



VILLAGE OF MAPLE BLUFF

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

July 2021



Campers at A & A.

Left to right Evie Dow, Francis Kuehn, Alyssa Waterman and Ashley Davie

Calendar of Events

July

4	Fest on the Fourth
12	Concerts in the Park
13	Village/Building Board Meeting
14	Municipal Court
19	Concerts in the Park
26	Concerts in the Park
30	All City Swim

August

10	Village/Building Board Meeting
19	Municipal Court

September

9	Municipal Court
14	Village/Building Board Meeting
17	Beach Bash & Bocce

Trash/Recycling

Trash pick up is shaded, recycling dates are circled

July							August							September						
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Trustee Patrick Grant.....	217-1815
Trustee Kristine Jaeger.....	217-1919
Trustee Ellen Reyerson.....	(651) 890-6093
Trustee Jim Schuler.....	249-1696
Trustee George Brown.....	246-8422

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
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Fire & Rescue	244-3390

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What Makes Maple Bluff Special? By: Carl Vieth, Village President

I have often been asked by those who don't live in Maple Bluff, "What makes the place so special?" And, as you well know, there are a number of things that set us apart - for example, our stellar public works, parks, and protective services. But for me, what really defines our community is the contributions of our residents and their willingness to volunteer at many levels. For some, it includes the planning and implementation of community events; for others it involves the significant commitment of being a volunteer firefighter. Regardless of the contribution – all enhance the character of Maple Bluff.

The commitment of our residents to our Village is what makes Maple Bluff – Maple Bluff. The tremendous involvement of our residents in myriad activities enhance the quality of life for all of us. The commitment of time and expertise provide us with unparalleled opportunities to share and grow the close-knit community we are and continue to be. I would be remiss to acknowledge that many of our residents are quite active as volunteers in the greater Madison and Dane County community as well.

From organizing car shows and swim meets to serving the Village as a board member or on a standing committee, I want to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks. I would also invite those of you looking for an opportunity to get involved, know your neighbors, and have some fun! Please feel free to reach out to your Village Board Members or Village staff if you have an interest in contributing to what makes our community so special.

That way you can easily answer the question, "What makes the place so special?"

Stay safe – enjoy all "The Bluff" has to offer this summer.

Sincerely

Carl Vieth

Volunteer:

Fest on the Fourth

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Bocce Beach Bash Friday September 17

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A Transition to Normalcy!

By: Tanner Nystrom, Village Administrator/Police Chief

As we pass the mid-point of 2021, I am happy to see a safe resurgence of activity in the village! In addition to several community events on the immediate horizon, we have a significant number of recreational activities taking place and home improvement work is extremely active. Increased activity can lead to increased safety concerns, so please know that staff are well poised to respond to and address issues that may arise. Ultimately, we are all appreciative for the transition to normalcy!

As you may have heard, on 30 July 2021, the Maple Bluff Country Club Swim Team is hosting the All-City Swim Preliminaries at the Club from approximately 1pm to 6pm. We anticipate the event will attract over 1500 attendees – swimmers, coaches, families, officials, sponsors, and volunteers. This influx of visitors will significantly increase vehicle and pedestrian traffic, as well as limit parking throughout the village and we are working closely with the organizers to facilitate a safe, successful, and minimally disruptive experience. Please note that we are asking contractors to avoid the village on that day to alleviate some of the traffic and parking concerns. Similarly, I ask residents to reschedule any services that could be otherwise performed on a different day. Thank you for your help!

In May's newsletter I informed you that we had several upcoming staffing announcements. Today, I am very happy to announce two new additions to our Village staff – Officer Vincent Murphy and Officer Cody Woods. Vince and Cody accepted offers to join our team as part-time Officers with the Maple Bluff Police Department. They started field training in June, so I anticipate you already see them active in the community. Please join me in welcoming Vince and Cody to the Village!

I also have the distinct pleasure to announce we promoted part-time Officer Kyle Knoeck to the rank of Detective for the Village of Maple Bluff Police Department. Over the past year, Detective Knoeck proved him-

self a vital contributor to our department by serving in an investigative role and directly supporting several operational priorities. In addition to providing patrol coverage, Detective Knoeck performs the department's administrative and criminal investigations. His contributions are integral to ensuring successful prosecutions and maintaining crime deterrence in our community.

Thank you for your attention and I sincerely appreciate all the support you provide. I hope you had a wonderful 4th of July!

Sincerely,

Tanner A. Nystrom



Introducing Mikaila Johnson



Hello! My name is Mikaila Johnson. I attended Marian University from 2013-2017 where I obtained my bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice with a minor in Psychology. I began my career at the Wisconsin State Capitol Police Department in 2018 as a dispatcher. I was promoted to a police officer in August of 2019 where I attended the Law Enforcement Academy at the Madison Area Technical

College. Additionally, I am a Visual Observer for the Wisconsin State Drone Team, certified in Critical Incident Training (CIT) and a background Investigator for new applicants. When I am not working, I enjoy spending time outdoors, playing pick-up-sports, and being with my family. I look forward to getting to know the community and furthering the positive relationship between our community and the police department. Next time you see me out in the neighborhood, please introduce yourself and say hello.

Significant Strides By: Tom Schroeder

Collectively we have made significant strides toward normalcy in the last couple of months. It is good to see faces once again! As for normal business as usual? Not quite yet...it will take a while for suppliers of goods and services to get back to speed. It seems that nearly everything is backordered from computer chips to ductile water main pipe. What will the price tag look like when the bill demands to be paid?

The Public Works Department is getting back to normal for the most part. The past year has been full of staffing reductions of one form or another. From working with reduced staffing levels...a resignation...protracted hiring process...paternity leave. Even our part-time workers had restrictions on their availability. We are moving in the right direction...toward normal.

Top on our list of activities is providing collection services village wide each week for the collection of yard waste (leaves; garden debris; brush) early in the week and trash collection on Wednesdays. Next on our list has been addressing the infested ash trees along with any other hazardous tree conditions we find. Most of our tree work has been done on Thursday and some time Friday. Park maintenance is also done on Thursday or Friday. Gardening and trimming park trees are addressed when time allows.

We have planted 21 new trees this spring. I have 3 more to plant from an earlier order. The recent rains have been beneficial. The drought was very real, our overall rain amounts are likely behind normal. As always, the weeds do just fine during dry periods and then flourish when rain arrives. We will get after the weeds with treatment and mulching.

A friendly reminder that there are weight and size limits for residential rubbish and building materials. Chapter 186 Solid Waste. All materials and containers used are to be placed at the streets edge or driveway approach and not in the street. All yard waste (we do not collect grass) is to be separated into like piles and NOT co-min-gled. Items for collection should not be placed near or on trees/poles/mailbox or covered by vehicles and or equipment, this will delay or prevent collection. Please discuss with service providers that debris generated by their work is to be hauled away by the service provider. Discuss with service providers to minimize their presence at the street; park in driveways or on one side of the street.

Have a great summer and call with your questions and concerns.

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Welcome Assistant Chief Westermeyer

The Maple Bluff Fire Rescue Department officially welcomed Assistant Fire Chief Thane Westermeyer to our ranks with a badge pinning ceremony on June 8, 2021. A/C Westermeyer took his oath of office and had his badge pinned by family. Welcome to the Maple Bluff Family.



Save the Date!

The Maple Bluff Fire Rescue Association, in conjunction with our friends at the Maple Bluff Country Club, will be hosting a four-person golf scramble on September 13, 2021. Be on the lookout for updates and event details.



Firefighter/EMT Volunteers Needed!



The Maple Bluff Fire Rescue Department is currently seeking motivated individuals with a strong work ethic to join our team. The MBFD protects the Village of Maple Bluff by providing 24/7 emergency 911 response to a multitude of incidents, including fires, vehicle extrications, water rescues, and emergency medical calls. With department paid certification training, per call/training stipend, and state of the art equipment, the MBFD wants to hear from you. Download an application online and apply today!

Applicants must be at least 18 years old, hold a valid drivers license, high school diploma or GED

Questions? Contact us online or give us a call 608.244.3390

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THE MAPLE BLUFF BOCCE BEACH BASH started 18 years ago in the heart of Maple Bluff. Played on courts made in the yard adjacent to the Beach House on the shores of Lake Mendota, summer officially kicks off with the top raising fundraiser for Maple Bluff's gorgeous parks and engaging programs.

BOCCE BEACH BASH participants and attendees have the chance to fill up their social calendars with wonderful parties and events through a silent auction, while also planning trips to fabulous and enticing vacation homes. Silent auction baskets full of goodies and gift certificates help promote local businesses, all while supporting the continued enjoyment of the finest parks Maple Bluff has to offer to the public.

INTERESTED IN DONATING? Donations to Maple Bluff Parks and Rec may be tax-deductible, and we are grateful for your consideration and support. If you are curious to find out even more, we encourage you to stop by on September 17th, 2021, or sign up ahead of time to play! Food and drink are available for purchase. Fun, bocce talent, and bragging rights of silent auction winnings are the responsibility of each attendee.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A SILENT AUCTION DONATION,

please contact Sarah Shah at mrs.sarahrshah@gmail.com
OR Trish Grant at trishlgrant@gmail.com



Parks & Recreation

Thank you to all that have been attending the Summer Concert Series at Beach Park. The weather has been great, and it has been a pleasure to bring a sense of normalcy to the Village after the previous 20 months. As a reminder, dogs are prohibited at community events. Please keep them home for the safety and enjoyment for all attendees.

Our Summer Concert Series would not be possible without the generosity of many businesses and individuals. Thank you to the following: Best Buds Landscaping LLC., George & Mary Cullen, Sprinkman Real Estate Team, Anonymous Donor, Kwik Trip, Monona Bank, Festival Foods, Steve Olson & Stacy Schultz.

Paddleboards

The Paddleboard program has returned to Beach Park for 2021. The paddleboards will be available on a first come, first serve basis during Lifeguard Staffed hours. Lifeguard hours are Monday – Friday 9:00am – 7:00pm, Saturday 11:00am – 7:00pm and Sunday 12:00pm – 5:00pm.



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CONCERTS
- IN THE PARK -
*** LIVE PERFORMANCE ***

MAPLE BLUFF BEACH PARK | 6PM

JUNE 14	BETH KILLE BAND	AMERICANA
JUNE 21	DIG DEEP	AMERICANA
JUNE 28	TRAPPER SCHOEPP	ALTERNATIVE/INDIE
JULY 12	GIN MILL HOLLOW	FOLK-ROCK
JULY 19	JOHNNY CHIMES	BLUES
JULY 26	RYAN McGRATH BAND	COUNTRY & ROCK

Food & Beverage will be available for purchase

Maple Bluff Fire Department CULLEN festival Monona Bank BBQ Kwik Trip

All-City Swim Meet

On Friday, July 30th the Maple Bluff Country Club will be one of six pools hosting the All-City Swim Championships. MBCC will be home to the 9-10-year-old preliminaries beginning at 1:00pm concluding around 6:00pm. The event will occupy Beach Park throughout the day which will prohibit swimming at the Beach. In addition, vehicular and foot traffic will increase throughout the Village with a particularly large amount of foot traffic occurring throughout the Beach Corridor. Please look for more information as it becomes available.



Summer Programming

Barre3

Days: Wednesdays 6:15pm – 7:15pm

Sundays 10:00am – 11:00am

Location: Beach Park

Fee: \$130.00 for 10 classes or \$15/drop-in

Barre3 is a full-body balanced workout that combines strength conditioning, cardio, and mindfulness to help you feel balanced in body and empowered from within. Our science-backed approach helps clients build strength, restore balance, increase endurance and energy, decrease stress, and rediscover the joy of movement. We're building a community founded on body positivity and inclusivity, and we can't wait to meet you.

What To Expect

No experience required—our workout is designed for every fitness level, from beginner to expert. Our instructors offer modifications throughout class, allowing you to work in a way that's both challenging and feels amazing in your body.

What To Wear

Wear comfortable clothes you can move freely in. Most clients go barefoot, but some prefer wearing grip socks.

What To Bring

Bring a yoga mat and a water bottle to keep you hydrated. We may use props in class, which you are able to purchase separately or we give you options to exercise without them.

When to Arrive

We encourage new clients to arrive 5-10 minutes early to allow time to meet your instructor, get setup, and ask any questions you may have.

Yoga with Peter Duff

Days: Tues & Thursday

Dates: 7/20 - 8/24 Skip 8/12

Time: 7:00am – 8:00am

Location: McBride Park

Fee: \$70.00 for the entire session OR \$10.00 for drop-in fee

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). Payments will be accepted with cash/check made payable to the Village of Maple Bluff. Full class registration is \$70 or a \$10 drop-in fee per class.



Summer Fencing Camp

Days: M – Th

Dates: 7/12 – 7/15

Time: 9:00am – 12:00pm

Fee: \$110.00

Location: Beach House

Ages: 7 – 13



New and returning students invited. YEL! Fencing has evolved. Olympic coach Ro Sobalvarro now heads up YEL's curriculum, instructor training and tournament consultation. Coach Sobalvarro brings with him immense knowledge of youth, national and international fencing. We keep it fun. Safety is our first priority. We supply all equipment.

Project Runway

Days: M – F

Dates: 7/19 – 7/23

Time: 9:00am – 12:00pm

Fee: \$130.00

Location: Village Center

Ages: 9 – 13

Sweet summer projects! A tres-chic skirt, tie-top blouse, headband and more. No prior experience necessary. Students will make, showcase and take home all their projects. Hand and machine sewing techniques are taught with student safety always the first priority. The final day is a showcase where friends and family are invited to see the projects in action.

Varsity Builders Camp

Dates: M – Th

Dates: 7/26 – 7/29

Time: 9:00am – 12:00pm

Fee: \$94.00

Location: Beach House

Ages: 6 – 11

For engineers and builders ready for a challenge using LEGO bricks! We've saved our most challenging engineering projects for this summer camp. Students build a robotic DogBot, a motorized BugBot, geared up Racer and a scary Bat...all challenging for any connoisseur of LEGO bricks. Students then use these projects (and more) to investigate engineering concepts. We keep it fun too with open ended, creative projects for the students. Unshackle the ball and chain of summer brain drain.

Summer Programming Cont.

Summer Coding

Days: M – Th

Dates: 8/2 – 8/5

Time: 9:00am – 12:00pm

Fee: \$106.00

Location: Beach House

Ages: 8 – 13

Coding class follows four basic components - Teach It, students learn different video game and storytelling design techniques. Code It, students use Scratch to code their own story and video games. Explore It, students can write their own story and video game code, experiment with it and test new options. Our collaborative learning environment encourages students to learn from each other. Keep It, students keep their stories and video games online with Scratch and can access it and expand upon it at anytime.

Robotics Evolution

Days: M – Th

Dates: 8/9 – 8/12

Time: 9:00am – 12:00pm

Fee: \$135.00

Location: Beach House

Ages: 9 – 13

Using LEGO Mindstorm software and LEGO EV3 bricks and technology, students build a robot to deliver animals to safety, put cows out to pasture, reunite separated panda bears and more. Students will design, build, program, test and modify multiple robots using the LEGO Mindstorm EV3 robotics system. Then use their team's robot to complete various challenges related to our animal friends.



Junior Robotics

Days: M – Th

Dates: 8/16 – 8/29

Time: 9:00am – 12:00pm

Fee: \$94.00

Location: Beach House

Ages: 6 – 11

Build it, program it and play with it using LEGO Mindstorm WeDo software and LEGO bricks. Students will build race cars, a forklift, boat and more, then program them to complete various tasks.

Hike & Explore Devil's Lake

Date: August 23

Time: 8:30am – 4:00pm

Fee: \$45.00

Ages: 9 – 15



Take a journey up the East Bluff with guided naturalists from Devil's Lake Nature Center. Hike through the park's geologic timeline, 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 am. Parents are welcome to sign up with their child.

Fest on the Fourth 2021

It's all about C O M M U N I T Y

JULY 4TH EVENTS

8 am FAMILY 5K WALK/RUN – BEACH PARK

- No registration required!
- Kick off your holiday with a socially distanced, family-friendly outing.
- Dress up in your best Red, White & Blue; decorate your stroller, or better yet wear your Village Fest on the Fourth t-shirt (purchase online).

10:15 am PARADE LINE-UP / 10:45 am PARADE START

- Line-up begins at the corner of Fisk & Kensington.
- All are welcome! Decorate your bike, create a float, be creative!
- Parade starts at 10:45 am on Lakewood Blvd & concludes at Johnson Park.

11:00 am – 1 pm FLAG DEDICATION & COMMUNITY PICNIC – JOHNSON PARK

- Join Boy Scout Troop 5 as the flag is presented & the National Anthem is played.
- Evan Riley Band will deliver entertainment
- Bring your blanket & enjoy local food, Beer & beverages provided by Beef Butter BBQ & Ice cream by Best Buds. Sold by the Village of Maple Bluff Fire Department.
- Lay your blanket out early for the best spot!

1 pm UPPER vs. LOWER BLUFF SOFTBALL GAME – JOHNSON PARK

- See which team gets bragging rights for a whole year!

Due to a number of factors, Staff made a difficult decision that there won't be a fireworks display this year, so make the most of the day!

Volunteers & Sponsors Welcomed! signupgenius.com/go/9040B4BADA2DAB9-fest

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2021 Revaluation Assessors in the Village beginning June 28th

The Village of Maple Bluff is partnered with Associated Appraisal Consultants as our municipal assessment firm. To remain in compliance with Wisconsin State Statutes and commensurate with current housing market values, Associated Appraisal has recommended a village wide revaluation. The purpose of the revaluation is to establish new assessed values, based on current market conditions, for all properties as of January 1, 2021.

Associated Appraisal staff will visit all properties in the Village of Maple Bluff. In order to make accurate assessments, appraisers will conduct an exterior only review of all homes, apartments and businesses. When the assessor arrives at your property, they will knock on your door, step back at least six feet from the door, and will communicate with you at that distance. If you are not home or not comfortable answering questions at the door, the assessor will leave a tag with instructions on how to contact their office. After a tag is left, the assessor will carry on to measure the exterior of the buildings, take exterior photos, and be on their way.

After the village wide review process is complete and current assessed values are determined, a Notice of Assessment will be mailed to all property owners in the village. Property owners will then have an opportunity to discuss their assessed values with an assessor during the Open Book session (date will be listed in the letter). If a property owner still objects to their assessment after discussion with the assessor, the property owner may appeal the assessment to the Board of Review (date will be listed in the letter).

Associated Appraisal staff will carry a letter of introduction from the Village of Maple Bluff, a photo ID and will drive red vehicles displaying the Associated Appraisal company name.

Should you have questions about the revaluation or the work it entails, please contact Associated Appraisal at 920-749-1995. You may also contact the village office at 608-244-3048 with general questions.

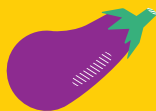
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