



# VILLAGE OF MAPLE BLUFF

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

*August 2021*



## Camp Ya-Gotta-Wanna

Top to bottom: Delany Muchka, Mira Schmidt, Carin Keeler, Isabel Retana and Claire Palovcsik

## Calendar of Events

### August

10 Village/Building Board Meeting

### September

8 Municipal Court  
13 Maple Bluff Fire Rescue Golf Outing  
14 Village/Building Board Meeting  
17 Beach Bash & Bocce  
18 Village Birthday Party

### October

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

Trash/Recycling

Trash pick up is shaded, recycling dates are circled

August							September							October						
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## Village Board

**President** Carl Vieth.....249-4647  
**Trustee** George Brown.....246-8422  
**Trustee** Patrick Grant.....217-1815  
**Trustee** Kristine Jaeger.....217-1919  
**Trustee** Kevin O'Driscoll.....298-7102  
**Trustee** Ellen Reyerson.....(651) 890-6093  
**Trustee** Jim Schuler.....249-1696

## 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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## Where Has Summer Gone? By: Carl Vieth, Village President

You are likely to hear it often, “where has summer gone?” As we head into the last month of summer, the Village is still quite alive with events and activities, and those will continue into the weeks following the Labor Day holiday. We will be keeping our parks and recreation activities operational as long as we have appropriate staffing levels. As we near the end of the month, we will experience an attrition of lifeguards and our summer park staff as they return to school. I’d like to thank them for their efforts this summer and congratulate them on a successful season and wish them well in their studies.

But summer isn’t over! Village residents can still realize the benefits of outdoor activities. Every morning I see dozens of our neighbors walking or jogging through our streets and sidewalks. Our Beach Park tennis and pickle ball courts are getting a good workout and cyclists are a common sight; especially on the weekends. We have our Master Gardeners and DPW staff gardening our public flower beds, and folks practicing yoga in our parks. This means more non-vehicular traffic. PLEASE slow down and be careful when driving through our community; especially in the 15 MPH speed zone at Beach Park.

Preventing injuries is one way to maintain the health of our residents, another is continuing our vigilance with respect to COVID 19. On July 27, Public Health Madison and Dane County provided recommendations for mask wearing in indoor public spaces. These recommendations are based on recommendations from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention as the Delta variant has become the predominant strain of the virus. After a lull in COVID 19 infections, we have recently seen an exponential increase in positive cases in Wisconsin and Dane County. This is quite disappointing, especially in our community with our high vaccination and low infection rates!

As a result, we will be implementing a “mask required” policy for Village facilities. This includes the Village Center, the Beach House, and Dailey Cabin. Hopefully we can get this back under control and return to where we were at in June. Until then, wear a mask, maintain distancing, wash your hands, and stay at home if you are symptomatic. We are a community that takes care of each other. These activities promote the wellbeing of us all.

Thank you.

Carl Vieth, Village President

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## Responding to Change, Once Again! By: Tanner Nystrom, Village Administrator/Police Chief

As you are likely aware, in late July the CDC released updated guidance in response to an increase in Delta variant COVID cases. Similarly, local public health officials strongly advised that everyone ages 2 and older, regardless of vaccination status, wear a mask in indoor public spaces and at indoor private gatherings. Health officials stressed that although the advisory was not a public health order, immediate response to rising cases was important for all. As such, we found ourselves responding to change, once again.

Village staff continue to do their best to respond appropriately to the changing health recommendations. As such, masks are again required when in public spaces of the Village Center and we will assess the need to close the office as necessary. We have also reverted to virtual public meetings through Zoom. Reasonable accommodations are made on a case-by-case basis, and we ask everyone to be courteous and considerate of staff and other members of the public. To balance work demands and safety, staff continue to mitigate contagion through measures such as wearing masks when in indoor public areas or when otherwise appropriate, adhering to well-established social distancing practices, and continuing increased hygiene measures we have grown accustomed to. As a local government entity, we take our responsibility to do the right thing seriously – we prioritize protecting our employees, residents, and other community members. We sincerely appreciate your understanding and support.

I also have two personnel announcements to make. First, Officer Javier Salazar accepted an offer for employment with the Middleton Police Department and his last day with our department was July 24th. I congratulate Javier on, what is sure to be, the first stage in a successful career with Middleton. Although I am sad to see him go, I also understand that Middleton presents Javier with unique opportunities for growth and wish him the best of luck! You will be missed Javier. Second, with Javier leaving we have a rare opportunity to hire another full-time Officer. I am very happy to announce the newest addition to our full-time staff – Officer Jeff Aurit. Jeff first started working as a part-time Officer with our department in 2018 and was among the finalists in our most recent hiring process for a full-time position. Jeff accepted the offer to join our team as a full-time Officer and immediately assumed Javier's vacant shift rotation. Please join me in congratulating and welcoming Jeff!

Thank you all, once again, for your support as we continue to respond to changes, challenges, and opportunities! Staff and I know we are fortunate to serve such a great community.

Sincerely,

Tanner A. Nystrom

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## Summer. By: Tom Schroeder

Here we are in the middle of summer, plenty warm... lots of humidity...rain is here and there...mostly there...the ground is hard and dryer than you would like it to be. Grass can bounce back from minor drought conditions. Young trees that are trying to establish their root systems are very susceptible to dry conditions. Flower gardens and vegetable gardens do not fare well to dry conditions either. In times like this please give your trees, young and old alike a little love with some watering. Even better, place 2-3 inches of mulch around the trees/shrubs/gardens to retain moisture. Grass has a defense mechanism that works well whereas trees/shrubs/gardens not so much. They depend on you to help when necessary. Please do!

It has been a challenging month with the heat and dry conditions as we perform our weekly collections, do battle with weeds, remove ash trees, grind the stumps, and restore the terraces the stumps occupied. All the while, our part-time staff had little availability due to the demands of their primary vocation. We are moving toward normalcy, but we are not quite there yet. Masks might be coming back soon; we will deal with it.

I know we all get a tinge of instant gratification from time to time. This might be a chance to indulge yourself...gardening! There are several modestly sized Village gardens that do not have caretakers...at least not to the level and frequency that good gardening requires. I will tell you that there is something soothing and beneficial to working the soil and cultivating beauty with your own hands. To be sustainable and worthwhile, one needs to budget time weekly to get the most out of it. Gratification and beautiful results can be yours! We are looking for volunteers! Buddies and groups are encouraged... it is great exercise...and when done well, the results are amazing.

A few words and guidelines for our departments weekly collection services.

- Yard waste is required to be separated in like piles. Brush/sticks; garden debris; leaves. Small amounts of rocks or dirt should be placed in a container. Keep these items on the terrace or driveway approach...not in the street. We have a lake to think of. We do not collect grass!



- Recycle containers can be filled with appropriate materials. They should not be stuffed so tight that the contents fail to exit the cart. The lid of the cart should close. If there is an issue with your cart let us know and we will work on a solution.
- Trash containers by code are not to be larger than 30 gallon and have a limit of 50 lbs. (container & contents) There are several residents that utilize trash carts equal to the large recycle carts...96 gallon... their weight is 35lbs empty. Can you imagine these carts stuffed with residential waste? We are looking for voluntary compliance. There is another container being used that is smaller but made of very dense plastic and is nearly as heavy as the largest carts on the market.
- I will once again request that trash be placed in plastic bags to minimize exposure to the waste stream. And please use lids to minimize the chance of rain filling the container.
- Bigger is not always better...I remember the days when the norm was Rubbermaid trash cans...30 gallon and indestructible...and manageable.

Have a great second half of the summer and give us a call with your questions and concerns.

See you in the streets!

## Congratulations Tom, for serving the Village of Maple Bluff for 30 Years.





## Firefighter Golf Outing By: Derek Weum

The Maple Bluff Fire Rescue Association is hosting a golf tournament on September 13, 2021 at the Maple Bluff Country Club. In addition to playing in the golf tournament, attendees will participate in raffle drawings, a silent auction, and more as we raise money to support firefighter health and safety initiatives, to provide continuing education opportunities, and to support equipment replacement for the fire department.

Can you help us with a donation of a product or service from your business for our silent auction? All donations are greatly appreciated and are tax deductible!

Our event is expected to draw over 175 attendees and participating businesses will be featured as follows:

- Probationary Fire Fighter (Any donation): All silent auction donors will be featured in a pamphlet given to all attendees.

- Entry Level Fire Fighter (\$300): In addition to the probationary fire fighter tier feature, donors with a donation of \$300 will receive a MBFR Association Mug.
- Lieutenant (\$1000): In addition to the probationary and entry level fire fighter tier features, donors with a donation of \$1,000 will be featured at the tee box of one of the holes and a sponsor display!
- Chief (\$1,500): In addition to the probationary, entry level, and lieutenant tier features, donors with a donation of \$1,500 will be given 2 tickets to the golf tournament and a sponsor display.

Please call or email if you have any questions.  
Maple Bluff Fire Rescue Association  
Phone: [608-244-3390]  
Email: [dweum@villageofmaplebluff.com]



## MAPLE BLUFF FIRE RESCUE GOLF OUTING

Registration and box lunch  
pickup at 10:00 a.m.

## SEPTEMBER 13TH, 2021

### LOCATION:

Maple Bluff Country Club  
500 Kensington Dr, Madison, WI 53704

**START:** 11 a.m.

**COST:** \$800 for the team

### SIGN UP

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**THE MAPLE BLUFF BOCCÉ 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.

**BOCCÉ 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](mailto:mrs.sarahrshah@gmail.com)  
OR Trish Grant at [trishlgrant@gmail.com](mailto:trishlgrant@gmail.com)





## Parks & Recreation

The 2021 Summer Concert series has come to an end. It was great to see the number of residents attending each Monday. These events would not have been possible without the generous donations from Best Buds Landscaping LLC., Monona Bank, Sprinkman Real Estate, an Anonymous Donor, George & Mary Cullen Family, Festival Foods, Steve Olson and Stacy Schultz, and Kwik Trip. If you are interested in sponsoring the 2022 Summer Concert Series, please contact Curt Erickson at 608-230-7655 or [cerickson@villageofmaplebluff.com](mailto:cerickson@villageofmaplebluff.com).



## Beach House Staffed Hours:

Throughout the month of August all Recreation Staff will begin school. This will affect the hours the Beach House will be staffed after August 15<sup>th</sup>. If the Beach House is closed, it will be swim at your own risk. If the building is locked, bathroom access will be available through the Parks Key Fob Program. If you would like to enroll in the key fob program, please contact Curt Erickson.

## Bocce Returns

The Parks and Recreation Committee and supporting volunteers have been busy planning Bocce 2021. This year's event has been scheduled for Friday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. Registration is now available: <https://www.silentauctionpro.com/onlineticketpurchase.php?groupId=346>.

## Village's 90th Birthday Party

Due to the postponement of the Fourth of July Fireworks relating to COVID-19 restrictions, the Village has rescheduled Fireworks for Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at Beach Park. The event will celebrate the Village's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party. Fireworks will occur at dusk. Look for more information in the coming weeks regarding other activities for that day.

## Fall Programming

### NFL Flag Football

**K – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade**

**Days: Saturdays**

**Dates: 8/21 – 10/9**

**Times: 8:00am – 9:00am**

**Location: Johnson Park**

**Fee: \$75.00**



Learn the game of flag football in this NFL Flag Football program. Each participant will receive a replica NFL jersey and a set of flags. This instructional program will meet once a week with a 20-minute game at the end of each week.





## Fall Programming Cont.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade**

**Days: Thursdays**

**Dates: 8/19 – 10/7**

**Times: 4:30pm – 5:30pm**

**Location: Johnson Park**

**Fee: \$75.00**

Learn the game of flag football in this NFL Flag Football program. Each participant will receive a replica NFL jersey and a set of flags. This instructional program will meet once a week with a 20-minute game at the end of each week.

### **4<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**Days: Practices on Mondays**

**Games on Saturdays beginning in September**

**Dates: 8/16 – 10/30**

**Times: 4:30pm – 5:30pm**

**Location: Johnson Park**

**Fee: \$75.00**

Learn the game of flag football in this NFL Flag Football program. Each participant will receive a replica NFL jersey and a set of flags. Practices will be held once a week, TBD, with games played on Saturday. This is a traveling team playing other Madison Area communities. This team will not be playing in the end of the year tournament. Volunteer coaches are needed.

### **5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**Days: Practices on Tuesdays**

**Games on Saturdays beginning in September**

**Times: 4:30pm – 5:30pm**

**Location: Johnson Park**

**Fee: \$75.00**

Learn the game of flag football in this NFL Flag Football program. Each participant will receive a replica NFL jersey and a set of flags. Practices will be held once a week, Tuesdays, with games played on Saturday. This is a traveling team playing other Madison Area communities. This team will not be playing in the end of the year tournament. Coached by Bob Gingras & Ryan Stephenson.

### **6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**Days: Practices on Wednesdays**

**Games on Saturdays**

**Times: 4:30pm – 5:30pm**

**Location: Johnson Park**

**Fee: \$75.00**

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### **YEL! Robotics**

**Days: Mondays**

**Dates: 9/13 – 10/04**

**Time: 4:00pm – 5:00pm**

**Location: Beach House**

**Fee: \$54.00**

**Grades: 1 – 5**

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### **Soccer**

**Days: Tuesdays**

**Dates: 9/14 – 10/18**

**Time: 4:00pm – 5:00pm**

**Grades: K – 2**

**Location: Beach Park**

**Fee: \$70.00**

Get outside and get kickin'! We teach the fundamentals of dribbling, passing, receiving and scoring. Emphasis is on teamwork, fundamentals, safety and fast-paced action. Get your pulse pounding today.

### **Fencing**

**Days: Saturdays**

**Dates: 10/16 – 12/11 (skip 11/27)**

**Times: 10:00am – 11:30am**

**Location: Village Center Gym**

**Grades: 3 – 8**

**Fee: \$130.00**

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## Fall Programming Cont.

### Extreme STEM: 'Copters and Spy Planes

**Days:** Mondays

**Dates:** 10/18 – 11/22

**Time:** 4:00pm – 5:00pm

**Location:** Beach House

**Fee:** \$70.00

**Grades:** 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>

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### YEL! Basketball

**Days:** Tuesdays

**Dates:** 11/2 – 12/7

**Time:** 4:00pm – 5:00pm

**Grades:** K – 2

**Location:** Gym

**Fee:** \$70.00

Fundamentals and fun are in store. Emphasis is placed on basic skills development of dribbling, shooting, passing, sportsmanship and teamwork. We then use engaging and dynamic games to cement students' growth including our unique three-on-three style game. This is a high-octane class with an inclusive atmosphere. But hurry, the shot-clock is running down!



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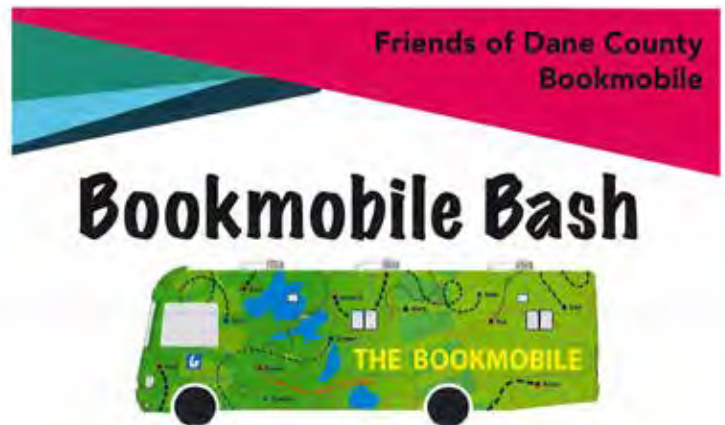
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