



VILLAGE OF MAPLE BLUFF

neighborhood news

April 2024



Calendar of Events

April 2024

- 1 Parks and Recreation
- 2 Spring Election
- 1-6 Gym Closed
- 3 Personnel-Finance Committee
- 4 Zoning Steering Committee
- 4 Seasonal Applications Due
- 8 Police Committee
- 9 Building Board
- 9 Village Board
- 18 Municipal Court
- 30 May Building Board Materials Due
- 30 Open Book 10a – 12p Virtual Only

May 2024

- 6 Parks and Recreation
- 14 Building Board
- 14 Village Board
- 28 June Building Board Materials Due

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Trash/Recycling

APRIL '24	MAY '24	JUNE '24
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1 2 3 4 5 6	1 2 3 4	1
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EVENT DATES SET FOR OUR 2024 SEASON!

Mark your calendars for upcoming events with Maple Bluff’s very own car enthusiast group. All events originate at Burrows Park.

MAY 18 SATURDAY | 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Drive Event – Baraboo / Driftless Glen Distillery

JUNE 15 SATURDAY | 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Gran Tour de Maple Bluff IX

JULY 20 SATURDAY | 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Drive Event – New Glarus / Pizza & Petrol

AUG 17/18 SATURDAY OR SUNDAY* | 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Drive Event – Darlington / City Service Brewing

SEPT 8 SUNDAY | 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Gran Tour de Maple Bluff X

OCT 12 SATURDAY | 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Drive Event – New Glarus / Glarner Stube

*August event date TBD – please take poll on website.

Additional events and details at GT-MB.NET



Thank you for Your Service!

By Tanner A. Nystrom

As we hold another election cycle, I want to take a moment to thank all elected and appointed officials in the Village! Our Board and Committee members are consistently among the most talented and thoughtful a community could hope for, and I feel very fortunate to work for such a professional group of individuals. The time and energy your volunteer representatives commit to our community is noteworthy, and the Village would not be what it is without their contributions. I welcome our new elected officials and look forward to working with them!

I am also very appreciative of those who have served the Village in the past. Foremost, I want to express my gratitude to Denis Vogel for serving the Village as our Municipal Judge since 1994. During my short time here, I have observed Judge Vogel's dedication to upholding fairness and justice in our small community. His demonstration of wisdom, integrity, and compassion have made an impact on the lives of many, and his legacy of service will be remembered fondly. On behalf of all staff, I want to thank you for 30 years of honorable service and we wish you and your family well - thank you for everything!



Additionally, I would like to extend a thank you to Ben Schmidt. Over the past year, Ben served as a Trustee and on four Village Committees. I want to thank Ben for his thoughtful and supportive approach while serving our community. Thank you, Ben - we wish you well as you pursue other adventures!

As we look forward to spring, I also want to introduce our newest staff member. Please join me in welcoming Officer Ryan Marro to our full-time Police Department team! Ryan recently accepted an offer to join us and started the onboarding process in mid-March. He comes to us by way of the Beloit Police Department with 6 years of law enforcement experience. Ryan brings significant experience as a former patrol and SWAT officer. He is also a state certified instructor, and we are all excited for his contributions to our team. Please join me in congratulating and welcoming him to Maple Bluff!

Finally, after the experiences of COVID and a very busy few years of operations, we are hoping to reintroduce you to the dedicated employees at the Village Center. As a first step, we will be including a staff member's professional biography in the newsletter each month and, although it makes sense that I share my biography this month, I look forward to highlighting the other dedicated professionals who serve your community in the months to come. We are certainly lucky to have such a committed team.

I wish you all well and, again, on behalf of all village staff I thank you for your support!

Sincerely,
Tanner A. Nystrom

An advertisement for Au Pair in America. The top left features the Au Pair logo with the text "Au Pair IN AMERICA". Below the logo is a photograph of a woman smiling and holding two young children. The background is a mix of teal and red. A teal circle contains the text "Rated Best Overall Au Pair Program 3 years in a row by Verywell Family®". Below this are three bullet points: "Up to 45 customizable hours per week of flexible and dependable, cultural live-in child care assistance", "Screened and qualified au pairs from nearly 60 countries", and "24/7 year-round local and national support". A teal banner at the bottom contains the text "TRUSTED & FLEXIBLE CHILD CARE". At the bottom right, it says "Contact Amber today!" followed by "ayoung@aupairinamerica.com | (720) 289-0183" and "www.aupairinamerica.com".

BIOGRAPHY: Tanner A. Nystrom



Chief Tanner A. Nystrom began his journey into law enforcement as intern with the Wisconsin Department of Justice's Division of Criminal Investigation during the summer of 2010. The short but rewarding experience allowed Mr. Nystrom an opportunity to assist Special Agents during criminal investigations at

the state level, and to gain a unique appreciation for the diverse contributions law enforcement officers have at the local and state levels. Following his internship, Mr. Nystrom deployed overseas through the United States Marine Corps Reserves (USMCR), where he provided Human Intelligence (HUMINT) and Counterintelligence support to counterinsurgency operations in Helmand Province, Afghanistan. Upon his return home, Mr. Nystrom chose to formally pursue a career in law enforcement.

During the fall semester of 2011, Mr. Nystrom enrolled in Madison College's 119th Law Enforcement Academy where he was recruited by the Village of Maple Bluff Police Department (MBPD). In December 2011, he completed the academy as Honor Graduate and Top Shooter and shortly thereafter began working as a part-time patrol officer for the MBPD. In 2014, Mr. Nystrom again deployed to Afghanistan through the USMCR to lead a Department of Defense HUMINT team in direct support of Special Operations Joint Task Force operations. Upon his return from overseas, Mr. Nystrom returned to work for the MBPD and was promoted to the position of Criminal Investigator, a position he held until resigning in April of 2018. Throughout his six years with the MBPD, Mr. Nystrom performed uniformed patrol duties, managed multi-jurisdictional criminal investigations, conducted agency background investigations, and led interagency liaison in support of intelligence sharing initiatives with local, state, and federal partners.

Upon his resignation from the MBPD, Mr. Nystrom accepted a position as National Security Specialist (NSS) for the United States Attorney's Office (USAO) in Madison, Wisconsin. As NSS, Mr. Nystrom facilitated the detection and identification of terrorist activity and other national security threats, coordinated intelligence activities for the National Security / Anti-Terrorism Advisory Council, and represented the USAO to facilitate law enforcement and intelligence priorities. While working for the USAO, Mr.

Nystrom was reapproached by the Village of Maple Bluff with a unique career opportunity.

In December 2019, the Village of Maple Bluff appointed Mr. Nystrom as Administrator and Chief of Police. Since his appointment, he has diligently sought to provide vision and support to his staff while overseeing day-to-day village government operations. Mr. Nystrom is a values-driven individual and subscribes to a leadership philosophy of authenticity, feedback, and accountability. He and his team passionately deliver exceptional public services and responsible governance to improve the experience and value of their community.

Mr. Nystrom holds a master's degree in Homeland Security and Defense Policy Analysis from the LaFollette School of Public Affairs at the University of Wisconsin - Madison. He also holds an undergraduate degree in International Studies, and an associate degree in Intelligence Operations. Through more than 20 years of military service, Mr. Nystrom received several personal awards to include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Purple Heart, and the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with combat distinction. He currently lives in the greater Madison area with his wife and daughter.



Department of Public Works

This has been the mildest winter season I have ever experienced. The warmth has been nice as well as the lack of snow plowing needs to boot. What will be the cost of such a variance from "normal". We'll all know one day at a time. Good luck.

The unexpected conditions have allowed us to investigate our sanitary and storm sewers. Our exercising and maintenance of street valves and fire hydrants are also underway.

I would like to thank the residents who have participated in the water meter and reader replacement campaign that has started this year. It is our intent to have completed the replacements village wide in a 3-year period. This is a substantial undertaking that is sure to have some wrinkles to iron out. A couple of those wrinkles will and are the age of isolation valves in the home and at the curb stop. We will address these conditions as they occur and adjust our scheduling protocol as necessary. When you receive your notice, please follow the instructions and schedule in a timely fashion...Thank You!

Due to the hailstorm last fall, you may notice that village structures are getting new shingles and supporting hardware this spring. The Boathouse at the Marina was the

first roof to be replaced. The Beach House, Pump House, Dailey Cabin, Boy Scout Cabin, and Village Center are to follow.

There will be trees that require removal this year; however, we will concentrate on young and moderate trees for maintenance pruning. The ash trees have been reduced to what should be a manageable number to be removed or continue a treatment process.

April 27 will be the Arbor Day and Bird City celebrations at Beach Park. Join us for a very special presentation that Paul and Barbara Noeldner have provided year after year at the Beach House. It's as though you have nature in the palm of your hand. Great fun! We will also have a tree or two for planting for those who want to get their hands in the soil. More great fun for young and old alike.

Our village stormwater Engineer Chuck Nahn is compiling an annual stormwater report for the Village of Maple Bluff as a requirement for the DNR. We expect to have some flyers of information at the April Celebration at the Beach for the storm water educational requirement as well as helpful information flyers for tree maintenance and planting. More Fun.



2024 PROPERTY ASSESSMENT OPEN BOOK AND BOARD OF REVIEW SESSIONS

The 2024 Open Book session will be held by phone with the assessor on Tuesday April 30th, 2024, 10:00am - noon. Please call 920-749-1995 to schedule an appointment.

If the assessor is not available when you call to make an appointment, please leave a message and they will make every effort to return your call within 24 hours. Please provide your name, phone number, that your property is in the Village of Maple Bluff, and the Parcel Number from your assessment notice or tax bill.

If you are unable to come to an agreement with the assessor and wish to enter a formal appeal to the Board of Review, you must give notice of your intent by contacting the Municipal Clerk at least 48 hours before the Board of Review on May 14th at 7:00pm. Failure to provide 48-hour advance notice to the Clerk may result in denial of a hearing at the Board of Review. To obtain an Objection Form and make an appointment for the Board of Review, please contact Sarah Danz, Village Clerk, at 608-230-7651 or sdanz@villageofmaplebluff.com

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Parks and Recreation

By: Curt Erickson, Recreation Director/Deputy Treasurer

Facility Rentals

As we enter the busy rental season, the Dailey Cabin and Beach House have new rental policies in place, please review the following changes. The Dailey Cabin will have reduced rental availability during June - July to accommodate CYGW. Rentals can be requested on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, and Mondays. The Beach House is only available after 5:00pm. There will only be 1 rental permit per day for each of these facilities. Rental requests are subject to Committee approval, cleaning, temporary structure, and amplified noise fees.

Between Neighbors Sale

Saturday, April 6th 10a-4p
Maple Bluff Village Center

100s of pre-loved men's and women's items will be available for sale, a portion of proceeds from the sale will benefit the Village of Maple Bluff

For additional information or to sign up to sell or volunteer at the event visit:
www.betweenneighborssale.com

Marina

Storage at the Marina for 2024 will begin May 1st. The Village has contracted with Deano Dock and Lift to install the pier and hoists this season. Weather permitting these items could be installed by mid-April.

The Village has a handful of land parking spots available this summer. If interested, please contact Curt Erickson at 230-7655.

Employment

The deadline to apply for our summer positions is Thursday, April 4th at 12:00pm. Available positions include Beach Lifeguards, CYGW Counselors, and CYGW Director. Pay is based on experience and varies by position. The full description of each position, as well as the application, can be found on the Village's website.



Johnson Park Project

The Johnson Park upgrade is set to begin in April. The project will occur over multiple weeks as we prep the site for the new playground, add a sidewalk, repair the pathway to the gazebo, and install a backstop. Please provide our contractors with plenty of space so they can safely and adequately accomplish their mission in a timely manner.



Maintenance & Upkeep

The hailstorm in late 2023 has provided the Village an opportunity to replace roofs at the Beach House, Dailey Cabin, Village Center and Boathouse. These buildings had sufficient damage to warrant roof replacements. The Boathouse, Beach House, and Dailey Cabin were replaced in March. As of writing this newsletter article the Village Center has not been scheduled.

The Beach House and Dailey Cabin were scheduled to receive new interior paint in 2024. CertaPro completed the projects in early March and both buildings were reopened to the public within 3 days.

The playgrounds at Firemen's Park and McBride Park will be temporarily closed in April as the surface is replenished to meet ADA and safety standards. Notification will be sent to the community via email as the dates are known. The process should last approximately 4 hours at each park.

WE'RE HIRING!

Applications available at
Villageofmaplebluff.com

Parks and Recreation (continued)

By: Curt Erickson, Recreation Director/Deputy Treasurer

Programming

ARC 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

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.

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!"

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 engage 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.

SIX FLAGS GREAT AMERICA

Tuesday, August 6

Depart 8:00am from the Village Center

Return 7:00pm to the Village Center

Fee: \$145.00

Ages: 8 - 16

Join us for a fun-filled day of twists and turns on the Midwest's tallest and fastest rollercoasters. Height restrictions will apply to the rides at Six Flags.

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

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Back by popular demand, the Summer Concert Series enters its' 5th year! This year the lineup includes 7 concerts at Beach Park with an amazing lineup.

The Village needs sponsorships to make these events free of charge, minus food, and beverage purchases. If you or your organization is willing and interested in becoming a sponsor, please contact Curt Erickson at 230-7655.



Village of Maple Bluff Presents:

The 20th annual

Bocce 2024

Benefit for the Parks and Recreation Dept.



Friday June 7th, 5pm

Bocce Tournament *Dinner * Drinks * Auction

Doors open 5pm

Auction: 5-9

Bar: 5-10

Bocce: 5:30-9:30



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