**NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS** 

June 2022



#### Calendar of Events

#### June

- 3 Beach Bash & Bocce
- 5 Graduation Celebration
- 14 Village/Building Board Meeting
- 16 Municipal Court

#### July

- 4 Fest on the Fourth
- 12 Village/Building Board Meeting

#### August

- 9 Village/Building Board Meeting
- 9 Election (Partisan Primary)
- 18 Municipal Court

#### Trash/Recycling

Trash pick up is shaded, recycling dates are circled

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 Police
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 Public Works
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 Fire & Rescue
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Mark S. Farnan

# All of a Sudden IT'S SUMMER!!!! By: Carl Vieth, Village President

And it's a great time for Village residents to take advantage of all we have to offer. In addition to Bocce (yes, I know I wrote about it last month) there are a ton of great opportunities that our Village has to offer. Our parks offer green space where you can relax, reflect, and play. Our country club has swimming hours for all residents Tuesday and Sunday, again an opportunity to recharge your batteries – or just to work on your tan. Finally, I'd be remiss if I didn't mention our beach park. It is clearly the best in the metro area (thanks Tom and Curt).

So how do we top all of these benefits? Let's look at our kid's camps, A-&-A as well as Camp-Ya-Gotta-Wanna. Not enough? How about our Bicycle challenge? Again, we are sponsoring a month-long cycling event. Sign up and you'll get a cool Tee, and a great opportunity to see all that our bike trails have to offer! This is a tremendous opportunity for a family challenge (my son is already 20 miles ahead of me).

Finally, I'd like to give a BIG shout out to our protective service, police and fire, both have been very busy. Though you may not see it, these professionals are ever-vigilant, making our community a safe and secure place to thrive.

Take care

Walk, ride, and drive safely

Carl





# They Make All Things Possible! By: Tanner Nystrom, Village Administrator/Police Chief

As we shoulder another increase in COVID cases, I want to thank all residents, volunteers, and staff who continue to keep our operations and activities functioning. Staffing disruptions make daily operations a challenge for a small team like ours, but I am proud to work with a team of people who look out for each other. We are always busy during this time of year, but I think it is also important to recognize the difference that the flexibility and perseverance of our support staff makes. Our team in the front office – Rene, Jessie, Donna, and Sarah – consistently coordinate operations between departments and ensure we accomplish our mission. Their teamwork and support make all things possible – Thank you!

As usual, I have a few personnel announcements to make. First, with mixed feelings I want to announce that Officer Trevor Lee has made the difficult decision to resign from the Maple Bluff Police Department as of June 2<sup>nd</sup>. In 2017, we sponsored Trevor to attend the Law Enforcement Academy at Madison College. Upon graduation, Trevor started working as a parttime officer and later, in 2019, joined our full-time team. During his relatively short career with us, Trevor has proven himself to be a great asset and was the first recipient of the Village Commendation Award in March of 2020. Although losing Trevor is difficult, we are excited for him as he embarks on the next phase of his professional life, attending the Madison Police Department's academy. Please join me in congratulating Trevor on pursuing the next steps of his career and thanking him for the past 4 years of service to the Village of Maple Bluff!

As the analogy of doors opening and closing goes, I am excited to announce that we have yet another new

part-time officer to welcome to our team – Todd Dart. Todd recently accepted an offer to join us and started the onboarding process in late May. He comes with 23 years of law enforcement experience working for the Town of Madison. He is a state certified instructor in several topics, has significant law enforcement experience, and a history of proven character. We look forward to Todd's contributions to our team, so please join me in congratulating and welcoming him to Maple Bluff!

I have one final personnel matter that I want to share with you. Please join me in thanking Officer Keith Wilke for 20 years of dedicated service to the Village of Maple Bluff! Keith started his part-time career with the Village on June 15th, 2002. Over the past 20 years, Keith has consistently proven himself as an integral part to our team, selflessly providing support to our full-time staff, training our law enforcement team in complexities of the profession, and mentoring younger officers along the way. Keith's initiative to help others and set the example for all, reinforces our culture of service and accountability. Thank you for the past 20 years Keith – I am honored to work with you!

Again, I thank you all for your support as we continue to adapt to the challenges of contemporary life. Due to organized planning and hard work over the last several months, we can look forward to Concerts in the Park, Arts and Athletics, Camp-Ya-Gotta-Wanna, Bocce, and a Fest on the 4th celebration! Stay safe and healthy!

Sincerely,

Tanner A. Nystrom



# All types of weather this Spring. By: Tom Schroeder, Director Public Works

All versions of weather have populated the spring days of 2022. The windy and cool-cold April yielded to a more temperate May...then a blast of summer dropped in for a week, and now we are back or almost back to normal. Roller coaster weather appears to be the norm.

Covid continues to play mayhem with so many people's health and wellbeing as well as disrupt employee attendance seemingly everywhere. That order you placed... when will you see it? The lack of a reliable workforce/supply chain/shipping and microchips may be the culprit.

To concentrate on spring collection services, we have not been working on tree removal. We did apply a lot of time and effort on the restoration of stump removal. There have been several replacement trees planted with at least another dozen or so to go. We have both piers in and are now starting to move picnic tables here and there. A sanitary lateral and a water curb stop repair have taken place recently, both jobs accomplished the goals. We also find time to collect dog pooh bags from 9 stations every Monday/Wednesday/Friday...you do not want to miss a collection, for it piles up fast.

We have a couple of big projects looming soon. Prep work for a 2023 sanitary and storm sewer will be taking place this spring and summer. Locating of all utilities and inspection of the same will be followed by survey work by our engineers to draw up the plans for a bidding process that should take place late this year. Much of this work will be taking place in off street locations. There are sanitary lines between homes and the lake

shore from the beach area to the marina as well as several backyards and side yards in the upper bluff. Access to these areas will be critical to renew/replace/rebuild village infrastructure. There are several storm outfalls that will be replaced during this 2023 CIP. The projects from 2005, 2010, and 2014 concentrated on the infrastructure in the roadway.

There will be notices informing adjacent property owners of our intent. We will do our best to inform you of our process and procedure for these projects.

A telecommunications project is being developed that will impact much of the upper bluff in scope. Most, if not all, of the work will take place along the street edges in village and or utility right-of-way. Much of the work will be underground boring. This requires bore pits at start and stop locations as well as daylighting existing utilities and infrastructure during the boring process.

Both projects will require diggers hotline requests for utilities and infrastructure to be located with flags/stakes/paint. Please do not remove these items as it is necessary for early planning and later for the safe installation of pipe/casing/wire.

There will be notices informing adjacent property owners of the utilities schedule for the installation.

Have a great summer season! Call with your questions and concerns.

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#### Gran Tour de Maple Bluff - Dates set for 2022 season

2022 dates have been set for the Gran Tour de Maple Bluff: June 12th and October 16th. Participants, spectators and anyone car-curious gather Sunday morning at Burrows Park at 10:00 AM to talk cars and to see what fellow neighbors hide in their garages. After the gathering, vehicles will do a courtesy lap around the Bluff, then head out for a drive on the highway. Post-tour gathering with refreshments will follow.

For more information on the Gran Tour and the GT Maple Bluff interest group, visit gt-mb.net or send an email to info@gt-mb.net with questions, or to request to be added to the email list for future updates on the Gran Tour and group outings.







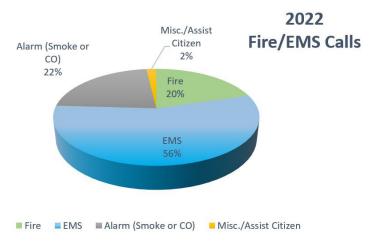




# Fire Rescue Department! By: Kristopher Loy, Fire Chief

**2022 Response Information:** As of May 25, 2022, the Maple Bluff Fire Rescue Department had responded to 54 calls for service in 2022 with an average response time of 5 minutes and 19 seconds within the Village. Here is a list of the calls we've responded to.

Call Description	# Calls
Fire	11
EMS	30
Alarm (Smoke or CO)	12
Misc./Assist Citizen	1
Total:	54



Recognition For Fire Response: On April 23, 2022 the Maple Bluff Fire Rescue Department responded to a working structure fire in the City of Monona. Five firefighter/EMT's and an assistant chief responded to assist. While our crew was preparing to make entry to the burning home, a neighbor captured several photos. To show his appreciation for our assistance, he had a print made of one of the photos and presented it to two of the firefighters who responded to the call.



L-R: Rick Larson, FF/EMT Anthony Edge, FF/EMT Stefo Livorni

Fire Rescue Association Fundraising: The Maple Bluff Fire Rescue Association will be selling food and beverages at this year's Fest on the 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration. The primary goal of the Association is to support the Fire Rescue Department and its members through charitable contributions. As a 501c3 non-profit organization, this year the Association is raising funds to help replace integral parts of our Rapid Entry System (otherwise known as a Knox-Box).

A Knox-Box is a secure rapid entry system developed for property owners and fire departments. Any time there is a fire, medical emergency, automatic alarms, or any other emergencies that the Maple Bluff Fire Rescue Department would respond to, the Knox Box allows us immediate entry into your home, business, or other property without having to force entry. Forcing entry to a home or business causes damage to your property, and causes delays in reaching your emergency. With a Knox-Box, you simply store your keys in a highly secure box mounted near your entrance. When you have an emergency, we can release the secure master key located on our fire apparatus, allowing us access to your box and your keys. Unfortunately, the fire truck mounted master lock system we use has recently been discontinued and is no longer supported by the Knox Company. The total cost to replace the master locking system on our

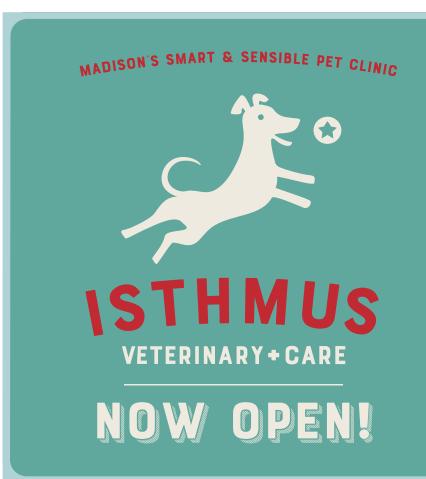
three fire apparatus is approximately \$4,000. Please consider supporting this initiative. If you aren't able to attend one of our fund raising events, the Fire Rescue Association accepts donations via mail: Maple Bluff Fire Rescue Association, 18 Oxford Place, Madison, WI 53704 or online at: https://maple-bluff-fire-rescue-association-inc.square.site/

If you would like additional information about the Knox Box System and how you can install one on your home, please visit the fire department's page at www. villageofmaplebluff.com

**CPR Classes:** The Maple Bluff Fire Rescue Department is hosting CPR classes throughout 2022. These classes are being held at no cost to Village residents.

June 25, 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 to reserve a spot in any of our upcoming classes.





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# Johnson Park Project

The Parks and Recreation Committee hosted a Public Forum for improvements at Johnson Park on May 5<sup>th</sup>. This is phase 2 of the information gathering for potential improvements. Thank you to all residents that have provided emails, completed the 2021 survey, and/or attended the Forum. The information provided will be beneficial to Parkitecture + Planning for Johnson Park. A preliminary plan could be available for display at the Fest on the Fourth.

## Firemen's Park Amenity Upgrade

Early in 2022, the Parks and Recreation Committee and Village Board approved spending \$5,250 from Bocce funds to replace the basketball hoop at Firemen's Park with a commercial adjustable basketball hoop and reseal the asphalt surface and paint lines. The upgrades should be completed in time for CYGW. The adjustable basketball hoop will be locked at standard height and will be lowered for CYGW or by request if staff is available.

#### 20th Annual Beach Bash & Bocce

Maple Bluff's 20<sup>th</sup> annual Beach Bash & Bocce Event will begin at 5:00pm on Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. At 5:00pm, the Dailey Service Award will be presented to the 2021 Winner(s), followed immediately by the first round of the bocce tournament. Funds raised from the 2022 event may be applied to improvements at Johnson Park.

#### **Seasonal Recreation Staff**

Beach Director: Davis Nelson (5<sup>th</sup> year working for the Village)

Lifeguards: Finn Jaeger, Zach Redemann, Charlotte Krez, Henry Apter, and Trevor Schulz (all 2<sup>nd</sup> year working for the Village)

Arts/Athletics Program Assistant: Anna Moore (1st year working for the Village)

CYGW Director: April Grogan (2<sup>nd</sup> year working for the Village)

CYGW Counselors: Marguerite Potter (2<sup>nd</sup> year working at CYGW), Julia Dow, Luella Duff, Chloe Harkins, Nina Haupt, Emily Masciopinto, Anna Moore, Dane Pulvermacher, Spencer Vincent, and Moira Zoeller (all 1<sup>st</sup> year working at CYGW).

#### **Shelter Reservations**

As of mid-May, the following dates have been reserved at the Beach House and Dailey Cabin for June & July:

June 4<sup>th</sup>, June 10<sup>th</sup>, June 18<sup>th</sup>, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, July 19<sup>th</sup>, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, and July 30<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in reserving the Beach House or Dailey Cabin, please contact Curt Erickson at <a href="mailto:cerickson@villageofmaplebluff.com">cerickson@villageofmaplebluff.com</a>.

#### **Beach House Hours**

The national lifeguard shortage is hitting Maple Bluff this summer. Due to a shortage and availability of staff, the Village will not be able to provide lifeguard staff on Sundays this summer. The Beach House will still be accessible through the key fob program, but otherwise, will remain locked. There will be additional dates throughout the summer which will be void of lifeguard staff due to family-planned vacations or other conflicts with all staff.

When no lifeguards are present at the Beach, swimmers are required to use their best judgement and swim at their own risk.

Know the signs of blue-green algae and if present keep yourself and your pets out of the water. Blue-green algae blooms occur throughout the summer at the Beach and Marina. The water can appear pea-soup like, and has a distinct smell. When in doubt, please stay out. Public Health Madison-Dane County does test the water quality on a weekly basis, but blue-green algae can appear within a few hours. For more information go to the following website: <a href="https://www.publichealthmdc.com/environmental-health/beaches-lakes-pools/blue-green-algae-precautions">https://www.publichealthmdc.com/environmental-health/beaches-lakes-pools/blue-green-algae-precautions</a>.

#### Fest on the Fourth

Thank you to our current fireworks sponsors: The Cullen Family, Isthmus Partners, Pellitteri, Willy Street Co-op, and Monona Bank. We are still short of our required goal of \$5,000 to help fund the display. If you are interested in contributing, please reach out to Curt Erickson at <a href="mailto:cerickson@villageofmaplebluff.com">cerickson@villageofmaplebluff.com</a>.





The Village has received several generous donations for the Summer Concert Series which will begin on Monday, June 13<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm – 8:00pm. The Cullen Family, The Mahamed Family, Home Watch Madison, Festival Foods, and Kwik Trip have all donated as a general series sponsor. Below is the list of exclusive sponsors.

June 13 <u>American Scarecrows</u> exclusively sponsored by Best Buds Landscaping LLC.

June 20 <u>Madtown Mannish Boys</u> exclusively sponsored by Best Buds Landscaping LLC.

June 27 <u>Gin, Chocolate, and Bottle Rockets</u> exclusively sponsored by Best Buds Landscaping LLC.

July 11 <u>Small Blind Johnny</u> exclusively sponsored by Isthmus Partners

July 18 <u>Mark Croft Band</u> exclusively sponsored by Sprinkman Real Estate

July 25 Finding North

Food and beverage will be available for purchase. Food carts that have committed on a rotating basis include: It's Good for You, Melted, LT's Aloha Wagon, and Jakarta Café.

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# **Programs**



June Bike Challenge Days: All of June

Ages: All Fee: \$20.00

Compete against your friends, family, and neighbors as Maple Bluff is challenging everyone to become the top cyclist in Maple Bluff throughout 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 for participation.

Babysitter Training Date: Saturday, June 11 Time: 9:00am - 4:00pm

Age: 10 - 15 Fee: \$105.00

Instructor: Anissa Fellenz

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## **Programs Cont.**

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 the completion

of 6<sup>th</sup> grade) Fee: \$245.00

Instructors: Summer Lifeguard Staff





The Village's A/A program is available to residents between the ages of 7 - 12 (entering 2nd through the completion of 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. This is a device-free program. Electronic devices will need to be kept in a bag throughout the program.

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: \$475.00

Director: April Grogan



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.

Pre-Camp Party/Orientation will be held on Monday, June 13th from 4:00pm – 5:30pm at Firemen's Park.

Fencing

Dates: July 11 – 14 Days: Mon – Thu

Time: 9:00am – 12:00pm Location: Beach Park

Ages: 8 – 14 Fee: \$130.00

Instructor: YEL! Program Instructors

Fencing is consistently one of the fastest growing sports among teenagers. YEL! will supply all the materials necessary for a successful program.

**Robotics** 

Dates: June 13 – 16

Days: Mon – Thu

Times: 0:00 and 12:00

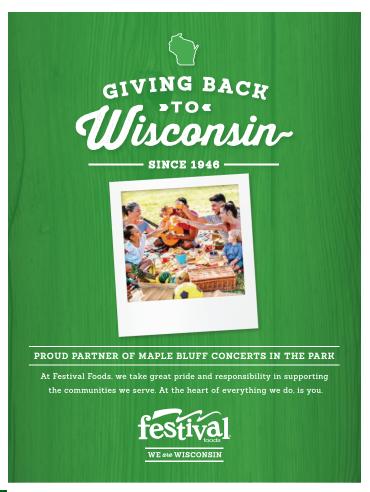
Time: 9:00am – 12:00pm Location: Beach House

Ages: 6 ½ - 13 Fee: \$118.00

**Instructor: YEL! Program Instructors** 

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## **Programs Cont.**

Project Runway Dates: Aug. 15 - 18 Days: Mon - Thu Time: 9:00am – 12:00pm

Location: Village Center

Fee: \$143.00

**Instructor: YEL! Program Instructors** 

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

Archery Session I **Dates: June 13 – 17** Days: Mon - Fri Time: 9:00am -

10:00am Ages: 8 -15 Fee: \$50.00

Instructor: Curt Erickson Location: Village Center

**Archery Session II** Dates: June 20 – 24 Days: Mon - Fri

Time: 9:00am – 10:00am

Ages: 8 -15 Fee: \$50.00

Instructor: Curt Erickson Location: Village Center

**Archery Session III** Dates: June 27 – July 1

Days: Mon - Fri Time: 9:00am - 10:00am

Ages: 8 -15 Fee: \$50.00

**Instructor: Curt Erickson** Location: Village Center

Archery is an excellent skill to learn, as it improves hand-eye coordination, concentration, and patience. During this 5-class course, program participants will have the opportunity to shoot compound bows. Each class meeting will have drills and fun games mixed in.



**Basketball Shootout Club** Dates: June 1 – August 31

Days: Any Time: Any

Ages 3<sup>rd</sup> grade – 12<sup>th</sup> grade

Fee: \$10.00



The Shootout Club is a prestigious group of basketball players who have committed to "Living Like a Champion" and have separated themselves from the crowd through their commitment and dedication to the game. The players in this club understand that hard work is essential to achieving goals and to reaching the highest potential. Information will be emailed to all participants after the registration deadline has passed. T-shirts are awarded to those who reach the Gold level and will also be recognized in a Fall Village Newsletter. Goal for shots made:

Grade	Bronze	Silver	Gold
3-5	5,000	7,500	10,000
6-8	7,500	10,000	12,000
9-12	10,000	12,000	15,000

## **FEST ON THE FOURTH 2022**

6:45am-7:15am 5K registration at Beach Park --Please register ahead of time. Bring cash or check to register the day of the race.

7:30am 5K start at Beach Park

9:00am Parade line up on Fisk near Beach Park -- Lots of tie dye, flowing hair and groovy attire expected!

**10:00am** Parade starts at Beach Park

10:30am Parade ends at Johnson Park

**10:30am-1:00pm** Fest on the 4th Festival at Johnson Park -- races to begin at 12:00.

**1:00pm** Upper vs. Lower Bluff Village Softball Game

**6:00pm** -- Villagers gather at Beach Park -- Concessions available from MBFD

Dusk, approximately **9:00pm-9:30pm** -- Fireworks begin





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