



# VILLAGE OF MAPLE BLUFF

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

*October 2021*



## Calendar of Events

### October

- 4 Parks & Rec committee Meeting
- 12 Village/Building Board Meeting
- 14 Municipal Court
- 31 Halloween (Trick or Treating 5:30-7:30pm)

### November

- 7 Daylight Savings
- 9 Village/Building Board Meeting
- 11 Municipal Court
- 25 Thanksgiving
- 28 Holiday Tree Lighting

### December

- 9 Municipal Court
- 14 Village/Building Board Meeting

The Village Office & Public Works Department  
will be closed  
Nov 25 & 26, Dec 24 & 31

Trash/Recycling

Trash pick up is shaded, recycling dates are circled

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- Trustee** Ellen Reyerson.....(651) 890-6093
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- Deputy Clerk/Clerk of Court** Rene Dopkins.....244-3069
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## Change of Seasons! By: Carl Vieth, Village President

As we move into fall, we celebrate the change of seasons and the evolving beauty around us. As a “Tree City” we will be blessed with the spectacular annual transition from summer to winter. Autumn brings apple orchards, pumpkin farms, college football, raking leaves (continuously), Halloween, and cozy evenings near the fireplace. It is truly a wonderful time of year. However, with the change of seasons, come changes to how we work and live in the Village.

With the days getting shorter and the nights longer, we increase the risks associated with sharing the road with our dedicated morning and evening walkers and cyclists. As visibility declines, the likelihood of a crash increases exponentially. So walkers and cyclists, please carry a flashlight and wear brightly colored clothing while enjoying the crisp fall air. Be sure to walk facing traffic, and follow the “rules of the road.” Same goes for cyclists; bright clothing, lights front and rear, and care in your travels – especially at intersections.

For those driving, PLEASE SLOW DOWN! Our Village Administrator – Police Chief and Village Board members have received an increasing number of complaints of people driving WAY over the posted speed limits as well as ignoring or rolling through stop signs. The issue has become so prevalent that we have referred a number of suggestions to the Public Works Committee for their recommendation. You can expect to see more in the way of traffic control measures and enforcement.

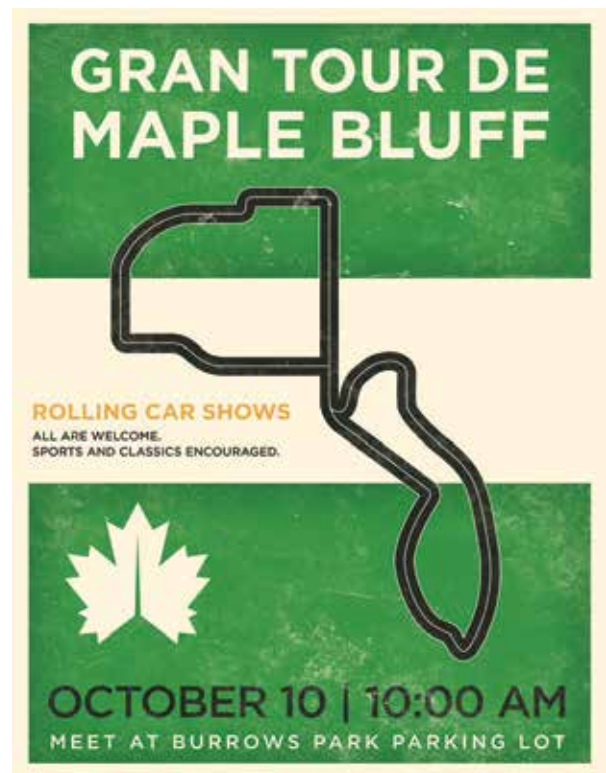
As mentioned earlier, fall brings curling up next to the fire. But here, too, we need to make sure that we are doing all we can to make this a safe and enjoyable experience. Since January, 1, the U.S. Fire Administration reports that there have been 33 fire-related fatalities in Wisconsin. But that doesn't paint the whole pic-

ture. Every year there are numerous fire-related injuries resulting in hospitalization. The Wisconsin Department of Health Services reports that In 2005, burns resulted in 666 hospitalizations, and 7,773 visits to the emergency department. All preventable! October is Fire Prevention Month and to celebrate, our fire / rescue department will be hosting an open house that provides people of all ages with valuable tips and measures you can take to make your home safe from fire. Be sure to attend.

Finally, Autumn is the beginning of cold and flu season. Flu vaccines are safe, effective and inexpensive. They are widely available and are recommended for those 2 months of age and up. Be sure to get one as soon as possible. They are available through your healthcare provider or local pharmacy. Similarly, you can be vaccinated at any number of local vaccination clinics. Again – a simple and easy way to protect you and those around you.

In closing, I offer these simple suggestions to make your Autumn the wonderful time of year it is. Stay safe, be well, and take care of one another.

Regards,  
Carl Vieth  
Village President



## Changes Come with the Season! By: Tanner Nystrom, Village Administrator/Police Chief

October has always been one of my favorite months! The colorful changing leaves, the unique smell of autumn air, and weather that ushers the annual transition from summer to winter. Fall brings about a fair amount of labor for our hard-working Public Works crew and I know that, as always, they welcome the challenge. With the challenges of a changing season, so come other changes for our village team.

It is with mixed feelings that I announce Sergeant Kyle Dabbs has made the difficult decision to resign from the Maple Bluff Police Department as of 3 October. Sergeant Dabbs started as a Patrol Officer for our department on 20 March 2009, was promoted to the position of K9 Handler in December 2015 and was then promoted again to the rank of Sergeant (Operations) in 2019. Since his promotion in 2019, Sergeant Dabbs has been instrumental in developing new officers, ensuring quality policing standards were continuously achieved, and maintaining a culture of positive attitude amongst our team. His natural ability to lead, teach, and mentor made him an integral contributor to our department, and he will be missed. Although losing Sergeant Dabbs is difficult, we are excited for him as he embarks on the next phase of his professional life, attending an accelerated academy for the Madison Police Department. Please join me in congratulating Sergeant Dabbs on pursuing the next steps of his law enforcement career and thanking him for the past 12 years of service to the Village of Maple Bluff!

As Sergeant Dabbs' departs, it is natural to ask, "what will happen to K9 Ali". A couple months ago, our veterinarian informed us Ali needed to be retired very soon due to a degenerative medical condition in her legs. With Sergeant Dabbs transitioning, it is a natural time for Ali to retire with honor from the Maple Bluff Police Department. Ali was commissioned as our K9 in early December 2015 and her last official day of service is 3 October 2021. Sergeant Dabbs has offered to adopt Ali and Village leadership agrees it is only fitting that Ali

retire to live with her former partner and handler. Ali's retirement will put our K9 program on hold temporarily, and we will reevaluate starting the program again in 2022.

The resignation of a leader creates challenges and opportunities. As Sergeant Dabbs moves on, I am very excited to announce that Detective Kyle Knoeck accepted our offer to fill the vacated full-time Operations Sergeant position. Detective Knoeck has served the village in a part-time capacity since 2015 and previously worked as an officer for both the Town of Madison and Stoughton. Detective Knoeck will be promoted to the rank of Detective Sergeant and assume this key leadership position with our team on 10 October. I am extremely happy to have Detective Knoeck move into an expanded role and look forward to the contributions he will bring to our team. Detective Knoeck's acceptance of our offer presents a rare opportunity to maintain a continuity in leadership, as well as expand our department's capacity in investigative management. Please join me in congratulating Detective Sergeant Kyle Knoeck as well as welcoming him to our leadership team and family!

Halloween is fast approaching and, as always, we want to do everything we can to make the day a great experience for kids. The structured hours for Trick-or-Treating are from 5:30p-7:30p on 31 October and your porch light being "ON" is the international signal of "Open for Trick-or-Treaters". Please remember to be cognizant of the current public health orders and guidance which can be found on the Public Health Madison and Dane County website at <https://www.publichealthmdc.com/coronavirus>.

As another reminder, 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 naturally a busy time of year for our team but community support makes all the difference and we all genuinely appreciate it!

Sincerely,

Tanner A. Nystrom

### DRUG TAKE BACK DAY

#### Warner Park Parking Lot

2930 N Sherman Ave

**October 23, 2021** 10:00am - 1:00pm

The Drug Take-Back Day goal is to provide a safe, convenient and responsible means of disposal of prescription medications and educate the public about safe use, storage and disposal of medications to prevent poisoning and other potential harm from accidental or intentional misuse of medications.



## **Perfect!** By: Tom Schroeder, Director Public Works

Here we are in the last days of September enjoying ideal weather, warm and sunny daytime and cool and comfortable nighttime. Perfect! We all know of course that this will change...abruptly at times...hopefully it will be a tranquil transformation allowing us to enjoy the pleasures that autumn delivers. If the warm days and cool nights persist, we should be in for spectacular colors as the trees grudgingly give in to the seasonal change.

With that change approaching we are preparing equipment for the fall collections. As gardens are broken down and leaves begin to fall, please follow guidelines for materials to be collected effectively and efficiently. There are reasons we request/insist that yard/garden waste be separated into like piles. Example: leaves, sticks, garden debris commingled is likely to clog our equipment requiring significant down time to remedy. Another example: rocks, bricks, metal are placed in a leaf pile. This can be hazardous to the operators of the equipment as well as the machines themselves. So please place yard debris separated so we see a pile of leaf's, a pile of sticks, a pile of yard waste, etc. One more item... no pest waste mixed in any of the piles, this we will refuse. Thank You!

We have been working on ash tree reduction and will continue until all village right of way and park ash trees

that are infected are removed. As other hazard trees are identified we will address them as well. Our budget will allow a few more removals this year. There are several stumps to be ground out. We will see if we can remove and restore yet this year, if not it will be done in the spring. I do see our primary efforts for next year will be addressing street tree trimming and pruning as well as tree replacement.

The garden spaces along Lakewood Blvd. will be evaluated for sustainability. Considerations will likely include alterations to dimension; plantings; shrubs; perennial's; stones etc. Even the removal plantings and returning it to turf.

We have addressed some road surface issues on Farwell Dr (LeRoy to Marina) with grinding and filling with hot mix asphalt and should be able to address a few more issues before leaf season takes over our lives.

We are preparing winter equipment now before any urgent scenario presents itself. All snow removal equipment will get a tune up, air filters, oil and oil filters, grease/lube, cutting edges and glides adjusted. The salt and sand vehicles and other plow trucks will be ready as well.

Thank You! Call with your questions and concerns and get your camera out!

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## Fire Prevention. By: Kris Loy, Fire Chief

### National Fire Prevention Week October 3-9, 2021:

Since 1922, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 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 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. This year's fire prevention week campaign, "Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety!" works to educate everyone about the different sounds smoke and carbon monoxide alarms make. Knowing what to do when an alarm sounds will keep you and your family safe. When an alarm makes noises – a beeping sound or a chirping sound – you must act.



What is your alarm telling you?

#### SMOKE ALARMS

- A continued set of three loud beeps—beep, beep, beep—means smoke or fire. Get out, call 9-1-1, and stay out.
- A single “chirp” every 30 or 60 seconds means the battery is low and must be changed.
- All smoke alarms must be replaced after 10 years.
- Chirping that continues after the battery has been replaced means the alarm is at the end of its life and the unit must be replaced.

#### CARBON MONOXIDE (CO) ALARMS

- A continuous set of four loud beeps—beep, beep, beep, beep—means carbon monoxide is present in your home. Go outside, call 9-1-1 and stay out.
- A single chirp every 30 or 60 seconds means the battery is low and must be replaced.
- CO alarms also have “end of life” sounds that vary by manufacturer. This means it's time to get a new CO alarm.
- Chirping that continues after the battery has been replaced means the alarm is at the end of its life and the unit must be replaced.



(L-R) Lt. Mueller, Lt. Bateman, Lt. Dietzen, Chief Loy

**Fire Department Promotions:** On August 23rd, 2021, I had the distinct honor of promoting three of our volunteer firefighters to the rank of Lieutenant. Earlier this summer Francis Mueller, Noel Bateman, and Doug Dietzen successfully completed their fire officer and emergency service instructor certifications, an oral board interview with our fire officer corps, and an interview panel of their peers. Our department is excited to have these three join the command staff and look forward to their help in guiding our department into the future.

**Training:** Our department was given a tremendous opportunity to train in the home located at 739 Farwell Drive from September 3-10, 2021. While we didn't burn in the home, our members had the opportunity to perform search and rescue, ladder drills, firefighter rescues, ventilation, wall breaching, and simulated fire attack. This opportunity was invaluable to our members and gave them some additional real-world experience. Thank you to the Burke Family!





## Bocce Bash Recap:

By: Ellen Reyerson, Trustee/Parks Chair

We're happy to announce that the Maple Bluff Bocce Bash of 2021 was a smashing success! On September 17, over 300 villagers gathered at Beach Park to eat, drink and play bocce! We enjoyed a stellar buffet from Pedro's and top-notch bartending service from a corps of volunteer bartenders. 80 participants battled in the Bocce Tournament Bracket, and after 5 rounds of play we crowned a new championship team -- Heidi Rozmiarek and David Duchow. This dynamic duo tossed bocce balls for 5 hours under a hot sun, fierce wind, and eventually a blanket of stars as the last match was played under the Beach House spotlights. Although they were down by 7 points and 3 margaritas each in the last match, they managed a comeback when the scoreboard showed 1-8, and put together 10 more incredible points to be the first team to 11 points -- that's what the Italians call miracolo! For those who did not make it as far as they hoped, have no fear -- you can redeem yourself by volunteering to be part of the Maple Bluff Bocce Delegation at the next Shorewood Hills Bocce Bash! Here I'd like to take the opportunity to call out all the people team Roz-Chow beat -- Patrick Grant/Kelly Wimmer, Bill Laros/Paige Halderman, Kevin Hurley/Kelsey Hausmann, Joe Jones/Clara Hurley and finally Kelly O'Driscoll/Don Hornung for the championship -- can you make the trip across the lake to play on the other side of the pond? More on this to come in Summer 2022!

While Heidi and Dave slogged it up and down the bocce courts, the rest of us ate, drank, and merrily bid on a host of amazing auction items!!! Game Nights, Griswold Christmas Parties, Dueling Italians Dinner Party, Boys of Summer Outdoor Fun, Airport and Airplane tours, wine baskets, and many other amazing items were generously donated by a retinue of talented Bluffers. We are so grateful for everyone who offered to open up their home for a party, who showcased



Dave Duchow and Heidi Rozmiarek 2021 Bocce winners

their talent by donating an artisanal craft, or just ponied up some really nice wine! We are thrilled to report that this year's Bocce Bash made approximately \$50,000 for our Parks & Recreation department. Thank you again to Pedros, Curt Erickson, and our wonderful village residents for donating items and bidding! We shall return next year to our early-Summer Bocce date of June 3, 2022, and the word on the street is that Bobby Bocce is planning a ritorno in 2022! He's been very busy waiting out lockdown in a remote island in Italy, but now that he's vaccinated -- Attenzione Mazcalzoni! Guarda per i ladri!

Despite the excitement on the Bocce courts, there was even more competition in the bidding tent! As the sky darkened and the music pumped, villagers slyly slid their signatures on the bidding sheets, edging out friends and foes to get coveted spots on Kensington Crawl, Dueling Italians, and the incredible California vacation home donated by John and Tania Burke. These items went down to the wire! We hope you'll all enjoy your Bocce events over the next 9 months and come back next summer with another incredible lineup of parties!



## Fall Programming

### NFL Flag Football 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade



The Maple Bluff Packers season continues until late October; coached by Bob Gingras and Ryan Stephenson the team is enjoying games against other Dane County Communities. As of writing this newsletter article the team sits at 3-0. If you are interested in cheering them on, home games are scheduled on the following Saturdays, October 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> at Johnson Park from 9:00am – 10:00am.

### 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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### Extreme STEM: 'Copters and Spy Planes

**Days: Mondays**

**Dates: 10/18 – 11/22**

**Time: 4:15pm – 5:15pm**

**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: 4:15pm – 5:15pm**

**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!

### American Red Cross Babysitter Training

**Day: Monday**

**Date: December 6<sup>th</sup> (no school MMSD)**

**Time: 9:00am – 4:00pm**

**Location: Village Center**

**Fee: \$130.00**

**Age: 12 – 15**

Per the American Red Cross, all participants must have completed their COVID-19 vaccination series prior to taking the course.

Become a capable, confident babysitter that families want to hire. When you enroll in one of our Madison babysitting classes, you'll learn from the experts how to provide care to the kids in your neighborhood. From choosing age-appropriate activities, to keeping kids safe, handling a range of behaviors to building your babysitting business, our courses can help you become an in-demand sitter who can handle virtually any situation.



### HALLOWEEN • TRICK OR TREATING

Later this month will be Halloween!! The structured hours for Trick or Treating is from 5:30p-7:30p, but you are welcome to adjust those hours as they work for you. That may include starting earlier or staying open later based upon visitors and the amount of goodies you have left! As most everyone knows, your porch light being "ON" is the international signal of "Open for Trick or Treaters". Have fun!



### Wisconsin Boaters Safety Course

**Day: Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>**

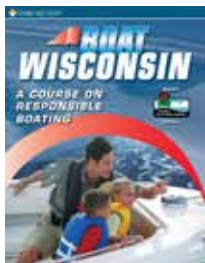
**Time: 8:00am – 5:00pm**

**Fee: TBD**

**Location: Village Center**

**Age: 12+**

The fee for the class is TBD. This includes one “About Boating Safely” text, lunch and refreshments



We have experienced great results when parents, grandparents or guardian attend the class with the children.

Successful completion of the class and test results in your DNR certificate for Safe Boating.

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Things you need to send me:

1. The first, middle and last name of each student.
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5. Include birth dates of all students.
6. Include the DNR customer number. If you don't have one call 1-888-936-7463 to receive a number. This is the same number used for hunter, snowmobile etc issued by the DNR.
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.

### Traveling Basketball Season

Are you interested in volunteering to become a Rec Basketball Coach? please contact Curt Erickson. Registration for the upcoming season will begin in September. Practices dates and times are subject to change dependent on coach's availability. If we have enough enrollment in the combined age groups, we will have the ability to separate them into multiple teams. Unfortunately, we do not offer 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade girls basketball as the other area communities do not have teams.

#### 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys

**Days: Mondays**

**Dates: 11/15 – 3/14**

**Time: 4:45pm – 6:00pm**

**Fee: \$85.00**

Practice will begin in November with games beginning in January. Game locations will be determined later. Area communities involved in the league are Cottage Grove, McFarland, Monona, Middleton, Cross Plains and Waunakee. All players will receive a jersey. Coaches: TBD



#### 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls

**Days: Thursdays**

**Dates: 11/11 – 3/10**

**Time: 4:45pm – 6:15pm**

**Fee: \$85.00**

Practices will begin in November with games beginning in January. Game locations will be determined later. Area communities involved in the league are Cottage Grove, McFarland, Monona Middleton, Cross Plains and Waunakee. All players will receive a jersey.



#### 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls

**Days: Tuesdays**

**Dates: 11/9 – 3/15**

**Time: 5:30pm – 6:45pm**

**Fee: \$85.00**

This traveling basketball league will provide equal playing opportunities for all participants. Each participant will receive a jersey for their participation. Practices will be held once a week with a 8 week game schedule beginning in January. The last week of the season will be a year-end tournament.



## Fall Programming Cont.

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

**Days:** Wednesdays

**Dates:** 11/10 – 3/16

**Time:** 4:45pm – 6:00pm

**Fee:** \$85.00

Practice will begin in November with games beginning in January. Game locations will be determined later. Area communities involved in the league are: Middleton, Cross Plains, Stoughton, Monona, Waunakee, Verona, Fitchburg, McFarland and Cottage Grove. All players will receive a jersey.



### 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys

**Days:** Tuesdays

**Dates:** 11/9 – 3/10

**Time:** 7:15pm – 8:30pm

**Fee:** \$85.00

Practice will begin in November with games beginning in January. Game locations will be determined later. Area communities involved in the league are: Middleton, Cross Plains, Stoughton, Monona, Waunakee, Verona, Fitchburg, McFarland and Cottage Grove. All players will receive a jersey.



### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys

**Days:** Thursdays

**Dates:** 11/11 – 3/10

**Time:** 6:30pm – 7:45pm

**Fee:** \$85.00

Practice will begin in November with games beginning in January. Game locations will be determined later. Area communities involved in the league are: Middleton, Cross Plains, Stoughton, Monona, Waunakee, Verona, Fitchburg, McFarland and Cottage Grove. All players will receive a jersey.



## Fire Department Open House



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**11:00AM-2:00PM**

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## Parks & Recreation Chair Report: By: Ellen Reyerson, Trustee/Parks Chair

I am happy to take over as Park & Recreation Chair for the Village of Maple Bluff. Special thanks to Patrick Grant, who did a wonderful job the last 3 years at the helm of Parks Committee and was able to construct 3 new playgrounds! We are still considering a revamp of Johnson Park and have decided to take a pause on the planning so we can gather more input from village residents about what this park might look like in the future. Addition of pollinator plants, nature-scape and a playground replacement of some kind are high on our list, but nothing is set in stone and we'll be sure to engage our neighbors as we move closer to any changes at the park. We anticipate that the planning will take place over the next year, with no projects starting until 2022 at the very earliest. It's important to be thoughtful about this large public space as we move forward, taking into account how any additions to the park would affect adjacent neighbors. We'll also work with our hardworking village staff in determining what kind of maintenance and upkeep will be needed for any new additions to the park. More to come on this -- please keep an eye on your inboxes for a survey later this fall!

As we roll out of summer and into fall, we look forward to our village children participating in some of the great activities within the village. Flag football, basketball, robotics and more -- please see our Village of Maple Bluff Recreation page for offerings! We are coming off a great summer season for CYGW and A&A -- look for these to return in 2022! Please start talking with your middle school or high school aged children about their interest in either volunteering as a Big Buddy for CYGW or in working as a camp counselor. We'll also be needing lifeguards for Beach Park! Big Buddies must be 11 years old, counselors should be 14 years old, and lifeguards need to be 15 years old. Anticipate applications for these positions to open after the new year.

Finally, stay tuned for upcoming Village events this winter -- we hope to bring our Tree Lighting with Santa on Nov. 28 at Johnson Park as well as Winterfest in late January! We will be needing volunteers for these events -- and we'll break off each task into manageable chunks of time so that even busy families can help. We'd also like to begin using tweens and teens to help with these events and this would be a great opportunity for them to get community service or volunteer hours.

## Dailey Service Award

One of the most prestigious awards given in the Village of Maple Bluff is the 'Dailey Service Award', named after the first recipient's Warren and Ann Dailey. This annual award recognizes individuals whose village volunteerism and leadership is both extraordinary and inspiring. Since its inception the award has been given to many outstanding individuals and groups. The 2019 & 2020 recipients are no different than previous winners.

On Friday, September 17, 2021, neighbor, friend, and former Village President and Trustee, Eric McLeod was honored as the 2019 award recipient. Eric recently ended a 20-year run serving on the Village Board of Trustees and was a former President. Eric's dedication to service has been second to none and has greatly been appreciated by many.

Additionally, on Friday, September 17, 2021, the Volunteer Fire and EMS members of the Maple Bluff Fire Rescue Department received the 2020 Dailey Service Award. The Volunteer Fire/EMS members navigated the changing times throughout the pandemic and maintained the outstanding levels of service to our community.

Congratulations to both, Eric McLeod and the Volunteer Fire/EMS members on their awards. If you would like to nominate a resident for the 2021 Dailey Service Award, please contact the Village Administration office. The annual award is presented at Bocce, which will be held Friday, June 3, 2022.





## Birthday Party Recap:

By: Ellen Reyerson, Trustee/Parks Chair

Not to be outdone by the Bocce Bash, we conjured up a fantastic celebration on September 18 to celebrate the Village of Maple Bluff's 90th Birthday! Thanks to the drinks flowing from the Beef Butter Beer Truck, we cheered one another and celebrated the fact that we have the BEST neighborhood in Madison, and maybe the world! Casey Davenport's BEST BUDS crew pulled up their Mobile Scoop Ice Cream Truck as well, and all the Bluff Children enjoyed delicious ice cream! All the villagers in attendance enjoyed the talents of world famous DJ, Erin Crowley, who spun tunes and played games with all the kids. We got to see a hula hoop contest, as well as, a limbo competition that lifelong bluffer, Jim Carpenter, would have won if only he could have stretched a little lower! After setting out our blankets, we settled in under the summer breeze and enjoyed amazing fireworks from Hollywood Pyrotechnics. It was a spectacular show and we're so grateful to their team for everything! This late summer gathering was so much fun we'll see if we can recreate something like this on an annual basis.





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