



VILLAGE OF MAPLE BLUFF

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

March 2020



Calendar of Events

March

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

April

- 12 Easter
- 14 Village/Building Board Meeting
- 22 Earth Day

May

- 10 Mother's Day
- 12 Village/Building Board Meeting
- 25 Memorial 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
- Rec. Dir./Deputy Treasurer** Curt Erickson.....230-7655
- Police**244-1430
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A Productive Month! By: Tanner A. Nystrom

February turned out to be a very productive and busy month! I want to start by thanking all of the residents, elected officials, and staff that have dedicated their time to serving our community. A notable highlight for me was to observe our election volunteers who, once again, made it possible for our village to achieve some of the highest turnout rates in the county – over 34% of registered voters! High turnout rates for a local election is a testament of our community's level of engagement and overall health. I want to publicly thank all of our volunteers and staff whose selfless efforts made the process a success.



In addition to providing exceptional daily services, staff have been extremely flexible in our pursuit for personal and professional growth. As a small municipal government, we are always open to innovative ways we can improve – especially when those improvements come without financial burden. As an example, in February village staff and I met with a team of graduate students from the University of Wisconsin's La Follette School of Public Affairs. The La Follette team agreed to assist our village with the creation of a performance evaluation and mentoring program framework; which coincides with a broader project of refining our human resources practices. I think that this project presents our municipality with a unique opportunity to improve our systems and habits while supporting employee interests – enhancing feedback, support, and welfare. I was fortunate to work with the village on a leadership transition project during my time at the La Follette School and the experience was a highlight of my academic career. I am very excited to partner with the La Follette School once again and we look forward to a continuation of our mutually beneficial relationship!



**Robert M. La Follette
School of Public Affairs**
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Finally, I want to take the opportunity to commend our police officers and staff for their exceptionally hard work last month. We held an open recruitment for full-time and part-time officers which required significant time and effort from all involved. Additionally, our officers and investigators dealt with a number of challenging

situations with exemplary professionalism. Although they regularly address resident concerns – such as speeding, parking, and incomplete stops – they were also involved in high speed pursuits, made several felony arrests, and intervened in multiple psychological health crises. Our officers are truly dynamic individuals who are committed to the service and protection of our community. I am very proud that we are able to attract such a caliber of citizen given the present social, economic, and political challenges for the profession. But despite the broader challenges we face as police officers, we are a fortunate few – I regularly remind our officers how lucky we are to serve a community that supports and values what we do. From our officers, I say thank you for your patience and encouragement.

From all of our staff, I want to thank you for your continued support! We continue to strive for the best possible services to our community and look forward for exciting things to come.

Sincerely,

Tanner A. Nystrom






VILLAGE OF
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PARKS & RECREATION

Who am I?

I support and enjoy the beautiful parks of Maple Bluff.

I spawned energetic kids that I like to (need to?) send to camps and recreational programs.

I delight in free amenities (sunset bonfires, paddle boards, playground equipment, lifeguards).

I am fun, creative, and generous... and revel in adventurous outings and exciting neighborhood parties.

I AM A 2020 BOCCÉ BEACH BASH SILENT AUCTION DONOR!

The planning committee is looking for 2020/2021 party hosts, tickets, vacation homes, and other adventures.

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From The Department of Public Works: By: Tom Schroeder

If it at all feels like winter has been around for what seems like forever...well...it has! At least since late October when we had a good dose of wintry weather and then November and December seemed to switch places on the calendar. Not to worry though for January and February provided plenty of seasonal conditions for all of us to deal with. Now that March is here to usher in the start of spring, we should be able to start preparing for the green up that is so cherished in this part of the country.

With the coming spring we will continue with the removal of ash trees that are displaying signatures of the ash beetle. We will address ash trees that display structural concerns first and then move on to the trees that show significant infestation next. We will likely have trees that will have to wait until next year for lack of time and opportunity, but most likely budget constraints.

As I have done for all my years as the Urban Forester, I will reserve funds for replacement trees to renew the urban forest. As necessary as the removals are for damaged/infected and dying trees, so is the need for replacement in as timely a fashion as possible.

Planting new trees has always been a favorite activity of mine, and I am more than willing to work with residents in the decision-making process to give a tree a good home.

There will be some terrace work for us this spring as there have been plenty of snow clearing events this season. A few of the snowfalls were extremely heavy as the precipitation fluctuated between rain/sleet/snow and was a challenge to clear the roads. Snow needs to stay on the property of origin. When driveway or sidewalk snow is placed in the street, it adds to the street load that has to be moved to the right-of-way for storage. Mis-placing the snow means your neighbor is getting more than they should. It is noticeable when contractors push snow to the other side of the street. After one



or two snow plowings of driveways, there is little a contractor can do...unless they use snowblowers to direct the snow further into the lawn for a more effective and efficient way to store residential snow.

This spring we will be generating a list of potholes to repair prior to determining the roadways of the village to be good candidates for chip sealing later this summer/fall.

A similar list will be generated for sidewalk repair/replacement to address broken/misaligned concrete squares.

We are currently discussing options available for rehabilitation of sanitary and storm system pipes that need various degrees of rehabilitation or renewal.

Several of these needs will be prioritized once the financial impact is realized.

Call with your questions and concerns! Thinking Spring...Thank You!

News

March begins the warm up and the anticipation of spring breaks, spring sports and the eventual ending of the school year. March is also a busy month for the Parks and Recreation Department as a lot of summer deadlines will occur in or shortly after March. There are a lot of new and exciting programs that will be offered this summer. I'd strongly recommend signing up early as courses may fill up fast.

Sports Equipment Sale

Do you often need to purchase the next size up of sporting equipment? What do you do with the outgrown equipment? The Village is offering the opportunity to sell and purchase used equipment from other Village residents on **Saturday, April 18th** 8:00am - 11:00am in the Village gym. If you are interested in selling your equipment please register on or before April 1st.

Marina

Marina Applications

Applications for renewal were due at the end of February. The Village will be working through the waiting list to fill any vacant space. If you'd like to be added to the waiting list for future space, please contact Curt Erickson.

Spring Programs

Music Together

Fridays, April 3 – June 5

Time: 10:15am – 11:00am & 11:15am – 12:00pm

Location: Dailey Cabin

Instructor: Krystal Lonsdale

Fee \$170 for a first child, an additional \$100 for a second child if that second child is 8 months or older by September.

“Preschoolers, babies, and toddlers....bring your parent, grandparent, or caregiver and join us for 10 weeks of musical learning and fun! Join Krystal as you learn our Sticks collection of music this spring. We'll sing about great big stars in the sky, we'll trot to Grandmas house to see what she has for us to eat, and mimic water sounds as we work on our tone and rhythm.”

Programs Cont.

Young Rembrandts Art Class 2

Wednesdays April 15 – June 3

Time: 4:15pm - 5:30pm

Location: Dailey Cabin

Ages: 6 - 12

Fee: \$120.00

Young Rembrandts unique, step-by-step curriculum helps children ages 6-12 develop increased patience, discipline and focus as well as a host of artistic skills such as art vocabulary and history, drawing and art skills, expanded creativity, imagination and confidence. Classes are held once a week with all supplies provided. New lessons each session!

Spring Candlelight Yoga 2

Dates: Wednesdays May 6 – June 24

Time: 6:45pm – 7:30pm

Location: Casey Zimmerman

Fee: \$63.00

Come and escape at the end of your day to a relaxing evening of Yoga at the Dailey Cabin. Classes incorporate stretching, gentle movement, restorative poses with an emphasis on relaxing your entire body. Let the candlelight create a calm and peaceful state of mind. All levels welcome and no experience necessary.



Spring Break Archery

March 30 – April 3

Time: 11:00am – 11:45am

Fee: \$33.00

Instructor: Curt Erickson

Location: Gym

Ages: 7 – 12

Join us in this fun-filled session of archery during Spring Break. Participants will learn basic skills in archery while playing fun games. Participants should wear long-sleeves. Females should have their hair pulled back in a pony tail or up to prevent the bow string from catching their hair.



Spring Break Teen Archery

March 30 – April 3

Time: 12:00pm – 12:45pm

Fee: \$33.00

Instructor: Curt Erickson

Location: Gym

Ages: 13 – 17

Join us in this fun-filled session of archery during Spring Break. Participants will learn basic skills in archery while playing fun games. Participants should wear long-sleeves. Females should have their hair pulled back in a pony tail or up to prevent the bow string from catching their hair.



Programs cont.

Safe Kids 101

Thursday, May 14

Time: 5:30pm – 7:30pm

Fee: \$20.00

Ages: 9 – 15

Deadline to register: May 7

Location: Conference Room

Does your pre-teen think they are ready to stay home alone? Would your child know what to do if the door-bell rang and you weren't at home? Get your child ready by sending them to the Safe Kids 101 class! Basic guidelines, fire safety, digital safety, (including cyber-bullying, sexting, and personal information, community safety, including stranger danger and first aid/emergencies.)

Summer Programs

Arts/Athletics

Monday – Friday

June 15 – August 14

Fee: \$180

Time: 2:15pm - 4:15pm

Ages: 7 – 12

Beach Park

This 9-week summer program provides youth (entering 2nd through 6th grade) a fun, safe environment that provides fun activities at the Maple Bluff Beach Park. This program is an open program (participants may leave the beach at any time throughout the program with written permission from parents) with attendance taken daily. Throughout the summer participants will participate in arts, crafts, games, sports and other exciting activities. On occasion small groups may leave the Beach for other activities, but notification will be made to parents with confirmation that this will occur. Please note in the event of inclement weather, A and A may be cancelled for the safety of participants and staff.



Little Kickers Soccer

Friday's June 19 – July 31 (skip 7/3)

Time: 8:30am - 9:20am

Fee: \$50

Ages: 3 – 7

Johnson Park

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.



Summer Programs Cont.

Camp Ya-Gotta-Wanna

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

June 16 – August 13

Fee: \$375.00

Ages: 3 – 8

Firemen's Park/Gym

This 9 week summer program meets at Firemen's Park T, W & TH from 1:00pm-4:00pm on June 16 through August 13. 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 2020). 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.



Parents will need to provide cell phone numbers at the time of registration. Please be sure to verify you have the correct phone number listed on your account.

Project Runway

Dates: Monday – Friday, June 22 – June 26

Time: 9:00am – 12:00pm

Ages: 9 – 13

Fee: \$135.00

Location: Village Center

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. On Friday, parents will be invited to a end of the class fashion show, showcasing the items the kids have created.

WE'RE HIRING!

Summer Camp Counselors and Lifeguards

Summer Programs Cont.

Robotics 2.0

Dates: Monday – Thursday July 20 – July 23

Time: 9:00am - 12:00pm

Ages: 6 – 12

Fee: \$100.00

Location: Village Center

The next evolution in youth robotics is here! Build a seeing-sensing robot using LEGO® Bricks, then program it to complete unique tasks and challenges. Next, build a rescue helicopter to find animals in need of assistance and message Headquarters with status updates. Students LEARN basic engineering and computer coding concepts; BUILD multiple LEGO® Bricks projects; EXPLORE how the projects and programming complement each other; and PLAY with different building and programming options. Restrain summer brain drain, sign up today. Visit YELKids.com for more details.

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Introduction to Tree Climbing 1

Date: Monday, July 27

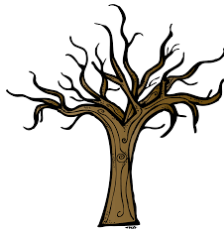
Time: 10:00am – 12:00pm

Fee: \$45.00/class

Ages: 7 +

Location: Marina

Instructor: Curtis Andrews, Treetop Explorers Fun, Fitness, Adventure! Peaceful and invigorating, Recreational Tree Climbing utilizes professional climbing gear to ascend into and explore tall trees. Climbers build self-confidence and connect nature and themselves in unique way.



Introduction to Tree Climbing 2

Date: Thursday, August 27

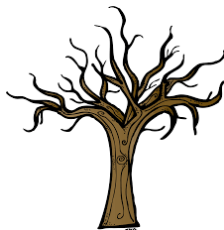
Time: 4:00pm – 6:00pm

Fee: \$45.00/class

Ages: 7 +

Location: Marina

Instructor: Curtis Andrews, Treetop Explorers Fun, Fitness, Adventure! Peaceful and invigorating, Recreational Tree Climbing utilizes professional climbing gear to ascend into and explore tall trees. Climbers build self-confidence and connect nature and themselves in unique way.



Climbers will be ascending within minutes after an easy-to-follow tutorial from a qualified tree climbing facilitator. Once you are in your harness and clipped on rope, you are free to ascend at your own pace and move about the tree as you feel comfortable with.

Summer Archery

Date: M – F 6/22 – 26

Time: 8:45am – 9:30am

Fee: \$36.00

Ages: 7 – 14

Location: Village Center

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.



Trips

*New Hike, Explore and Swim at Devil's Lake

Date: 8/10

Day: Monday

Time: 8:30 am – 4:00 p.m.

Ages: 8 - 14

Drop off/Pick up Location: 18 Oxford Place

Destination: Devil's Lake State Park, Baraboo

Cost: \$45 **Registration Deadline:** August 1st

Description: Take a journey up the East Bluff with guided naturalists from Devil's Lake Nature Center. Hike through the park's geologic time line, learning about how oceans and glaciers helped to form Devil's Lake! After the hike, enjoy a hot dog lunch, sandy swimming beaches and relax lakeside. Hot dog lunch will be provided. Bus will leave promptly at 8:30 a.m. Parents are welcome to sign up with their child.

Six Flag Great America

Date: Tuesday, June 30th

Time: 7:45am – 7:45pm

Ages: 7 – 15

Fee: \$80.00

Join Maple Bluff Recreation Department, 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.



Summer Employment Opportunities

Beach Lifeguards:

Applications are now being accepted for Summer Beach Lifeguards. The lifeguard staff is responsible for controlling the actions of the swimmers, program participants and performing appropriate rescues and aid when necessary. The work will also involve providing a fun, safe and educational atmosphere for summer program participants. Dates of employment will be Memorial Day through Labor Day with a pay range of \$10.00 - \$12.00/hr. All applications are due back to the Village Center no later than 3:00pm on April 3rd.



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 Course. Counselors will be assigned specific groups of participants between the ages of 3 and 7. Counselors will be required to perform various daily tasks such as cleaning, providing snack and supervision and instruction. Dates of employment will occur between Memorial Day through Labor Day with a pay range that is competitive for similar work. All applications are due back to the Village Center no later than April 10th.



2020 Summer Concert Line-up

June 15: Johnny Chimes Band
<https://www.johnnychimes.com/>

June 22: Ryan McGrath Band
<http://www.theryanmcgrathband.com/>

June 29: Beth Kille Band
<https://www.bethkille.com/>

July 13: Gin Mill Hollow
<https://www.ginmillhollow.com/>

July 20: Dig Deep
<https://digdeepwi.bandcamp.com/>

July 27: Trapper Schoepp
<http://trapperschoepp.com/>

If you or your organization is interested in partnering with the Village to provide these great bands, please contact Curt Erickson at 608-230-7655 for more information.

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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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