



VILLAGE OF MAPLE BLUFF

neighborhood news

July 2025



Calendar of Events

July 2025

- 4 Fest on the 4th Event
- 7 Concert in the Park, Chris Haise Band 6pm
- 8 Building Board, 5:15p
- 8 Village Board, 7:30p
- 9 Police Committee Meeting, 3pm
- 14 Concert in the Park, Joe Richter Band 6pm
- 17 Municipal Court, 5p
- 21 Concert in the Park, The Listening Party 6pm
- 28 Concert in the Park, Kirstie Kraus 6pm

August 2025

- 4 Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting, Noon
- 4 Concert in the Park, Kirstie Kraus 6pm
- 12 Building Board Meeting, 5:15p
- 12 Village Board Meeting, 7:30p
- 20 Fire/EMS Committee Meeting, 4:30p
- 21 Municipal Court, 5p

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Trash/Recycling

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Village Board President Report *By Kevin O'Driscoll*

Summer is in full swing with lifeguards at Beach Park and sweaty campers running around Camp Ya Gotta Wanna. Thank you to our parent volunteers, our Event Specialist, Natalie Scheer and our new Municipal Services and Recreation Director, Mark Benishek.

Special thanks to Ellen Ryerson for kicking off Summer by making Bocce another amazing success. Ellen has recently "retired" after years of service as a Trustee and tireless efforts as our Committee Chair of Parks and Recreation. Ellen, you are amazing, you will be missed, and we thank you!

We are sad to see Fire Chief Trent Brass leave us to begin his teaching career at a local community college. The pull of Chief Brass' family, farm, community, and his new opportunity were too much for us to keep him. We are grateful to Assistant Chief Jeff Drager for his willingness to again serve as an interim chief while we explore our options for a new fire chief. Assistant Chief Drager filled in after Chief Loy's departure and set the standard for continuity of service. We are fortunate to have Assistant Chief Drager on our team.

The departure of Chief Brass presents an opportunity for the Village to consider its fire and EMS services. As part of Chief's departure, once again, we have been contacted by Fire Chief Christopher Carbon of the City of Madison who has asked the Village of Maple Bluff to consider outsourcing its fire and EMS services by contracting with the City of Madison. The Village explored the opportunity to outsource services several years ago and we decided to remain independent.

I am a strong advocate for maintaining our independence and "concierge" level of services provided by our outstanding Fire Department staff. The evaluation of our fire and EMS services is important and impactful to our Village. We will need each Village resident to consider the value of our fire and EMS services. To me, having our own Village Services makes Maple Bluff special and I do not really put a price on the services, I simply know that I like these services and I am thankful that we have them. I love the fact that we all know by name our Parks & Rec teammates, our Fire Chief, our Police Chief, our office team, and Tom's team.

With that being said, the Village Board has initiated the process of evaluating all aspects of our fire and EMS services. As a community we will ALL need to explore the value of our Village services. Please be comforted by our Village leadership of Greg Engle, Chair of our EMS & Fire Committee, and Dr. Patrick McKenna, Fire & EMS Medical Director. Their expertise will be key to our analysis as we navigate this process.

Please join me in welcoming and thanking our new Village Trustee Lilly Bickers who will Chair our Park and Rec Committee and new Trustee Laura Peck who will chair our Ordinances Committee. Lastly, a special thanks to Trustee and Plan Commission Chair, Jim Shuler, for his unmatched dedication to the Village as he led us through a multi-year zoning code rewrite. With a mind towards clarity, accuracy, and simplicity, Jim and his committee worked tirelessly for over two years on this rewrite. Thank you!

Community Strength & Summer Momentum! *By Tanner A. Nystrom*

As summer hits its stride in Maple Bluff, I want to thank our staff, volunteers, and residents who continue to make this season such a memorable time in our community. From lakeside gatherings to neighborhood events, it's clear we are a Village that thrives on connection and shared purpose. One example was this year's Bocce Festival—beautifully coordinated by an amazing team of resident volunteers and supported by our new Municipal Services and Recreation Director, Mark Benishek and Events Specialist, Natalie Scheer. Their efforts, alongside our police and public works teams, created a welcoming, safe, and joyful event that set the tone for the months ahead.

Behind the scenes, our Fire Department is entering a period of transition as Fire Chief Trent Brass had his final day on June 27th. While change can naturally prompt questions, I want to reassure you that our department is in exceptionally capable hands. Assistant Chiefs Jeff Drager, Ethan Nelson, and Tom Lehmann are highly experienced leaders who will maintain operational continuity and safety as we move through the recruitment process for a permanent Chief. Our commitment to excellent fire and EMS services remains unchanged, and I'm confident the department will continue to serve our community with distinction throughout this transition.

Summer also brings increased activity across the Village—from beachgoers and joggers to out-of-town guests and evening events—which makes it a good time to revisit how to connect with our Police Department. For emergencies, dial 911. For non-emergency needs, call Dane County Dispatch at (608) 255-2345—this is the most direct way to reach an officer, even during normal business hours. You can also visit our website to submit vacation checks or overnight parking requests. Our officers are highly visible this time of year, conducting proactive patrols, property checks, parking enforcement, and community engagement throughout the Village. Their presence helps deter issues before they arise and provides reassurance to those enjoying all our community has to offer.

I also want to take a moment to reflect on our recent Staff Appreciation Dinner, held June 11th at the Maple Bluff Country Club. We were proud to recognize several outstanding employees whose dedication makes our organization stronger every day. Sarah Danz received the Excellence in Service Award, Jay Sugden was honored as this year's Trusted Advisor, and Tom Schroeder was presented with the Values in Action Award. We also

celebrated Nicholas Ciabatti for five years of service and Detective Sergeant Kyle Knoeck for reaching a decade of dedication to the Village. These awards reflect the values we strive to uphold as an organization—integrity, compassion, trust, and dedication.



Each summer, I'm reminded of the incredible strength and commitment within our community. Whether it's the daily presence of our public safety professionals, the dedication of our administration and recreation staff, the hard work of our public works crew, or the ongoing support of resident volunteers, Maple Bluff continues to be a place where people take pride in their surroundings and care for their neighbors. As always, I encourage everyone to stay alert, report any suspicious activity, and reach out to our team if there's anything you need. We're here to serve and support you.

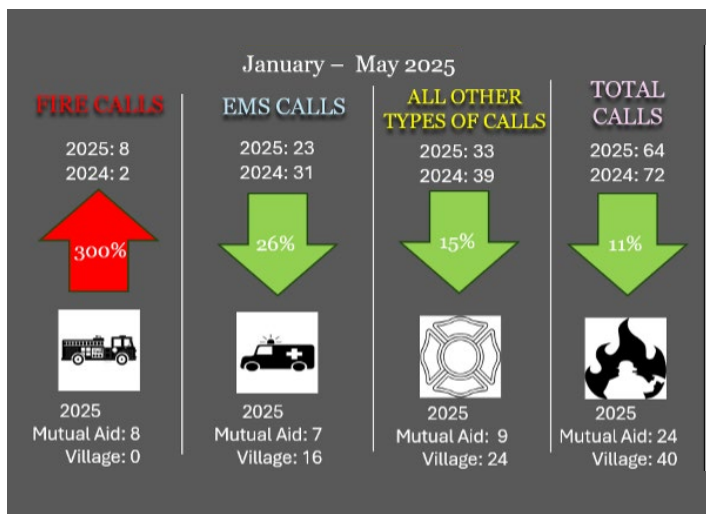
Thank you for your continued trust and involvement. Whether you're hosting guests, traveling, or simply enjoying the outdoors, I wish you a safe, fun, and meaningful summer. I look forward to seeing you around the Village.

Sincerely,
Tanner A. Nystrom



Maple Bluff Fire Rescue

By the Numbers



New Automated External Defibrillators Installed in the Village

Thanks to generous community support through recent fundraising efforts, the Maple Bluff Fire Department Association has purchased and installed two new Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) at:

- The Village Hall lobby
- The Beach House

Valued at \$2,664.00, these AEDs reflect the Association's continued commitment to enhancing public safety and emergency preparedness within our community.



Community Hands-Only CPR, AED, and Narcan Training Recap

In recognition of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week, the Maple Bluff Fire Rescue Department hosted a free, community-wide training event on hands-only CPR, AED use, and administering Narcan. The event was well attended and provided valuable life-saving skills to residents.

According to the American Heart Association, immediate CPR can double or even triple a person's chances of survival following cardiac arrest. Additional training sessions will be offered in the future.

To learn more about hands-only CPR, visit the American Heart Association's website to watch a quick 2-minute video demonstrating how to perform hands-only CPR: <https://cpr.heart.org/en/cpr-courses-and-kits/hands-only-cpr>



Welcome Our New First-Year Interns

We are excited to welcome five new first-year interns who began their service with the Maple Bluff Fire Rescue Department on June 16th. This internship is part of our long-standing partnership with Madison Area Technical College (MATC), allowing fire science students to gain valuable real-world experience while serving the community. Please join us in welcoming:

- Ian Loughrin
- Anthony Vilavong
- Gabby Parks
- Parnell Hughes Jr.
- Victor Sanchez

You will see them at various events and around the Village—do not hesitate to say hello!



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.

New Fire Suppression Tools Donated by Wisconsin Masonic Foundation

Thanks to a generous donation from the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation, the Maple Bluff Police and Fire Departments have received five Fire Suppression Tools (FSTs) to enhance emergency response.

These devices will be placed in all police squad cars and the Fire Department's Command Vehicle, allowing first responders to act quickly in the event of a fire before fire apparatus arrives. FSTs can reduce temperatures by up to 1,000°F in 30 seconds, slow fire spread and make the environment safer for both responders and residents.

This donation is part of the Foundation's 100th anniversary celebration, marking a century of investing in public safety and community support. We are grateful for their contribution to keeping Maple Bluff safe.



Honoring a Legacy of Leadership: Hans Johnson Receives Dailey Service Award

At this year's Bocce celebration, we proudly presented the Dailey Service Award to Hans Johnson, honoring his decades of dedicated service and visionary leadership in Maple Bluff. Hans began his public service in 1993 as a Village Trustee and went on to serve as Village President from 1997 to 2001. His tenure was marked by significant achievements, including the successful planning and construction of our Village Hall—still a cornerstone of community life today. Hans also played a key role in revitalizing the beloved Fest on the 4th celebration, helping to restore a cherished tradition that continues to unite residents each summer. This award, named in honor of Warren and Ann Dailey, recognizes those whose contributions have left a lasting impact on our Village. Hans' leadership, enthusiasm, and enduring commitment exemplify what this award stands for. Congratulations, Hans—and thank you.



Department of Public Works

By Tom Schroeder

Our Spring is wrapping up according to the calendar, and I would like to suggest that it has been a great season. Of course, as the warmup begins everything takes off ready or not. Weeds and potholes seem to be getting bigger and seemingly everywhere.

Along with our weekly collections we are:

Installing water meter end points for cloud base readings. I understand that we have the hardware to complete this initiative in hand. Please, when you receive a notice to arrange an appointment, follow the instructions and schedule a time slot that works best for you. With your help we can get this project completed by the end of this year, maybe. This would be a long shot, but one worth the effort. We need your help.

This time of year, it seems we are chasing weeds and potholes. We have been aggressively trying more than just spraying for weeds. We are using landscape matting in several garden areas and using recycled asphalt in the marina parking areas. The results vary, but it has reduced how much area that needs weed spray.

We recently trimmed the shrubs along the "Wall" between Fuller and Fuller on Sherman Ave. There we treated weeds as well.

We will continue to trim young trees and address hazard reduction on trees as necessary. With the recent bounty of rain fall the trees are in a max growth pattern. There are young trees that I trimmed early this spring and are looking like they need an additional trim already.

Please be cognizant of all the pedestrians moving about the Village sidewalks and streets. There are several children's programs that are near busy streets and busy parking lots. Please be safe.

Tech tip: you have heard this before! Use a lint collector on your laundry washing machine. You will be amazed at how much material can be collected. Many homes in the Village has cast iron sewer laterals that are chronic when it comes to clogs due to lint. P.S. use the cheapest toilet paper you can tolerate. The high-end rolls are practically paper towels, they too can add to a clog in the sewer lateral.



Parks & Recreation

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

We're excited to announce that Camp-Ya-Gotta-Wanna and our Arts & Athletics Camp have officially kicked off, and it's already shaping up to be an unforgettable summer! From high-energy sports activities to creative arts workshops, our campers are diving right in with enthusiasm and smiles all around.

The energy is contagious, and it's clear that everyone is having an absolute blast. Whether they're enjoying sporting activities, perfecting their painting techniques, or enjoying new friendships, it's all happening here! We can't wait to see what the rest of the summer holds.



Bocce Bash 2025

Thank you to everyone who made this year's Bocce Bash an unforgettable celebration! With perfect weather, great company, and strong community spirit, it was a night to remember.

We're especially grateful to Ellen Reyerson for her incredible planning, coordination, and behind-the-scenes work that brought everything together so seamlessly. A big thank you as well to all the generous donors who contributed auction items—your support helped create a vibrant and festive atmosphere. And to the many neighbors who attended, thank you for showing up with enthusiasm and generosity. Your participation helped raise \$48,000 for future Village projects—what an amazing accomplishment!

Thank you again for making Bocce Bash 2025 such a success!

Congratulations to our Bocce Tournament Champions:

Holly Davie, John Ramkey, Brian Cawley, and Chad Meade



Tennis/Pickleball Courts - Beach Park

The tennis/pickleball courts at Beach Park have been busy and will continue to see an increase in use. Village residents can reserve the courts online. Please check the Village's calendar before playing to make sure they are available for open play and not reserved. 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.

Rentals

July 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, or the Village Center Gym, you can do this by visiting the Village's Recreation website.

Special Event Schedule

Fest on the 4th

- **5k Race:** 7:30a
- **Parade:** 10:00a
- **Fest:** 10:30a
- **Fireworks:** Shortly after 9pm

Visit the Village Recreation website for more details

Sponsors: Willy Street Co-op, Sprinkman Real Estate, Woodman's Market, Hausmann Group, Mary & George Cullen

Concerts in the Park (6pm start)

July 7: Chris Haise Band, sponsored by Lake Ridge Bank

July 14: Joe Richter Band, sponsored by Isthmus Partners

July 21: The Listening Party, sponsored by Best Buds Landscaping

July 28: Kirstie Kraus, sponsored by Willy Street Co-Op

Aug 4: The Jimmy's, sponsored by Sprinkman Real Estate
Supporting Sponsors: Willy Street Co-op, Kwik Trip, Pellitteri

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 the volunteer sign up links at the Special Events page of the Village Parks and Rec website.

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 for Toddler playtime, 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 Village Hall 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.



Support Local Heroes

We Support Local Officers Foundation | 501(c)(3) Nonprofit

The **We Support Local Officers (WSLO) Foundation** is committed to the health, safety, and success of our Village of Maple Bluff police officers—professionals who dedicate their lives to protecting ours.

Your donation helps fund critical initiatives such as wellness & relief programs, peer support resources, safety equipment, educational opportunities, and community engagement. Whether you're making a one-time gift or becoming a monthly supporter, your generosity makes a direct impact.



How to Donate

1. Visit our website: <https://www.wslomaplebluff.com>
2. Choose your donation amount.
3. Support the officers who protect our community every day.

All donations are tax-deductible and go directly toward supporting our officers.



CONCERTS

BEACH PARK

JUNE 23 THE WHISKEY FARM

JUNE 30 FOO FOO DOLLS

JULY 7 CHRIS HAISE BAND

JULY 14 JOE RICHTER BAND

JULY 21 THE LISTENING PARTY

JULY 28 KIRSTIE KRAUS

AUG 4 THE JIMMY'S



2025 AT A GLANCE



OUR YTD TEAM LISTING ACTIVITY



46 Fuller – \$1,300,000



348 Kensington – \$775,000



810 Farwell – \$2,095,000



444 Summit
BUY + SELL SIDE



400 Coleman
BUY SIDE



151 Kensington
BUY + SELL SIDE



414 Kensington
BUY + SELL SIDE



136 Lakewood
BUY + SELL SIDE



915 McBride
BUY SIDE



341 Kensington
BUY + SELL SIDE

Aug 4th, 5pm

JOIN US!

AS WE SPONSOR OUR ANNUAL CONCERTS IN THE PARK – The Jimmys

CALL ONE OF OUR EXPERTS TO DISCUSS YOUR 2025 REAL ESTATE GOALS!



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