



# VILLAGE OF MAPLE BLUFF

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

*October 2020*



Photo taken by: Tom Schroeder



## Calendar of Events

### October

13 Village/Building Board Meeting  
31 Halloween

### November

1 Daylight Savings  
3 General Election  
10 Village/Building Board Meeting  
26 Thanksgiving

### December

8 Village/Building Board Meeting  
25 Christmas Day

Trash/Recycling

Trash pick up is shaded, recycling dates are circled

October							November							December						
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## Fall is Upon Us!

October is always a beautiful month in our community. The air cools and gives off unmistakable aromas of fall, while the leaves change colors and tumble to the ground in their due time. Our Public Works team diligently keeps the streets clear so everyone can enjoy walks through the village and our Recreation Department facilitates fall activities for all to enjoy. While we can anticipate many of these pleasant similarities this fall, 2020 will inevitably bring new encounters as well.

Halloween is always a great experience for kids, but it presents unique concerns given the record setting number of COVID-19 cases in Dane County. Public Health warns that gatherings and traditional activities create an unacceptably high-risk for spreading COVID-19 and, as such, communities should find alternative lower risk ways to participate. We want to make sure our community stays as safe as possible, while also giving everyone an opportunity to enjoy Halloween. To that end, we recommend against traditional Trick-or-Treating activities in the village. Staff are working with community members to facilitate an alternative event that will ensure a lower risk for everyone. We will help communicate the details of any community-safe Halloween events as they are organized and get closer.

You may also be aware that October is National Crime Prevention month. During this month, agencies across the country work with partners to improve crime prevention and safety initiatives. Our officers are fortunate to have a community that regularly supports their efforts and provides valuable information. Each call residents make to the non-emergency dispatcher at (608) 255-2345 of noise issues, traffic concerns, or suspicious activity improves safety and prevents crime in our community. Likewise, residents who observe open vehicles or garage doors should feel comfortable reporting these situations to the non-emergency line. Your proactivity reduces the attractiveness of our community for opportunistic crime and may very well interrupt one in progress. Our officers thank you for your help!

I thank you all for your continued support! Fall is a busy time of year for our administrative team due to elections and budget planning. These days COVID-19 makes even the easiest of tasks more complicated, but community support makes all the difference and we all genuinely appreciate it!

Sincerely,

Tanner A. Nystrom

## November 3rd General Election and Referendum

Absentee Voting (In person) begins Tuesday October 20<sup>th</sup> and ends Friday October 30<sup>th</sup> at the Village Center. Please call 608-244-3048 if you wish to vote in-person absentee to ensure we comply with social distancing measures. The following dates and times are available:

October 20 - October 23 8:00am - 4:00pm

October 26 - October 29 8:00am - 4:00pm

October 30 8:00am - 5:00pm

Remember to bring your photo ID.

Absentee Voting (by mail) visit [myvote.wi.gov](https://myvote.wi.gov) to request an absentee ballot be mailed to you. If you do not have a photo ID on file, you will need to upload a picture of your Wisconsin drivers license or passport. Ballots cannot be picked up or emailed for regular voters. Two options for returning your voted absentee ballot; drop it in the payment box in the front entry at the Village Center or return it via USPS. Please ensure that you have signed the envelope and your witness has signed and provided their address. All of these must be present for your vote to count.



Voter Registration - To check your registration status and/or register, visit [myvote.wi.gov](https://myvote.wi.gov). The deadline to register online or by mail is October 14<sup>th</sup>. After this date you will need to register in person at the Village Center or on Election Day.

Sample Ballot can be viewed by entering your address into [myvote.wi.gov](https://myvote.wi.gov) or on the village website under Village Government/Elections

<https://villageofmaplebluff.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/SampleBallot10032020.pdf>

Village Referendum information can be found on the village website at <https://villageofmaplebluff.com/village-government/referendum/>. Please call 608-244-3048 if you would like the information mailed to you.

Election Day - Vote at the Village Center from 7:00am – 8:00pm on November 3<sup>rd</sup>!

\* The Village Center is located at 18 Oxford Place



# From Maple Bluff Fire Rescue Dept:

By: Kristopher Loy, Fire Chief

## Response Information:

Total Responses (YTD): 81

Average Response Time (dispatch to on scene): 4.12 minutes

## Fire Prevention Week:

October 4th-10th, 2020 is Fire Prevention Week! This year's campaign, "Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen!" works to educate everyone about the simple but important actions you can take to keep yourself, and those around you, safe in the kitchen. Did you know that Cooking is the #1 cause of home fires and home fire injuries in the United States? The leading cause of fires in the kitchen is unattended cooking.

This month the MBFD will be spreading the message of fire safety through short videos posted to our Facebook and web pages.

[www.facebook.com/MapleBluffFireRescue](https://www.facebook.com/MapleBluffFireRescue) or  
[www.mapleblufffire.com](https://www.mapleblufffire.com)

We hope you check them out!



## About Fire Prevention Week:

Since 1922, the National Fire Protection Association has sponsored the public observance of Fire Prevention Week. In 1925, President Calvin Coolidge proclaimed Fire Prevention Week a national observance, making it the longest-running public health observance in our country. During Fire Prevention Week, children, adults, and teachers learn how to stay safe in case of a fire. Firefighters provide lifesaving public education in an effort to drastically decrease casualties caused by fires.

Fire Prevention Week is observed each year during the week of October 9th in commemoration of the Great Chicago Fire, which began on October 8, 1871, and caused devastating damage. This horrific conflagration killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures, and burned more than 2,000 acres of land.

## Training:

In the past six months, COVID-19 has presented some unique challenges for how our volunteer Firefighters/EMTs conduct their regular training. Thankfully not even a pandemic can stop our members from progressing and learning about new topics and brushing up on old skills. In the past few months alone, our Firefighters and EMTs have conducted trainings on:

- Fire Victim Search & Rescue
- Railway Safety w/ Wisconsin & Southern
- Fire Service General Knowledge
- Musculoskeletal Injuries & Sprinting/Back Boarding
- OB/GYN Emergencies w/ SSM Health
- Traumatic Injuries
- Airway management
- Water Rescue

Our volunteer Firefighters & EMTs are dedicated to providing our residents with the best service possible. Even during a pandemic.



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

Here we are welcoming in October as summer is long gone and the fall season is upon us. I have always enjoyed this time of year, cooler temperatures with crisp mornings and chilly evenings. It used to be that I would put off a couple of laborious projects so that I could do the work without the heat and humidity of summer perched on my shoulders. Now that my age is reflective of the season and youth is but a distant memory and perhaps a twinkle in the eye; when the job needs doing you get after it while you still can. I'll still punch the clock until they tell me to get out of the way.

We are preparing our equipment for the fall leaf collection and should have 2 hauling trucks at the ready shortly. With that, please help us help you by doing the right thing when placing materials at the terrace. Be sure to segregate your items in like piles; leaves; garden debris; sticks; branches. Do not co-mingle these items. If you have rocks or dirt clumps, put them in a bucket or container...not hidden under the leaf piles. Be sure to provide us room to work by avoiding poles, mailboxes, signs, fences, etc. Parked cars and equipment will delay or prevent us from collecting these materials. And of course, do not place any of these items in the road, for obvious reasons.

You have heard me mention this before and most of you are complying with the limits to the size of waste con-

tainer and weight of trash. There are reasonable limits to follow that will allow us to do our job efficiently and effectively. Voluntary compliance is appreciated. If you have questions regarding this, or you have received a notice of non-compliance, please call at your earliest convenience.

We are performing stump removal and restoration during the early part of October. Please provide water to give the grass seed a chance to germinate and provide cover to the bare soil. We will have a mulch covering placed to protect the soil from erosion.

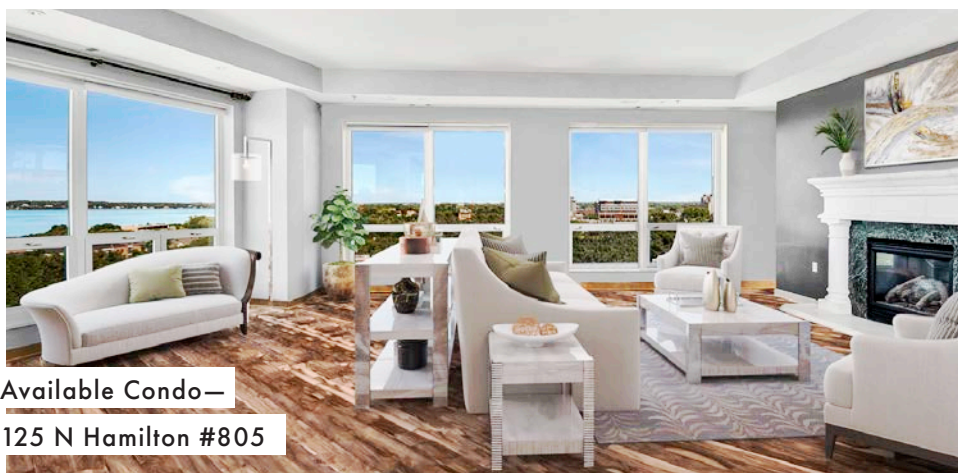
Also, during the month of October, we will be flushing hydrants and sanitary sewers. This should not disrupt the function of either utility. In the case of sanitary that lays between homes and the lake, you may see the village crew out there opening manholes for investigation purposes.

We in Public Works have been doing well and hope that you are also. In time we will get past this Covid-19. In the meantime, we have a referendum for your consideration and a presidential election. Get outside and rake some leaves and enjoy the fall weather...the Packers look good and the Badgers are getting ready!

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## Maple Bluff Parks:

As the seasons rolls over we continue to find ways to reimagine the long standing traditions that makes Maple Bluff such a special place. Rapidly approaching is Halloween. The costumes, the candy, the bartering over the favorites between the kids (big and small)... Our theme for the year is of course adaptability and this celebration is no exception. To celebrate Halloween in the village this year we will be having a parade starting at 10am, Saturday Oct 31 in Firemen's Park and ending at Beach Park. Thanks to April Grogan for coordinating this. More details to follow as we work through all the public health guidelines.

At the last Parks committee meeting it was agreed to re-enable the village key fobs, to access the Beach Park and the Dailey Cabin. Please follow safe COVID practices as these are shared facilities.

If you have travelled by Firemen's park or McBride park recently you will have seen a lot of activity. The Public works team has been busy removing old playground structures and clearing pea gravel. The new structures will arrive in early October, and just like Beach Park we are organizing a community build on

October 7th – 9th. Curt has created a signup using signup genius. Click here for information or contact Curt Erickson for more information. It was a blast doing Beach Park and I hope you can find some time to join us on this special project – it is not every day you get to build a playground.

Our parks are just one of the amenities that make our village so special. Thanks to the long range planning that has been happening for decades through our Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plans (CORP). We have, and continue to look for ideas and resources to support residents activities. The current Parks committee continues that tradition and is preparing a survey which will focus on Johnson Park. Survey questions will be based on the original 2015 CORP surveys. We are looking forward to your input through this survey to shape the parks to meet the future needs of the community.

Thank you for your continued support of the Maple Bluff Parks,  
Patrick Grant



### 2020 Holiday Wreaths & Rope Fundraiser Troop 5 – Maple Bluff

The Maple Bluff Boy Scouts are once again offering balsam rope and wreaths for your holiday decorating. We will be using the same supplier as we have in years past, so we are confident that we will again have excellent products!

**New This Year! Online ordering option:**  
<http://mapleblufftroop5.com>

#### Important Changes with COVID:

- **Scouts will not be going door to door for sales. This is important to protect village residents and scouts from COVID 19.**
- **Please respond by Friday October 23.** Mail in your envelope or order online by October 23. Our supplier needs orders earlier this year due to supply chain issues. Be sure to include your payment with your order.
- **The scouts will be reaching out by phone to remind you of the fundraiser but please order as soon as possible if you are ready.**

Boy scouts will deliver wreaths and rope right to your front door on Saturday, **November 21st** just in time for the Thanksgiving holiday.

#### Donations to Troop 5 are also welcome!!

Questions may be directed to Sarah Redemann @ (608) 243-9115 or [rredemann@yahoo.com](mailto:rredemann@yahoo.com)

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### Paddle Kickoff Classic

*Saturday, October 3rd*

**OPEN HOUSE, 9:00-10:30AM**  
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Kick off the paddle tennis season with a day of play, socializing and a cookout menu! Round robin play is \$18++ per person and includes classic cookout on the courts. For more information, contact Paddle Tennis Director, Tom Chorney, at [tomc@mbcc1899.com](mailto:tomc@mbcc1899.com).





## Parks & Recreation

After 6 months of adjusting to what a new normal is with the presence of COVID-19, we've successfully been able to return to a handful of in-person programming in the months of August & September. It's been great to see the morning yoga classes at McBride Park and the Dailey Cabin. It's also refreshing to see the village youth building Legos, learning robotics and playing soccer in groups at Beach Park.

However, at this time, it is unknown if the Village will be able to offer competitive basketball this winter. In previous years we've began to offer skills and drills and competitive basketball programs in November. Due to current restrictions in place we cannot safely proceed with these offerings. As further developments occur surrounding return to play, these programs will be evaluated for start dates. In the meantime, be sure to check out upcoming programs for participation, information regarding programs and registration can be found at the following website: <http://apm.activecommunities.com/maplebluffrec>.

## Volunteers Needed

The Village will be in need of multiple volunteers between October 7 – 9 as we install new playgrounds at McBride Park and Firemen's Park. Volunteer duties will include: unloading and unpacking the equipment, setting slides, platforms, poles, moving the engineered wood fiber, setting borders, etc. For more information regarding volunteer opportunities, please contact Curt Erickson.

## Rental Opportunities

The Beach House & Dailey Cabin are available for rental opportunities. If you are interested in renting either of these facilities, you'll be requested to follow social distancing, mass gathering and face covering orders.

A new rental opportunity has been created to provide the Beach House and Dailey Cabin as learning centers. The Parks Committee and Village Board approved a new fee structure for daily use for this purpose. If you're learning pod is interested in reserving the space, please contact Curt Erickson for more information.

## Bocce 2020 Results

Due to COVID-19 forcing the cancellation of the traditional Beach Bash & Bocce tournament, the Village was able to offer a small, progressive tournament at Beach Park throughout the month of August. Thirteen neighborhood couples signed up to compete. After four weeks and several close match-ups Nicolas Retana and Maggie Johnson were crowned the 2020 champions as they defeated Patrick & Trish Grant. The Bocce plaque, displayed at Village Center, will be updated within the next few weeks to recognize their accomplishment.

## Marina

The summer lease term will end on October 14<sup>th</sup>. If you are a current renter and will not be renting space over the winter, please line up your winter storage options to begin on October 15<sup>th</sup>. If you are in need of winter storage, the Village has limited space available. Please contact Curt Erickson for more information.

## Firemen's Park

The redevelopment of Firemen's Park is underway. A new sidewalk and a limestone path will be installed from the intersection of Kensington and Woodland and into the park. This will provide a much safer access to Firemen's Park, especially during the high traffic drop off and pick up time of Camp-Ya-Gotta-Wanna.

## Programs

### Morning Yoga

**Dates:** 10/14, 10/21, 10/28, 11/4

**Days:** Wednesdays

**Time:** 7:30am – 8:30am

**Location:** McBride Park/Dailey Cabin

**Fee:** \$28 for 4 classes or \$10/drop-in fee

**Min/Max:** 6/10

**Instructor:** Peter Duff

Come enjoy a fundamental yoga practice designed to cultivate greater physical and mental awareness through meditation, alignment, balance and breath. All levels and abilities are welcome! Participants must bring their own mat and optional props (yoga blocks/strap). The class will meet at McBride Park/Dailey Cabin in the event of inclement weather.



## Programs

### Sunday Morning Yoga

**Dates:** 10/11, 10/18, 10/25, 11/1

**Days:** Sundays

**Time:** 8:30am – 9:30am

**Location:** McBride Park/Dailey Cabin

**Fee:** \$28 for 4 classes or \$10/drop-in fee

**Min/Max:** 6/10

**Instructor:** Peter Duff

Come enjoy a fundamental yoga practice designed to cultivate greater physical and mental awareness through meditation, alignment, balance and breath. All levels and abilities are welcome! Participants must bring their own mat and optional props (yoga blocks/strap). The class will meet at McBride Park/Dailey Cabin in the event of inclement weather.

### Fencing

**Dates:** 10/27 – 12/8 (no class 11/24)

**Days:** Tuesdays

**\*\*Time:** 3:30pm – 4:30pm

**Location:** Beach House

**Waiting list**

**Fee:** \$80.00

**Ages:** 7 – 12

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.

## Youth Enrichment Session 2:

**Registration required by October 20<sup>th</sup>**

### YEL! Coding

**Dates:** 10/30 – 12/11 (skip 11/27)

**Days:** Fridays

**Time:** 3:45pm – 4:45pm

**Location:** Beach House

**Fee:** \$71

**Ages:** 9 – 13

**\*9 spots remaining**

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### Magic

**Dates:** 10/28 – 12/9 (no class 11/25)

**Days:** Wednesdays

**\*\*Time:** 3:30pm – 4:30pm

**Location:** Beach House

**6 spots remaining**

**Fee:** \$71.00

**Ages:** 6 – 9

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.

### Beginner Guitar Lessons

**Dates:** 10/29 – 12/10 (No class on 11/26)

**Days:** Thursdays

**\*\*Time:** 3:30pm – 4:30pm

**Location:** Beach House

**12 spots remaining**

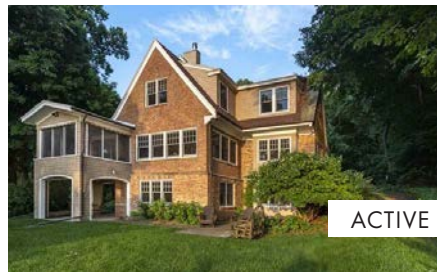
**Fee:** \$75.00

**Ages:** 8 – 12

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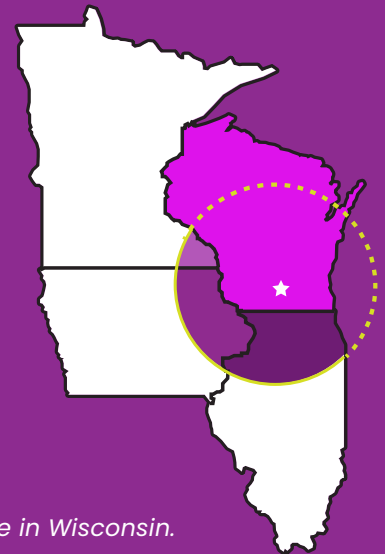


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