



VILLAGE OF MAPLE BLUFF

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

January 2022



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Mirielle and William Bunting having some fun in the snow. Photo taken by Tom Schroeder

Calendar of Events

January

- 1 New Year's Day
- 11 Village/Building Board Meeting/Caucus
- 20 Municipal Court
- 21-22 Winterfest

February

- 8 Village/Building Board Meeting
- 10 Municipal Court
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 21 President's Day

March

- 8 Village/Building Board Meeting
- 10 Municipal Court
- 13 Daylight Savings
- 17 St. Patrick's Day

Trash/Recycling

Trash pick up is shaded, recycling dates are circled

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- 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
- Rec. Dir./Deputy Treasurer** Curt Erickson.....230-7655
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New Year 2022! By: Carl Vieth, Village President

As the calendar turns to 2022, and we all take another lap around the sun, I am optimistic for a new year. Like many, I will be committing (once again) to my New Year's resolutions – as always, lose some weight, exercise more, and spend more time with those I love. It sounds simple enough – but all too often life gets in the way of our best intentions. But that doesn't mean that we don't recommit and make an effort to achieve our goals this coming year. The same is true for village government. We have a great deal to accomplish in service to our wonderful community. Working with our Board of Trustees and village staff we will commit to providing a continued high level of services in a professional and fiscally responsible manner.

In 2022, we will focus on upgrading and implementing our administrative, fire/rescue, and police policies and procedures. High on the list is training and professional development of village employees; many of whom have not benefited from continuing education for a significant amount of time. Improving the knowledge, skills, and abilities of our employees will provide us with a more efficient and effective government, all while serving to improve employee satisfaction and retention.

As we enter the third year of COVID, and the multiple variant strains, we will be looking at how we adapt to maintain the services that make Maple Bluff a desirable place to live. For most residents, this means looking at our parks and recreation offerings. Our Parks and Recreation Committee, led by Ellen Reyerson, and our Village Recreation Director, Curt Erickson, have been putting in extra hours to come up with novel approaches to the challenge of providing a comprehensive set of offerings while maintaining the health and safety of our residents. My sincere thanks for all you do.

A similar thank you goes out to the other volunteers who serve Maple Bluff – often from behind the scenes. The list includes committee members, volunteers that organize and participate in special events, and members of the Village Board – among others. I am truly grateful for all you do to make Maple Bluff – well – Maple Bluff.

As we say good bye to 2021 – and welcome 2022 – please stay safe, drive / ride / run-walk carefully, and most of all - take care of one another.

Warm regards for a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year.

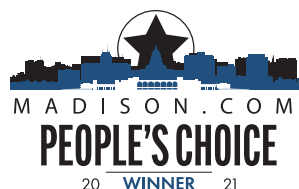
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A Joyful Holiday Season and a Happy New Year!

By: Tanner Nystrom, Village Administrator/Police Chief

Another year has come and gone with, what seems like, the blink of an eye! Much like the previous year, 2021 was filled with unique challenges and opportunities. More will surely come, but for now I want to thank you for your continued support. I hope that each of you had a joyful holiday season and a happy new year, despite any disruptions that COVID may have caused.

As the Omicron variant continues to surge, please know that staff remain vigilant in our masking, exposure, and symptom monitoring protocols. Public Health Madison Dane County once again extended the face covering order, which is now in effect until 1 February 2022. Village Center main doors remain unlocked from 9am to 3pm, Monday through Friday, to allow public access to the common areas of the building. For everyone's health, we still require visitors to wear a mask regardless of vaccination status. The Village Center Gym remains open by reservation only, and all public meetings will continue to be held via Zoom until in-person meetings are advisable.

Despite our need to continue virtual public meetings, I strongly encourage everyone to participate in our Village Caucus at 7pm on January 11th, 2022. The Caucus will take place via Zoom – official notices will be posted as usual and meeting information can be found on our website at www.villageofmaplebluff.com.

For general awareness, we undergo a transition in recycling pickup services in January. Please rest assured that the dates for pick-up are not changing. Our previous contractor, Waste Management, will conduct their final pickup on December 29th, 2021, and our new contractor, Pellitteri Waste Systems, will begin collection on January 12th, 2022. Pellitteri has created a webpage (www.pellitteri.com/pages/village-of-maple-bluff)

[bluff](http://www.villageofmaplebluff.com)) dedicated to support Village resident needs. The page provides helpful information to include pick-up dates and materials that are acceptable for collection.

Finally, as we begin a new year it is only appropriate to introduce a new member of our team. On December 17th, I was proud to accompany our Village President and all full-time Police staff to Madison College's 145th Law Enforcement Academy graduation, welcoming Officer Matthew Dammen to our family. Matthew accepted an offer to work part-time for our department last year and graduating the Academy was a critical step towards a career in Law Enforcement. We are happy to see him graduate and begin his career with Maple Bluff. Please join me in welcoming Matt to our family!

Thank you all once again! I wish you all peace of heart and mind, as well as health and safety as we begin a new year.

Sincerely,

Tanner A. Nystrom



(left to right) Officer Aurit, Officer Johnson, Sergeant Sugden, Officer Lee, Village president Carl Vieth, Officer Dammen, Chief Nystrom, and Sergeant Knoeck

MAKING PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS

Payments can be mailed to 18 Oxford Place, Madison, WI 53704 or dropped off at the Village Center by utilizing the payment box in the front entry. If you would like a receipt, please include an email address or self-addressed envelope.

If you need to make an in-person payment, please call 608-244-3048 ext 0 during our modified office hours of 9:00am-3:00pm Monday-Friday, to schedule an appointment.

Escrow Checks will need to be endorsed by each property owner if the check is made out to the Village of Maple Bluff and the owners(s).

Please return the lower portion of your tax bill with payment. This helps us process payments more efficiently.

NOTICE OF SPRING ELECTION VILLAGE OF MAPLE BLUFF APRIL 5, 2022

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at an election to be held in the Village of Maple Bluff, on Tuesday, April 5, 2022, the following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed. The term for village trustees will begin on April 19, 2022. All terms are for two years unless otherwise indicated.

Office	Incumbent
Village Trustee	Patrick Grant
Village Trustee	Kristine Jaeger
Village Trustee	Kevin O'Driscoll

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a village caucus for the purpose of nominating candidates to appear on the spring election ballot for the above listed offices will be held on January 11, 2022 at 7:00pm at the Village Center, 18 Oxford Place.

Done in the Village of Maple Bluff, on November 22, 2021.

Sarah R Danz
Village of Maple Bluff Clerk/Treasurer

Final Month! By: Tom Schroeder, Director Public Works

Its easy to get caught up with the Holiday Season as well as the end of another calendar year. Often it can be a mixed bag of goods in the best of times...it has been something other than the best of times. The pandemic has warped our sense of normal and challenged us all to adapt and carry on. If we do our best, we will do well.

Just finished our first plowing of the season. Heavy wet snow. Fortunately, we did not get as much rain on top of the snow as was earlier forecasted. The warm and dry December provided us with no frost to protect the sod from the plow edge along with no snowbanks. Unfortunately, it is very easy to stray during the plowing process to come in contact with sod on the terrace. We will address our errant plowing as best we can, and as quickly as possible.

It has been mentioned every year that I have been drafting a newsletter that snow should stay on property, not the neighbor's terrace or onto the street. When this happens, the next driveway gets your snow. Little snowplows can struggle with heavy wet snow, even big plows have challenges with heavy snow. I still say the best snow removal method is with a good strong snow blower that can maximize snow storage the whole season.

I have a special request of all residents: look at your trash container to determine the size. There is a limit of 50 gallon for the size. There are several residents that have 65 and even 95-gallon carts...they are the same sizes that our recycle containers are. The weight limit of trash per container is 50 lbs... that includes the container weight as well. Again, I am looking for voluntary compliance with village code. We have weighed



the 65-gallon carts to be 28-30 lbs empty...the 95-gallon cart is 38-40 lbs empty. Please.

The 10 dog waste stations are for your convenience when walking your dog. We service each of the stations Monday/Wednesday/Friday every week. On occasion we discover the containers are stuffed with dog waste that is in paper bags/trash bags or on special occasions NO bags. The liners that are used to service the containers are not hefty trash can liners. When they are stuffed with yard cleanup pet waste they usually fail. Please only use the stations for dog walks. Thank You!!

Another year providing service to this great community! I truly feel that I am blessed to have the opportunity to continue my career right here in Maple Bluff.



Congratulations! By: Kristopher Loy, Fire Chief

Fire Department Promotion: On December 27, 2021, I had the distinct honor of promoting one of our volunteer firefighters to the rank of Lieutenant. Last fall, Katy Reed successfully completed her fire officer certification, an oral board interview with our fire officer corps, and an interview panel of their peers. Lt. Reed has ten years of experience with the MBFD and we're excited to have her join the command staff. We look forward to seeing how her leadership and personal experience can help our department better serve the Village. Congratulations Lt. Reed!!!



State Senator Melissa Agard.

Chief Loy met with our State Senator, Melissa Agard, on Monday, December 20th, 2021 to discuss a variety of topics concerning today's fire service. Topics of discussion included: PFAS in firefighting foam, supporting volunteer firefighters and first responders, and emerging technologies in fire engine equipment.

UW Volleyball Team

On December 19th, 2021 the Maple Bluff Fire Rescue Department was honored to help escort the UW Badger Women's Volleyball Team home from the airport after winning the National Championship.



K9 Care.

On Monday, December 6, 2021, Dr. Wallisch, DVM from Sondel Family Veterinary Clinic provided training on K9 Care. Our firefighters and EMTs learned how to provide first aid and identify signs of medical problems for our K9 friends. This is especially important when responding with local police departments with K9 units, as well as for responding to other emergencies in our community.



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!
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Snapshot of Special Events Planned:

Winterfest: January 21 & 22
Arbor Day/Bird City Celebration: April 30
Beach Bash & Bocce Fundraiser: June 3
Summer Concerts: June 13, 20, 27, July 11, 18, & 25
Father's Day Parade: June 19
Fest on the Fourth: July 4

2022 Summer Concert Series

Sponsorship opportunities:

The 2022 Summer Concert series has been booked and we are looking for sponsors to help fund the events. If you are interested in sponsorships, please reach out to Curt Erickson at cerickson@villageofmaplebluff.com or call 608-230-7655.

Traveling Basketball

January Game Schedule:

3rd/4th Grade Boys coached by James Bickers

1/8: Madison Country Day School 10:15am
1/15: Stoughton High School 11:00am
1/22: Stoughton High School 12:00pm
1/29: McFarland High School 10:30am

3rd/4th Grade Girls coached by Jen Hussin

1/8: Cottage Grove School 12:15pm
1/15: Stoughton High School 12:00pm
1/22: McFarland High School 9:30am
1/29: McFarland High School 11:30am

5th/6th Grade Boys coached by Bob Gingras

1/8: Cottage Grove Glacial Drumlin 11:00am
1/15: Verona Sugar Creek Elementary 12:00pm
1/22: Middleton Kromrey Middle School 1:00pm
1/29: Verona Sugar Creek Elementary 12:00pm



Youth Enrichment League Programs (YEL!)

Robotics 2.2

Days: Mondays
Dates: 1/10 – 3/14 (skip 1/17 & 1/24)
Time: 4:15pm – 5:15pm
Location: Dailey Cabin
Fee: \$108.00
Ages: 6 – 12

Build a bumble bee, frog, or predator; then program them to fly, jump and hunt.

Floor Hockey

Days: Tuesdays
Dates: 1/11 – 3/8 (skip 2/15)
Time: 4:15pm – 5:15pm
Location: Village Center Gym
Fee: \$106.00
Ages: 5 – 10

Get your pulse pounding with our new, fast-paced floor hockey class. Develop your skills in stick handling, passing and shooting.

YEL! Basketball

Days: Wednesdays
Dates: 1/12 – 2/23
Time: 4:15pm – 5:15pm
Location: Village Center Gym
Fee: \$87.00
Ages: 5 – 8

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!

YEL! March Madness

Days: Wednesdays
Dates: 3/2 – 3/23
Time: 4:15pm – 5:15pm
Location: Village Center Gym
Fee: \$58.00
Ages: 5 – 9

March Madness is here! Join us in this fast-paced development program. Participants will continue to work on dribbling, passing, shooting in kid-friendly games.

Trip

Milwaukee Bucks vs Phoenix Suns

Day: Sunday

Date: March 6, 2022

Time: 11:30am – 6:00pm

Location: drop-off and pick-up at the Village Center

Fee: \$85

Ages: Anyone under the age of 12 must be accompanied by a parent

Want to catch the rematch of the 2021 NBA Finals? Tip-off is at 2:30pm. Trip price includes ticket and bus transportation.



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Dear Villagers. By: Ellen Reyerson, Parks & Recreation Chair, Village Trustee

As we think about starting off 2022, we have much to celebrate and even more to love in Maple Bluff. As our calendars fill up this year, there is a lot going on in Maple Bluff. Aside from Bocce Bash, Fest on the 4th, and Winterfest, we have lots of other holiday and seasonal gatherings. I can't tell you how many times I mention a village event to someone outside the neighborhood, and they say "I wish my neighborhood did that! You're so lucky." Maple Bluff is envied by many other neighborhoods—and this is not just because we are upwind of the Waunakee Manure Digester. It's because Maple Bluff is the most fun neighborhood ever!

To continue and build on these wonderful traditions, it is essential to have the support and involvement of our village residents. We are so grateful to the many hundreds of people who have donated their time, money and enthusiasm to these events! Who can forget the inaugural Bocce-Bash (held on the driving range and lit by car headlights) or the time when we had to move the Father's Day Newest Dad's Baptism from the lake to the pool because of a blue algae bloom? Remember when after a years-long losing streak, Upper Bluff finally beat Lower Bluff in the 4th of July softball game? Many of these events have been going on for decades and we want them to continue for decades more! Maple Bluff has what we like to call a "Winner's Circle" of repeat-volunteers who have co-chaired some of these events many years in a row. We need fresh energy and continued participation to keep these all going! Please consider volunteering to chair or co-chair one of these events.

As a village resident with young children at home, a full-time job and the gift of leaf raking well into December, I understand that our lives have become exceedingly busy.

It's hard to squeeze in volunteer work. But here's the thing – we're all busy. I often hear people say "Let's get the new residents to do it, let's ask people with little kids, let's ask people with teenagers, let's ask empty nesters, let's ask retirees, let's ask someone new to the neighborhood, let's ask someone who hasn't volunteered before because I already did it – ask anyone but ME." We all have things that keep us busy. We all need to make time. We all need to squeeze this in. We all need to volunteer again, over and over.

We are a small village with a big heart. With only 450 homes and 1,313 residents (Wikipedia, don't fail me now) we need your help to keep our heart beating. Please consider taking on one of these events and reach out to the appropriate contact person to get started! This is a great opportunity for pre-teens and teenagers to get volunteer hours too!

We have compiled a list of village events and volunteer opportunities. Taking on one of these events or activities earns you neighborhood glory. It would also exonerate you of any sins you may have committed in past Euchre Nights or Bocce Bashes. Lavish praise and laurels will be hoisted upon you AND if there are leftover bagels, half-drunk bottles of wine, or 1123 extra tootsie rolls from planning an event – you get to take it all home as an added bonus. If you are willing to organize one of 2022's upcoming events, please contact the appropriate person – most events have "term limits" on cochairing which means you have only a 1-2 year commitment as well as the opportunity to apprentice under the current co-chair the first time around. Now don't make me beg :)

Ellen Reyerson



Events in Red Need Cochairs/Volunteers for 2022

Event or Activity	Volunteer & Time Commitment	Contact Info
January		
Winterfest Euchre Night 1/21/22	2 or 3 cochairs 2 hours prep 3-4 hours night of	Ellen Reyerson planning 2022
Winterfest Festival 1/22/22	2 cochairs 5 hours prep 4-5 hours day of	April Grogan & Erin Vincent 2022
April/May		
Earth Day/Arbor Day Celebration	1 or 2 cochairs	tschroeder@villageofmaplebluff.com
May		
Shoreline Clean up	1 or 2 cochairs 1 hour prep 3 hours day of	Need cochairs, contact Ellen Reyerson elle4379@gmail.com
June		
Camp Ya Gotta Wanna Parent Coordinators	4 cochairs 10 hours prep Ongoing support during summer	Need cochairs, contact Curt Erickson cerickson@villageofmaplebluff.com
Bocce Bash Silent Auction	2 cochairs 150 hours prep 5-6 hours day of	Sarah Shah & Trish Grant planning 2022 Need hosts for events/parties/donations trishdeelish78@hotmail.com Mrs.sarahshah@gmail.com
Bocce Tournament	5 volunteers Bocce Tournament 2 hours prep 4 hours night of	Need 4 cochairs, contact Ellen Reyerson elle4379@gmail.com
Father's Day Parade	2 cochairs 1 hour prep 2 hours day of	Jason Smith & Ellen Reyerson planning 2022
Senior Graduation Party	2 cochairs 3 hours prep 4 hours day of	Contact Curt Erickson cerickson@villageofmaplebluff.com
July		
Fest on the 4th 5K run	2 cochairs 2 hours prep 2 hours day of	Need cochairs, contact Ellen Reyerson elle4379@gmail.com
Fest on the 4th Parade	Parade director 1 hours prep 2 hours day of	Need cochairs, contact Ellen Reyerson elle4379@gmail.com
Fest on the 4th Festival	2 cochairs 4 hours prep 4 hours day of	Need cochairs, contact Ellen Reyerson elle4379@gmail.com
Fest on the 4th Softball Game	1 cochair 1 hours prep 3 hours day of	Dan O'Brien Planning 2022
November		
Holiday Tree Lighting/Santa Visit	2 cochairs	Mary Jo & Dan O'Brien planning 2022
Ongoing		
Boulevard/Triangle Gardens	12-20 per year	Volunteers needed contact Tom Schroeder tschroeder@villageofmaplebluff.com
Women's Monthly cards	1 chair 1 hour per month	Trish Grant planning 2022 Need hosts for cards email trishdeelish78@hotmail.com
Election Volunteers	2-3 hours per election day Training is provided & small hourly stipend	Contact sdanz@villageofmaplebluff.com
Youth Sports Coaches	All Sports	Contact Curt Erickson cerickson@villageofmaplebluff.com

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