



VILLAGE OF MAPLE BLUFF

neighborhood news

August 2025



Calendar of Events

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- 4 Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting, Noon
- 4 Concert in the Park, The Jimmy's, 6pm
- 5 Plan Commission / Public Hearing, 6pm
- 12 Building Board Meeting
- 12 Village Board Meeting
- 20 Fire/EMS Meeting, 4:30pm
- 21 Municipal Court

September 2025

- 1 Labor Day, Village Office Closed
- 2 Planning Commission, 5pm
- 9 Building Board, 5:15pm
- 9 Village Board, 7:30pm
- 18 Municipal Court, 5pm

Village Board

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Trash/Recycling

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The Heart of Our Summer Season! *By Tanner A. Nystrom*

Summer in Maple Bluff is something truly special. As I travel around the community, I see neighbors gathering at the lake, kids playing at our parks, and families enjoying the unforgettable experiences of our summer concerts, events, and programming. From my unique position, I think this vibrancy is the result of thoughtful planning, tireless work, dedication of many, and the shared pride we all feel in preserving the charm, independence, and quality of life that defines Maple Bluff.

Behind the scenes, our Public Works and Recreation teams continue to deliver an exceptional level of service. From keeping our grounds and facilities pristine to coordinating dynamic events and programs, their efforts are what make our summer calendar not just full, but meaningful. Our Municipal Services and Recreation Director, Mark Benishek, has done an outstanding job in his first full season, bringing energy, organization, and heart to everything he touches. With the support of Event Support Specialist Natalie Scheer and the many resident volunteers who brought this year's events to life, we've had a season to remember—and there's more on the horizon.

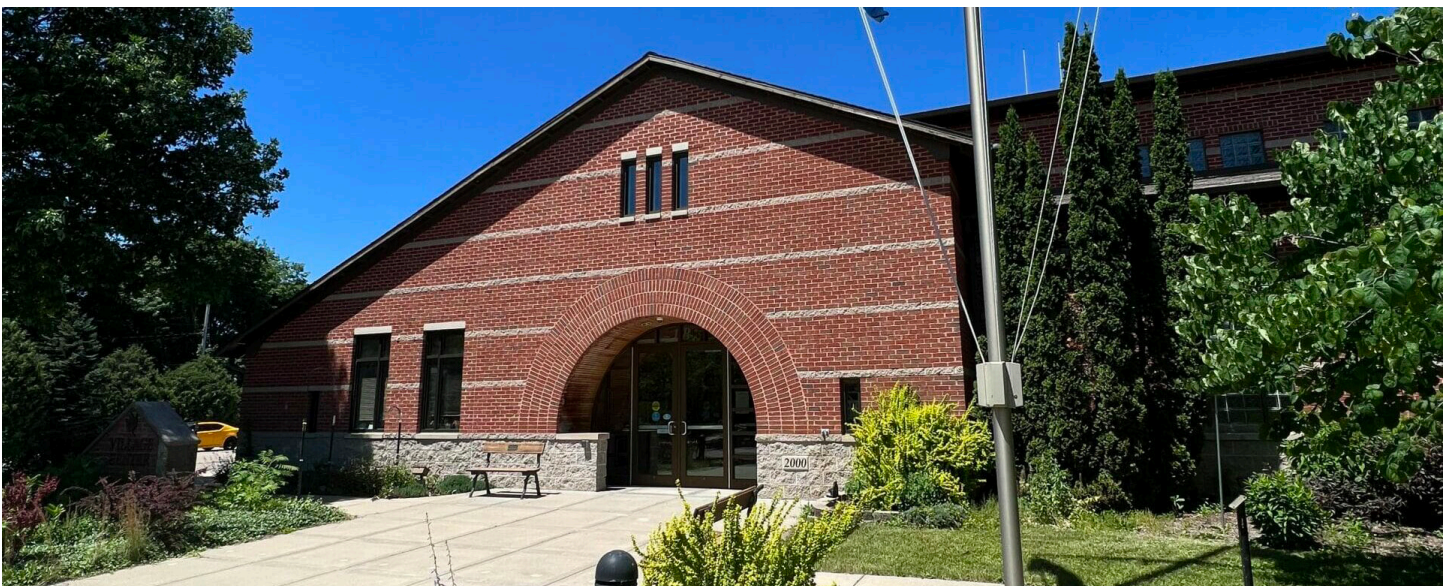
All this joy and activity rests on a solid foundation of safety and support. Our Police and Fire/EMS teams have been working hard to ensure a secure and responsive environment amid the increased summer activity. From event coverage and vacation checks to proactive traffic enforcement and emergency response, they are out there every day—visible, engaged, and ready. We continue to fine-tune our patrol strategies to maintain a presence where it matters most, while proactively managing risk. Just as importantly, our administrative team has continued to strengthen internal operations and resident services. Brenda Xiong and Rachel Danz have each settled into their roles with professionalism and heart—bringing stability, organization, and a strong commitment to service that benefits every department and resident interaction.

Our Fire Department remains in good hands following Chief Brass's departure. While we prepare to begin a formal recruitment process, our three experienced Assistant Chiefs have stepped up to maintain continuity and support our mission. The team brings decades of combined service and deep knowledge in emergency medical and fire response. I specifically want to thank Chief Jeff Drager for, once again, assuming the privilege, duty, and obligations of our Interim Fire Chief during our transition. We also continue to benefit from the presence of our Fire/EMS interns, who are not only essential to our staffing model but also bring energy, compassion, and a spirit of service that reflects the culture we value in Maple Bluff.

Looking ahead, we remain focused on executing the vision that voters supported during the 2024 referendum. From modernizing our staffing structures and improving internal coordination to strengthening long-term sustainability, the investments we're making now are designed to keep Maple Bluff strong—and importantly, self-sustaining. Our ability to operate with services tailored to our community's needs and values has always been a defining strength. Preserving that distinctive character is central to our identity and will remain a core priority as we navigate the choices ahead.

Thank you to every resident who plays a role—whether by attending events, volunteering time, offering feedback, or simply helping uphold the spirit of our community. Maple Bluff is more than a place, it is a shared commitment to excellence, and I'm honored to serve alongside so many who care deeply about its future.

Sincerely,
Tanner A. Nystrom





Maple Bluff Fire Rescue

By Jeff Drager, Assistant Fire Chief

Response Information

Total Responses (YTD): 85

Personnel

June marked the start of five new interns with the Maple Bluff Fire Department. All five of the interns have completed the fire academy through Madison College. This program includes State of Wisconsin Firefighter 1 and Firefighter 2 certifications.

In addition to the fire academy, four of the new interns have completed an accelerated EMT program. This program normally takes five months to complete. However, they completed this accelerated program in just 8 weeks. We want to thank each of them for their hard work and dedication to completing this fast-paced program.

Our department also took on 4 new paid-on-call firefighters in July. Some of the personnel already have completed an EMT program and are serving your municipality in that role. We are happy to have them joining our department!

Training

Over the month of July, our personnel completed training on a variety of topics. This month our personnel focused on forcible entry, hose deployment, and firefighter rehabilitation. If you were around the village center in July, you probably heard our personnel utilizing the forcible entry training. This prop is borrowed from Madison College on an annual basis. This training prop gives our firefighters hands-on time to refresh on different methods to force open doors. If you see our firefighters out training in the village, feel free to stop by and meet them. They would be happy to show you what they are training on.



Parnell Hughes



Ian Loughrin



Gabby Parks



Victor Sanchez



Anthony Vilavong



Genevieve Gregory



Sam Litau



Isaac Rivera

Public Outreach

In July, the on-duty crew got to meet with the participants at Camp Ya-Gotta-Wanna. The camp was given a tour of the ambulance and fire engine. It was an opportunity for our personnel to show the equipment to the children and answer some great questions. Each year when the department meets with the camp, we end it with a nice cool down!



Staying Connected with the Maple Bluff Police Department

The Maple Bluff Police Department is here to serve and support our community—not just in emergencies, but through everyday services that help keep our Village safe and secure.



Whether you're heading out of town or hosting visitors overnight, we offer a range of services designed to meet your needs:

- **Vacation Checks:** Leaving town? Submit a request online so our officers can check on your home while you're away.
- **Overnight Parking Requests:** Parking on the street overnight is prohibited without prior approval. If you need to park overnight, simply request permission online.
- **Temporary Equipment Permits:** If you need to temporarily store a trailer, dumpster, or other accessory vehicle, you can apply for a permit through our website.

Officers are available 24/7 and can be contacted directly through dispatch by calling **(608) 255-2345** (non-emergency). For general inquiries or to reach administrative staff, please call **(608) 244-1430** during business hours.

To learn more or access forms and public safety updates, visit: villageofmaplebluff.com/police

Thank you for being an active partner in the safety of our village.



Department of Public Works

By Tom Schroeder

It is crazy how every year weeds are more plentiful and resistant to any means of eradication. Very frustrating to say the least.

One could say the same for rain fall. Now I'm not talking about how much precipitation we receive in a week or month; although that can and does factor in. What I'm talking about is how much rain can fall in an hour...30 minutes ...10 minutes. Mother Nature has unlimited resources to play havoc with us mortal beings.

The water meter end points are being installed at a faster pace than any part of this year. Paul is the master in notification; stock and purchasing; scheduling himself, Nick and even Andrew for installation. Brendon has been knocking on doors with notices for the residents and keeping up with our services that we need to accomplish every week of the year. In round numbers we will have installed 350-375 by the end of summer. We have a fighting chance of finishing this project this year. We will need your participation in the scheduling end to allow us into your home to perform the installation. Thank you!!!!

There are still plenty of trees to address issues from removal to trimming. With the abundance of rain, we will be pruning trees that are growing so fast that there is need for additional attention. To clear up visual obstruction at some intersections and or just along the edge of road, please perform a self-evaluation of your landscaping along the roads edge. Some hedges and shrubs and flowers can get so tall and thick that it prevents a motorist/bicyclist/pedestrian from having a clear vision as they navigate the village roadways.

Please do not co-mingle yard waste for collection. Separate all materials into like groups and space these items away from each grouping. Please, do not place anything in the roadway. Keep yard waste; trash; recycle; appliances etc. on the terrace or your apron of your driveway. The heavy rains will sweep materials to the nearest storm inlet and possibly clog the storm system and or send the materials into the lake. Thank you for "all" that practice good yard waste protocol.

August is the vacation month or so it seems...find your adventure and be safe and have fun!



Parks & Recreation

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



Summer Recap

As summer winds down, we want to take a moment to reflect on a season filled with community spirit, laughter, and sunshine—and to thank everyone who helped make it so memorable.

We kicked things off with our biggest fundraiser of the year: Bocce Bash! Thanks to the incredible generosity of our community, this year's event raised an impressive \$59,000 in support of the Village. A special thank you goes to Ellen Reyerson and her amazing team of volunteers for their tireless planning and effort in making this event such a success.

Our Concerts in the Park series brought neighbors together for evenings of live music, good food, and summer fun. Whether you were dancing on the lawn, enjoying a picnic with friends, or just soaking in the sunset, these nights were a beautiful celebration of community.

The fun continued with our annual Fest on the 4th, which included the beloved Village Parade and all-day festivities at Johnson and Beach Park—games, live music, delicious food, and a spectacular fireworks show. We're grateful to the Maple Bluff Fire Association for keeping everyone well-fed and refreshed, and to Platte River Displays for another stunning fireworks display.

A heartfelt thank you goes to the Maple Bluff Fire and Police Departments for their continued support and presence at all our events, helping ensure everyone could celebrate safely.

We want to extend our sincere gratitude to the Public Works Department for their hard work and dedication. From maintaining our parks to keeping our streets clean and safe, your efforts have made a significant impact on our community. Thank you for making the Village a beautiful place to live.

Our Camp-Ya-Gotta-Wanna and Arts & Athletics Programs welcomed enthusiastic campers for weeks of creativity, exploration, and friendship. From visits by our Police, Fire, and Public Works Departments to the Scout-led lessons, each day was packed with meaningful experiences.

Thank you to our dedicated Camp Directors, Charlotte Krez and Anna Moore, along with our incredible team of Counselors, Lifeguards, and Big Buddies, for creating such a positive impact on the youth of Maple Bluff.

Finally, to all of the volunteers who gave their time organizing, leading, setting up, cleaning, or simply showing up to cheer - your time and dedication did not go unnoticed. Maple Bluff is a stronger, more connected community because of you.

We hope you enjoyed every moment of this amazing summer season. See you again soon for more fun in the fall!



Concerts in the Park

We look forward to our last Concert in the Park featuring The Jimmy's on August 4th. Attendance at each concert was estimated to be around 200 people. We especially want to **THANK** our sponsors and donors for the 2025 Concert Series: Best Buds Landscaping, Isthmus Partners, Sprinkman Real Estate, Lake Ridge Bank, Steve Olson and Stacy Schultz, Pellitteri Waste Systems, Willy Street Co-Op, and Kwik Trip. Without the generosity of our sponsors, our Concerts in the Park series would not be possible.



Seasonal Staff Update

A heartfelt thank you to all of the Camp Counselors, Lifeguards, and Big Buddies who dedicated their time to Camp-Ya-Gotta-Wanna and Arts & Athletics Programs this summer! Your energy, creativity, and commitment helped make both programs a fun and memorable experience for all participants.

Beach House Staffed Hours

The Lifeguard staff will end their summer employment in mid-to-late August as they head back to school. The Beach House will be locked once staff have completed their employment and will be accessible via the key fob program. If you're planning on swimming or entering the water, know the signs of blue-green algae, and if present, keep yourself and your pets out of the water.

Blue-green algae blooms occur throughout the summer in Lake Mendota. The water can appear green or blue and has a distinct smell. When in doubt, please exercise caution, stay out, and keep your pets from entering the water. Public Health Madison-Dane County will continue to test water quality for E. Coli until Labor Day weekend.

For more information and test results, visit: <https://www.publichealthmdc.com/environmental-health/beaches-lakes-pools/blue-green-algae-precautions>



Beach Park Tennis Courts

If people are waiting to play, try to 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 for exclusive use.

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

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When it comes to what's happening in the Bluff – who's buying, who's selling, and what's next – we're always a step ahead. Whether you're curious about your home's value or want the inside scoop on upcoming opportunities, we're your discreet connection to what's moving in the neighborhood. Let's talk before the sign goes up.

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