



VILLAGE OF MAPLE BLUFF

neighborhood news

November 2023



Calendar of Events

November

- 1 Urban Forestry
- 2 Police Committee
- 6 Fire & EMS
- 8 Finance
- 14 Building Board
- 14 Village Board & Public Hearing
- 16 Municipal Court
- 23 & 24 Admin and Public Works Closed
- 28 December Building Board Materials Due

December

- 12 Building Board
- 12 Village Board
- 14 Municipal Court
- 25 Admin and Public Works Closed
- 26 January Building Board Materials Due

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Trash/Recycling

Trash pick up is shaded, recycling dates are circled

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Can You Believe it's the Holiday Season Already?

By Tanner A. Nystrom

Can you believe that we're already in the holiday season again?! I am amazed at how quickly the year has gone by and, although the saying goes "time flies when you're having fun", I can't help but think there is more than fun contributing to this fleeting sensation of time. The best I can figure is that it must be a combination of fun and hard work because we've certainly been busier than normal.

This year we have had a number of additional obligations surface, to include holding 30% more public meetings than our previous 5 year average, undertaking a massive rezoning effort, initiating a major sewer infrastructure lining project, embarking upon a water meter infrastructure transition, creation of a new citizens safety sub-committee, upgrading aging technologies to better support staff in their mission, and onboarding several new staff members,... just to name a few. That said, I am deeply appreciative of our village staff and elected officials for their unwavering dedication to making this community what it is. The tireless efforts of everyone ensure our community remains safe and beautiful as we gear up for another delightful holiday season. A big thank you to all!

I'm thrilled to share that we're welcoming a new part-time officer to our police team - Zachary Stec. Over the past couple months Zach has been undergoing our field training program and I am excited to share that, as of the 19th of October, he is certified for solo patrol work. Zach brings with him 6 years of law enforcement experience with the City of Beloit. Zach is a very professional, proactive, and courteous young man who has already proven to be a valuable addition to our team. We eagerly anticipate Zach's continued contributions, so please join me in congratulating and welcoming him to Maple Bluff!

As the holidays approach, here are a few friendly reminders. If you're planning to travel or host overnight guests, please submit vacation and overnight parking requests on our police department's page on the village website <https://villageofmaplebluff.com/home/departments/police-department/>. Vacation requests enable our officers to keep

a closer eye on your home while you're away and contact you if necessary. Regarding parking, we generally prohibit overnight street parking to allow our Public Works crew to clear leaves, snow, and other debris. Off-street parking also ensures that emergency response vehicles can navigate safely and respond promptly to any incidents. Moreover,

vehicles parked on the street at night can obstruct visibility, compromise pedestrian safety, and provide cover for criminal activities.

Finally, as we embrace the joy and warmth of the holiday season, it's important to remember that not everyone around the world shares in our good fortune. Many face challenges such as poverty, illness, and displacement, which are often magnified during this time of year.

However, the spirit of the season is a powerful reminder of our capacity to make a difference. Each of us, in our own way, can impact those around us and within our community. Whether it's through volunteering, donating to a worthy cause, or simply offering a kind word to a neighbor, we can all contribute to spreading holiday cheer and making the world a little brighter. I hope to use this season as an opportunity to reach out, to give, and to uplift those who need it most. To that end, on behalf of village staff, I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable holiday season!

Sincerely,

Tanner A. Nystrom



ZONING ORDINANCE UPDATE

Administration Office - Sarah Danz, Deputy Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer

Thanks to all who responded to the recent community survey to help guide the Village on its zoning ordinance update. About 30% of Maple Bluff's adult population responded to this survey, which is a very good response rate! The survey results were supplemented by other efforts over the summer to learn community priorities.

The Zoning Ordinance Update Steering Committee and Village Board recently reviewed community input results and provided further guidance for the update. Our Village Planner, Mark Roffers, is now beginning to prepare the first full ordinance draft, which the Committee will review in meetings this winter. These meetings will include an opportunity for public comment. Adoption of the updated zoning code is currently scheduled for Fall 2024, which will be preceded by additional input opportunities.

Visit www.villageofmaplebluff.com and click on the "Zoning Ordinance Update" button to view the community survey results and for current project information.

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Newsletter from the Department of Public Works

The fall season can be extremely challenging as we work toward completion of all the warm weather projects prior to the oncoming season. Visu-Sewer continues performing sanitary sewer lining and manhole replacement and/or adjustments that will experience deteriorating weather conditions. They are capable of finishing if they apply the necessary assets and get reasonable weather conditions, I wish them well.

Woleski Construction is removing and replacing storm pipes at Beach Park and will install HDP water pipe to renew the water main that loops along the MBCC driveway and parking lot. The existing and new pipes will be located between the driveway and rough of hole # 3 and will make a new connection with the water main at the MBCC parking lot entrance/exit in the 400 block of Kensington.

Our fall collections are going well. Both staff and equipment are performing without issues. There are the usual issues like equipment/vehicles covering materials out for collection that we are not able to reach. We are not Billy Goats nor Magicians, please remind service providers that our collection process requires being able to drive up to the materials for removal. Fortunately, we perform our collections every week until winter conditions dictate otherwise....no promises of Thanksgiving week.

The snow moving equipment is ready to go...we also have plenty of ice materials for our roads as well.



At some time between a hard frost and winter settling in we will address oak tree pruning and will likely do some more trimming in late winter or early spring to finish up. We do have a couple of ash trees in the Marina Park that we plan to remove, however access will be based on the amount of rain and/or snow we get in the coming weeks.

Our 2006 International garbage truck is in for an engine overhaul. We have had Pellitteri helping us with trash collection. They have done a fine job. I look forward to getting our vehicle back from the dealership. It has been a foreign experience to have 2 of our front line "Big" trucks fail to the point that major mechanical renewal was required at great expense. I am told no level of maintenance would have prevented this calamity for either truck..."it happens" as I was told.

As we work into and through the month of November and beyond...family comes to mind...good friends and your extended family in the workplace...relationships and health...give to these people, these things, your time and your very best efforts. You will be rewarded.

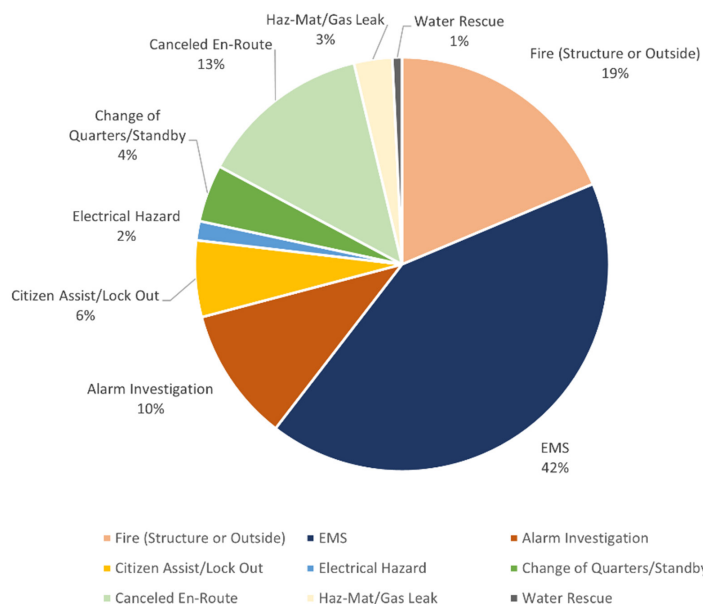
Fire Rescue Department By Kristopher Loy, Fire Chief



Response Information:

The Maple Bluff Fire Rescue Department (MBFD) has responded to a total of 134 calls for service in 2023. The MBFD's new ambulance has responded to 46 emergency medical calls resulting in 25 patients being transported

to area hospitals this year. Our crews have an average response time within the Village of 3 minutes 49 seconds (dispatch to arrival scene).



Fire Truck Parade:

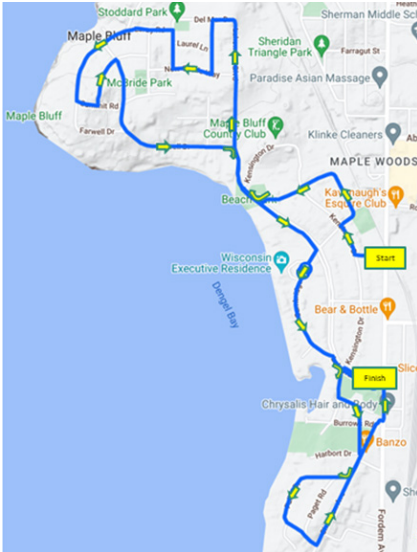
The Maple Bluff Fire Rescue Department participated in the annual Dane County Fire Chiefs Association fire truck parade on October 8, 2023. This event helped kick-off national fire prevention week and allowed kids and adults to see fire apparatus up close. (L-R: Kristopher Loy, Carley O'Neil, Elijah Vance)

Open House:

The Maple Bluff Fire Rescue Department held our annual fire prevention open house on Sunday, October 15, 2023, from 11:00am-2:00pm. We had a wonderful turnout and appreciated everyone who attended. Congratulations to all our raffle prize winners: Madeline K., Ravi S, Winnie H, Mary T, Nate B, Scott P, Melinda F, Rob F, Dan S, Finley P, and Kathy H. We look forward to seeing everyone again next year.



2023 HOLIDAY PARADE & TREE LIGHTING



The Village of Maple Bluff is excited for our Annual Holiday Parade and Tree Lighting on Sunday, November 26th, 2023. Please join us as Santa tours the Village in a parade of firetrucks before greeting everyone at Johnson Park for the tree lighting.

- Parade Begins: 3:30pm
- Santa Arrives @ Johnson Park: 4:15pm
- Santa Greets Children: 4:15pm-5:00pm
- Sing Carols & Tree Lighting: 5:00pm (*approx.*)

Light refreshments will be served by the Maple Bluff Fire Rescue Dept. For those not able to attend in person, we've arranged for a drop box to be placed at the Maple Bluff Firehouse. Children and adults alike can drop off a letter to Santa from November 27th until December 22nd. We'll be sure your letter makes it to the North Pole.

Visit www.villageofmaplebluff.com or our Facebook page for additional information.

PUBLIC NOTICE TO ALL CUSTOMERS OF MAPLE BLUFF WATER UTILITY

The Maple Bluff Water Utility has filed an application with the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSCW) to increase water rates. The primary reasons for the requested increase include covering purchased water costs from the City of Madison and funding capital improvements.

The total increase in water revenues requested is \$138,828 which will result in an estimated overall rate increase of 22.71% over the water utility's present revenues. If the request is granted, the water bill for an average residential customer with a 5/8-inch or 3/4-inch meter who uses 2,500 cubic feet (25 units) of water per quarter will increase from \$264.63 to \$328.64, or 24%.

A public hearing on the application will be held on November 16, 2023 at 1:00pm in the conference room at the Village Center, 18 Oxford Place, Madison, Wisconsin.

Copies of the application and supporting documentation are available for review at the Village Center. If you have any questions, please contact the utility office at 608-244-3048.

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historic cabin at Firemen's Park
- 4-5 annual outings (submarine
sleepover, rock climbing, canoeing,
fishing, hiking, museums, etc.)
- 2-3 annual campouts
- Volunteer outings
- No fee to join! Application here:
<https://mapleblufftroop5.com>

Scouting is a cooperative activity where boys learn skills that will serve themselves and others well in life. Scouts live by the scout oath, scout law and outdoor code.

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Parks and Recreation

By: Curt Erickson, Recreation Director/Deputy Treasurer



Gym Use

1. Access to Open Gym is granted through the Village's key fob program.
2. Key fob members may bring up to 3 non-key fob members per use.
3. Members that wish to bring more than 3 guests must reserve the gym online at a minimum of 24 hours in advance. No day of reservations are permitted.
4. No food or beverages are allowed inside the gym, excluding water in an enclosed container.
5. Put all equipment away and notify Village staff of any problems or broken equipment.

Hours: Open Gym will vary depending on the day of the week, programming, and rentals. The gym will close daily at 9:00pm. To check availability, visit the Village's website and select the Parks and Recreation tab, you will find the Parks and Recreation Calendar on this page. If no events are listed, the gym would be available for Open Play.

Music Together: Jingle Jam

Tuesdays, 11/28 - 12/12
Time: 9:00am - 9:45am
Time: 10:00am - 10:45am
Dailey Cabin/Firemen's Park
Fee: \$60.00

Ages: 0 - 5 years old
Instructor: Susan Cramer

Celebrate the beginning of winter with Miss Susan by singing and dancing to Music Together Family Favorites along with holiday-themed music. This three-week session is for old and new Music Together Families!

Facility Rentals

Over the past several months staff, the Parks and Recreation Committee, and Village Board have discussed rental changes to the Dailey Cabin and Beach House. In October, new fees and rules were approved. Here is a brief overview of those changes:

1. Only 1 rental will be allowed per day at each facility.
 - a. The Dailey Cabin will not be available on scheduled CYGW days (T, W, TH mid-June - mid-Aug).
 - b. The Beach House cannot be rented until 5pm Mon - Fri during the summer due to programming of Arts/Athletics, this includes setting up for your rental.
2. Rates have been changed to a weekend and weekday rate vs paying by the hour.
3. Rentals that have more than 100 people will need to receive approval from the Parks and Recreation Committee and/or Village Board.
 - a. In addition, there will be a professional cleaning fee charged of not less than \$150.00 for the Dailey Cabin and \$200.00 for the Beach House.
4. Rentals that will be utilizing amplified noise from a DJ or Live Band will be charged a \$50.00 amplified noise fee.
5. Weddings and wedding receptions will not be permitted at the Dailey Cabin.

2024 Marina Fees

The annual 2% increase on marina fees will once again apply in 2024. However, there will be a greater increase in the in-water storage fee due to a new contract for hoist installation and removal. The new rates were approved by the Village Board in October. In-Water renters were notified at the end of October of the pending increase. If 2023 renters choose not to renew, the Village will begin working through the extensive waiting list to claim available spots. In addition, winter hoist storage available for non-in-water renters will also increase by more than 2%. There is a growing demand for winter hoist storage, hoists are getting larger, and space for winter storage is at a premium.

Toddler Open Gym

Weekdays
Time: 8:00a - 11:00a
Fee: Must be members of the key fob program

Toddler Open gym is designated for Village toddlers to burn off some energy inside the gym. Open gym provides age-appropriate toys. All toddlers must always be accompanied by an adult. Program participants must be members of the Village's key fob program. In the event Madison Schools, public or private, Toddler Open Gym will be reduced to 8:00a - 10:00a.

Parks and Recreation (continued)

By: Curt Erickson, Recreation Director/Deputy Treasurer

Babysitter Certification

Saturday, 12/2
Time: 9:00a - 4:00p
Village Center 2nd Floor Training Room
Fee: \$110.00
Ages: 9 - 15
Min. 6/Max. 12

Become a capable, confident babysitter that families will want to hire. By enrolling in the babysitting class, you'll learn how to provide care to the kids in the neighborhood. From choosing age-appropriate activities, to keeping kids safe, handling a range of behaviors to building your babysitting business, this course can help you become an in-demand sitter who can handle virtually any situation.

This Red Cross class will not certify participants in CPR but will provide basic CPR and first aid training.

YEL! Chess

Tuesdays 1/9- 2/27
Time: 5:00p - 6:00p
Dailey Cabin
Fee: \$118.00
Ages: 5 - 12

Our winter session focuses on advanced beginner and intermediate concepts. The {YEL!} Teach It! Practice It! Play It!® method keeps chess students progressing through 60+ chess lessons and thousands of puzzles as well as guided games and in-class tournaments. Class fee includes ChessKid.com membership for the session.

Robotics

Wednesdays, 1/10- 2/14
Time: 4:45p - 5:45p
Dailey Cabin
Fee: \$92.00
Ages: 6 - 12

Build a bumble bee, frog, or design your own predator. Then program the bumble bee to fly and buzz, the frog to leap, and the predator to hunt. {YEL!}'s Teach It! Practice It! Play It!® classroom method emphasizes 21st Century Learning skills like STEM, teamwork, and problem solving. Sign up today! Visit YELKids.com for more information.

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Bricktopia

Tuesdays 1/9- 2/13
Time: 4:45p - 5:45p
Beach House
Fee: \$86.00
Ages: 7 - 12

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Traveling Basketball

Due to no enrollment in the 5/6 Girls, 7/8 Girls and Men's 3 on 3 basketball at the time of this article, those programs have been canceled. Practices for the other age groups will begin in November in the Gym with games beginning in January. Practice dates and times may change subject to volunteer coach availability. Game locations will be determined later. Area communities involved in the league are Monona, Middleton, Waunakee, Verona, Cottage Grove, McFarland, Deforest and Stoughton. All players will receive a jersey they can keep. Fee of \$90.00 which covers the cost of the jersey and league fees. **Volunteer coaches are needed.**

3rd - 4th Grade

Boys: Practice dates are tentatively 11/13 - 2/26
Mondays 4:45p - 6:00p.
Coaches: Tim Sugar?

Girls: Practice dates are tentatively 11/22 - 2/28
* first practice will be Thursday 11/16
Wednesdays 5:45p - 7:00p
Coaches: Hannah Hau and Tim Sugar

5th - 6th Grade Boys:

Practice dates are tentatively 11/14 - 3/6
Wednesdays 6:00p - 7:15p
Coaches: TBD

Open Pickleball

Weekdays
Time: 11:00a - 1:00p
Village Center Gym

Open Pickleball Play returns in October. The Village has a limited supply of paddles and pickleballs. This is a drop-in program available to Key Fob Program participants at no additional charge. Non-key fob members are required to pay a \$2.00 drop-in fee per attendance. In the event Madison Schools, Public or Private, are off school Pickleball will be canceled for the day.



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