



# VILLAGE OF MAPLE BLUFF

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

*September 2022*



**Fire Rescue Department Visits  
Camp-Ya-Gotta-Wanna 2022**



## Calendar of Events

### September

- 5 Labor Day
- 8 Municipal Court
- 12 Parks/Rec Committee Meeting
- 13 Village/Building Board Meeting
- 17 Bluff Block Party

### October

- 11 Village/Building Board Meeting
- 20 Municipal Court
- 31 Halloween

### November

- 6 Daylight Savings
- 8 Election Day
- 8 Village/Building Board Meeting
- 17 Municipal Court
- 24 Thanksgiving

## 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** Kristine Jaeger.....217-1919
- Trustee** Kevin O'Driscoll.....298-7102
- Trustee** Ellen Reyerson.....(651) 890-6093
- Trustee** Mike Wittenwyler.....358-1800
- Trustee** Jim Schuler.....249-1696

## Village Departments

- Administrator/Police Chief** Tanner Nystrom.....244-3048
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## Where did the Summer go? By: Carl Vieth, Village President

Where did the summer go? I'm not really sure, but summer seems to have passed me by like an E-Bike passing me on the bike trail! Our kids (and grandkids) are back in school - getting down to the business of learning. Our beaches and recreation programs have said goodbye to our great lifeguards and camp counselors, and the fall recreation schedule will go live shortly. Tom Schroeder and his Public Works crew are getting their fall and winter equipment ready for the onslaught of leaves followed by snow (OK, I said it ... SNOW!). In a couple of months, we'll be thinking about snowshoeing and cross-country skiing rather than sunbathing (SPF 35 or above!) and cycling (Yes, I know there are year-round cyclists).

Though summer is quickly losing its grip, there are a few "last gasps" to enjoy. Of those, the Village Block Party, will happen September 17, from 5-9pm in beach park. If you'll remember we had severe weather conditions on Independence Day (again!) that precluded the fireworks portion of Fest on the Fourth. So, we'll turn lemons into lemonade by having our fireworks at the block party. In addition, we will have a DJ with lawn games and dancing for the kids, food and beverages for sale, and our Police and Fire/Rescue associations raising funds that support their missions.

Autumn also brings our election season. Campaigns are in full swing and our airwaves, lawns, and bumpers have seen a tremendous increase in campaign advertisements. Complicating matters is a highly polarized electorate. It feels like middle ground is rapidly turning into a barren wasteland, and compromise has been supplanted by verbal, and at times physical, sparring. The good news is that we see little of confrontational politics in Maple Bluff. From my vantage point, our residents are courteous and respectful of other's viewpoints - even if they disagree. Our Village elected officials and committee members truly respect their colleagues and their opinions - even when they hold different priorities and opinions.

With all of that said, let's commit to keep our political and Village policy discussions civil and respectful. When all is said and done, you have to ask if damaging relationships with your neighbors is worth "winning" an argument that, by the way, will not likely change opinions. I encourage all of us to be measured in our response to those holding other beliefs - after all it is the diversity of ideas that makes us a strong and vibrant community, and one of, if not the best place to live.

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Carl

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## Improving our Services to You! By: Tanner Nystrom, Village Administrator/Police Chief

September brings a change of season and time of transition for our team at the Village Center. Summer elections and programming are complete, budgeting season is upon us, and our Public Works team is making sure they are well prepared for their fall routines. At the same time, we have several projects keeping staff engaged – ranging from a transition to new water meter software that will give residents direct access to their water utility data and billing, to standing up our Fire Department's EMS transport capabilities to ensure our residents receive the fastest high-quality EMS response services possible. These initiatives are a direct reflection of our mission to passionately deliver exemplary public services and responsible governance to improve the experience and value of our community. We are grateful for the opportunity to improve our services to you in the coming year!

Although there are many topics I could share here, I would like to use this opportunity to address a concern that seems to be rising among residents. The increased number of gun related incidents near the village have rightfully gained the attention of many. Gun violence in proximity to our neighborhood is troubling however, I want to reassure you that our community remains safe. Admittedly, I am careful in optimism because there is a legitimate safety concern that has become more prevalent over the past few years but, at the same time, violent crime in our community remains a very rare occurrence. Our officers have responded to multiple shots fired events near the village in the past few months, but these events have remained outside of our communi-

ty. Nobody can guarantee immunity from tragedy or malevolence, but I can assure you that our officers are exceptionally dedicated to their roles as peace officers and strive to keep our community safe, day-in and day-out.

We have a professional team who applies specific policing strategies to keep you safe, as well as improve the experience and value of our community. Every police department must carefully choose what policing strategies to pursue based on the specific goals they seek to accomplish. We prioritize maintaining exceptional police services, developing trusting relationships, reinforcing officer competence and safety, fostering team-oriented professionalism, and promoting criminal deterrence. We maintain criminal deterrence through a strategy focused on public engagement, proactive communications and actions, officer presence, rapid response, and investigative vigor. In short, our team is capable, competent, and confident in their abilities. They continue to prove themselves as consummate professionals and I am proud to represent them.

Last month, I closed by noting that “an organization is only as good as the people it is composed of”. I will add to this truism by saying our organization is great because of the great people we have and serve. Thank you all for your support and continuing to look out for one another.

Sincerely,

Tanner A. Nystrom





## Change of Season. By: Tom Schroeder, Director Public Works

As the ninth month of the year arrives so does the summer begin its departure. This change of seasons may not have the favor of the onset of spring as spring awakens, nor the anticipated fun in the sun that summer can bring, none the less it is the fall season that I enjoy the best. The cooler temperatures allow for a more dynamic activity level. I still look forward to the football season; tailgating/grilling; yard work and seeing the colors that the trees transform into as they confirm that the growing season is over.

We are still dealing with the aftermath of the storms from June. There have been some other unfortunate tree issues...a mature pin oak succumbed to a lightning strike; a mature catalpa tree had suddenly experienced severe die back. Several unexpected tree removals along with addressing the ash trees that are left has required re-evaluation as to what our next assignment may be.

With the change of season, we will also see gardens being dismantled and the coming fall providing much to do for our collection process. How you present materials for collection has an enormous impact on our effectiveness and efficiency as we make our weekly rounds. Unlike recycling we can not have materials co-mingled. Yard waste must be broken down into separate piles on the terrace and not in the street to protect from storm water

pollution. Garden waste; sticks; branches; leaves need to be separated and not mixed. Also, the materials should not be placed by obstacles like poles/mailboxes/trees/cars/equipment/trash/recycle...this will only delay or prevent collection. Your help is not only appreciated, it is necessary for us to succeed in implementing our services for Maple Bluff.

AT&T will be starting their undergrounding project as they install fiber. The street work will be very noticeable, the off-street work not as much. It is a big project that will take several weeks to complete. Much of the upper bluff will see the activity of this installation project.

Village staff will be walking the sanitary utility routes that are to be part of a Capital Infrastructure Project in 2023. Anticipate seeing utility markings for the engineers to record locations and we will use the physical review of locations of manholes/pipes to help determine the best processes and procedures to be implemented. The project is concentrating on off street utilities, specifically sanitary and stormwater pipe rehabilitation.

Our department currently has an open position, and we are actively pursuing talented applicants!

Please call with your questions and concerns and drive safe in work zones.

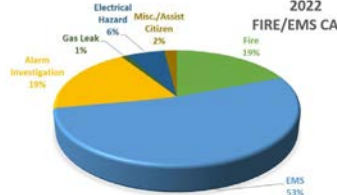


## Fire Rescue Department! By: Kristopher Loy, Fire Chief

**2022 Response Information:** As of August 29, 2022, the Maple Bluff Fire Rescue Department had responded to 100 calls for service in 2022 with an average response time of 5 minutes and 17 seconds within the Village.

Here is a list of the calls we've responded to.

Call Description	# Calls
Fire	19
EMS	53
Alarm Investigation	19
Gas Leak	1
Electrical Hazard	6
Misc./Assist Citizen	2
Total:	100



**Emergency Medical Services:** After careful consideration and deliberation at public meetings held May 18, 2022, July 26, 2022, August 3, 2022, and August 9, 2022 the Village Board of Trustees, Finance Committee, and Fire/EMS Committee unanimously voted to support the operation of an ambulance by the Maple Bluff Fire Rescue Department. The MBFD has been licensed and staffed to provide EMS services at the Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT) level since January 1, 2011, but without the ability to transport.

Our staff is diligently working through the approval processes with the State EMS Office and is also working with vendors to acquire the necessary equipment. This includes the purchase of an ambulance. If you are interested in helping to fund the purchase of any portion of the new equipment please contact Chief Loy, kloy@villageofmaplebluff.com or 608-244-3390. Ryan Brothers EMS will continue to provide 911 transport services for our community during this transitional period. Our staff is excited to be able to expand our service capabilities to best suit the needs of our residents.

**Dane County Fire Truck Parade:** The Dane County Fire Chiefs Association will be kicking off Fire Prevention Week 2022 with a fire truck parade up State Street on Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 1:00pm. Fire trucks from throughout Dane County, including Maple Bluff, will be on display on the Capitol Square following the parade.



**MBFD Open House:** Sunday, October 16, 2022 will be our department's annual Fire Prevention Open House from 11:00am until 2:00pm. Some of the event's activities will include fire truck rides, prizes, fire extinguisher classes, and tours of the firehouse. We hope to see you there.



## Fire Department Open House

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2022**  
**11:00AM-2:00PM**  
**MAPLE BLUFF FIREHOUSE**  
**18 OXFORD PLACE, MADISON, WI 53704**

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**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.

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.

**2022-2024 Intern Badge Pinning:** On Sunday, August 28, 2022 we officially welcomed our new class of interns to the MBFD by holding a badge pinning ceremony. Good luck this school year.



(L-R: Chief Kristopher Loy, Francisco Nava, Elijah Vance, Abraham Ruiz, Ryan Thomas)



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## Thank you

Do you know where summer went? It seems like just yesterday we were greeted with the anxious smiles of young campers at CYGW and the excitement from the A/A participants as they arrived for their first few days of summer programming. Fast forward 2+ months, it is now September, staff and kids are back to school. This was a challenging summer with limited staff on the lifeguard team and CYGW counselors. However, we pulled through and had a very successful summer.

A huge thank you to all the following seasonal employees that helped make the 2022 Summer Programs the best yet! Beach Director, Davis Nelson, Lifeguards, Henry Apter, Finn Jaeger, Charlotte Krez, Roman Menocal, Trevor Schulz, and Zach Redemann, CYGW Director, April Grogan, Counselors, Julia Dow, Luella Duff, Chloe Harkins, Nina Haupt, Claire Hees, Emily Masciopinto, Anna Moore, Marguerite Potter, Dane Pulvermacher, Polly Stephenson, Spencer Vincent, and Moira Zoeller. Finally, thank you to all the Big Buddies at Camp this year, Claire Palovcsik, Bree Sweeney, Evie Dow, Jamarie Kozek, Ali Waterman, Cassie Kohls, Karson Gingras, Macy Smith, Adrianna Hosking, Wyatt Pulvermacher, Gus Moore, Finn Pelletter, Eva Bottorff, Georgia Hussin, Dominic and Elijah Grant, Alex Morrow, Owen Vincent, Fran Kuehn, Ashley Davie, and Karson Finck. These are the unsung heroes of CYGW, as they volunteer several hours and help in a variety of ways that may go unnoticed. In a few years, this group of Big Buddies will make excellent Counselors!

## Maple Bluff Block Party: Saturday 9/17

Join us as we light up the September sky with a fantastic firework display by Platte River Fireworks LLC. The fireworks have been made possible through the following sponsors, Willy Street Co-Op, Monona Bank, Pellitteri Waste Systems, The Cullen Family, The Schmid Family, and Isthmus Partners.

The event will feature a DJ, Musical Memories, beginning at 5pm with the firework display launching at approximately 8:00pm. Food and beverage will be available for purchase through food carts and the Maple Bluff Fire Rescue Department.

As a reminder, dogs are not allowed at our community events. This is for the safety and enjoyment of all attendees.

## Programming:

### Fall Archery

**Days:** Wednesdays

**Dates:** September 7<sup>th</sup> – October 12<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 5:30pm – 6:30pm

**Location:** Gym

**Ages:** 7 – 12

**Fee:** \$48.00



### Teen Fall Archery

**Days:** Wednesdays

**Dates:** September 7<sup>th</sup> – October 12<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 6:30pm – 7:30pm

**Location:** Gym

**Ages:** 13 – 17

**Fee:** \$48.00

This fall session will work on safety, shooting techniques, accuracy and shooting with a compound. Each week the group will play fun games and have competitions.

### NFL Flag Football

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

**Days:** Thursdays

**Dates:** September 8<sup>th</sup> – October 27<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 4:30pm – 5:30pm

**Location:** Beach Park

**Ages:** 7 – 10

**Fee:** \$75.00



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

### 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Traveling

**Dates:** August 24<sup>th</sup> – October 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Time:** 4:30pm – 5:30pm

**Location:** Johnson Park (Practices)

**Games:** TBD on Saturdays beginning in September

**Ages:** 11 – 14

**Fee:** \$85.00



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



## Youth Enrichment League Programs (YEL!)

### K – 2<sup>nd</sup> Basketball

**Dates:** October 26 – November 16

**Days:** Wednesdays

**Time:** 4:30pm – 5:30pm

**Location:** Gym

**Ages:** 5 - 8

**Fee:** \$50.00



This program teaches players new skills each class, practices those skills in kid-friendly games, and then encourages students to use those skills in introductory basketball games. Emphasis is placed on basic basketball skills such as dribbling, shooting, passing, sportsmanship, and teamwork.

### Chess

**Dates:** September 20 – October 25

**Days:** Tuesdays

**Time:** 4:30pm – 5:30pm

**Location:** Beach House

**Ages:** 5 -11

**Fee:** \$80.00

Learn, Practice, and Play chess each class. Each class will have a new lesson and puzzle, as well as, guided games and in-class tournaments. Class fee includes Chesskid.com membership for the duration of the class.

### Coding

**Dates:** September 19 – October 24

**Days:** Mondays

**Location:** Beach House

**Ages:** 5 - 7

**Fee:** \$76.00

Bring your stories to life with ScratchJr Coding! Participants learn the art of storytelling, create simple animations using code blocks, and are introduced to the world of coding all at the same time. Teamwork, collaboration, and inclusion are all on tap in this nurturing introduction to coding and storytelling.

### STEM: Catapults & Dragons

**Dates:** September 19 – October 24

**Days:** Mondays

**Time:** 4:30pm – 5:30pm

**Location:** Beach House

**Ages:** 5 – 8

**Fee:** \$70.00

Build a dragon, railroad crossing, and design your own marshmallow catapult using LEGO bricks. Then use those projects to investigate basic engineering concepts.

## Youth Enrichment League Programs (YEL!)

### Fencing

**Dates:** September 24 – October 29

**Days:** Saturdays

**Time:** 6:15pm – 7:15pm

**Location:** Village Center

**Ages:** 9 – 18

**Fee:** \$84.00



Join this fast-paced, inclusive Olympic Sport. This class will teach fencers new skills each class, practice those skills in fencing games, and then encourages students to use those skills in fencing bouts. All fencing equipment is provided.

### Mad Scientists

**Dates:** September 21 – October 26

**Days:** Wednesday

**Time:** 4:30pm – 5:30pm

**Location:** Beach House

**Ages:** 6 - 12

**Fee:** \$101.00

Make and take home a lava lamp, hover disc, explosive volcano, and of course...slime! Use all of these experiments to explore and discover the scientific method.

### PreK & K Soccer

**Dates:** October 26 – November 16

**Days:** Wednesday

**Time:** 5:45pm – 6:45pm

**Location:** Gym

**Ages:** 4 – 5

**Fee:** \$50.00



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

### Junior Robotics

**Dates:** September 20 – October 25

**Days:** Tuesdays

**Time:** 5:50pm – 6:50pm

**Location:** Beach House

**Ages:** 6 - 13

**Fee:** \$76.00

Build an alligator, race car and more. Then program the alligator to chomp, the car to rev, or design your own computer code to make them do whatever you want.

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## YEL Cont.

**Soccer K– 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade**  
**Dates:** September 20 – October 11  
**Days:** Tuesdays  
**Time:** 4:30pm – 5:30pm  
**Location:** Beach Park  
**Ages:** 5 - 8  
**Fee:** \$50.00



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## Basketball Programs

\* practice schedules are subject to change based on coach availability.

**3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys**  
**Dates:** 11/14 – 3/6  
**Days:** Mondays  
**Time:** 4:45pm – 6:00pm  
**Fee:** \$85.00  
**Coaches:** TBD

**3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls**  
**Dates:** 11/15 – 3/7  
**Days:** Tuesdays  
**Time:** 4:45pm – 6:00pm  
**Fee:** \$85.00  
**Coaches:** TBD

**5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys**  
**Dates:** 11/17 – 3/9  
**Days:** Thursdays  
**Time:** 6:00pm – 7:15pm  
**Fee:** \$85.00  
**Coaches:** TBD

**5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls**  
**Dates:** 11/15 – 3/7  
**Days:** Tuesdays  
**Time:** 6:00pm – 7:15pm  
**Fee:** \$85.00  
**Coaches:** TBD

**7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys**  
**Dates:** 11/17 – 3/9  
**Days:** Thursdays  
**Time:** 7:15pm – 8:30pm  
**Fee:** \$85.00  
**Coaches:** TBD



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

## Facility Reservations

If you are interested in reserving the Beach House, Gym, or Dailey Cabin, please contact Curt Erickson at [cerickson@villageofmaplebluff.com](mailto:cerickson@villageofmaplebluff.com). The facility reservation request form can also be found on the Village's website under the Parks and Recreation page.

Upcoming rentals include Beach House, September 4<sup>th</sup> and October 7<sup>th</sup>; Dailey Cabin, September 11<sup>th</sup>; Gym, each Monday through December from 6:30pm – 8:00pm.

## Babysitter Course

**Babysitter Training Course**  
**Date:** December 17  
**Day:** Saturday  
**Time:** 9:00am – 4:00pm  
**Location:** Village Center  
**Fee:** \$105.00  
\* 5 spots remaining



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This class will not certify participants in CPR.

## Trip

**Cascade Mountain Trip**  
**Day:** Monday (MLK JR Day)  
**Date:** January 16, 2023  
**Time:** 8:45am – 5:00pm  
**Fee:** \$70.00  
**Age:** 7 – 16  
\*24 spots remaining



Hey kids, join the Monona, Cottage Grove & Maple Bluff Recreation Departments for an awesome day or night of shredding down the slopes of Cascade Mountain. Enjoy the mountain on your skis or snowboard. There will be a separate waiver form for rental of equipment. Fee includes bus transportation, lift ticket (if you have a season pass, discounted rate is available), supervision, lunch ticket and rentals (if necessary).

## BACK TO SCHOOL TIPS

1. Remind your child that they're not alone.
2. Help your child know what to expect.
3. Praise all your child's efforts!
4. Pay attention to your own anxiety.
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