VILLAGE OF MAPLE BLUFF

neighborhood news

January 2024



Calendar of Events

January 2024

- 1 Admin and Public Works Closed
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February 2024

- 13 Building Board
- 13 Village Board
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Village Board

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FROM MAPLE BLUFF BOY SCOUT TROOP 5

Maple Bluff's Boy Scout Troop 5 extends a big thank you to Maple Bluff neighbors and friends for supporting our troop during the recent holiday wreath and garland fundraiser! If you're interested in learning more about joining the troop, please reach out to the Troop 5 Scoutmaster: Wes Gill at datamanwesley@gmail.com.

Dear Villagers,

I hope you all enjoyed your holidays in the village and that now you're ready to gear up for 2024 activities! First up, we have Winterfest on the weekend of January 19th and 20th. The week will start with our winter medallion hunt -- a bedazzled blue skillet will be hidden somewhere in the village on public property, and each day a new clue will be released about the location. Finders will have 5 days to locate the medallion, and the first one there wins a cool \$100! Friday, January 19, we'll hold our annual Euchre Tournament at the Beach House and all adult villagers are welcome! Sign up ahead of time to guarantee a spot to play or come the night of -- we'll have beer, wine, and pizza for all players. This is a great way for new neighbors to meet people and card playing is fun and not competitive. However, there is a sizeable cash prize -- and word on the street is that all the Sugars will be absent this year, so someone else stands a chance to win. The next day, we will hold our beloved family-friendly Winterfest on Saturday evening! Plan on coming back to the Beach House -- and bring your skates and hockey sticks! We'll clear a rink on the ice, we'll play in the snow (hopefully!) and we'll have a chili cookoff. Respected villagers will judge each chili for heat, flavor, and presentation -- and we shall present a winner with an amazing prize. We're calling all chefs to curate their most curious chili and enter it in the contest! Previous years' winners include Jeff Masciopinto and Derek Paulowski, and we hear that they have been polishing their crockpots for this occasion. We will be needing volunteers for this event, so keep an eye on the sign-up list!

Speaking of volunteers, we always need volunteers. I know we're all busy, but please consider pitching in for Bocce, Shoreline Cleanup, or Fest on the 4th! Right now, the most pressing need is to start gathering donations for events and parties to be included in the Bocce Bash Silent Auction. The 2024 Bocce Bash will be held on Friday, June 7. Bocce Bash is a huge party, bocce tournament, and auction for fun parties and events in the neighborhood! We've been doing this for 20 years, and we're able to use the funds to improve the Village's Park & Rec department. The money raised has improved playground equipment, upgrading/ fixing things in the gym, and holding events like Fest on the 4th. This year, Katie Stephenson and I will be chairing the Bocce auction. We are officially ready to accept your donations of events and parties for anything between July 2024 and June 2025. The idea is for villagers to host parties (either in their homes or at another place) and to have neighbors attend these parties and get to know each other! It's a great way to connect with old and new friends, and to meet people you might not have ever crossed paths with! Some notable parties in recent years include Yacht Rock, Divebar Bus Crawl, Griswold Christmas Party, Cinco de Mayo, and College-Kegger. Whether you've lived in the village 1, 21 or 31 years -- we'd love you to host something! Team up with some buddies and host a dinner, happy hour, or themed event! In 2023, we had amazing success with the Toga Party, Bratoberfest, and Maple Bluff Challenge -see photos below! Other ideas include the donation of a hosted event like a pickle ball party at PicklePro (thanks Patrick Riha!) or an in-home pizza party (thanks Betsy and Chris Guglielmo!). Shoot an email to elle4379@gmail. com to let me know about your event, and I'll put it on the calendar.

Lastly, be sure to keep an eye out for signups for rec programming. Curt always has fun things coming, and registration for Camp-Ya-Gotta-Wanna and A&A are now available! You can also take advantage of open gym at Village hall -- we even have a set of pickle paddles, balls, and a net to play on our new court! Hope to see you soon!

Sincerely,

Ellen Reyerson



NOTICE OF SPRING ELECTION

APRIL 2, 2024

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at an election to be held in the Village of Maple Bluff, on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, the following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed. The term for village trustees will begin on April 16, 2024, and the term for municipal judge will begin on May 1, 2024. Trustee terms are for two years, and municipal judge term is for four years.

Office	Incumbent
Village Trustee	Kristine Jaeger
Village Trustee	Ben Schmidt
Village Trustee	Mike Wittenwyler
Municipal Judge	Denis Vogel *not seeking re-election

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a village caucus for the purpose of nominating candidates to appear on the spring election ballot for the above listed offices will be held on January 9, 2024, at 7:00pm at the Village Center, 18 Oxford Place.



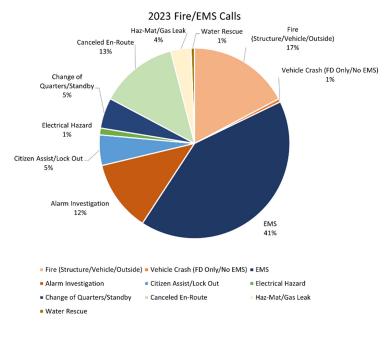
Fire Rescue Department By Kristopher Loy, Fire Chief



Response Information:

As of December 20, 2023, the Maple Bluff Fire Rescue Department (MBFD) had responded to 174 calls for service in 2023. The MBFD's new ambulance has responded to 62 emergency medical calls resulting in 37

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).



Staffing:

In mid-December 2023, Assistant Fire Chief, Derek Weum, informed staff of his intent to resign from the Maple Bluff Fire Rescue Department. He will be pursuing a new career opportunity in law enforcement with another community

in Dane County. We are truly grateful for all the time and dedication he has given our department and community over the past 4.5 years, and we wish him well in his new endeavors. Thank you, Derek!



With his resignation, the MBFD is now accepting applications for a new Assistant Fire Chief. Applications will be accepted until January 5, 2023, with interviews and testing to follow. For detailed information about this hiring process, please visit the Village's employment page at www.villageofmaplebluff.com.



Fireplace Safety Tips for Families:

Nothing quite creates a winter ambiance as well as a log in the fireplace and family gathered around to bask in its warmth and glow. Of course, playing with or near fire is dangerous for children, so please remember these tips from the MBFD before you light your hearth.

- If possible, keep a window cracked open while the fire is burning. This will help with airflow up your chimney.
- Be certain the damper or flue is open before starting a fire. Keeping the damper or flue open until the fire is out will draw smoke out of the house. The damper can be checked by looking up into the chimney with a flashlight or mirror. Do not close the damper until the embers have completely stopped burning.
- Use dry and well-aged wood. Wet or green wood causes more smoke and contributes to soot buildup in the chimney. Dried wood burns with less smoke and burns more evenly,
- Smaller pieces of wood placed on a grate burn faster and produce less smoke.
- Clean out ashes from previous fires.
- The chimney should be checked annually by a professional.
- Even if the chimney is not due for cleaning, it is important to check for animal nests or other blockages that could prevent smoke from escaping.
- Minimize your child's chance of burns from the hot glass front of some fireplaces, including gas fireplaces. Safety screens can be installed to reduce the risk of burns.
- Make sure the area around the fireplace is clear of anything that is potentially flammable (ie: furniture, drapes, newspapers, books, etc.). If these items get too close to the fireplace, they could catch fire.
- Never leave a fire in the fireplace unattended. Make sure it is completely out before going to bed or leaving the house. If you leave the room while the fire is burning or the fireplace is still hot, take your small children with you.
- Put fireplace tools and accessories out of a young child's reach. Also, remove any lighters and matches.
- Install both smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Test them monthly and change the batteries at least once a year.
- Keep a fire extinguisher on hand.
- Talk with children as early as possible about the dangers of fires and the heat coming from them.

10 YEARS

Thank you for a decade of support. Cheers to you and a joyous New Year!





Sprinkman Real Estate team participated in the sale of these homes above in 2023.

CALL ONE OF OUR EXPERTS TO DISCUSS YOUR 2024 REAL ESTATE GOALS!



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Kristine Jaeger (608) 217.1919



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Parks and Recreation

By: Curt Erickson, Recreation Director/Deputy Treasurer

Key Fob Program

The 2024 key fob program is now available for renewal and to welcome new members. Please login to your RecDesk account to complete the application process. If you are no longer interested in renewing for 2024, key fobs must be returned by February 28th. Failure to return fobs will result in a \$120 fee per key fob.

Rentals

Will you be planning a large event this year at one of the Village facilities, such as a graduation party, sailing dinner, wedding ceremony, etc.? There are a handful of changes to the rental program that you will need to read carefully during the request process.

Rentals are now being accepted for 2024. All rentals require approval from Village staff to ensure there are no conflicts and that all necessary information has been gathered prior to payment. In addition, new in 2024, rentals that will have more than 100 people will require approval from the Parks and Recreation Committee and/or Village Board and will be charged a non-refundable cleaning fee of not less than \$150.00. Large event requests must be made at least 30 days in advance of your anticipated rental date.



Johnson Park

After 3 years of planning, gathering community input, and gaining approvals from the Parks and Recreation, Public Works, Finance Committees, Building, and Village Board the Johnson Park Concept plan is moving forward. A new playground design was also approved during meetings in December. The playground will include equipment designed for 2-5 and 5-12- yearolds, new sidewalk connections, and an area for bicycle and stroller parking. Look for this project to begin late spring with a completion date before Fest on the Fourth.



Marina Applications

Marina applications were distributed to last year's renters in their property tax bill envelope. These applications are due back by February 29th.

If you would like to be added to the Village's waiting list for space, please contact Curt Erickson.

2024 Community Event Dates

- January 19-20 Winterfest
- April 27 Arbor Day/Bird City Celebration
- June 16 Father's Day Parade
- June 7 Bocce
- June 24 Summer Concert
- July 1 Summer Concert
- July 4 Fest on the Fourth
- July 8 Summer Concert
- July 15 Summer Concert
- July 22 Summer Concert
- July 29 Summer Concert
- Aug 5 Summer Concert
- Nov 24 Holiday Tree Lighting

Parks and Recreation (continued)

By: Curt Erickson, Recreation Director/Deputy Treasurer

Summer Employment Opportunities

Applications for summer employment are now being **accepted until Thursday 4/4/2024.** The Village's application can be found on the website.

Lifeguards

Qualifications: Current Lifeguard Certification which includes CPR or completion by the end of May is required as a condition of employment.

State Law requires lifeguards working at a natural body of water to be a minimum of 16 years of age.

Description: The Village of Maple Bluff is seeking multiple qualified candidates to fill open positions as a lifeguard at Beach Park. Interested candidates should be self-motivators, independent workers, energetic, compassionate, and have previous experience working with youth. For a complete job description, contact Curt Erickson at cerickson@villageofmaplebluff.com.

Pay: Pay range is \$15.00 - 17.00/hr., depending on experience



CYGW Counselors

Qualifications: Minimum of 14 years of age or older

Previous experience working with children as a babysitter.

Successful completion of a Babysitter Training Course (preferred, but not required)

Description: The Village of Maple Bluff is seeking multiple candidates who are eager to provide a fun, safe, and educational camp for youth between the ages of 3-7. Candidates are required to be available to work from 12:30pm-4:30pm, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday beginning June 11th through August 1st. Camp Counselors will be assigned specific groups of up to 6 participants to provide small group activities. For a complete job description, contact Curt Erickson at cerickson@villageofmaplebluff.com.

Pay: Pay range is \$13.00-15.00/hr., depending on experience



Music Together: Winter

Tuesdays, 01/09 - 3/12 9:00am - 9:45am Session 1 10:00am - 10:45am Session 2 Dailey Cabin Fee: \$170.00 **Ages: 0 - 5 years old** Instructor: Susan Cramer

Each Music Together Mixed-Age class is an active music making experience designed to teach the way young children learn - through play with the ones they love! Each child participates at his or her 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.

Join us this winter for the Bells collection! We'll be singing and dancing to Lukey's Boat, Mr. Rabbit, Obwisana, Trot Old Joe, and Splishing and Splashing, as well as many other favorites! This ten-week semester includes a beautifully illustrated songbook, a code to download the music collection, and access to Music Together's Family Music Zone. All classes are held in the Dailey Cabin. More information can be found at musictogetherwithsusan.com.

YEL! Bricktopia

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

Do amusement parks make you smile? Make you scream? In this class, students will build a merry-goround, design their own wicked ride, and learn about engineering and design basics using LEGO[®] Bricks. Sign up today to have a blast!

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Parks and Recreation (continued)

By: Curt Erickson, Recreation Director/Deputy Treasurer

Learn to Play Pickleball

Thursdays, Jan 4 & 11 6:00pm - 8:00pm Gym Fee: \$64.00 Ages: 18 + Instructor: Jeanne Burgess

Want to learn how to play the fastest growing paddle sport? In this 2-class session, you'll learn skills, rules, scoring and have lots of fun. Paddles and balls will be provided if needed. Space is limited to 6 participants.

YEL! Chess

Tuesdays 1/9 - 2/27 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.

Open Pickleball

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

Open Pickleball inside the Village Center gym. The Village has a limited supply of paddles and balls available in the gym. This is a drop-in program available to Key Fob members at no additional charge. Non-key fob members are required to pay a \$2.00 drop-in fee per day to participate. In the event Madison Schools, public or private, are off school Pickleball will be cancelled for the day.

Yoga

Thursdays, 2/1 - 2/29 Dailey Cabin 5:30pm - 6:30pm Fee: \$60.00 Instructor: Emily Cobb (Hackworthy)

Emily's passion for yoga began when she was looking for a community in college. She pursued 200-hr yoga training in 2015 and soon added Yoga Sculpt to her certifications. She taught and managed a studio in Minnesota for 7 years. She is excited to move back to Madison and share her passion with the Maple Bluff community. Emily enjoys teaching vinyasa yoga offering the ability to move with breath and stretch the body. She also loves to teach yoga sculpt, a class rooted in yoga with cardio, weights and upbeat music.

YEL! Robotics

Wednesdays, 1/10 - 2/14 5:00pm - 6:00pm 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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YEL! March Madness Basketball

Wednesdays 3/6 - 4/3 4:45pm - 5:45pm Fee: \$75.00 Gym Ages: 5 - 8

MARCH MADNESS IS HERE! Time for some round-ball! Join this fast-paced, inclusive (everyone plays) class. YEL's Teach It, Practice It, Play It® approach teaches players new skills each class, practices those skills in kidfriendly games, and then encourages students to use those skills in introductory basketball games. Emphasis is placed on basic skills development of dribbling, shooting, passing, sportsmanship, and teamwork. Sign up soon...the shot-clock is running down!

Parks and Recreation (continued)

By: Curt Erickson, Recreation Director/Deputy Treasurer

Learn to Play Chess

Tuesdays, 4/2 - 5/21 5:00pm - 6:00pm Dailey Cabin Fee: \$118.00 Ages: 5 -12

New and returning students invited. Our spring session focuses on intermediate and advanced concepts and features an end-of-year in-class tournament. The {YEL!} Teach It! Practice It! Play It!® method keeps students progressing through 60+ chess lessons and thousands of puzzles as well as guided games. Class fee includes ChessKid.com membership for the session. Sign up today. Visit YELKids.com for more info.

YEL! Bricktopia

Tuesdays 4/9 - 5/14 4:45pm - 5:45pm Fee: \$85.00 Beach House Ages: 7 - 12

Can your tower withstand heavy winds or an earthquake? Can your bridge withstand a convoy of trucks filled to the brim? The {YEL!} Bricktopia Tall Towers class challenges innovators to explore these engineering questions and principles while building their own towers, their own bridges, and more, using LEGO® bricks. Get busy building better bridges today!

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YEL! Soccer

Wednesdays, 4/17 - 5/15 4:45pm - 5:45pm Fee: \$75.00 Gym Ages: 5 - 9

Get kickin' with our fast-paced, inclusive (everyone plays) Junior Soccer course! YEL's Teach It, Practice It, Play It® approach teaches players new skills each class, practices those skills in kid-friendly games, and then encourages students to use those skills in introductory soccer games. SAFETY & SPORTSMANSHIP are emphasized! We focus on the fundamentals of dribbling, passing, trapping, and shooting. Sign up today!

Babysitter Certification

Saturday, 5/4 *** Registration closes 2 weeks prior** 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.



Arts & Athletics

Mon - Fri 6/10 - 8/9 2:15pm - 4:15pm Fee: \$350.00 (before 4/30) \$400.00 (after 4/30 Location: Beach Park Ages: 7 - 12

The Village's A/A program is available to residents between the ages of 7 - 12 (entering 2nd through 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.

Camp-Ya-Gotta-Wanna

Tues - Thur 6/11 - 8/1 1:00pm - 4:00pm Fee: \$500.00 (before 4/30) \$550.00 (after 4/30 Firemen's Park Ages: 3 - 7

This 8-week summer program meets at Firemen's Park T, W, and TH from 1:00pm-4:00pm on June 11 through August 1. 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 2024). This afternoon playgroup program will offer structured and free play opportunities, as well as arts and craft projects. Groupings will be divided based on the age of the children. Parent volunteers will try their best to place your child with friends if desired. Parents will need to provide cell phone numbers at the time of registration. Please be sure to verify you have the correct phone number listed on your account.

WINTERFEST 2024 JANUARY 19-20

Calling all friends and neighbors! Please join us for this annual tradition; we are excited to bring you the following events!

Monday, Jan. 15 -- The Hunt for the Medallion begins -- The first clue @ 4 pm will be posted via village email, and on the Village Boards! Hidden somewhere in the neighborhood is a treasured medallion (a bedazzled blue skillet). Follow the daily clues to the treasured hiding place! The prize for the medallion finder is \$100, to be presented at Saturday evening's Winterfest activities.

Friday, Jan. 19 -- Adult Euchre Tournament at the Beach House -- Come one, come all! If you like euchre, beer and neighborly bonding (or just one of those things) this is a CANNOT MISS event. Festivities begin at 6:30 and will feature premium beers and wine and delicious pizza.. Don't play euchre? We'll teach you! You will be randomly paired with partners - a fantastic way to meet new friends and neighbors! Registration will end at 7:30pm, followed by rules and tournament play at 8 pm. Villagers too chicken to play cards are encouraged to attend and volunteer as beer maidens. Winners in top 3 places receive a cash prize and neighborhood glory. Following the tournament, which will end at approximately 9:30 pm, we will commence a mega-dance party. Cost is \$20/player and includes buy in, pizza and one premium beer or glass of wine. Add unlimited beer/wine for \$15. Sign up ahead of time online or the night of tournament (cash only please!), please note you CANNOT pay ahead of time. You have to pay the night of, because Wisconsin considers this gambling. Huzzah!

Saturday, Jan. 20 Winterfest at the Beach House 4-7pm -- We will kick off the festivities at 4:00pm with kids activities, a chili cookoff, beverages, and winter fun. We'll have ice skating if the weather cooperates! Show off your mad chili skills by entering your chili in this hotly anticipated cooking contest. Prizes will be given for the top finisher; try to topple last year's champ, Jeff Masciopinto! Chili, fixings, hot dogs, chips, and cookies, premium beer and wine and water will be provided for all Villagers to enjoy for dinner. Cost is \$5 per person for entry to Winterfest (includes dinner) and an additional \$10 for unlimited beer/wine. The evening will include activities for all ages including a neighborhood favorite - the Ididerdad Race, Hammerschlagen, and ice skating on Lake Mendota.

Saturday, Jan. 20 First Ever Kids Euchre Tournament 7:30-9pm Kids aged 10-17 are invited to play in a fun euchre tournament. Pick a partner, or we'll match you with someone. We can provide some quick tutoring before if you're interested at 7 pm. Winners will be awarded bragging rights and gigantic candy prizes! Please register ahead of time.

***Chili cookers, please label your crockpots on the bottom and plan to pick them up after the cookoff.



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