



VILLAGE OF MAPLE BLUFF

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

April 2020



Calendar of Events

April

12	Easter
14	Village/Building Board Meeting
22	Earth Day

May

10	Mother's Day
12	Village/Building Board Meeting
25	Memorial Day

June

5	Beach Bash & Bocce
9	Village/Building Board Meeting
21	Father's Day

Trash/Recycling

Trash pick up is shaded, 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

Administrator/Police Chief Tanner Nystrom.....	244-3048
Clerk/Treasurer Sarah Danz.....	244-3048
Deputy Clerk/Clerk of Court Rene Dopkins.....	244-3069
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Our Response to Challenge! By: Tanner A. Nystrom

This spring has come with unique challenges we will continue to face together in the coming weeks. Our community's initial response to help limit the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19) was impressive and I want to thank all of you for your assistance during a time of great importance. We recognize the difficulty of adapting to changing circumstances, as well as balancing neighborly outreach with social distancing requirements. I am proud to be part of a community that support one another so much! Please continue to communicate concerns you have as we limit the impact of COVID-19 on our village. Continue to call 911 for any emergency; (608) 255-2345 for non-emergency police response; and, 211 for information services and questions about COVID-19 symptoms or reporting.

Over the past few weeks, staff and I made an effort to provide the community with regular updates on what our response has been; as well as provide all of you with valuable information and resources. If you missed these updates, please visit our website homepage <https://villageofmaplebluff.com/> under Village News – Coronavirus (COVID-19) Updates. If you aren't already signed up for email or text notifications, please consider signing-up now by emailing your name and phone number to jknops@villageofmaplebluff.com or calling the front office at (608) 244-3048. You can also follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/villageofmaplebluff>.

I want to reassure you that the Village continues to provide all essential services; which includes services that safeguard our water supply, sanitation needs, and democratic processes. Village staffing is reduced and departments made several creative modifications to daily operations – all to ensure our high standards of service continue through our COVID-19 response. Public Works has a difficult task of prioritizing their springtime workload with reduced staff, but continues to ensure our community is well maintained and beautiful. Our Fire and Police Department personnel work diligently to ensure they are available and prepared for any circumstances ahead – which we anticipate could mean even longer hours and time away from their families. They are in good spirits and well-equipped with the necessary supplies to perform their duties safely despite the current operational conditions.

Once again, I thank you for your support and service as a community! I want to personally thank the Boy Scouts and those who have volunteered to assist should the need arise. In the coming weeks we will likely need each other more than usual and your willingness to serve speaks volumes about our village. Staff and I look forward to growing through the challenges ahead with you. Stay safe and healthy!

Sincerely,
Tanner A. Nystrom

Village President

Our Village! By: Timothy O'Brien

"There are decades where nothing happens; and there are weeks where decades happen." Vladimir Ilyich Lenin

Our village, like the rest of the world, finds itself in a sea of change caused by the COVID-19 virus. Over the last several weeks, our daily lives have shifted as we follow Governor Tony Evers' Safer at Home Order. The Village of Maple Bluff leadership team is working hard to make sure we protect all our residents while keeping critical services running. With the warmer weather, Maple Bluff is full of walkers, runner, and bikers getting some much-needed fresh air. I hope you can take advantage of our spring temperatures.

I would like to pass on a special thanks to our village staff for their hard work, ingenuity, and great attitude. Tanner Nystrom, Chief of Police and Village Administrator, who despite being on the job for just four months has shown real leadership especially in developing contingency plans. Sarah Danz, recently promoted Deputy Village Administrator, Fire Chief Kris Loy, Police Sergeant Jay Sugden, Police Sergeant Kyle Dabbs,

Recreation Director Curt Erickson and, of course, Public Works Director Tom Schroeder are all critical leaders helping keep our village running. Our entire Maple Bluff team is doing wonderful work. Please thank them if you get a chance.

In addition, Bluffers continue to step up and help. Maple Bluff's Boy Scout Troop 5 helped deliver pamphlets to many of our senior citizens on important issues around COVID-19. We have a growing list of village residents volunteering to help in whatever capacity the village needs. Our election officials are diligently working hard to make sure our spring election happens safely. More important, every Bluffer, young and old, appears to be adhering to the Safer at Home Order and that is our critical task at this moment. Thank you.

Finally, let's not forget about family, friends and neighbors who may be elderly and/or those with compromised immune systems who may be more at risk – please reach out to them frequently.

Take care and be safe.

Fire Rescue Dept

From Maple Bluff Fire Rescue Dept:

By: Kristopher Loy, Fire Chief

COVID-19:

During the COVID-19 (also known as coronavirus) pandemic, the Maple Bluff Fire Rescue Department continues to work with local, county, state, and public health agencies to help ensure we are providing the high-quality service you expect. Our staff is prepared for an increased number of calls for service that may be associated with this illness. Using the guidance of Public Health Madison & Dane County and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), our responders have been self-monitoring, using additional personal protective equipment, and altering some of our response plans to help keep our responders and the public safe

We continue to encourage the steady use of good self-care and recommend these best practices:

Wash your hands frequently with soap and water (for at least 30 seconds).

Cover your sneezes and coughs with a tissue, then throw the tissue away.

Limit your exposure to large crowds and follow state and locally issued restrictions for gatherings.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

Sanitize your living and working spaces.

Practice social distancing. Keep a 6-foot space around you and others when practical.

Don't touch each other.

Thus far, cases have ranged from mild symptoms to severe illness and death for confirmed COVID-19 cases. These symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure. The primary signs and symptoms for COVID-19 are: Fever, Cough, and Shortness of breath. If you develop emergency warning signs for COVID-19, Trouble breathing, Persistent pain or pressure in the chest, New confusion or inability to arouse, Bluish lips or face (*This list is not all inclusive.*) get medical attention immediately. Please consult your medical provider for any other symptoms that are severe or concerning.

How can you help our emergency responders? The 911 system is for emergencies. If you feel the need to call 911 for your illness, one of the best things you can do is share your symptoms with the 911 call taker. The call taker will ask you several follow up questions to help ensure our responders are taking all the necessary precautions while responding to your emergency. When we arrive, please meet the responders at the door (when



possible) and tell them exactly what you are experiencing. Our personnel will provide you with additional instructions as needed.

If you are feeling ill and/or exhibiting signs and symptoms of COVID-19, but do not think it necessitates an emergency response, please contact your medical care provider for guidance. If exhibiting signs or symptoms of COVID-19, please contacting your medical care provider prior to visiting the clinic or hospital.

Please visit the Village of Maple Bluff Website (www.villageofmaplebluff.com) for additional information and updates on this dynamic situation.

PFAS Foams:

PFAS is a catch-all term for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, which is a group of more than 5,000 synthetic chemicals. As a group of chemicals, PFAS have many carbon-fluorine bonds that do not break down naturally, at least not easily. Therefore PFAS are sometimes described as “forever chemicals.” Why does any of this matter to the Village of Maple Bluff? The foam our department currently uses to help fight fires contains a certain type of PFAS (C6). The Wisconsin State Fire Chiefs Association has developed a Task Force, headed by the City of Madison’s Chief Davis, to help departments research and find environmentally friendly foam options. Simultaneously, the Wisconsin State Assembly and Senate approved Bill 310 which essentially bans the use of these foams outside of emergency situations. Chief Loy is currently exploring foam alternatives and seeking quotes from local environmental disposal companies to remove the existing foam from our apparatus.

Congratulations:

With everything going on lately, it's always nice to hear some happy news. We'd like to congratulate our intern firefighters (Espen Adams, Ryan Lange, Jack Hubbard, and Curtis Schmitt) on completing their probation period with our department! Way to go!



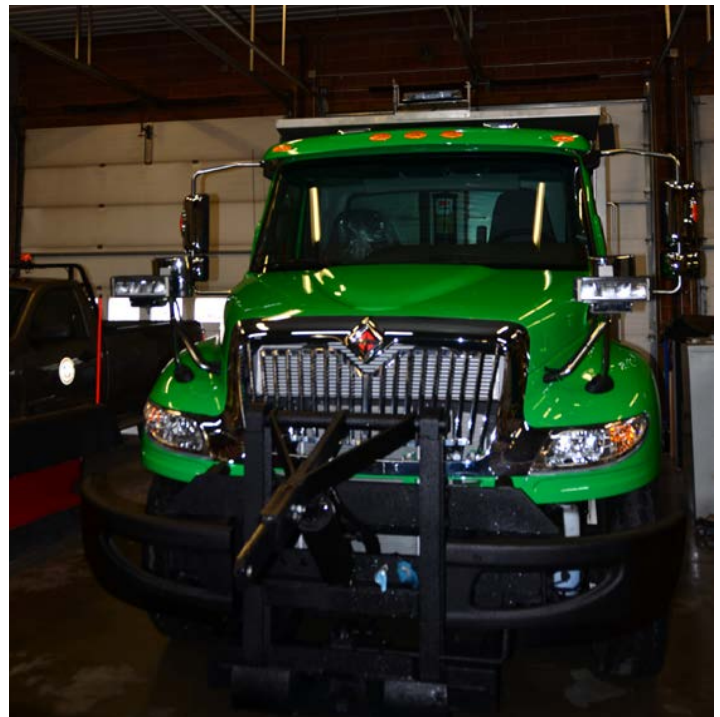
From The Department of Public Works: By: Tom Schroeder

I hope that everyone is doing well and are practicing and learning good health habits. We in Public Works have been directed to streamline our operations as to maintain essential services such as our water and sanitary systems as well as garbage and recycle collections. Along with maintaining our facilities and equipment all the while practicing social distancing and working with a reduced crew size. In addition, we are performing brush and yard waste collection as best we can with our current staffing level. With patience and a willingness to persevere, we will work ourselves through the challenging times that have been bestowed upon us all.

As mentioned, we are performing street side collections. Important request for all our residents to bag all solid waste/household trash to minimize unnecessary exposure of garbage content to the service provider (your public works crew). We are still looking for voluntary cooperation for the size of waste containers. Some residents are using the combined weight of the container and contents. Village code limits the size of a trash container to 30 gallons and the combined weight of container and trash to 50 lbs. Your attention to this issue is greatly appreciated.

During spring clean-up of yards and gardens, it is imperative that sticks/branches/mulch/dirt/plant roots are kept separate from the leaf material placed on the terrace and NOT in the street. Our collection equipment is not designed to handle these materials co-mingled together. This leads to equipment failure and down time. Please segregate your yard waste for the most efficient means of collection. Placement of yard waste material needs to be on the terrace away from obstacles such as poles/mailboxes/trees/cars/equipment. Please follow these necessary guidelines to allow us to safely perform the collection process in a timely fashion.

I am requesting that everyone monitor their wastewater habits...specifically what goes down the toilet! For the



sanitary system to operate as intended, it is imperative that only toilet paper and bodily waste go down the toilet. If any other foreign material were to be introduced to the journey from your bathroom to the village sewer system and then on to Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District processing plant could produce a major problem. DO NOT place sani wipes of any kind into the toilet. DO NOT place any hygiene materials into the toilet. DO NOT place any form of diaper or any other fabric into the toilet. There have been emergency services not only here in our village but all over the sanitary district causing clogs and overflows. Please be responsible and only use TP!!!

We will keep you posted on any delays of services and functions.

Stay well, see you soon.

News

The first quarter of 2020 has brought about excitement and struggle. I've rewritten the April newsletter several different times trying to best capture the snapshot of where we've been and where we are going in the Parks and Recreation Department.

A big thank you to the many volunteer coaches who help make the 2019-2020 basketball season a success for many of the Village youth. This year's coaches were: Patrick Grant, Kevin Hurley, Jason Smith, Ed Jaeger, Jeff Masciopinto and Jeff Haupt. I truly appreciate all that are willing and able to assist with our Village programs and events. Many of the offerings would not be possible without the great volunteerism that exists in the Village. I would like to single out, Jeff Haupt, Jeff just completed his 7th consecutive season coaching 9 different basketball teams with the Village. His dedication, success and willingness to coach his daughters are exemplary and many other Village youth have benefited from his commitment to service.

COVID-19 Information and the affects on Parks and Recreation

It goes without saying that COVID-19 has consumed the country and the world for the past several months. The Village's Parks and Recreation Department takes the health and safety of our community as a top priority and we are continually monitoring the developments that occur almost hourly as it relates to this virus. We've taken a lot of precautions since mid-March by locking down the gym, beach house and Dailey Cabin, suspending programs or moving fitness classes online and suspending key fob access to our public facilities. We've spent a considerable amount of time disinfecting fitness equipment, door handles and other surfaces that may have come into contact by individuals.

Due to the outbreak, April in Parks and Recreation may see a lot of changes to amenities that will be delayed in deployment for use. Historically, the Village installs the pier at the Marina and Beach by way of the excellent Public Works crew. As you can imagine the 6' social distancing would be extremely difficult to maintain while installing the piers. This could delay the start of your boating season should the Village require more time to install the pier.

There are other amenities that require manpower and time in deploying: installing the tennis and soccer nets, windscreens, paddleboards and restoring the lake frontage along the beach and the marina. As more information becomes available on the timing of these amenities the Village will make notification through our communication channels.

We are closely monitoring our planned hiring for summer staff, large events (which include: Bocce, All-Village Graduation Party, Summer Concerts and Fest on the Fourth) and summer recreation programs. All of these offerings may be subject to change or be delayed and we ask for your patience as new developments unfold. Late registration fees will be waived as a result of the virus. Should the Village need to cancel or delay programs, a credit on your ActiveNet account or a refund check will be issued. Information regarding special events and summer programs included in this newsletter are tentatively scheduled start dates, prior to the COVID-19 outbreak. Please stay tuned into Village publications for changes regarding these offerings.

Finally, in order to help end the spread of this virus and to help expedite a return to somewhat normalcy, please continue to follow the guidelines of the CDC and orders issued by elected officials. Be sure to continue to practice good hygiene, social distancing, taking proper precautions if you are sick and help those in need if you are able.

Summer Employment

Currently, we have suspended summer program enrollment and will reevaluate throughout the month of April when we will reopen registration. Please stay tuned for more information regarding registration availability. Employment applications for Lifeguards and CYGW should be submitted prior to April 10th. The Village cannot guarantee a set number of hours or that summer programs will continue as scheduled. The Village's employment application can be found under the "Contact Us" tab on the website or can be retrieved inside the Village Center. Once program registration becomes available again it can be completed through the following link: <http://apm.activecommunities.com/maplebluffrec>.



Current Summer Program Offerings

Program	Dates	Time	Intended age	Fee
Arts/Athletics	Mon – Fri 6/15 – 8/14	2:15pm – 4:15pm	7 – 12	\$180.00
CYGW	Tues – Thurs 6/16 – 8/13	1:00pm – 4:00pm	3 – 7	\$375.00
Yoga	Wed 5/6 – 6/24	6:45pm – 7:30pm	12+	\$56.00
Fest 5K	Sat 7/4	7:30am	Any	Varies by age
Devil's Lake Trip	Mon 8/10	8:30am – 4:30pm	8 – 14	\$45.00
Intro to Tree Climbing 1	Mon 7/27	10:00am – 12:00pm	7+	\$45.00
Intro to Tree Climbing 2	Thurs 8/27	4:00pm – 6:00pm	7+	\$45.00
Little Kickers Soccer	Fri 6/19 – 7/31	8:30am – 9:20pm	3 – 7	\$50.00
Project Runway	Mon – Fri 6/22 – 6/26	9:00am – 12:00pm	9 – 14	\$135.00
Safe Kids 101	Thurs 5/14	5:30pm – 7:30pm	9 – 15	\$20.00
Summer Archery 1	Mon – Fri 6/22 – 6/26	8:45am – 9:30am	7 – 15	\$36.00
Six Flags Trip	Tues 6/30	7:45am – 7:45pm	7 – 15	\$80.00
Robotics	Mon – Thurs 7/20 – 7/23	9:00am – 12:00pm	6 – 13	\$100.00
Summer Archery 2	Mon – Fri 7/13 – 7/17	8:45am – 9:30am	7 – 15	\$36.00

Firemen's Park Plan Update

It's been a few months since the Village has put out information regarding Firemen's Park. In December 2019, the Village's Parks, Recreation and Board of Harbor Commissioners reviewed and approved a Master Plan that was created through public input by Ayres Associates. In February, the Committee created a sub-group to review the plan and create an appropriate timeline for completion that will minimize the financial obligations, the footprint for construction and programming impacts. The sub-committee met March 9th and will provide an update to the Parks Committee at the April meeting. If you would like to see the Master plan or have questions regarding the park, please reach out to Curt Erickson at 230-7655.

Stand-up Paddleboard Program

The Village will once again be offering SUPs for Village resident use from the Beach Park. The program was established in 2010 and has steadily grown. In order to participate in this free program, residents will need to complete the form on the Village's website and MUST have a valid Gmail account. Once this information has been received by the Village, you will receive an invitation to use the Village's SUP Sharing Google Calendar and the combinations for the equipment. More information about the program can be found at the Village's website under Parks and Recreation.



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

THANK YOU! By: Kristine Jaeger

Gardens of Maple Bluff would like to especially thank the following residents for their volunteerism in helping make Maple Bluff more beautiful. Along with these wonderful residents who have selflessly given their time, Tom Schroeder and his team also play a large role in the village beautification (thank them too). If you see these exceptional residents, please extend your thanks.

Karen Jamison
Tracy Maloney
John Marshall
Gary West
Biz Johnson
Donna Schoor

MaryJo O'Brien
Jessica Rosemurgy
Barbara Tensfeldt
Joyce Johnson
Tera Ostby
Sheri Baldwin

The Gardens of Maple Bluff is looking for some additional volunteer help. We have had a few residents move out of the village and have extra garden spaces that could use some tender loving care. Even if you just have an hour or two every other week we could match you with a garden, or find a garden buddy to share a space. It is a perfect opportunity to get some volunteerism in and help your lovely village, all with the easy social distancing we need right now. You will see many neighbors in your plight to beautify and may



even get some social interactions (at a 6 foot distance of course). We would also be very happy to provide credit to students who need volunteer hours if they choose to take on a project at one of the village gardens including weeding, mulching, planting, etc.

Please reach out to me with interest or additional questions on the gardens available. We would love the help!

Kristine Jaeger

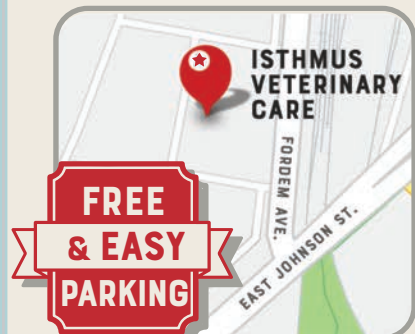
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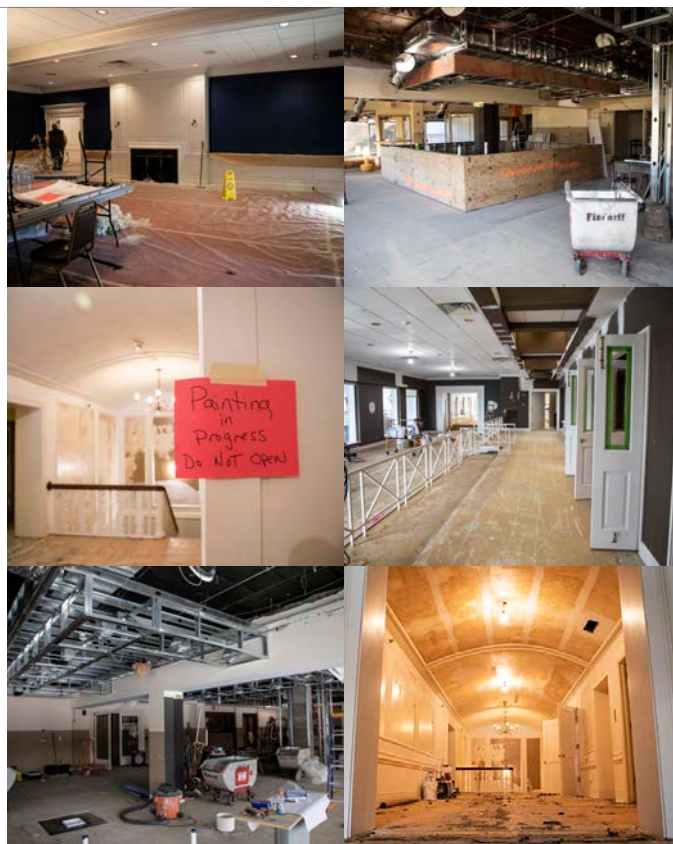
WHAT'S GOING ON AT MAPLE BLUFF COUNTRY CLUB?



CLUBHOUSE RENOVATION

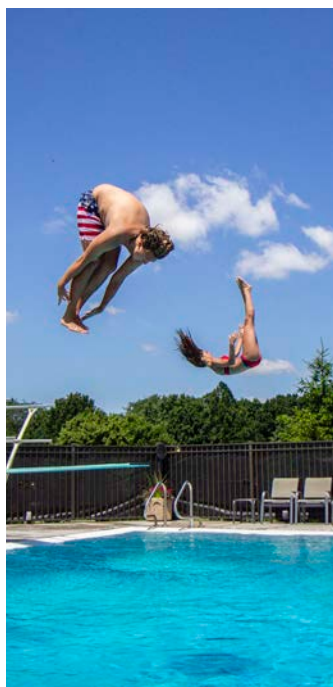
Maple Bluff Country Club began a major interior renovation on February 10th! Our dining room, bar, and event spaces will be restored and given the face lift our members deserve.

Our club features a beautiful 18-hole golf course, new pool complex, fitness center and golf simulator, two state-of-the-art platform tennis courts with warming hut, and by the time May 1st arrives, our facilities will be complete with a beautifully renovated clubhouse interior.



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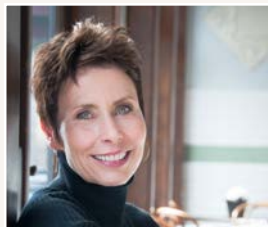
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