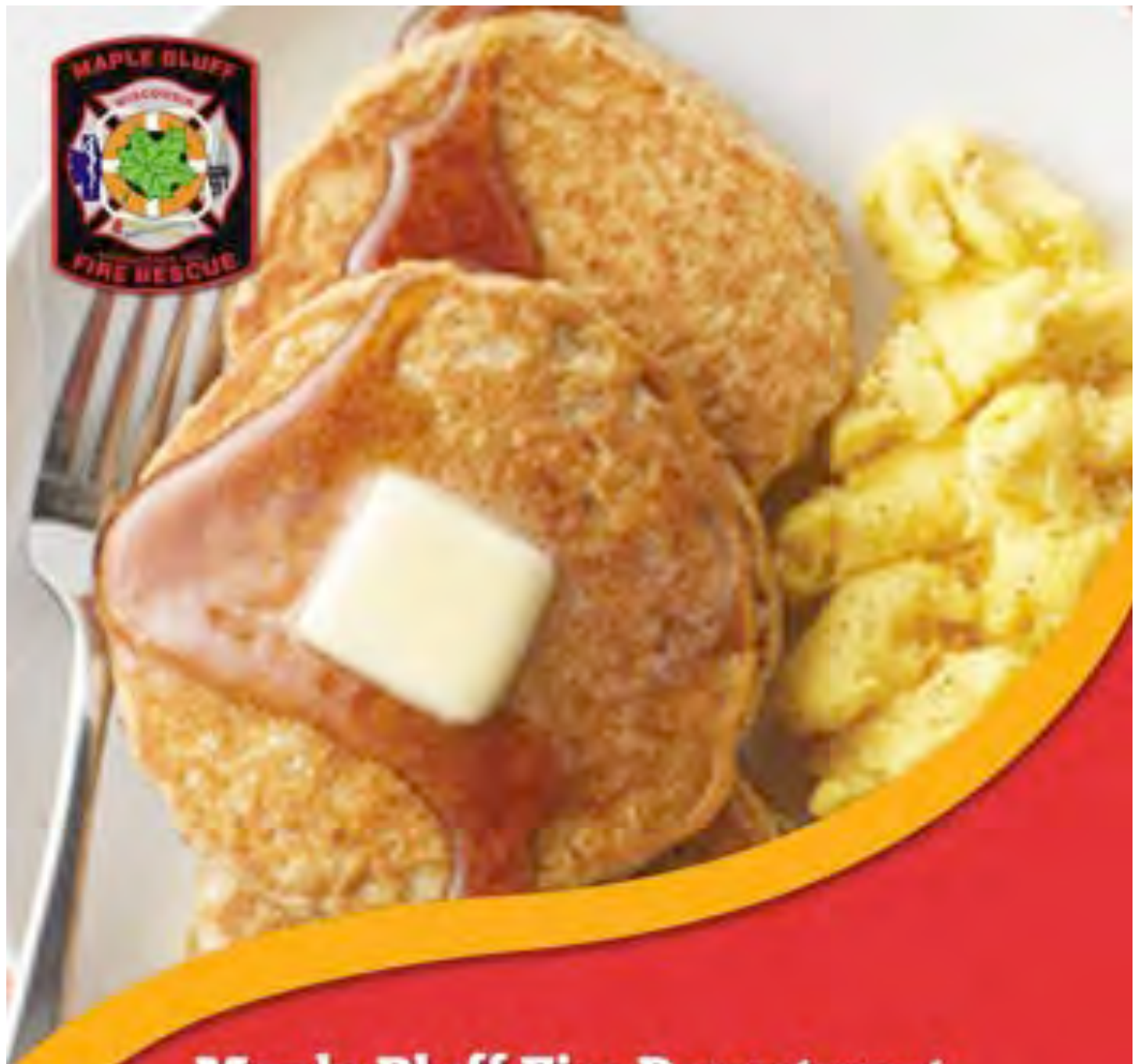
This year there has been a measurable increase in recycle materials, especially cardboard with an increase of online purchases. Enough for some that they exceed their recycle carts volume. Please realize that the recycle cart should have the lid closed and no materials stacked on top protruding outward. This is an automated hydraulic lift that eliminates the need of the operator to exit the vehicle. If you have additional materials beyond the capacity of your cart you can call the service provider Waste Management/GFL Environmental Inc. at 608-807-3240 or 1-888-895-8696 and request a hand collection for a small additional fee. If your recycle stream is sufficient that you need an additional cart, you may request that as well.

We are requesting that all residential trash is bagged as to limit the exposure to the collection crew. Be advised that we are also requesting voluntary compliance in using 30-gallon capacity trash containers and not to load them beyond 50 lbs. in weight. We continue to see a few residents utilizing containers that are 60-95 gallons in size and are easily overloaded beyond the 50 lbs. limit. Realize that the larger container weighs nearly 40 lbs. empty! Residential demolition materials are limited to 2 containers not to exceed 50 lbs. each. If your needs exceed that, consider multiple weeks for disposal or obtain a dumpster if your project warrants.

Clean Sweep items are to be taken to the Dane County Clean Sweep Facility at 7102 US-12, Madison, WI 53718. Their phone number is 608-838-3212.

Thank you for your support and generosity over what will be 30 years for me this summer. If health and ability allow...maybe I have a few more yet to go. Call with your questions and concerns.





Maple Bluff Fire Department **PANCAKE BREAKFAST**



January 24th



8:00am to 11:00am



Pickup Location:
Ancora Café, 611 N Sherman Ave (Drive Up)



Pre-Order Online for Pickup:
mapleblufffire.com

BREAKFAST PLATTER

3 PANCAKES, SCRAMBLED EGGS,
SAUSAGE AND HASH BROWNS

ANCORA COFFEE, DECAF OR REGULAR
ORANGE JUICE, 12OZ BOTTLE

MEMOIR KIT

1 BOTTLE OF CHAMPAGNE + A 10OZ
ORANGE JUICE BOTTLE (SERVES 4)

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Event Sponsor:

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Parks & Recreation

Winterfest 2021: CANCELLED

Unfortunately, COVID-19 has forced Winterfest to be cancelled in 2021. However, we will still offer the Medalion Hunt. Look for daily clues on the Village of Maple Bluff Parks and Recreation Facebook page at 4:00pm daily during the week of January 25th.

Facility Rentals

The Village Center gym continues to remain closed for the safety of staff and guests. Staff will communicate when the gym can be reserved again.

The Beach House & Dailey Cabin are available to rental opportunities. If renting these facilities, you'll need to adhere to gathering restrictions, social distancing and mask wearing as part of Public Health's and the State of Wisconsin guidelines. For more information regarding restrictions, visit: www.publichealthmdc.com.

January 2021 Programming available for registration

**After discussions with the Youth Enrichment League the next sessions of enrichment classes will now begin in February.

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. LEGO® is a trademark of the LEGO Group of companies which does not sponsor, authorize or endorse this site or program.

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

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Keep Your Hydrant Clear: Once snow begins to fly, please be sure to shovel around the fire hydrant near your home. Firefighters rely on fire hydrants as a source of water when fighting fires. If the hydrant nearest your home is covered with snow, emergency responders waste precious time shoveling, or worse, can't locate it at all. A fire can double in size every twenty seconds, so being proactive by clearing the snow from around your fire hydrant could mean the difference between life and death for you or someone you love.



Programs Continued

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 moves 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 - February 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.



Virtual Yoga

Day: Wednesdays

Dates: January 6 – February 24

Time: 6:45pm – 7:30pm

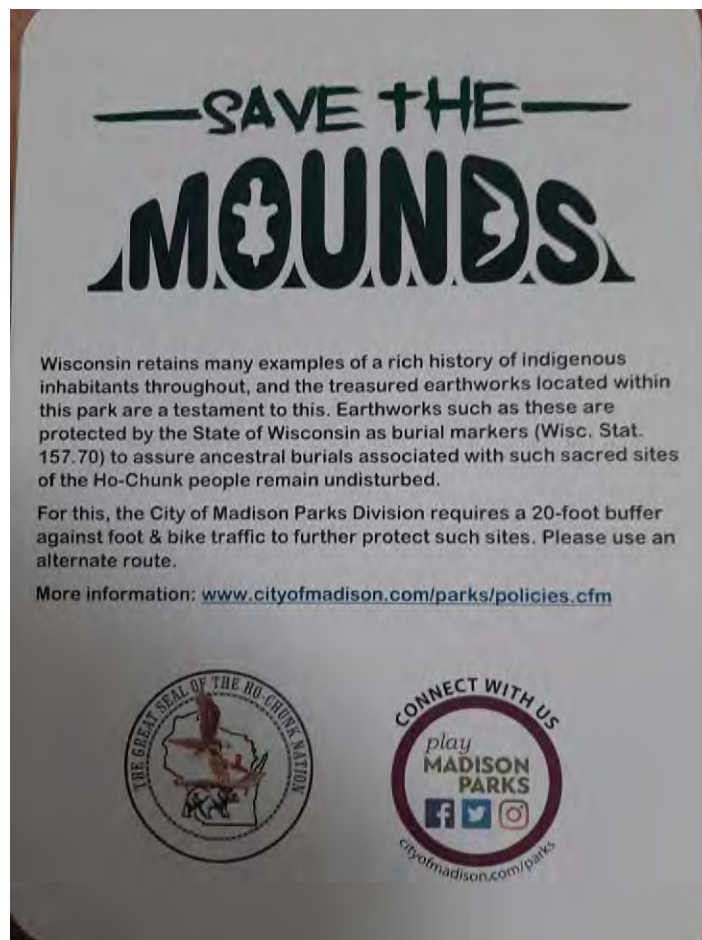
Location: Zoom

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 The Village of Maple Bluff is held harmless in the event of an injury.



MAKING PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS

Payments can be mailed to 18 Oxford Place, Madison, WI 53704 or dropped off at the Village Center by utilizing the payment box in the front entry. If you would like a receipt, please include an email address or self-addressed envelope.

If you need to make an in-person payment, please call 608-244-3048 ext 0 during our modified office hours of 9:00am-3:00pm Monday-Friday, to schedule an appointment.

Escrow Checks will need to be endorsed by each property owner if the check is made out to the Village of Maple Bluff and the owners(s).

Please return the lower portion of your tax bill with payment. This helps us process payments more efficiently.

NOTICE OF CAUCUS & SPRING ELECTION

The village caucus for nominating candidates to appear on the spring election ballot for the following offices will be held on January 12, 2021 at 7:00 pm via Zoom.

The term for village president and village trustees will begin on April 20, 2021. All terms are for two years.

Office	Incumbent
Village President	Tim O'Brien
Village Trustee	Eric McLeod
Village Trustee	Jim Schuler
Village Trustee	Carl Vieth

The Spring Election will be held on Tuesday, April 6, 2021

Sarah Danz, Village Clerk 244-3048



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