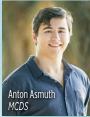
VILLAGE OF MAPLE BLUFF

neighborhood news

June 2025





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Congratulations

CELEBRATE WITH US

MAPLE BLUFF **GRADUATION PARTY**

> SUNDAY, JUNE 8TH 2:00 TO 4:00 PM **BEACH PARK**























Calendar of Events

June 2025

- 6 Bocce
- 8 All Village Graduation Party, 2pm-4pm Beach Park
- 10 Building Board
- 10 Village Board / Board of Review
- 15 Father's Day Parade, 8:30am Johnson Park
- 16 Camp-Ya-Gotta-Wanna + Arts & Athletics Begins
- 19 Municipal Court
- 23 Concert in the Park, The Whiskey Farm, 6pm Beach Park
- 24 Building Board Submissions Due
- 30 Concert in the Park, Foo Foo Dolls, 6pm Beach Park

July 2025

- 4 Fest on the 4th Event
- 7 Concert in the Park, Chris Haise Band 6pm
- 8 Building Board
- 8 Village Board
- 14 Concert in the Park, Joe Richter Band 6pm
- 17 Municipal Court
- 21 Concert in the Park, The Listening Party 6pm
- 28 Concert in the Park, Kirstie Kraus 6pm
- 29 Building Board Submissions Due

Village Board

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Welcome to Summer – and to Our Newest Staff Members! By Tanner A. Nystrom

It is always a pleasure to welcome summer in Maple Bluff–a season full of community events, lakeside traditions, and vibrant activity. This year, that sense of renewal extends to our team, and I'm proud to officially introduce several new staff members who have recently joined our organization.

Mark Benishek began as our new Municipal Services and Recreation Director on April 23rd. Mark brings a strong background in recreation management and public administration, and he has already begun making meaningful improvements to our programming, facilities, and community engagement efforts. We are very excited about the leadership and experience he brings to our team.

Tom Lehmann joined the Village on April 28th as Assistant Fire Chief for our Fire Rescue Department. With years of fire and paramedic-level EMS experience, Tom's energy and operational knowledge will further contribute to our emergency response readiness and professionalism. He enhances one of the most important parts of our mission, ensuring our residents receive exemplary fire and EMS services.

On May 6th, we welcomed Ryan Raisbeck as a part-time member of our Public Works team. In addition to his work with the City of Madison Fire Department, Ryan now supports us with seasonal operations. We are grateful for his willingness to lend his talents and help serve the Village in this capacity.

Finally, on May 27th, Brenda Xiong began as our Deputy Clerk and Deputy Treasurer. Brenda comes to us with a strong background in local government operations and recently receiving her Master's Degree in Public Administration. As we continue to onboard Brenda, we already see the valuable contributions she will make– we are extremely fortunate to have her join the Village's administrative team. Please join me in welcoming Mark, Tom, Ryan, and Brenda to the Village of Maple Bluff!

As we shift into our summer schedules, I also want to take a moment to emphasize the importance of continued attention on public safety for our pedestrian friendly, residential community. With more people enjoying the outdoors, there is a natural uptick in foot and vehicle traffic, parking requests, events, and neighborhood gatherings. Whether you're heading out for a run, biking, swimming at the beach, or hosting family from out of town, I encourage you to be courteous, alert, and mindful of others.

As always, please remain mindful of suspicious activity in our neighborhood. If you witness something concerning or experience a crime, report it promptly to Dane County Dispatch. Be sure to let the dispatcher know if you would like direct contact from an officer–our team is here to help and happy to follow up with you personally. If you need to reach our police officers for non-emergencies, please call Dane County Dispatch at (608) 255-2345. If you ever require emergency services, dial 911 immediately.

Lastly, please continue to notify us if you would like our officers to check on your home when you are away or on vacation; or if you need an overnight parking exception. These requests can be made by visiting the Police Department's page of our website and filling out a short form.

Thank you for helping keep Maple Bluff safe and welcoming this summer. I look forward to seeing you around the Village as we make the most of these warmer months together.

Sincerely, Tanner A. Nystrom

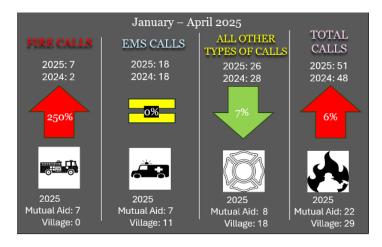


Mark Benishek Municipal Services and Recreation Director



Brenda Xiong Deputy Clerk and Deputy Treasurer





Welcome Assistant Fire Chief Thomas Lehmann

The Maple Bluff Fire Rescue Department is proud to announce the appointment of Thomas Lehmann as our new Assistant Fire Chief.



Chief Lehmann brings over 20 years of dedicated experience in fire and emergency medical services (EMS), blending extensive field expertise, proven leadership, and a steadfast commitment to public safety.

His fire service journey began in 1998, when he completed the Fire Academy at Madison Area Technical College

(MATC). He went on to earn an Associate Degree in Fire Science from MATC, followed by a Bachelor's Degree in Public Administration from Upper Iowa University.

Before joining Maple Bluff, Chief Lehmann served as a fulltime Captain with the Oregon Area Fire and EMS District for the past four years, where he served as both a firefighter and paramedic. Throughout his career, he has consistently earned recognition for his operational excellence, strategic leadership, and community engagement.

Chief Lehmann's diverse background has strengthened his expertise in:

- Incident Command
- Emergency Planning
- Training and Development
- Inter-agency Coordination

As Assistant Fire Chief, he will play a vital role in overseeing department operations, with a strong focus on emergency medical services, personnel leadership, and advancing initiatives that enhance community safety and resilience.

Outside of his professional responsibilities, Chief Lehmann is a devoted husband and father to three boys. He is guided by the values of family, integrity, compassion, trust, dedication, and service–principles that define both his personal and professional life.

We are excited and honored to have Assistant Chief Lehmann join our leadership team and community. Please give him a warm welcome!

Celebrating the Graduation of Our Second-Year Interns



The Maple Bluff Fire Rescue Department is proud to recognize our ongoing partnership with Madison Area Technical College (MATC), which supports a fire department internship program for students pursuing an associate degree in fire science. Through this program, students commit to a two-year service term with our department, gaining hands-on training and experience in the fire service. This collaboration not only provides students with real-world exposure but also enhances our department's ability to serve the community.

On behalf of the department, we extend our sincere congratulations and appreciation to Natalie Scheer and Carley O'Neil for successfully completing their two-year internships and graduating from MATC. To celebrate their achievements, we hosted an appreciation luncheon in May, during which we had the opportunity to recognize their hard work and dedication.

Over the past two years, both Natalie and Carley have demonstrated professionalism, dedication, and a strong willingness to learn. They brought positive energy, integrity, and a clear commitment to growth–qualities that reflect the highest standards of the fire service. Whether on emergency calls, during training sessions, or as part of our day-to-day operations, their contributions have had a meaningful and lasting impact. We are incredibly proud of all they have accomplished and grateful for the service they have provided to the Maple Bluff community. Natalie and Carley, thank you for your hard work and for fully embracing the values of our department. They will always be considered a part of the Maple Bluff Fire Rescue family.

Congratulations, and best of luck in all their future endeavors in the fire service and beyond!

Interested in Getting Involved?

Are you interested in serving your community as a firefighter/ Emergency Medical Technician? We are always seeking dedicated individuals who are passionate about public service, teamwork, and making a positive impact. Whether you're new to the field or have prior experience, we welcome you to explore the rewarding opportunities our department has to offer. Stop by the Maple Bluff Fire Rescue Department or call us at (608) 244-3048 to learn more about how you can get involved.



Spring Has Sprung!

By Paul Elliott

As the weather warms up, many residents will be out working in their yards. Please remember to place yard waste on the terrace and not in the street. This helps prevent debris from entering our stormwater system, which drains directly into our lakes.

If you're cleaning out your basement or garage, please be mindful when disposing of items. Double-check that you're not discarding recyclables. If you have metal items, place them next to your garbage can, not inside it – we collect metal separately. If you are getting rid of paint and paint cans, please make sure that the paint is completely dry. If the paint isn't dried, you can either put cat litter on the can and leave open to dry or you can take it to Clean Sweep.

Also, a reminder about our trash collection limits: each trash can must not exceed 50 pounds or 50 gallons. Our collection is still done the old-fashioned way – one person drives while the other manually lifts and tips each can into the truck.

With school wrapping up soon, kids will be out and about. Please drive carefully through the Village. Children can be unpredictable and may dart into the street without warning. Stay alert and keep our community safe.

Thank you for helping keep our Village clean, safe, and beautiful this spring!



Village of Maple Bluff Presents:

The 21st annual Boocce 2025

Benefit for the Parks and Recreation Dept.







Friday June 6th, 5pm

Bocce Tournament *Dinner * Drinks * Auction Doors open 5pm Auction: 5-9 Bar: 5-10 Bocce: 5:30-9:30

Parks & Recreation

By: Mark Benishek, Director of Municipal Services & Recreation & Natalie Scheer, Programming & Event Support Specialist



Summer 2025

As we kick off the summer season, we're thrilled to welcome a few new faces to our team! Please join us in welcoming Mark Benishek, our new Director of Municipal Services & Recreation, and Natalie Scheer, our Programming & Event Support Specialist, who has also joined our staff this season. Their energy, expertise, and fresh perspectives are already making a positive impact.

As the weather warms up, more neighbors are out walking, biking, and enjoying the outdoors. Please be extra cautious when driving through the Village–slow down, stay alert at crosswalks, and share the road so everyone can have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Beach Park

The Beach House will officially be staffed beginning June 7. The pier is in, and the swim raft will be installed in the upcoming weeks. There may be occasions where lifeguard staff are not present; in these situations, SWIM AT YOUR OWN RISK.

As the days grow warmer, we want you to know the signs of blue-green algae and, if present, keep yourself, family members, and your pets out of the water. Bluegreen algae blooms occur throughout the summer in Lake Mendota. When in doubt, please exercise caution, stay out, and keep your pets from entering the water.

The Public Health Department of 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 the Village Parks & Rec webpage under water quality.

Summer Programming

The Village of Maple Bluff staff and volunteers have been busy getting everything ready for an exciting season of camps, concerts, and community celebrations. Whether you're joining us for youth programming, evening events, or just soaking in the sunshine at one of our parks, there's a lot to look forward to.

We still have a few spots remaining in some of our programs. If interested, please register on RecDesk via the Village website.

Arts & Athletics Camp

Mondays - Fridays 6/12 - 8/11 2:15pm - 4:15pm Beach Park Fee: \$415 Ages: 7 - 12 years old

Summer Music Together

Wednesdays, July 9, 16, 23, 30 Time: 9:00am - 9:45am Time: 10:00am - 10:45am Dailey Cabin/Firemen's Park Fee: \$180 Ages: 0 - 5 years old Instructor: Susan Cramer



The tennis courts at Beach Park were resurfaced this spring and are open for play! As the weather gets warmer, we will continue to see an increase in the use of the tennis courts at the Beach. Be courteous to your fellow neighbors and adhere to the posted time of play. If people are waiting to play, 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.

Rentals

June will be a busy month for rentals at the Beach House. If you would like to check on availability or reserve the Beach House, Dailey Cabin, Village Center Gym, or the Tennis Courts, you can do this by visiting the Village's website or by viewing the facility calendar.



Special Event Schedule

June 6: Bocce Bash & Auction *Visit the Village Special Event webpage for Registration & Volunteer sign-up. June 8: All Village Graduation Party June 15: Father's Day Parade June 23: Concerts in the Park, The Whiskey Farm June 30: Concerts in the Park, Foo Foo Dolls July 4: Fest on the 4th July 7: Concert in the Park, Chris Haise Band July 14: Concert in the Park, Joe Richter Band July 21: Concert in the Park, The Listening Party July 28: Concert in the Park, Kirstie Kraus August 4: Concert in the Park, The Jimmy's

Volunteers

We're gearing up for an exciting season of summer special events, and we need you to help make them unforgettable! Whether it's helping with setup, greeting guests, running activities, or lending a hand behind the scenes, there's a spot for everyone. Volunteering is a great way to meet new people, support your community, and be part of something special. Flexible shifts and a variety of roles are available–perfect for individuals, families, or groups. Visit volunteer sign up link at the Special Events page of the Village Parks and Rec website to view and sign up for volunteer opportunities.

Key Fob Program

The Village Key Fob Program provides access to the Village Center Gym, Beach House, and Dailey Cabin. The program allows access to the Village Gym, Toddler playtime, Pickleball Open gym time, and access to each facility's restrooms. Please check the facility calendar found on the village website to verify availability.

If you need to purchase or renew your key fob membership, please visit the Village website or stop by the front desk during office business hours. If you have misplaced your fob, please notify the Village Center as soon as possible so that it can be deactivated to safeguard our facilities.





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