



# VILLAGE OF MAPLE BLUFF

neighborhood news

*July 2023*



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## Calendar of Events

### July

- 4 Fest on the Fourth
- 6 Municipal Court
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- 17 Concert in the Park
- 24 Concert in the Park
- 25 August Building Board Materials Due
- 31 Concert in the Park

### August

- 7 Parks and Recreation
- 8 Building Board
- 8 Village Board
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- 29 September Building Board Materials Due

## Village Board

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## Trash/Recycling

Trash pick up is shaded, recycling dates are circled

July							August							September						
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## From First Lieutenant Kessenich

Lieutenant Harry Kessenich, who is somewhere in France, sends the following interesting letter to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kessenich, 648 East Gorham Street, in which he describes a fourth of July abroad.

**Sunday, July 7, 1918**

*Dear Folks, The great and glorious fourth has come and gone. The weather here was perfect. It was a gala day everywhere. It would have done your heart good to see the crowds of Englishmen, Frenchmen, Scotchmen, Irishmen, Australians, and Canadians mixing with our lads in a perfect realization of what July fourth meant to America and what it means to the world today. It meant liberty for us. It means liberty for the world.*

## Support & Dedication Every Day!

By Tanner A. Nystrom

Summer is once again in full swing! Due to the organized planning and hard work over the last several months, we are enjoying our summer events like Concerts in the Park, Arts and Athletics, Camp-Ya-Gotta-Wanna, Bocce, and a Fest on the 4th celebration. I would be remiss not to thank all the staff and volunteers who make this special time possible. And although we are always busy during this time of year, I think it is important to recognize the continued perseverance and dedication of our staff. While you undoubtedly see the hard work of our understaffed Public Works and Recreation teams, what you may not see is the coordination and support that others provide behind the scenes. I specifically want to thank our front office staff – Sarah, Curt, Rene, Donna, and Abbi – for their consistent support and dedication to ensure all departments effectively contribute to our mission every day. Thank you!

I also have another, very important thank you to offer. After more than 21 years of service, Officer Keith Wilke submitted his letter of intent to retire from our department. Keith dedicated a good part of his life to service of the village and his long career here as a part-time Officer is a testament to the commitment and camaraderie that we seek to maintain indefinitely. Keith's official retirement date was on June 26th, and he will be missed greatly among our team. Please join me in expressing our sincere appreciation and best wishes to Keith and his family!

As the saying goes: while one door closes, another opens. Please join me in welcoming Officer Ron Webster to our Police Department team! Ron recently accepted an offer to join us as a part-time Officer and started the onboarding process in late June. He comes to us by way of the Madison Police Department where he retired as a Sergeant after more than 27 years of service. Ron brings a plethora of knowledge and expertise to our team. Welcome to Maple Bluff, Ron!

You may have noticed; we have been working hard to improve our communications with you through the newsletter and emails. You all know Kris Loy as our Fire Chief and Public Safety Director, but what you may not know is that he is the driving force behind our website, social media, and email messaging campaigns. Kris has done a phenomenal job improving our communication and outreach to residents. Most recently he added information onto the website about our zoning ordinance update and infrastructure projects. Please take a minute to see what's new at [www.villageofmaplebluff.com](http://www.villageofmaplebluff.com) and give us feedback!

Finally, as summer continues, please be mindful of how your actions impact others in the village – we all benefit from a safe and beautiful community. In addition to traffic safety challenges, every summer we encounter an increase in property crimes and our Officers work diligently to prevent as much as we can. We are most effective with your continued assistance! Please remember to slow down, secure your belongings that are not attended, close your garage doors when not actively in use, and lock all doors. These relatively simple actions can and do deter reckless behavior and opportunistic crime from our community – through these actions you communicate that we are not an easy target for crime, that we are responsible, and that we care for one another. As always, call 911 for any emergent situation and call (608) 255-2345 for any non-emergency scenarios, to include suspicious activity. Stay safe!

*Sincerely,*

Tanner A. Nystrom



Ron Webster



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# FEST ON THE FOURTH TIMELINE

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**7:00AM**

Registration for 5K, Beach Park

**7:30AM**

5K start

**9:00AM**

Parade Lineup begins at Fisk and Lakewood.  
Cars/Floats please line up first on Fisk,  
heading towards Lakewood Boulevard

**9:15AM**

Bikes/Walkers arrive for parade lineup,  
behind Cars/Floats

**10:00AM**

Parade begins, departing Fisk/Lakewood  
and ending at Johnson Park

**10:30AM - 1:00PM**

Fest on the 4th Festival at Johnson Park

**1:00PM**

Upper Bluff vs. Lower Bluff Softball Game

**APPROXIMATELY 9:30PM**

Fireworks at Beach Park





## Newsletter from the Department of Public Works - July 2023

Elements of the 2023 CIP have started and are continuing. Investigative video of the sanitary lines has started and will continue until finished. This will help determine the condition of the lines and provide insight on how to approach the work with their equipment. This is only the first visit, there will be the lining process that will be more involved and the renewal or adjustments of manhole castings.



We have a couple more trees to plant, if you think your terrace needs a tree give me a call. As for the newly planted trees they need watering with this drought. We will be out with our water vessels to give young terrace and park trees a badly needed drink. Please consider your own trees, young and old, regarding watering. In my book grass will come back, but a neglected tree is likely to stress to a point that they may not recover. Shrubs also!!

We will be spending time and street maintenance funds on Farwell Dr. from Lakewood to Summit to address some of the deterioration along the flow lines and paving joints. This will require grinding the asphalt down 1.5"- 2" to allow us to place hot mix asphalt for the repair. It will be our hands on project for the summer. Once this is done it will be a candidate for chipseal later this year.

The parks and gardens are suffering from this drought as well. We are trying to get water to the gardens in a timely manner as to keep them green. Another issue is dealing with the weeds! The weeds must be actively growing for treatment to be affective. We tried to take care of as much as we could after the last rain. We need more rain and soon.

As always when bringing out yard waste keep it on the terrace and not in the street. Also place it so we can approach the materials as well. Keep away from poles/trees/mailboxes/cars/equipment...all can prevent or delay collections. Please place material in like groupings, do not co-mingle unlike yard waste.

We are still in a hiring mode. We have a promising prospect that we will be interviewing soon!!!

Enjoy the summer! Please have some understanding of the challenges of utility projects, feel free to reach out to me with your questions and concerns. Get your grill out too!!





# Fire Rescue Department By Kristopher Loy, Fire Chief

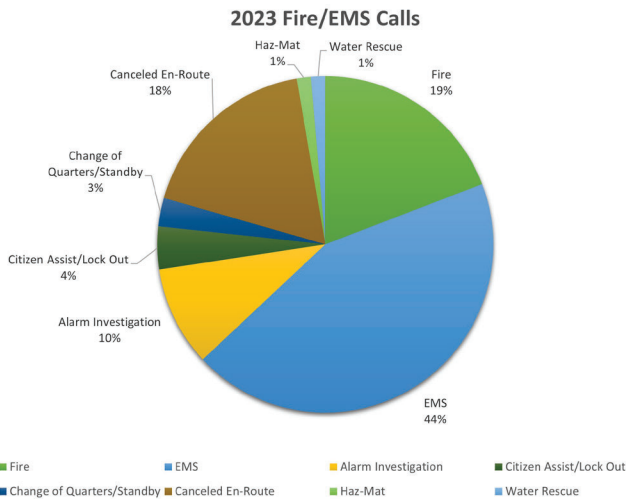


## Response Information:

The Maple Bluff Fire Rescue Department (MBFD) has responded to a total of 73 calls for service in 2023.

The MBFD's new ambulance has responded to 22 emergency medical calls which resulted in

11 patients being transported to area hospitals since going into service March 1st, 2023. Our crews have an average response time within the Village of 3 minutes and 58 seconds (from the time we are notified to our arrival on scene).



## New Interns:

The Maple Bluff Fire Rescue Department is excited to introduce our newest members. Four students joined our internship program and moved into the firehouse on June 11, 2023. They have spent the past month completing their orientation and learning the day-to-day operations of our department. They are all enrolled in the summer EMT-Basic class at Madison College before beginning their Associate of Fire Science classes this fall. We welcome Carley O'Neil (Stoughton, WI), Haiden Badura (Fort Atkinson, WI), Natalie Scheer (Madison, WI), and Braxton Nachreiner (Columbus, WI).



## Concerts in the Park:

Thank you to everyone who has attended the first three Village of Maple Bluff Concerts in the Park. This summer Maple Bluff Fire Rescue Association has once again teamed up with Beef Butter BBQ to serve beverages for each Concert in the Park event. A portion of all proceeds goes to the Maple Bluff Fire Rescue Association. We look forward to seeing everyone at the remaining concerts on July 10th, 17th, 24th, and 31st. Have a great summer!





## Parks and Recreation

By: Curt Erickson, Recreation Director/Deputy Treasurer



With summer in full swing, please be on the lookout for pedestrians and bicyclists throughout the Village, particularly the Beach Corridor. Frequently, youth ride their bikes down the hill from the Club towards the Beach into oncoming traffic. Bicyclists should follow the flow of traffic. The Lakewood entrance to the Club is one-way incoming vehicle traffic with the exit on Kensington Drive. Bicyclists should also exit from the Country Club on Kensington Drive to avoid the blind driveway exit.



### Fest on the Fourth

Thank you to the current sponsors of Fest on the Fourth: Sprinkman Real Estate and TDS Communications.

## Beach House, Dailey Cabin, and Gym Rentals

There is a growing trend with rentals at our facilities, the desire to have amplified noise/music. During June, we have had two incidents that involved resident renters exceeding the time frame amplified noise is allowed in the park and public facilities. **As a reminder, Village Ordinance 192.7.1 prohibits the use of amplified noise between the hours of 9:00pm - 7:00am in public parks.** This information is also included on the rental form. Be courteous to your fellow neighbors and abide by this ordinance when renting our facilities.

## Beach House Staffed Hours

The Beach House will not be staffed July 2, 4, 8, 9, and 30th due to the lack of lifeguard staff. The Beach House will also close at 4:45pm on July 3rd and 5th. In these situations, swimmers will 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 in Lake Mendota. The water can appear green or blue and has a distinct smell. When in doubt, please exercise caution, stay out and keep your pets from entering the water. Public Health Madison-Dane County is scheduled to test the water quality weekly for E.Coli, but blue-green algae can appear within a few hours. For more information and test results visit: <https://www.publichealthmdc.com/environmental-health/beaches-lakes-pools/blue-green-algae-precautions>

The swim raft was assembled in early June and moved down to Beach Park. The raft presents several challenges to our lifeguard team regarding response times, boat traffic between the swim raft and the roped swim area, and the murky, deeper water near the raft makes visibility difficult. Please remind your kids of the dangers that are present with the swim raft and encourage them when lifeguard staff is absent to use a buddy system.

## Beach House Tennis Courts

Be courteous to your fellow neighbors and adhere to the time of play recommendation of 1-hour if people are waiting. **The Village Tennis Courts have been reserved every Thursday from 6:00pm - 8:00pm, Saturday morning from 8:00am - 10:00am, and Friday afternoons from 1:00pm - 3:00pm.**

No tennis or pickleball can be played on the courts before 7am and after 9pm. If people are waiting to play, try to limit your use to an hour to allow others to enjoy the courts. Please check the Village's calendar before playing to make sure they are available for open play and not reserved for exclusive use.



## Bocce Recap

Another successful Bocce has come and gone. This was the first time in my 14+ years with the Village that I have missed the event. Village staff put forth a considerable amount of time and energy into the preparation and delivery of the event to ensure a successful kick-off to the summer. This year's event crowned 2 first time champions in the Tournament Jeff Olsen and John White, congratulations! In total the event grossed \$62,000, which the Parks and Recreation Committee will be adding to the previous Bocce Reserve account for Johnson Park improvements. **Mark your calendars for June 7, 2024 and make sure you register in April 2024 to participate.**



## Six Flags Great America

Monday, July 31  
Time: Bus leaves the Village Center at 8am  
Return: Bus will return at 8pm  
Fee: \$130.00  
Ages: 8 - 15  
Min/Max: 30/40 participants  
**\*Space is still available to attend**  
Instructors: Village Staff

Join us for a fun-filled day of twists and turns on the Midwest's tallest, fastest rollercoasters. Height restrictions will apply to the rides at Six Flags. Fee includes coach bus transportation, supervision, admission ticket. It does not include meals.

Six Flags went to "cashless" throughout the entire park. There are kiosks throughout the park to exchange cash for Six Flags "cards".

## Summer Music Together

Tuesdays, June 27 - July 25 (skip 7/4)  
Time: 9:00am - 9:45am (FULL)  
Time: 10:00am - 10:45am  
Dailey Cabin/Firemen's Park  
Fee: \$70.00  
Ages: 0 - 5 years old  
Instructor: Susan Cramer

Each Music Together class is an active music making experience designed to teach the way young children learn through play with the ones they love! In this mixed-age class, each child participates at their own level through singing, moving, chanting, listening, watching, and exploring musical instruments. Classes provide a variety of adult-child activities that are engaging and developmentally appropriate and offer new ways to play musically at home.

The featured instrument is Maracas. Families will receive a beautifully illustrated songbook, a CD with the songs, and a code to access music online for each session. Spring morning classes will be held outside when the weather permits.

## Summer Concert Series

Another successful start to the Summer Concert series offered an opportunity for neighbors, friends, and families to enjoy some great music at Beach Park in June. The Concert Series will continue throughout July. Thank you to the many sponsors that help make our events successful Pellitteri Waste Systems, Kwik Trip, Festival Foods, Best Buds Landscaping, Isthmus Partners, Sprinkman Real Estate, and Willy Street Co-Op.

**July 10: Alyssia Dominquez**  
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**July 17: Bascom Hill**  
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**Isthmus Partners**

**July 24: The Mascot Theory**  
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**July 31st: Reschedule: Justin Raudebush**  
- **Exclusive Sponsor:**  
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From its tight-knit spirit to its scenic beauty, we appreciate all that makes Maple Bluff special. Together, we celebrate and support our vibrant neighborhood. After all, it's not just our livelihood, it's our life.



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Beach Park – 365 Lakewood Blvd

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**JUNE 19**      SAM NESS & BAND

**JULY 10**      ALYSSIA DOMINQUEZ

**JULY 17**      BASCOM HILL

**JULY 24**      MASCOT THEORY

**JULY 31**      JUSTIN RAUDEBUSH

Food & Beverage will be available for purchase