



VILLAGE OF MAPLE BLUFF

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

October 2022



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Photo by: Tom Schroeder

Calendar of Events

October

- 11 Village/Building Board Meeting
- 20 Municipal Court
- 31 Halloween (Trick or Treating 5:30-7:30pm)

November

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

December

- 8 Municipal Court
 - 13 Village/Building Board Meeting
 - 25 Christmas
- The Village Office & Public Works Department
will be closed Nov 24 & 25

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
- 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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Ch Ch Ch Ch Changes! By: Carl Vieth, Village President

Ch ch ch ch changes! October is a time where we bid summer adieu and prepare for winter. Days are shorter – nights are longer. Because many of us are now commuting at dawn or dusk, we must be adapting our driving, cycling, and running / walking habits to assure safety. Lighting, high-visibility clothing, situational awareness and reducing the speed of your vehicle will go a long way to assure the safety of all. With school in session, we need to be extra vigilant of children waiting for the bus. In the past we have seen people on bikes and in cars illegally passing school busses that have their lights flashing and stop signs deployed. Stop it! Seriously, STOP IT!

With autumn, we are the beneficiaries of the spectacular change of colors. Our lush foliage makes its transition from green to a myriad of vibrant yellows, oranges, and reds. As the soil cools in the cool autumn nights, trees begin to shed their foliage in preparation for the inevitable snow that will cover their branches. The leaves need to go somewhere – and gravity takes care of that, leaving a leafy covering on lawns and parkways. Though they may seem harmless – even fun (jumping into a pile of leaves? Priceless!), the leaves pose a significant hazard to our precious lakes.

As leaves decay, they release large amounts of phosphorous that is easily washed into our lakes. This year's leaves become next year's lake algae. And with the algae comes health hazards, closed beaches, and that odor we all know and hate. According to the Clean Lakes Alliance (check out their web site - [https://](https://www.cleanlakesalliance.org/leaves/)

www.cleanlakesalliance.org/leaves/) - here are some interesting facts regarding urban leaves:

- Over the course of the year, more than 50% of phosphorus in urban stormwater can come from leaves in the street
- In the fall, REMOVING LEAVES FROM THE STREET (my emphasis) before it rains can reduce the amount of phosphorus in urban stormwater by 80% compared to no leaf removal

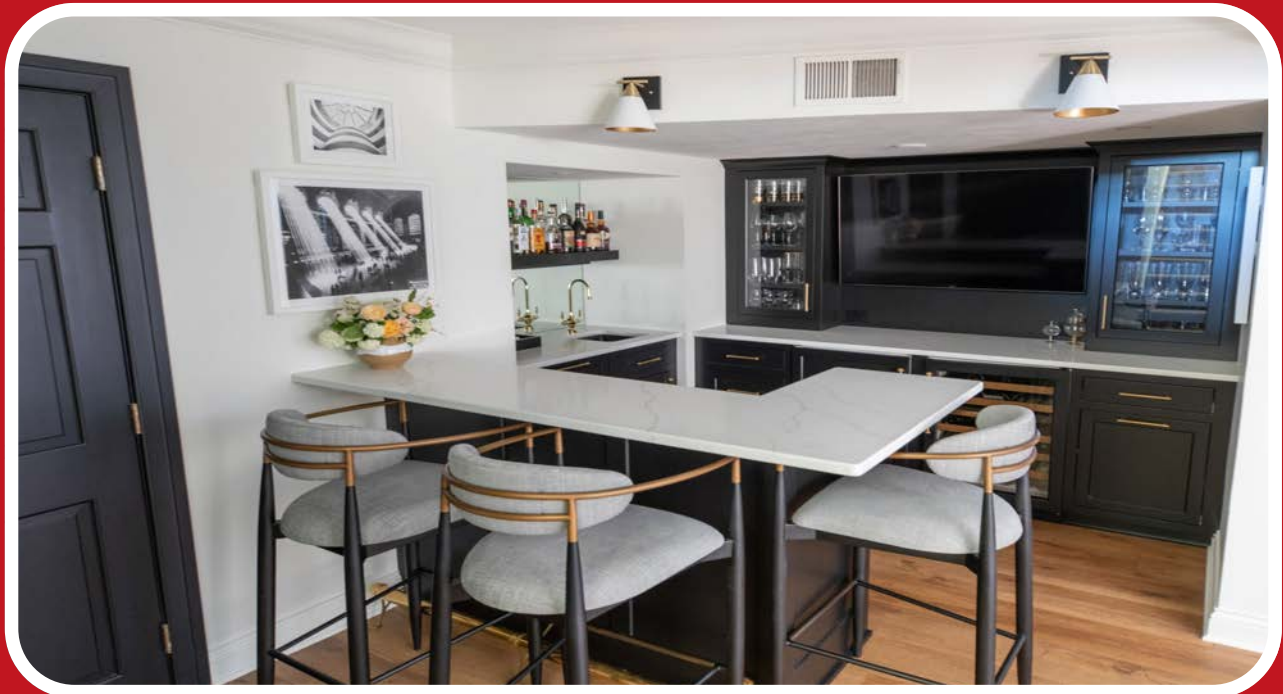
So, there's good news and bad. The good news is that our Department of Public Works Department removes leaves from every village residence at least once a week! And those leaves are composted to become future organic fertilizer. Bad news is that way too many Village residents insist on depositing their leaves in the street. With every subsequent rain – phosphorous – summer algae. One common myth is that having leaves on the terrace next to the street will kill lawn grass – NOPE! In addition, piles of leaves in the street create traffic hazards and make clean-up difficult. So, please be considerate of your neighbors and natural resources and keep your leaves on the terrace.

Finally, be sure to get out and enjoy the view!

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Carl

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Happy to be Busy! By: Tanner Nystrom, Village Administrator/Police Chief

Although many are sad to see summer now behind us, I always love the transition to fall and welcome October with open arms! The colorful changing leaves and unique smells of autumn air seem to call us to outdoor activities before the winter cold sets in. As you know, fall brings about a fair amount of labor for our hard-working Public Works crew and I know that, as always, they welcome the challenge. In Administration, we have an election around the corner and are already busy planning for next year. Our Fire Department is working hard to assume EMS transport services, while our Police Officers remain as vigilant as ever. Fall may be a transition period, but we are surely not idle and happy to be busy!

Halloween is fast approaching and, as always, we want to do everything we can to make the day a great experience for kids. The structured hours for Trick-or-Treating are from 5:30p-7:30p on 31 October and your porch light being "ON" is the international signal of "Open for Trick-or-Treaters". As with past years, we will have multiple officers on-duty and look forward to another safe year of fun.

October is also National Crime Prevention month. Agencies across the country work with partners to improve crime prevention and safety initiatives during this time. Last month, I shared some details about our department's policing strategies, and I want to reiterate how fortunate we are to have a community that

supports them through proactive communications and engagement. Each interaction our Officers have with you improves safety and helps to prevent crime in our community. Calls residents make to the non-emergency dispatcher at (608) 255-2345 of any suspicious activity give us an opportunity to respond quickly and establish a public presence. Your proactivity reduces the attractiveness of our community for opportunistic crime and may very well interrupt one in progress. Our officers thank you for your help!

As a parting note, I want to take a moment and congratulate Assistant Fire Chief Derek Weum for completing another step in his professional development. On September 23rd, I was proud to see Derek awarded a certificate of completion for the Chief / Company Officer Certificate Program through UW Oshkosh. The program is designed to strengthen communication and leadership skills, as well as promote a more developed understanding of public administration in fire and emergency services. Congratulations, Derek!

I want to thank you all once again. We genuinely appreciate all the support we receive from this great community!

Sincerely,

Tanner A. Nystrom

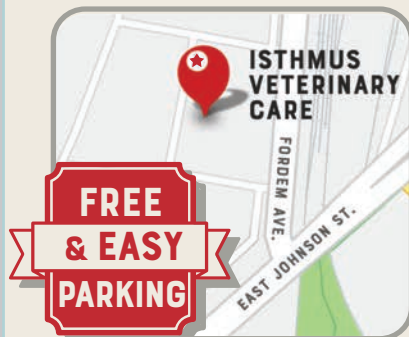
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Changing Season! By: Tom Schroeder, Director Public Works

The seasons have definitely changed! With cool down taking place the trees will release charges and set them free...we are prepping our collection equipment in anticipation of the fall. Please display collected yard waste for collection on the terrace and not onto the street to prevent debris to be swept away into the storm system that leads directly to the lake. All materials need to be placed and separated into like piles: leaves separated from sticks separated from branches separated from garden debris etc. Failure to separate materials will delay or prevent their collection. Allow space between different materials and provide placement away from trees, poles, mailboxes, fire hydrants, vehicles and equipment. There are numerous examples on display every year where materials are placed next to fixed objects, vehicles or stacked upon one another like a seven-layer salad. Please take the time to separate materials properly for it will allow us to be as efficient and effective as possible. Our primary activity will be collecting leaves until the snow flies, or the temperature prevents us from using the collection equipment.

The beach pier will be removed as soon as possible.

The marina pier will be removed as soon as possible after the boat slips are removed.

As fall continues, we will prepare for the next season... I'll call it the Holiday Season! Get your vehicles, small equipment and home furnaces tuned up now rather than later. Enjoy the colors of autumn, call with your questions and concerns.





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Fire Rescue Department! By: Kristopher Loy, Fire Chief

Dane County Fire Truck Parade: Fun for the whole family! Join the Dane County Fire Chiefs Association on State Street for the annual Dane County Fire Truck Parade! Downtown partners will host special family activities at the Top of State Street and after the parade, fire trucks from across Dane County, including Maple Bluff, will be on display along the Capitol Square. This wholesome family event, running for over 20 years, is a safe and fun way to enjoy downtown. Stick around after the parade to enjoy fire sales and firehouse specials at select businesses on State St.

- * The parade starts at 1p on State Street & ends on Capitol Square!
 - * Scavenger hunt of fire safety items found in downtown businesses.
 - * Activities for families at the top of State Street from 12-2p.
 - * A fire themed downtown StoryWalk starts (and is posted for a month).
 - * Fiery food and spicy drink specials and hot shopping deals all day.
- Learn more at: <https://visitdowntownmadison.com/events/fire-truck-parade>





Fire Department Open House



Prizes
Fire Trucks

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

Fire Extinguisher and Equipment Demos



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Open House: The Maple Bluff Fire Rescue Department will be hosting our Fire Prevention Open House on Sunday, October 16, 2022 from 11:00am-2:00pm. Our firefighters will be providing fire safety presentations, equipment demonstrations, and show off our fire apparatus. There will be treats, goodies and fire safety literature for all attendees.

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 to reserve a spot in any of our upcoming classes.

Where were you when the storm hit on June 13, 2022?

Did you know that September was National Preparedness Month? National Preparedness Month is an observance each September to raise awareness about the importance of preparing for disasters and emergencies that could happen at any time. At the Fire Department Open House Sunday, October 16, 2022 Boy Scouts of America Troop 5 will host a table set up with several publications available for your family to prepare for the next emergency. To begin thinking about emergency preparedness, I encourage you to go the www.Ready.gov website for videos, guides, and checklists. Launched in February 2003, Ready.gov is a national public service campaign designed to educate and empower the American people to prepare for, respond to and mitigate emergencies, including natural and man-made disasters.

The Scout motto is "Be Prepared", let's work together to make sure our community and each member of our family is prepared for the next event.

By: Michael O'Driscoll BSA Troop 5 – Eagle Scout Applicant



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA



The holiday season is fast approaching. For many families in our area, this gift-giving might not be possible due to financial hardships they may be facing. To address this need, Maple Bluff Police along with other local law enforcement agencies

have collaborated for the past 20 years on an event called "Shop with a Cop." This event provides economically disadvantaged families within Dane County with gifts during the holidays. We are currently working with Lakeview and Hawthorne Elementary schools to find hard-working students who will benefit from this program.

Shop with a Cop gives the children an opportunity to interact with law enforcement in a positive context. It also allows our Department to give back to the community and gives the children a sense of satisfaction as they are able to provide gifts for their families. On

Sunday December 4, 2022 approximately 95 children will be brought to the Target on the East-side of Madison where they will be paired with an officer. Together they will purchase gifts for the child's family. Each Child will be provided with \$200 with which to purchase presents. After shopping, the children will be treated to a pizza party at the VFW where they will spend time wrapping gifts with their officer. In order to continue the success of this program, we need the ongoing support and monetary contributions from area businesses, along with personal donations. Our goal is to increase the number of families we can help, however, we can only do so through generous public donations. If you would like to contribute, please mail or drop off a check to the Maple Bluff Police Department Attn: Shop with a Cop 18 Oxford Place Madison, WI 53704 Please make all checks payable to Shop with A Cop-Dane County, INC. If you have any questions, please contact Jessie Knops at jknops@villageofmaplebluff.com or Officer Aurit at jaurit@villageofmaplebluff.com. All donations to the program are tax deductible. Thank you for your generosity.

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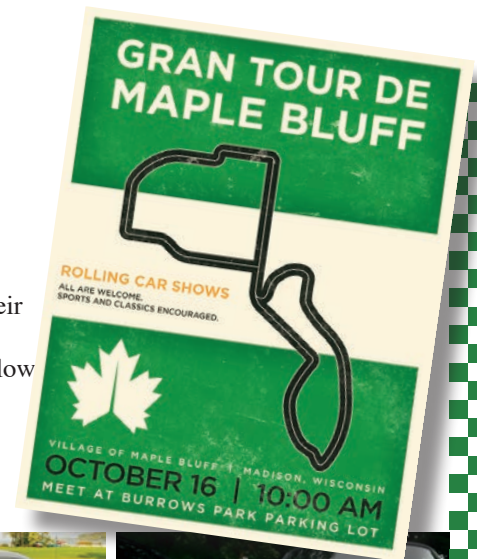
Later this month will be Halloween!! The structured hours for Trick or Treating is from 5:30p-7:30p, but you are welcome to adjust those hours as they work for you. **Wisconsin Governor's Executive Residence** will be joining in the fun handing out candy and toys. As most everyone knows, your porch light being "ON" is the international signal of "Open for Trick or Treaters". Have fun!



Gran Tour de Maple Bluff – October 16th at 10:00 AM

October 16th will be the second and final Gran Tour de Maple Bluff this season. 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.



2022 Beaches Report Provided by PHMDC

Madison & Dane County Public Health distributed the E. coli testing results to municipalities who participate in the program on September 12. The Village's swimming area at Beach Park was only closed once due to high levels of E. coli, which was on June 14th, immediately following the June 13th storms. By comparison the Village's Beach was closed 12 times in 2021. PHMDC does not test the water quality for the presence of blue-green algae as conditions can change rapidly for growths. The Village closed the water for swimming due to potential blue-green algae blooms 3 times in 2022.

Firemen's Park Fence

After receiving approvals from the Parks and Recreation Committee, Building Board, and Village Board the fence installation at Firemen's Park was completed on September 14th. The purpose of the fence project was to provide a barrier to the Wisconsin & Southern Rail Corridor. The project was funded through the Village's Bocce Funds raised from 2021 & 2022.



Marina Pier

The Summer lease will end on Saturday, October 15th. Summer tenants will need to have their property removed from the Marina by the end of the 15th, which will allow the Village's contractor to remove hoists in a timely manner. If you need outdoor winter storage, the Village has a handful of opportunities remaining.

Tennis & Soccer Net Removals

The windscreens at Beach Park will be removed by mid-October. This process is completed prior to the strong fall winds that help pave the way for the encroaching winter months. The tennis nets will remain up until the first forecasted snowfall. The soccer nets at Johnson Park will be removed near the end of October or as the weather allows.

Johnson Park Improvement Project



Facility Reservation

If you are interested in reserving the Beach House, Gym, or Dailey Cabin, please contact Curt Erickson at cerickson@villageofmaplebluff.com or call 608-230-7655. 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, October 2nd, 7th, 8th, and 22nd, Gym, each Monday through December from 6:30pm – 8:00pm and every Thursday until November 10th from 6:00pm – 10:00pm.

Programming:

5th - 8th Grade Flag Football



The Maple Bluff Packers coached by Bob Gingras, Ryan Stephenson, and Bob Rozmiarek kicked off their season on September 10th, as of writing this article they currently sit 0-2. Show your support to the team on Saturday October 1st or October 15th at Johnson Park, with each game beginning at 9:00am.

Youth Enrichment League Programs (YEL!)

K – 2nd Basketball

Dates: October 26 – November 16

Days: Wednesdays

Time: 4:30pm

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.

Youth Enrichment League Programs (YEL!)

PreK & K Soccer

Dates: October 26 – November 16

Days: Wednesday

Time: 5:45pm – 6:45pm

Location: Gym

Ages: 4 – 5

Fee: \$50.00



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Basketball Programs

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

3rd/4th Grade Boys

Dates: 11/14 – 3/6

Days: Mondays

Time: 4:45pm – 6:00pm

Fee: \$85.00

Coaches: TBD

3rd/4th Grade Girls

Dates: 11/15 – 3/7

Days: Tuesdays

Time: 4:45pm – 6:00pm

Fee: \$85.00

Coaches: TBD

5th/6th Grade Boys

Dates: 11/17 – 3/9

Days: Thursdays

Time: 6:00pm – 7:15pm

Fee: \$85.00

Coaches: TBD

5th/6th Grade Girls

Dates: 11/15 – 3/7

Days: Tuesdays

Time: 6:00pm – 7:15pm

Fee: \$85.00

Coaches: TBD

7th/8th 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 later. Area communities involved in the league are Middleton, Cross Plains, Monona, Waunakee, Verona, Fitchburg, DeForest, and Cottage Grove. All players will receive a jersey.

Programs

Babysitter Training Course

Date: December 17

Day: Saturday

Time: 9:00am – 4:00pm

Location: Village Center

Fee: \$105.00

* 6 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).





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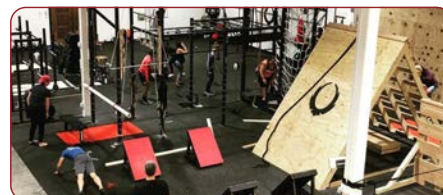
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