



# VILLAGE OF MAPLE BLUFF

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

*March 2019*



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# Welcome

## Calendar of Events

### March

- 10 Daylight Saving
- 12 Village/Building Board Meeting
- 17 St Patrick's Day

### April

- 2 Election
- 9 Village/Building Board Meeting
- 21 Easter
- 22 Earthday

### May

- 14 Village/Building Board Meeting
- 18 All Village Garage Sale
- 27 Memorial Day

Trash/Recycling

Trash pick up is in gray, 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** Tim Krueger.....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
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### Development By Tim Krueger

Progress continues moving forward on a 29 unit apartment development at the corner of N Sherman Avenue and Roxbury Road. The Developer, EMI, has made an initial appearance before the Village Building Board and will make a second appearance as soon as additional information is ready to be presented. An initial meeting with staff to review a TIF consideration has also been held and now that information has been forwarded to our TIF consultant for a more detailed analysis. Once that analysis is completed, the information will be considered by the Finance Committee who will make a recommendation to the Village Board. Also in the early stages of this process is the Developers Agreement which will finalize all aspects of this development in one legal agreement.



Although winter has hit hard these past several weeks, we are only a few weeks away from spring actually arriving (seriously, I promise it will come soon!!). I mean, the Brewers are already off and running on their Spring Training season which means opening day is now just a few weeks away! If you are already thinking about some of the Village events for this spring and summer, keep in mind that the All Village Garage Sale has been set for Saturday May 18th; Bocce will be on Friday, June 7th and of course Fest on the 4th which will include the Veterans Memorial celebration, will be held on the 4th of July.

Last fall, some of you may remember that we had an early closing of the Village Pier at Marina Park due to lake flooding, forcing many boaters to remove their boats early with no ability to put them back in after mid-August. Rising lake waters are a significant challenge for the pier system that the Village uses. One option that we are considering, is replacement of our current pier system with a floating pier system that would allow boats and piers to remain in place, even in the highest of flooded water. This review is still in the early stages and from initial information, the cost of the system will be our greatest challenge to implementation, which would not happen until 2020 at the earliest.

I don't mention this often enough, but if you are new to the Village, stop in at the Village Center to make sure that you have received your Welcome Packet. There is a lot of good information in that packet including details about the Village Building Board, who is responsible for reviewing projects that affect the exterior of your home. If in doubt or unsure, give us a call to learn more. In fact, even if you have been in the Village for a while, you are welcome to get a packet just to see what other information is available regarding the Village and the surrounding neighborhoods.

## April 2nd Spring Election

**Contests on the Ballot** – Justice of the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals Judge-District 4, Circuit Court Judge-Branch 16, Maple Bluff Village President, Maple Bluff Trustees (3) and Madison Metropolitan School District Seats 3, 4 and 5.

**Absentee Voting (in person)** begins Tuesday March 12th and ends Friday, March 29th. The village office is open 7:30am-4:30pm Monday- Friday. Remember to bring your photo ID.

**Absentee Voting (by mail/email)** visit [myvote.wi.gov](http://myvote.wi.gov) to request an absentee ballot or send an email to [sdanz@villageofmaplebluff.com](mailto:sdanz@villageofmaplebluff.com). Please include your name, Maple Bluff address, date of the election and the address where you would like the ballot mailed/emailed to. You will also need to send a copy of your photo ID.

**Voter Registration** - To check your registration status and/or register, visit [myvote.wi.gov](http://myvote.wi.gov)

**Sample Ballot** can be viewed by entering your address into [myvote.wi.gov](http://myvote.wi.gov)

**Election Day** - Vote at the Village Center from 7:00am – 8:00pm on April 2nd!



## Maple Bluff Fire Rescue Department

By: Kristopher Loy, Fire Chief

**Response Data:** The Maple Bluff Fire Rescue Department has responded to 22 emergency calls for service with an average response time of 4 minutes and 43 seconds (dispatch to on scene) in 2019.

**Annual Report:** Each year the fire chief produces a report outlining the events of the previous year. You can review the MBFD's 2018 Annual Report by visiting our website, [www.mapleblufffire.com](http://www.mapleblufffire.com).

**Volunteers Needed:** The Maple Bluff Fire Rescue Department is currently accepting applications for volunteer FF/EMT's. Although the MBFD has some paid staff, the majority of our services are dependent on volunteers. Our professionally trained volunteer firefighter/EMT's are dedicated to our community and its safety. If you are interested in becoming a member of our progressive organization, please visit [www.mapleblufffire.com](http://www.mapleblufffire.com) or give us a call at 608-244-3390.



### Maple Bluff Fire Rescue Department

#### 2018 Annual Report

Kristopher I. Loy  
Fire Chief

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## Maple Bluff



### Fire Rescue Internship Program

**Internship:** The Maple Bluff Fire Rescue Department is currently accepting applications for our prestigious two year, live in, Firefighter/AEMT Internship Program. Internships have been used as a stepping stone to help individuals get an edge in their chosen career. Our internship program could be your stepping stone. Please visit <http://www.mapleblufffire.com/internship.html> to review prerequisites and download your application today. Applications will be accepted until 4:30pm on March 29, 2019.

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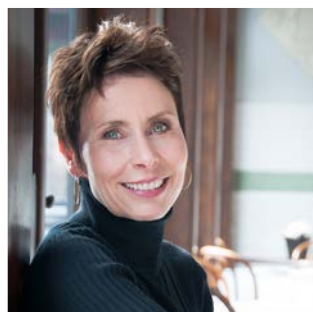
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### John C. Harper Sr

John C. Harper Sr., a long-time resident of Maple Bluff, WI died on January 9th at the age of 94, in Surprise, Arizona. The youngest son of Dr. Carl S. and Doris Harper, John grew up on the shores of Lake Mendota. John was a life-long model maker, sailor, skier, ski jumper, skater, tennis player, archer, dog lover and pilot.

He joined the US Navy during WW II. Before going over seas he guarded the deserted University of Illinois Stagg Stadium. Unbeknownst to both John and Harry Truman, John was guarding the site of the first man-made nuclear chain reaction, which ultimately created the atom bomb. In the Pacific, his ship participated in the invasions of Saipan, Tinian, and Iwo Jima. After the war, his ship supported U.S. occupation troops in Yokohama, Okinawa, and Tokyo, Japan.

After the war he met his wife of 62 years, Nancy Gregson, at a sailboat regatta in Lake Geneva, WI. John and Nancy had three children, John Jr. (Kris), Polly (Bob) and Carl (Sandy). John continued his interest in aviation as a pilot and for both Cessna and Beech aircraft companies in Wichita, KS. Returning to Wisconsin, he worked in Human Resources for the State. After retirement, he continued many of his childhood pursuits...



skating, sledding, flying, and of course, sailing. He was a life-long member of the Mendota Yacht Club and Bilge Pullers.

While he was last living in Surprise, AZ, John never really left Maple Bluff nor Madison. Pictures and memories of his life and friends in Madison and Maple Bluff surrounded him. His model boats, sailing trophies, and Mendota Yacht Club and ILYA pennants were proudly displayed in his apartment.

John will be interred in the Harper family plot at Forest Hill Cemetery in Madison later this year. Depending on the season, you might catch a glimpse of his spirit sailing, rowing, skating, sledding, bicycling or walking Bayly, his yellow lab, around the Village of Maple Bluff.



### Start Thinking Spring. By Tom Schroeder

The mild beginnings of winter are all but forgotten now. January started much like December had...only to awaken and provide us with 20" of snow and a stretch of cold that is rarely seen around here. Once we were past the 20-30 below temperatures, a little under zero felt mild. Of course along comes February and the empty promises of the local ground hog...22" of additional snow and counting. It would have been north of 30" if it were not for rain. Some freezing rain and sleet...we were fortunate that it was just warm enough that we could scrape most of the grey matter to the side of the roads. It did help that the crew had been digging out storm inlets several times this season, so that when it became a necessity it was nearly routine. Roll in some credit for salt and sand as well as reclaiming street surface with the Bobcat snow blower...one of several fantastic snow removal machines at our disposal. This has been a winter to remember and we still have what will likely be a solid month to go. March is on its way...snow and below 0 temps predicted to start with...smile...this too shall pass.

Along with our winter wonderland we have experienced the expected maintenance issues as well as the incredible failures. There have been a couple of furnaces that required a little attention along with the primary water



Team Public Works: Paul Elliott, Jeff Jacoby, Tom Schroeder, Mario Sanders and Andrew Boersma

heater as well; all working fine now. One of our front line plows broke retaining pins and welds 3 times. I rebuilt the receiver flange and replaced the nut and bolt and the plow performed perfectly. A walk behind snow blower broke welds on the auger and has been repaired. The one piece of equipment that we cannot fix ourselves is in a repair facility awaiting the hardware components to reassemble the rear axle suspension that inexplicitly broke 3 of the 4 U-bolts that hold the axel to the body. This vehicle is our primary plow/salt/sand dump truck. We are patiently waiting for its return to in-service status. I'm sure there have been other maladies we have dealt with of late.

As winter continues and snow storage shrinks, some service providers have started to use the easy placement of snow onto the street/neighbor's yard. The snow should remain on the property of origin. When it is placed out on the street or partially on the terrace it will be carried down the street by our plowing operations delivering it to your neighbor's driveway. On occasion there is snow blown from driveways and sidewalks out onto the street after we have plowed and then becomes a fixture on the road surface until we have a chance to scrape it off and again deliver it to your neighbor. Our plowing of streets is enough of a load on driveway aprons for residents to deal with...please don't add to that load.

Speaking of driveway aprons, the perfect place for trash and recycle containers is on either side of your apron. This keeps it out of the street making it easier to collect and have moving traffic on the other side as well as allowing us to plow to the edge of the road. It seems that we have been plowing every weekend as well as the last several trash collection days!

Start thinking spring...trees...gardens...sump pump connections...tree removals...tree pruning...

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# Parks & Recreation

## Parks & Rec Information

### Marina

As a reminder, applications from previous renters are due by March 8th. Staff will begin contacting residents who are on the waiting list for space following the deadline. If you would like to be added to the waiting list, please contact Curt Erickson at [cerickson@villageofmaplebluff.com](mailto:cerickson@villageofmaplebluff.com) or 230-7655.

### Park Facility Key Fobs

The Village now offers the ability for residents to lease key fobs for after hour access to the bathrooms at Beach Park and Dailey Cabin. Key fobs can be picked up and paid for at the Village Center during business hours. Information about the program can be found on the Village's website along with the registration form. Please allow up to 48 hours after submitting the form and making payment for the key fobs to be programmed.

### Veterans Memorial Project

Many of you have driven past the snow/construction fencing at Johnson Park and may have wondered what is happening with the construction of the Veterans Memorial. The final phase of construction will begin this spring and it will include the concrete plaza, sidewalk, flag poles and a lighting plan. The Veterans Memorial Committee is planning a brief dedication at the Village's Fest on the Fourth event. More information about their dedication will be made available in the future months

### Beach Bash & Bocce

Bocce is only 3 months away! Registration for the event is now available at: <https://www.silentauctionpro.com/onlineticketpurchase.php?groupId=346> The Committee is also in need of volunteers to assist. Sign up for a bartending shift at the following website: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b4ea4ad2ca02-20141>

## Seasonal Employment Opportunities

**All applications must be returned to the Village Center by April 5th at 3:00pm.**

### Beach Lifeguards

Do you want to work at the Beach this summer? Applications are now available and will be due no later than April 5th at 3:00pm. The Lifeguard staff is responsible for controlling the actions of the swimmers and program participants, performing appropriate rescues when required and providing CPR/First Aid when necessary. The work will also involve providing a fun, safe and educational atmosphere for summer program participants. Starting wage is \$10.00+/hr. Applicants must have current Lifeguard Certification or be enrolled in a course to be completed by June 1st. Applications can be picked up at the Village Center or from the Village's website.

### Camp Ya-Gotta-Wanna 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 training course. Counselors will be assigned specific groups of participants between the ages of 3 years of age and 7 (or entering 2nd grade). Counselors will report to the CYGW Director and will perform various daily tasks such as cleaning, providing snack to participants and the supervision and instruction of youth. All applications must be returned to the Village Center by April 5th at 3:00pm. Applications can be picked up at the Village Center or downloaded from the Village's website.

## Classes

### Summer Archery 1

Monday – Friday

June 24 – 28

Ages: 7 – 15

Time: 8:45am – 9: 30am

Fee: \$36.00

Min./Max.: 6 – 12

Instructor: Curt Erickson

Archery is an excellent skill to learn, as it improves hand-eye coordination, concentration and patience. During this 5 class course, program participants will have the opportunity to shoot compound bows. Each class meeting will have drills and fun games mixed in.



### Summer Archery 2

Monday – Friday

July 22 – July 26

Ages: 7 – 15

Time 8:45am – 9: 30am

Fee: \$36.00

Min./Max.: 6 – 12

Instructor: Curt Erickson

Archery is an excellent skill to learn, as it improves hand-eye coordination, concentration and patience. During this 5 class course, program participants will have the opportunity to shoot compound bows. Each class meeting will have drills and fun games mixed in.





### Classes

#### Candlelight Yoga

**Dates:** March 20 – May 22

**Time:** 6:30pm – 7:15pm

**Instructor:** Casey Zimmerman

**Fee:** \$64.00 (\$8/class)

**Ages:** 12 +

**Min/Max:** 6 -10

**Location:** Dailey Cabin

Escape from your day and enjoy the tranquility of Candlelight Yoga with a blend of stretching, gentle flow and restorative poses with a focus on relaxing and melting the stress away. All levels welcome. Wear something comfortable and enjoy the benefits of letting go.



#### Junior League Robotics

**Monday – Thurs**

**July 8 - 11**

**Ages:** 6 - 12

**9:00am – 12:00pm**

**Fee:** \$100.00

**Min. / Max.:** 8 / 20

**Instructors:** YEL!

Build it, program it, play with it and learn from it using LEGO Mindstorms WeDo software and LEGO bricks! Students will build race cars, a forklift, boat and more, then program them to complete various tasks. In this YEL! Summer Camp, students are challenged to build, test, program and modify multiple projects, then use those projects to investigate basic robotics concepts as well as introductory computer coding. Reclaim summer brain, drain, sign up today. Visit: [youthenrichmentleague.com](http://youthenrichmentleague.com) for sample pictures.

#### Little Kickers Soccer

**Fridays**

**June 21 – July 26 (Skip 7/5)**

**Ages:** 4 – 7

**Time:** 8:30am – 9:20am

**Fee:** \$50.00

**Min/Max:** 10/20

**Instructor:** Recreation Staff

Participants will learn soccer skills, such as, passing, dribbling, movement without the soccer ball while playing fun games. All program participants will receive a soccer ball for participation. Program participants will meet at Johnson Park. In the event of inclement weather, the program will meet in the gym.



#### Wisconsin Boaters Safety Course

**Dates:** Saturday, May 4

**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.

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5. Include birth dates of all students.
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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 me at either 608-692-8595 or [jflinder5318@gmail.com](mailto:jflinder5318@gmail.com)



# Parks & Recreation

## Classes

**Destination Mars**  
**Monday – Thursday**  
**July 15 - 18**  
**Ages: 7 - 11**  
**Fee: \$110.00**

Launch and watch your very own rocket speed 300 feet into the air! Then it is yours to take home! Students will make and take home multiple rockets of varying difficulty throughout this session. We will use these rockets and airplanes to investigate basic aeronautical concepts including: propulsion, thrust, lift, drag and more. We will also hypothesize and travel in outer space, how to get a United States astronaut to Mars and life on Mars.

**Project Runway**  
**Monday – Friday**  
**August 5 - 8**  
**Ages: 9 - 14**  
**9:00am – 12:00pm**  
**Fee: \$120.00**

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.



**Monday Bike Trips**  
**Dates: 6/24 - 8/12 (skip 7/1)**  
**Times: 12:00pm - 3:30pm**  
**Fee: \$154.00**  
**Locations: Meet at Village Center**  
**Instructors: Rec Staff**



Parents are you looking for some physical activities for your tweens/teens this summer? Sign up your 11 - 15 year old children in our Monday afternoon bike trips. Trips will depart from the Village Center at 12:00 (noon) and will return at approximately 3:30 pm. An exact itinerary of locations will be available by the end of April. Locations being finalized include: Memorial Union, Kohl Center and Camp Randall. Every participant will need to have a bike, helmet and a bike lock to participate in this program. Each trip will cost \$22.00, if you are only able to sign up for a few trips. If this is the case, please contact the Rec Office at 230-7655 for registration.

Each trip it is recommended that participants bring a light snack, water bottle and extra money if participants would like to purchase snacks, or souvenirs.

Prior to each trip leaders will receive lists of activities and interesting sites along the route, but the group has the freedom to follow their preferences. At the beginning of each bike trip, staff will explain to the kids where they are going and discuss what they are doing. At times activities are subject to change or cancelled due to weather. Notification of cancellations will be made with every effort by 10:00 am before departure.

After departure of the trip, leaders will touch base with the office once they arrive and before they depart from the location. This will provide the office with information if parents need to contact us for information as the trip progresses. You will be contacted in the event an emergency pick-up is required.

**WE'RE HIRING!**  
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### Classes

#### Sign up by March 31st for Arts/Athletics & CYGW to avoid late fees.

##### Arts & Athletics

Mon-Fri

6/17 – 8/16

Ages: 7 - 12 (entering 2nd through  
completion of 6th Grades)

2:15pm - 4:15pm

Fee: \$180.00/Late: \$200.00

Instructors: Beach Lifeguard staff

This 9-week summer program provides youth (entering 2nd through 6th grade) a fun, safe environment that provides activities at the Maple Bluff Beach Park. Arts and Athletics will provide participants the opportunity to participate in a variety of games, swimming activities, arts and crafts on a daily basis. Attendance will be taken daily, however, attending daily is not a requirement as each day new activities are offered. In the event of inclement weather (severe thunderstorms in the area) notification will be sent out to parents via email/text that Arts and Athletics will be cancelled. Notification to parents could potentially be made within an hour of the start time due to changing weather. Arts and Athletics will not cancel in rain events, as we move activities inside the beach house or change the outside activities. From past experiences, we have found that rainy days can be the most fun for participants. There will be no meeting on Monday, July 1st & Thursday, July 4th.



##### Camp-Ya-Gotta-Wanna

\*\*\*Tues, Wed, Thur\*\*\*

6/18 - 8/15

Ages: 3 - 7

1:00pm - 4:00pm

Fee: \$375.00/Late: \$450.00

Instructors: Director, Jessie Knops and CYGW  
Counselors

This 9 week summer program will meet at Firemen's Park from 1:00pm-4:00pm. 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 2019). 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. There will be no meeting on Thursday, July 4th.



### Trip

#### Six Flags Great America

Monday, July 1st

Ages: 7 – 17 years old

7:30am – 8:00pm

Fee: \$80.00

Min./Max.: 14 / 25

Supervisors: Recreation Staff

Join Maple Bluff and Cottage Grove Recreation Departments, on this fun-filled day at Six Flags Great America enjoying the thrills of Midwest's tallest and fastest rollercoasters. Included with the cost of this trip is coach bus transportation, supervision, admission to theme park and dinner. Participants will be given opportunities to play in the arcades and other carnival games throughout the day

Items not included in the fee: lunch (\$15-\$20) and any arcade or carnival game (varies depending on the game). This trip does not provide an opportunity to utilize Hurricane Harbor and it is not included in the registration fee.

As a reminder, several of the bigger rollercoasters have height restrictions. To verify that your child can ride the bigger rollercoasters, visit [sixflags.com](http://sixflags.com).







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