



# VILLAGE OF MAPLE BLUFF

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

*March 2022*



Important Changes to Absentee Voting  
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Photo by: Tom Schroeder



## Calendar of Events

### March

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

### April

- 5 Spring Election
- 12 Village/Building Board Meeting
- 14 Municipal Court
- 17 Easter
- 22 Earth Day

### May

- 8 Mother's Day
- 10 Village/Building Board Meeting
- 12 Municipal Court
- 30 Memorial Day

## Trash/Recycling

Trash pick up is shaded, recycling dates are circled

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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
- Rec. Dir./Deputy Treasurer** Curt Erickson.....230-7655
- Police** .....244-1430
- Public Works**.....244-3048
- Fire & Rescue**.....244-3390



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## **Spring Greetings!** By: Carl Vieth, Village President

Let me be the first to wish you spring greetings! March first is the meteorological first day of spring, and with that we bring a time of transition to the Village as well as our society as a whole. Many of the upcoming changes we are experiencing, or about to experience, are the result of our response to local, state, federal, and global factors. Some within our sphere of influence, some not.

As of this writing, we are poised to emerge from COVID restrictions that have had a significant impact on Village operations. Village staff have been working with the Village Board and various committees on how to return to “pre-pandemic” operations. You can expect to see communications regarding changes to hours at the Village Center, mask requirements and the like. I ask your patience as we emerge from 2 years of COVID response. And though we can’t fully return to how things were in the past, I assure you that the Village Board and Village Staff are committed to maintaining the high level of services you have come to expect.

In the greater Madison community, we are experiencing challenges with gun violence and property crime. Be confident that our police department is well aware of

these conditions and is acting proactively to maintain the peace, tranquility and safety of the village. Our officers are and will be increasing their training requirements to address these changing conditions. Please be vigilant and do what you can to deter crime in our neighborhood.

On a national and global level, we face one of the greatest geopolitical threats since the Cuban Missile Crisis. At a minimum, we will see impacts on fuel and energy prices. It is likely that we will see other effects on financial and agricultural markets and other critical aspects of our economy. Hopefully (again, as of this writing) cooler heads will prevail, and the rights of sovereign democracies will be sustained.

Yet, with all of this, we have Spring; and with that, a renewed sense of hope. Hope that we are in a period where we have the pandemic under control. Hope that we can return to some sense of normal. Hope that we can create a safe and secure community. And hope that we find peace in Eastern Europe.

Walk / Ride / and Drive Safely

Carl Vieth, Village President

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## **Well Poised!** By: Tanner Nystrom, Village Administrator/Police Chief

As we inch towards spring, I can’t help but feel cautiously optimistic that winter will give way soon. I hesitate to be too bold, but we have had a less than usual amount of snowfall and a relatively mild winter. Although the short supply of snow will have some undesired consequences, it has allowed for Public Works to prepare for the always labor filled transition to spring activities. As such, they are well poised to welcome spring into the Village,... when it comes!

At the same time, I am happy to say that our administrative team is ready to transition to a work environment that more closely resembles our pre-Covid world. As I write this, we are planning our transition to expanded office hours and implement less-restrictive staff protocols. We are happy to have the opportunity to increase our face-to-face interactions, once again, with all of you. As we do so, we will be mindful that habits of good hygiene and distancing have reduced contagion of not only Covid, but also other illnesses, such as the common cold and the flu. We hope to keep everyone healthy by using what we have learned over the past two years to improve our office practices.

I want to share that, although you may be concerned with trends in crime in the greater Madison area, we are diligently building and developing our team to meet the dynamic challenges of modern-day law enforcement. Over the past several months, we have certified five of our staff as field trainers and four as state-certified instructors. We are expanding our internal training capacity by ensuring we have multiple officers who can teach

de-escalation, crisis intervention, use of force, tactics, firearms, pursuit driving, officer wellness, and leadership. Our officers’ capacity to train others is essential to the services they provide for many reasons, but most notably because we are growing! In the last year we have hired six new officers, three of which are currently in field training. In addition, we have three more individuals in the hiring process. For our small team, the process of spotting, assessing, recruiting, and training takes a significant amount of time and effort to accomplish; especially if you want to do it well! I am proud of their accomplishments and will strive to retain the great people we invest in.

As we start to increase in-person interactions, I ask for your help in maintaining our community’s general welfare. Each call you make to the non-emergency dispatcher at (608) 255-2345 of legitimate noise issues, traffic concerns, or suspicious activity improves safety and prevents crime in our community. Likewise, if you observe open vehicles or garage doors then you 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.

From all the Maple Bluff staff, thank you once again! Stay safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

Tanner A. Nystrom





# Spring Election Tuesday April 5th 7:00am - 8:00pm Village Center

Polls at 18 Oxford Place will be open from 7:00am until 8:00pm on Election Day. Please feel free to call 608-244-3048 with questions

Registering to vote or checking registration status please visit [myvote.wi.gov](http://myvote.wi.gov) to verify registration status. You may also register online through March 16th. After March 16th, registration must be completed in the clerk's office or on Election Day.

Requesting an absentee ballot if you are a registered voter and wish to request an absentee ballot, please visit [myvote.wi.gov](http://myvote.wi.gov) to complete your request. We will begin to mail ballots on March 15th. Ballots can no longer be emailed to regular voters.

**Returning your absentee ballot Recent Changes – The use of drop boxes and hand delivering someone else's ballot are NOT allowed.** Voted ballots should be mailed back via USPS or hand delivered by the voter directly to a staff member during regular business hours or on Election Day.

## GOOD THINGS FOR PLAYING IN THE DIRT

Seeds, seedlings, soil, compost, seed-starting supplies and more!

Local & organic vegetable seedlings available this spring!

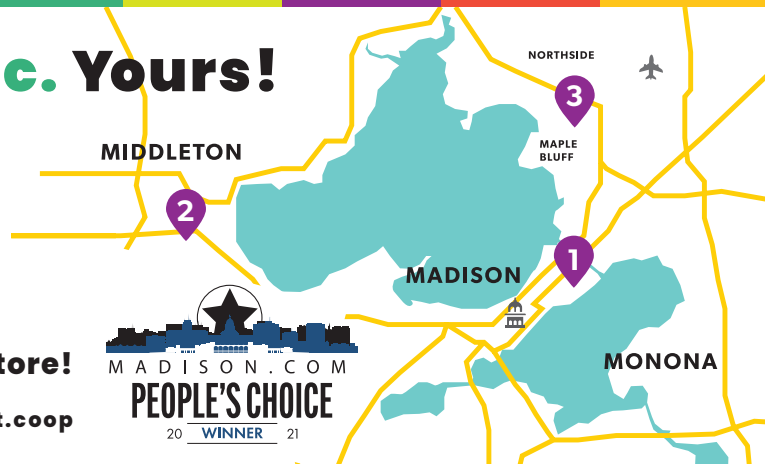


## Fresh. Local. Organic. Yours!

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- 3 **WILLY NORTH:** 2817 N Sherman Ave., Madison, WI

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## **Anticipating Spring.** By: Tom Schroeder, Director Public Works

The month of March ushers in the spring that many of us have longed for, anticipating its arrival. Much like a gift to open and enjoy! I for one am working on the anticipation of each day to enjoy...to do something good...something tangible and worthwhile. Try to improve in some small way everyday and you will have genuine wealth that will stack up and provide dividends over the long haul.

The end of February has reminded all of us how impactful winter weather can be, especially when you are caught in the middle of all means of precipitation. We will have the roads back in good condition in short order as the first week of March looks to be warmer, a few days of walking the sidewalks and driving the roads with care should be a reality check for all. Rest assured we are working on the village roads and pathways, but please be mindful of clearing and treating the sidewalks along your property. Check with your neighbor who may need assistance in dealing with icy steps, walkway and driveway...even getting to the mailbox can be daunting for some.

While its good to start thinking spring, remember to keep your guard up, for there is more winter to come. We missed a number of snowstorms that went north or south this winter, and we are on a deficit for precipitation. I do want everyone to remember if we have a dry spring that trees will need watering until nature provides.

There will still be several ash trees and hazardous trees that we will be removing as soon as practical, some this winter and into spring and others later in the year. There will be other trees that will need pruning as well.

I will be working on a replacement tree order with diversity in mind. Please feel free to contact me with questions and concerns and or desires regarding the tree work mentioned as well as type of tree available for renewing the urban forest. There will be an Arbor/Bird Day celebrated this spring, time/date/location will be shared soon.

A non-conforming trash can letter has been created! I will be delivering this letter personally and or will follow up with a phone call to discuss the actions necessary.

Thank you to all that have responded for the water meter replacement request. This will be ongoing over the next several years.

During the “dry” periods of January and February, staff have been busy inspecting sanitary sewers and exercising main line water valves. Locating our infrastructure has also been in the works. If you have seen us digging and poking in the terrace, we were looking for curb stops.

Call with your questions and concerns! Think Spring and be ready for everything else!



## Fire Rescue Department Recruitment! By: Kristopher Loy, Fire Chief

**Paid-On-Call Positions:** The Maple Bluff Fire Rescue Department is currently recruiting volunteers for the positions of Firefighter and Emergency Medical Technician (EMT). Would you like to be trained to assist in an emergency, and use your free time to help make a difference in our community? Applications can be found at: [www.villageofmaplebluff.com](http://www.villageofmaplebluff.com)

### Requirements:

- Be at least 18 years of age
- Possess a valid driver's license
- Possess a high school diploma or equivalent
- Able to pass a criminal background check
- Able to pass a pre-employment physical and drug screen

**Fire Department Auxiliary:** Are you interested in helping our community and the Maple Bluff Fire Rescue Department, but don't necessarily want to become a firefighter? Our Fire Department's Auxiliary may be perfect for you.

### Auxiliary members:

- Assist the fire rescue department association with fund raising
- Provide rehabilitation to personnel during long duration incidents
- Plan and assist with public events
- Promote educational and social goals of the fire department

For additional information about our fire department auxiliary, please contact Lt. Katy Reed [kreed@villageofmaplebluff.com](mailto:kreed@villageofmaplebluff.com)

**CPR Training:** The Maple Bluff Fire Rescue Department's Community Outreach and EMS Prevention Division is offering American Heart Association (AHA) CPR classes throughout 2022. These classes are being held at no cost for Village residents. We are offering two different classes to suit the needs of our community. The AHA's Heartsaver First Aid CPR AED course and the AHA's BLS Course.

March 5, 2022: Heartsaver First Aid/CPR/AED

June 9, 2022: Heartsaver/ First Aid/CPR/AED

August 11, 2022: BLS Provider CPR

October 15, 2022: BLS Provider CPR

November 12, 2022: Heartsaver First Aid/CPR/AED

Please e-mail Lt. Doug Dietzen, [ddietzen@villageofmaplebluff.com](mailto:ddietzen@villageofmaplebluff.com) to reserve a spot in any of our upcoming classes.



**Training:** On February 14, 2022, our members conducted drills using our self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA). Firefighters were put in a variety of unique situations to test their knowledge and skills with using their SCBA.





# Head Off Emergencies With a Little Prevention

By: Michael O'Driscoll and Oliver Little, Troop 5 Life Scout

When thinking about the subject of emergency preparedness, most of us probably think of headline-grabbing events like floods, tornadoes, and extreme storms. Encouraging community members to recognize the likelihood of such events and – more important – prepare for them is a goal we hope to accomplish in this newsletter, and future articles will guide you in that preparation. The fact remains, however, that hazards and emergencies are not only brought on by Mother Nature. Sometimes they arise from matters within our control, but to which we have not given enough attention. Two key areas are our homes and our vehicles.

So, what can we prevent? In our own households we can make sure that our fire extinguisher is accessible, our appliances, gas, and electric are all up to code, our stairs are clear of ice and snow, and our tools and vehicles are in good working order. By devoting just a few hours a year to home safety, we can go a long way towards eliminating hazards and preventing emergencies. A good exercise is to go through your house compiling a list of hazards or things that could become hazards. Recognizing these are the first steps of preventing an emergency. The next step is to fix any issues that you may have encountered.

Here are just a few things to look for:

- Outlets- Look for sparking, burn marks, feel for heat, and listen for buzzing sounds. If an issue occurs, call an electrician. Use outlet covers for electrical outlets that are at a height accessible to small children.
- Fireplaces- Clean ashes and other remains from a fire after use. Have your chimney inspected and cleaned once a year. Spring is a good time to do this.
- Unsecured poisons- bleach, detergent, etc. Store them out of reach of small children.
- Mold- note any mold on walls or floors especially in your basement. If mold is found, immediately contact a professional.
- Dull knives- any knife that causes difficulty when cutting is considered more dangerous than a sharp knife. Make sure cooking knives are kept sharp and only handled by adults.
- Smoke alarms - Make sure to have a smoke alarm on every level of your house. Change the batteries regularly. Regularly check them to make sure they are working properly and replace them every ten years.
- Carbon monoxide alarms—install battery-operated alarms or alarms with battery backup on each floor of the home and test annually.



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- Fire extinguisher- keep at least one fire extinguisher in your home and check it annually to make sure it is in good working order.
- Home maintenance-have a professional service your HVAC system, hot water heater, and other gas-fueled appliances once a year. Clean your dryer vent regularly.

Making sure your vehicles are safe is another way to reduce risk. In addition to regular maintenance, equip your vehicles with an emergency kit. Here is a list of items to keep in your vehicle:

- Warm blankets and clothes
- Bottled water
- Non perishable, high-calorie foods such as granola bars or beef jerky
- Flashlight
- Batteries
- Flares
- Snow chains or sand
- Small durable snow shovel
- A solar or hand crank powered radio
- First aid kit
- Cell phone charger

These few items will help to be prepared for road emergencies, which in winter especially can come quickly and with little warning. Ice is easily hidden on the road at night, and it is important to keep watch for slippery patches while driving. Know the weather the best you can before you leave your house. You can visit [511wi.gov](http://511wi.gov), dial 511 or download the free 511 Wisconsin mobile app to receive customized notification alerts for highly traveled counties. If there is inclement weather, do not leave unless it is absolutely necessary.

As Benjamin Franklin famously said, “An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.”

## Parks & Recreation

March Madness is already upon us...the warmer weather rapidly approaching will usher in plenty of cheers as we've made it through another cold, yet not wet, winter. The winter of 2021-22 did provide a lot of fun for our community in terms of programming, Winterfest, and some cross-country skiing. The Village had enough participation to have 3-traveling basketball teams coached by James Bickers (3/4 Boys), Jen Hussin (3/4 Girls), and Bob Gingras (5/6 Boys). The 3 teams enjoyed tremendous amounts of growth and success since early November and concluded their seasons late February. Additional Rec programming included skills and drills basketball camps, robotics, and floor hockey. There were several other programs offered but needed to cancel due to low enrollment numbers.

As we progress in 2022, seasonal applications are due for CYGW Counselors and Beach Lifeguards (deadline is 4/8). Applications can be found on the Village's website or can be picked up inside the Village Center. Also, CYGW and Arts/Athletics are now available for registration. These long-standing programs offer youth the opportunity to burn off energy, work on arts and crafts and strengthen their friendships with one another. Information about these two programs can be found later in this newsletter.

## Beach Bash & Bocce

The annual Beach Bash and Bocce Fundraiser is returning to the first Friday of June. Mark your calendars and secure your babysitters to allow for maximum fun. The outstanding Silent Auction Co-Chairs of Trish Grant and Sarah Shah will begin seeking wonderful auction items. If you have event tickets, a vacation home or host a dinner party, consider adding these items to the Silent Auction.



## Sponsorship Opportunities:

The Village continues to solicit sponsorships for the Summer Concert Series. The bands have been booked (see below) and food carts have been scheduled. Opportunities to sponsor include exclusive band sponsorships or a general series sponsorship.

### 2022 Summer Concert Lineup 6:00pm – 8:00pm:

6/13 – American Scarecrows  
6/20 – Madtown Mannish Boys  
6/27 – Gin, Chocolate, and Bottle Rockets  
7/11 – Small Blind Johnny  
7/18 – The Mark Croft Band  
7/25 – Finding North

\*Current sponsors include Best Buds Landscaping LLC., Sprinkman Real Estate, Home Watch Madison, George & Mary Cullen Family, and Kwik Trip.

## Fest on the Fourth Fireworks Returning

The Village is excited to announce, fireworks will return to the Fest on the Fourth. During the planning process, it was brought to our attention the costs of fireworks has drastically increased in 2022. The Village needs donations to fund the display. If you are willing to contribute to this year's display, please contact Curt Erickson at [cerickson@villageofmaplebluff.com](mailto:cerickson@villageofmaplebluff.com).

## Employment

### CYGW Counselors

Minimum of 14 years of age or older  
Previous experience working with children  
Successful completion of a Babysitter Training Course (preferred, but not required)

#### Description:

The Village of Maple Bluff is seeking multiple individuals who are eager to provide a fun, safe, and educational Camp to youth between the ages of 3-7. Individuals will need to be available to work from 8:30am – 11:30am or 12:30pm-4:30pm, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday beginning June 14<sup>th</sup> through August 12<sup>th</sup>. Camp Counselors will be assigned specific groups of up to 6 participants to provide small group activities. For a complete job description, contact Curt Erickson at [cerickson@villageofmaplebluff.com](mailto:cerickson@villageofmaplebluff.com).

Pay range is \$9.50-11.00/hr., depending on experience

Deadline to Apply: Applications are available at: <http://villageofmaplebluff.com> and can be mailed to Village of Maple Bluff, 18 Oxford Place, Madison, WI 53704. Applications are due Friday, April 8th at 3:00pm.



## Employment Cont.

### Lifeguards

#### Qualifications:

Current Lifeguard Certification or will complete the course by the end of May  
Minimum of 16 years of age or older

#### Description:

The Village of Maple Bluff is seeking multiple individuals who are eager to provide a fun and safe environment at the Maple Bluff Beach Park. Interested candidates will need to have current Lifeguard certification through the American Red Cross or equivalent. Applicants must work well with others, be a self-motivator and willing to engage in activities at our summer programs. For a complete job description, contact Curt Erickson at [cerickson@villageofmaplebluff.com](mailto:cerickson@villageofmaplebluff.com).

Pay range is \$11.00 - 14.00/hr., depending on experience

Deadline to Apply: Applications are available at: <http://villageofmaplebluff.com> and can be mailed to Village of Maple Bluff, 18 Oxford Place, Madison, WI 53704. Applications are due Friday, April 8th at 3:00pm.

## Fitness Programs

### Be Active WI!

**Days: All in March**

**Fee: \$10.00**

**Ages: All**

Wisconsin communities have joined the competition to conquer the most minutes of any activity during March 1-31. Residents of each community will participate as one team to win, although we recommend having a personal goal of 200 minutes a week (no individual prizes awarded). Submit your minutes every Monday morning by 10am to be counted in the weekly totals by submitting them to a weekly form. All participants will receive a t-shirt and the most active community will win a trophy! Registration Deadline is March 10<sup>th</sup>.

## Fitness Programs Cont.

### Bike Challenge

**Days: All in June**

**Fee: \$20.00**

**Ages: All**



Compete against your friends, family and neighbors as Maple Bluff is challenging everyone to become the top cyclist in Maple Bluff during the month of June. All registered participants will need to submit a mileage log each week and running totals will be posted for registered participants to see their standings. Keeping track of your miles will be completed on an honor system. The mileage form will be emailed to participants. There will be separate age brackets. Who will be the first to ride 50, 100, 150+ miles? All participants will receive a t-shirt.

## Youth Enrichment Programs

### 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.

### YEL! Extreme STEM: Catapults & Dragons

**Days: Monday**

**Dates: 3/21 – 5/16 (skip 3/28)**

**Time: 4:15pm – 5:15pm**

**Location: Dailey Cabin**

**Fee: \$100.00**

**Ages: 5 – 12**

Participants will build their own dragons, railroad crossing, and design their own catapult using LEGO bricks. Then use those projects to investigate basic engineering concepts.

**WE'RE  
HIRING!** Summer Camp Counselors and Lifeguards  
Applications available at  
[Villageofmaplebluff.com](http://Villageofmaplebluff.com)

## Youth Enrichment Programs

### Boater's Safety

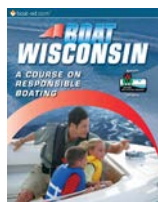
**Day:** Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Time:** 8:00am – 5:00pm

**Ages:** 12 +

**Location:** Village Center Gym

**Fee:** \$25.00



Introduction to Boating – Types of power boats, boating vocabulary, sailboats, paddle boats, powering boats, and engine types. Boating Law – Boat registration, regulations, hull identification numbers, required safety equipment, Federal boating law, state boating law, and reporting accidents. Safety Equipment – Life jackets, fire extinguishers, sound-producing devices, visual distress signals, anchors, and other safety equipment. Safe Operation and Navigation – Buoys and beacons, aids to navigation, navigation rules, docking, and the dangers of alcohol on the water. Boating Emergencies – Hypothermia, boating accidents, man overboard, capsizing, emergency radio calls, carbon monoxide dangers, and weather. Trailering – Types of trailers, lights, hitches, towing a trailer. Sports and Boating – Water-skiing, hunting and hunting gear, PWC operation, and other boating tips.

## Open Gym

As of mid-January, the Village Center Gym has been available for limited hours of Open Gym. Open Gym time is scheduled on a regular basis and hours can be found on the Village's website. In order to participate in Open Gym, users must obey by the rules below:

All users must be residents of Maple Bluff (non-resident guests are prohibited) and be a member of the Key Fob Program.

All users must wear a face covering while inside the Village Center, including use of the gym.

Participants that are 12 and under must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

Open Gym is limited to a maximum of 15 people at a time.

If using the gym while at max capacity of 15 people and others are waiting, be courteous and limit the amount of time you are using the gym to 1-hour.

## Summer Camps

**More summer programs will be available once seasonal hiring has been completed**

### Arts & Athletics

**Dates:** June 13 – August 12  
(except 7/4)

**Days:** Mon – Fri

**Time:** 2:15pm – 4:15pm

**Location:** Beach Park

**Ages:** 7 – 12

**(2<sup>nd</sup> grade through 6<sup>th</sup> grade)**

**Fee:** \$225



The Village's A/A program is available to residents between the ages of 7 - 12 (entering 2nd through 6th grade) and will provide a fun, safe environment at Maple Bluff Beach Park. Throughout the summer participants will participate in arts, crafts, games, sports and other exciting activities.

### Camp-Ya-Gotta-Wanna

**Dates:** June 14 – August 11

**Days:** Tues - Thursday

**Time:** 1:00pm – 4:00pm

**Location:** Firemen's Park

**Ages:** 3 – 7

**Fee:** \$425.00



This 9-week summer program meets at Firemen's Park T, W, and TH from 1:00pm-4:00pm on June 14 through August 11. Enrollment for this program is open to all Maple Bluff resident children between the ages of 3 and 7 (entering 2nd grade in fall of 2022). This afternoon playgroup program will offer structured and free play opportunities, as well as arts and craft projects. Groupings will be divided based on age of the children and the parent volunteers will try their best to group your child with their friends. Parents will need to provide cell phone numbers at the time of registration. Please be sure to verify you have the correct phone number listed on your account.





# Cub Scouts are coming to Maple Bluff!



Cub Scouting is family, fun, friends, and a lifetime of adventure!

It's the place where young people can grow to become their very best future selves.

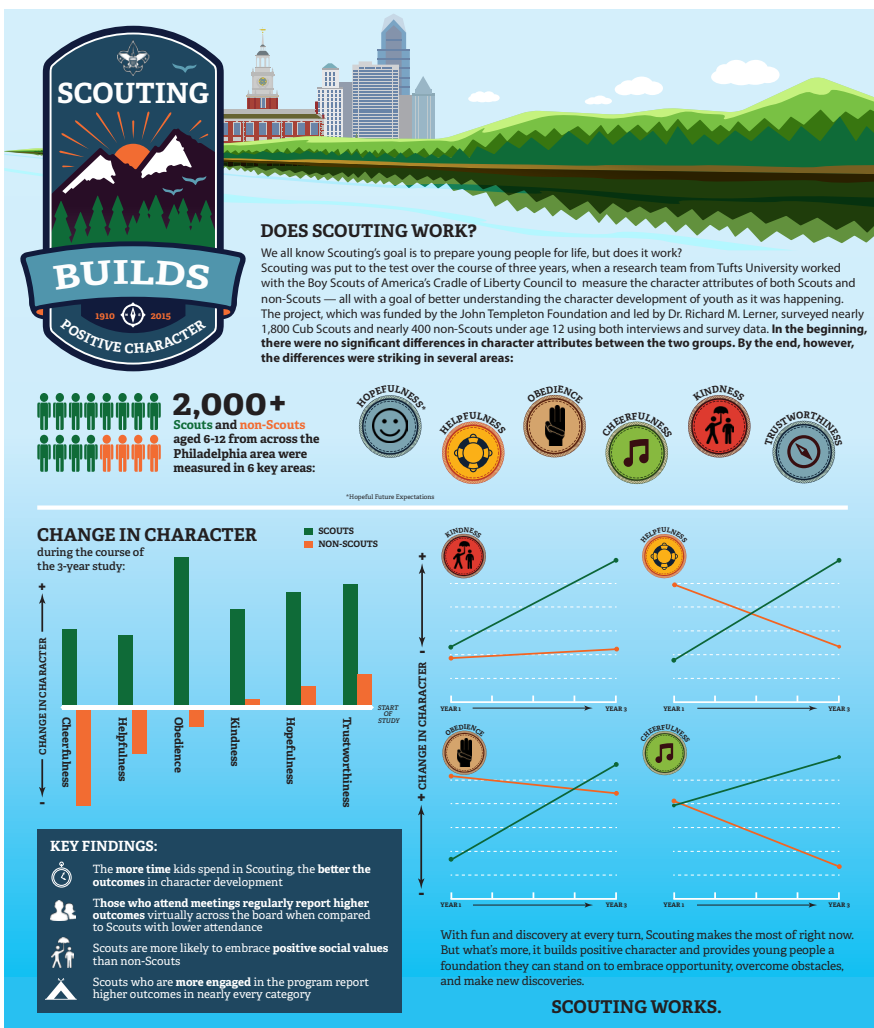
It's fun, hands-on learning, and achievement that puts kids in the middle of the action and prepares them for today – and for life.

Cub Scout families have opportunities to go camping and to participate in outdoor adventures.

Lessons learned in the outdoors help to develop a life-long respect for the environment.

More details will be coming soon!

For more information contact Kevin O'Driscoll  
[kevin.odriscoll@oldnational.com](mailto:kevin.odriscoll@oldnational.com)



## Hoists FOR SALE!!!



Mendota Yacht Club has 2 hoists at the Marina for sale.

The Mendota Yacht Club bought a new hoist for the 2022 season. That means two Shore Station hoists are for sale at the marina.

Both Hoists are ready to be dropped into your slip or at your pier this spring.  
 Hoist 1 is 5,000lbs, 120" wide, with full guides, motor stop, and DC motor. \$3500

Hoist 2 is a 4000lb Shore Station 108" wide, full guides and poly bunks. \$3200

If interested, call Grant 608-444-2120

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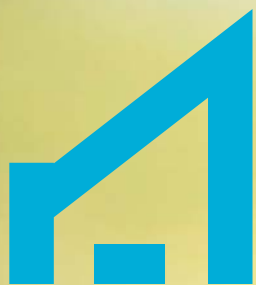


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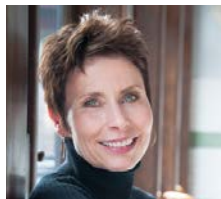
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# Village Trustee Candidates for the Spring Election



## Mike B. Wittenwyler

### Tell us about yourself.

I have been a Maple Bluff resident since 2014, currently residing at 23 Paget Road in Fuller's Woods with my spouse Jessica Marquez and our dog Oscar. We have four children: Sam (University of Minnesota);

Zoe (University of Wisconsin); Tatum (Arizona State University) and Max (West High School). I am a native of the Madison area, grew-up in the Town of Westport where I was a member of the last graduating class at St. Mary of the Lake and then graduated from Edgewood High School in 1988.

### What is your education and professional experience?

I graduated from the University of Wisconsin with a degree in Political Science in 1995 and the University of Wisconsin Law School in 1998. During that same time, I worked on political campaigns, in media relations and as a Congressional aide in Washington D.C.

Since 1998, I have been an administrative and regulatory attorney at Godfrey & Kahn, S.C. I now am a shareholder, lead the firm's Political Law practice group and help manage the law firm as a member of its board of directors.

For over 10 years, I was an adjunct professor at the University of Wisconsin Law School and taught a course on "Political Law: Campaign Finance, Ethics & Elections." I am presently an adjunct faculty member at the University of San Francisco where I teach courses on political law to graduate students.

### What other civic & volunteer experiences do you have?

Currently, I am a board member and secretary of the Wisconsin Group, a nonpartisan, non-advocacy trade association focused on public policy matters affecting the state. Right now, I also am volunteering my time to Edgewood High School in its efforts to install lights at its athletic field. In 2020, I provided volunteer services to Schools Make Madison Advocacy, Inc., an affiliate of the Foundation for Madison Public Schools. And, for many years, I have volunteered on various projects for the Greater Madison Chamber of Commerce.

I am the past-president of the Madison Club and finished six years as a member of the Club's board of directors. I have been a member of the Board of Visitors to the U.W. Political Science Department. And, I also was a member of Downtown Madison Inc.'s Quality of Life Committee.

### Why are you running for Village Trustee?

I was taught very early about the importance of giving back and community involvement. And that

an involved and engaged citizenry is essential to a strong community. To that end, public service as a Village Trustee is a personal commitment to better our community and preserve the great municipal services and life we have in Maple Bluff.

### What are the top issues facing the village and how would you resolve them?

We need to protect, preserve and enhance our unique and special community. Like many communities across Wisconsin, we face challenges in maintaining our high standards for Village operations, budgeting and capital expenditures. We must meet those challenges while controlling taxes and continuing to provide excellent public services and safety. We also need to preserve the environment as the natural elements are what attracted many of us to live in the Village.

To address these issues, we need to have a vision for the future, shape our plans around our existing assets and avoid just accepting what comes along. We need to implement policies and make decisions that will allow our excellent quality of life and municipal services to continue for the next generation.

### What is your view about how local government should operate?

Frequently, it is local government that has the greatest impact on our daily lives. Accordingly, open and timely communication with all Village residents must occur so that Trustees can listen and gather resident input. Questions must be responded to on a timely basis and concerns addressed as they arise.



## Kristine Jaeger

### Tell us about yourself.

I have lived in Maple Bluff for over 17 years with my family. My husband Ed and I have raised our three kids here: Grace (18), Finn (16), and Olive (11). I grew up in

Oconomowoc and moved to Madison to attend UW Madison. I fell in love with the city and my husband and never left.

### What is your education and professional experience?

At UW Madison I earned a Bachelor of Science in Horticulture with an emphasis in Business. Years ago I worked in banking, lending, and investments. I've managed a flower shop, have been a stay-at-home mom, and currently work in residential real estate as an agent.

### What other civic & volunteer experiences do you have?

My civic and volunteer experiences are diverse. I have many different experiences that have been beneficial as a board trustee. I have served on the board of trustees for a couple terms now and am continually learning new things which is why I also enjoy real estate. I am



on the Urban Forestry, Plan Commission, Building Board, Board of Review, Public Works, and Personnel committees.

I volunteer in the community at my kids' schools on various committees, too many to list. I have helped with Luke House meals through the church. The St. Patrick's Day parade has been important to my family and you will have seen us walking in the parade (hopefully it can start back next year). I have volunteered at the country club organizing the 9 hole ladies golf, and the village fest on the 4th, camp ya-gotta-wanna, and consistently find a shift at the various village festivals. I have also made a few pots of chili for Winterfest!

### **Why are you running for Village Trustee?**

I have enjoyed being a part of the village government for the last 4 years and enjoy listening and learning about the various ideas everyone has. The village board is stronger with different opinions being heard. The village is an exceptional place to live in largely because of how wonderful our neighbors are, the love they show for their home, and the exceptional staff at the village. I cherish that we can raise our kids here and want to work hard to help maintain and improve it for years to come.

### **What are the top issues facing the village and How would you resolve them?**

We are so lucky to live in Maple Bluff where everyone takes pride in the village they live in. I think the top issues include maintaining safety and security, maintaining the services we all enjoy as village residents, and ensuring all residents are heard. Ensuring that we look at what the village wants to be now and 100 years from now.

First, vote for me! I have enjoyed being a trustee and am excited to volunteer my time for the next 2 year term. I think we should focus on what is best for the longevity of the village and maintaining top notch village staff is extremely important. Thank them when you can! Paying close attention to any and all proposed changes is also a high priority. I welcome all feedback and thoughts from all residents.

### **What is your view of local government?**

Local government should serve the residents wants and needs. They should have a pulse on the village and the direction it is going. Local government should help protect what is important and special about the community they serve. A trustee should know how to listen and represent the residents well by voting on issues to help shape what the majority of the village wants - the people who voted them into office. Government should base decisions on what is best for now and 100 years from now. Thank you for your vote and I look forward to hearing from you!



**Kevin O'Driscoll**

### **Tell us about yourself.**

Our family has lived on Lakewood Boulevard since 2010 after 15 plus years in the Tenney Lapham neighborhood. We were drawn to the Village by the sense of community and shared values that are unique to Maple Bluff. My wife, Kelly,

works for a federal judge and her job is the reason that we were fortunate enough to live in Madison. We have two children, Maeve, a sophomore at the University of Minnesota and Michael, a junior at Edgewood high school. You will see Kelly or me on our morning and afternoon walks with our labradoodle, Russell.

### **What is your professional experience?**

I earned a master of science degree in real estate from the University of Wisconsin; and a bachelor of arts in Philosophy from Marquette University. I manage the commercial real estate lending group for Old National Bank with my primary office on the Capitol Square.

### **What other civic & volunteer experiences do you have?**

Prior to moving to the Village in 2010, I served on various City of Madison committees including the Community Development Authority, East Madison BUILD Committee and participated in various downtown related economic development committees. I am currently a Trustee of Edgewood College and Committee Chairman for Maple Bluff Boy Scout Troop 5.

### **What are the top issues facing the village?**

I feel very fortunate that our family found Maple Bluff and recognize that it is important to give back to the community by volunteering. I believe that having a "business persons" view of village government is key. The east side of Madison is rapidly changing and Maple Bluff residents need to be aware and focus on the changes effecting our community. While a supporter of affordable housing, the east side is perhaps overly represented to this type of development relative to the west side. East side development corridors along Sherman and Packers Avenues are up and coming areas for new development. We also need to consider our support for Madison public schools as many of us make alternative school choices. In short, we need to look outside Maple Bluff to see how we can make our east side community a better place for all.

### **What is your view about how local government should operate?**

Our Village staff is absolutely fantastic. We are very fortunate to have their leadership and day-to-day diligence. Our job as Trustees is to listen, guide and support our village staff's work. Our job as residents is to be informed, active, and supportive of our community. We are fortunate to have a small community with active participation.



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