



VILLAGE OF MAPLE BLUFF

neighborhood news

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Calendar of Events

October 2025

- 1 Park & Recreation Committee, 12:00pm
- 7 Planning Commission Public Hearing/
Meeting, 5:00pm
- 9 Urban Forestry Committee Meeting, 12:00pm
- 14 Building Board, 5:15pm
- 14 Village Board, 7:30pm
- 16 Municipal Court, 5:00pm

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- 11 Building Board, 5:15pm
- 11 Village Board, 7:30pm
- 20 Municipal Court, 5:00pm
- 27-28 Holiday - Office Closed

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Trash/Recycling

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Doing Our Part *By Tanner A. Nystrom*

As the colors begin to change and the air turns crisp, fall in Maple Bluff always feels like a season of transition. Along with the beauty of autumn comes a busy time for Village operations, committee activity, and community events. It's a good moment to reflect on what's ahead and how we can all do our part to keep our Village safe, connected, and moving forward.

Over the past several months, staff and committees have been especially busy, and I want to thank our residents for their continued engagement. From development reviews to policy discussions, the work has been steady, and your input helps ensure decisions reflect the community's values. To support greater accessibility, we now post meeting agendas and packets in advance on the Village website, and recordings of Board and committee meetings are available afterward on YouTube. If you haven't already, I encourage you to explore these resources to stay informed at your own pace.

One of the most important initiatives ahead is our strategic planning process. This effort will give residents and the Board a structured way to help shape the long-term vision for our Village. The outcome will help guide difficult choices in areas like financial sustainability, staffing, and service priorities. It is a significant undertaking, and I appreciate the patience and engagement of our community as we move into this important work.

In the meantime, our Fire Department will remain under the steady leadership of Interim Chief Jeff Drager. Jeff has graciously agreed to continue serving in this role as we work through the strategic planning process. His experience and knowledge of our department provide needed stability during this transition, and I am grateful for his willingness to step forward once again.

With fall also comes some more routine but equally important matters. Our Public Works crew will begin leaf collection soon, and I want to remind residents to place leaves on the terrace—not in the street—to ensure efficient collection and safe travel for vehicles and bicycles. Please also be mindful of parking near leaf piles so that crews can complete their work effectively.

As the days grow shorter, lighting becomes more important both for safety and for crime deterrence. A well-placed porch light helps drivers, pedestrians, and neighbors alike, but please also remember that lighting ordinances are in place to balance visibility with respect for nearby homes. If you are out walking or biking, especially in the early morning or evening, I encourage you to wear or carry lights to make sure you are seen. These small steps can make a meaningful difference.

Finally, Halloween is just around the corner. Each year we welcome a large number of children and families, and with the rapid growth in surrounding neighborhoods, we can expect more visitors in the years ahead. Our officers and staff will be present to help keep things safe and moving smoothly, but we cannot control how many people choose to come into the Village. What we can do is manage our resources responsibly, keep traffic moving as best we can, and work together as a community to make the evening enjoyable and safe for everyone.

As always, thank you for your partnership and support. The work ahead is significant, but it is made possible by the strong connection between our staff, Board, and residents. I look forward to continuing this momentum together.

Sincerely,
Tanner A. Nystrom





Maple Bluff Fire Rescue

By Jeff Drager, Assistant Fire Chief

Response Information

Total Responses year to date: 114 as of September 24th, 2025. In September our average response time for emergency incidents in the village was 4 minutes and 16 seconds. This time span is from the initial alarm to the first unit arriving on scene to both fire and EMS incidents.

Personnel

Our department also took on an additional 3 paid-on-call members in September. Karlye, Sumik, and Patrick all come to our department with previous experience and certifications. They have been assigned to shift and operate as firefighters and EMT's for our village. We are happy to have them all joining our team.



Karlye Hansen



Sumik Malla



Patrick Hullett

Training

In September, our department began hosting a driver/operator class through Madison College. This class is required for personnel to drive fire engines. Seven personnel from our department are currently taking this class.

Over the month of September, our personnel completed training on a variety of topics. This month our personnel focused on car fires and vehicle stabilization following vehicle collisions. Our personnel will also be attending live fire training this month at Madison College. This training will include car fires and gas fires. Our firefighters will also get another live fire training opportunity in an acquired structure later this year.

Next month our personnel will be receiving updated training on a new quality assurance and quality improvement program. This program was created in conjunction with our medical director. The program requires all medical calls to be reviewed for appropriate patient care under a new process.

Public Outreach

On Wednesday September 17th from 2:00pm - 6:00pm, UW Health conducted child seat installations and checks. The program had a significant interest from the public that the hours were extended to meet the demand. We want to thank UW Health for partnering with MBFD to provide this crucial service to ensure safety for kids.



Please join our department on Saturday October 18th from 8:00a - 12:00p for our annual open house. We will be giving tours of the station, fire truck rides, and fire extinguisher training. There will also be raffles and giveaways. Come down to the station and meet your firefighters and EMT's that are serving your community!



OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, October 18th, 8:00 to 12:00



- ✓ Fire Truck Rides
- ✓ Ambulance Tours
- ✓ Fire Extinguisher Training
- ✓ Raffle/Giveaways
- ✓ AND MORE!



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18 Oxford Place, Madison WI 53704

2025 Holiday Wreath & Garland Fundraiser Maple Bluff Troop 5 Scouts

Dear Friends & Neighbors

The Maple Bluff Troop 5 Scouts are once again offering **fresh balsam garland and wreaths** for your holiday decorating!

Ways to Order:

1. Troop 5 Scouts will be selling door-to-door.
2. Mail in your envelope order form. Include payment with your order.
3. Order online: mapleblufftroop5.com

Order Deadline: October 31st.

Delivery:

Troop 5 Scouts will deliver wreaths and garland right to your front door on

November 22 – just in time for Thanksgiving! (No need to be home.) The evergreens are cut in early November and assembled just before delivery, ensuring they are fresh and long-lasting.

Support Troop 5:

Donations to Maple Bluff Troop 5 are also welcome! Your purchases and contributions support activities such as camping, backpacking, fishing, and sailing, while also giving back to the community through service projects.

For wreath/garland fundraiser questions, please contact:
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Department of Public Works

By Tom Schroeder

We are officially in the Autumn of 2025! This is a very busy time of year for us, as we prep for leaf collection and give all our vehicles and assorted pieces of equipment for this season and the one that follows...winter. We will be ready for both times of year.

We take pride in providing yard waste collection for the entire village every week of the growing season. That process can be helped along by placing all materials on the terrace and not in the street and away from trees/mailboxes/landscaping rocks/poles/signs/other vehicles and equipment. Do not co-mingle leaves with any other materials. To do so we may refuse to collect the material. That includes dog waste. The better the material is presented the smoother the collection process.

A word on trash containers, thank you for all that have retired the oversized and overweight containers for trash collection. The code limits the size of the container not to exceed 50 gallons. The loaded 50-gallon container or

other smaller container is not to exceed 50 lbs. loaded. You are also restricted for demo material, not to exceed 2 50-gallon containers with 50 lbs or less. Please use common sense about what you place in a trash container. Paint and chemicals are Clean Sweep only. If in doubt, please call us.

Water meter end- points have been a BIG project for this department that started last year. We want to finish this project by the end of 2025! We need your participation to reach that goal. Many have already taken the time and go to the Village Web site to make the appointment for installation. The homes that we still need to get into for the meter end point have been given at least 3 notifications. Help us to help you, make the appointment and let us realize our goal.

Thank you!



Parks & Recreation

By: Mark Benishek, Director of Municipal Services & Recreation

As we transition into the final months of 2025, shorter days and cooler temperatures signal the seasonal closure of several park amenities. In the coming weeks, the piers at the Marina and Beach Park, along with the tennis, pickleball, and soccer nets at Johnson and Beach Parks, will be removed and stored for the winter.

Be sure to take advantage of these amenities one last time—whether it's a brisk swim, a fall boating trip, or a game on the courts or fields—before the season officially winds down.

With the shift in weather, the Village will also pivot to more indoor recreation. The Village Center gym will once again be open for community use.

Open Gym

Here are a few reminders about Open Gym:

1. Access to Open Gym time is gained through participation in the Village's Key Fob Program.
2. Key fob members may bring up to 3 guests per use.
3. Key fob members that wish to bring more than 3 guests must reserve the gym online up to 48 hours in advance.
4. **No food or beverages are allowed inside the gym**
5. Put all equipment away and notify Village staff of any problems or broken equipment.
6. Hours: Open Gym time will vary depending on the day of the week, programming, and rentals. The gym will close daily at 9:00pm. To check on availability, visit the Village's website. If there are no programs or rentals, the gym is available for Open Play.

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's 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.



Marina Park End-of-Season Notice

As we near the end of the summer rental season (May 1 - October 14), we would like to remind all Marina Park renters of the following important dates:

- **In-Water Renters:** Please have all boats removed by October 14. This ensures our contractor has full access to remove the hoists and docks.
- **Winter Storage:** If you plan to store your hoist or trailer at Marina Park during the winter season (October 15 - April 30), you must complete the Marina Boat Storage Application and Agreement and submit payment to the village admin office. The application can be found on the Village of Maple Bluff Parks & Recreation webpage.

Thank you for your cooperation as we close out another successful summer season at Marina Park.

Toddler Open Gym

Time: 8:00am - 11:00am, Weekdays

Location: Village Center Gym

Fee: Must be members of the key fob program

Toddler Open Gym is designated for Village toddlers to burn off some energy inside the gym. Open gym provides age-appropriate toys. All toddlers must always be accompanied by an adult. Program participants must be members of the Village's key fob program. In the event Madison Schools, Public or Private, are closed, Toddler Open Gym will be reduced to 8:00am - 10:00am.

Pickleball Open Gym

Time: 11:00am - 1:00pm, Weekdays

Location: Village Center Gym

Fee: Must be members of the key fob program

Open Pickleball Play returns in November. The Village has a limited supply of paddles and pickleballs. This is a drop-in program available to Key Fob Program participants at no additional charge. Non-key fob members are required to pay a drop-in fee. In the event that Madison Schools, Public or Private, are closed, Pickleball will be canceled for the day.

Coffee & Cards Social

Time: 9:00am

Dates: First Wednesday of every month (Starting October 1)

Location: Beach Park - Beach House

Fee: Free - Coffee and playing cards will be provided

Join us for a warm cup of coffee, friendly conversation, and a few rounds of cards at the Beach Park Beach House!

This social is the perfect way to start your morning and connect with neighbors. Whether you're a seasoned card player or enjoy casual play, all are welcome. Bring a friend, make a friend, and enjoy a relaxing morning at our beautiful lakeside setting.

Coffee has been provided by our Coffee & Cards Social sponsor, Ancora Café.

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**FIRST WEDNESDAY
OF EVERY MONTH**

9:00 AM

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Youth Programs

Enrichment

Music Together Mixed-Age

Time: 9 - 9:45am, 10 - 10:45am, or 4 - 4:45pm

Dates: Tuesday, 9/2 - 11/18

Fee: \$180.00

Ages: 0m-5 yrs.

Location: Dailey Cabin

Each class is an active music making experience designed to teach the way young children learn through play with the ones they love! In this mixed-age class, each child participates at his or her own level through singing, moving, chanting, listening, watching, and exploring musical instruments. Classes offer a variety of engaging and developmentally appropriate activities for adults and children, providing new ways to play musically at home. Families will receive a beautifully illustrated songbook, a CD with the songs, and a code to access the music online for each session.

Music Together Rhythm Kids

Time: 5 - 5:45pm

Dates: Tuesday, 9/2 - 11/18

Fee: \$230.00

Ages: 4-7 yrs.

Location: Dailey Cabin

Music Together Rhythm Kids Students learn to create, choreograph, and conduct as they play - and play with! - a variety of musical instruments: West African djembe drums, percussion instruments, and the most important instruments of all, their voices and their bodies. As your big kid learns to think and create like a musician, they'll also build musical connections to the global community. Look to musictogetherwithsusan.com for more information. Adult participation in class is encouraged but not required. There will be a one-time material fee of \$50 included to cover the cost of your child's djembe drum.

Music Together - Jingle Jam

Time: 9 - 9:45am, 10 - 10:45am, or 4 - 4:45pm

Dates: Tuesday, 12/2 - 2/16

Fee: \$70.00

Ages: 0m-5 yrs.

Location: Dailey Cabin

Join us for an extra three-week Jingle Jam Session! Celebrate the season by singing and dancing to winter and holiday-themed music. This will be a Mixed-Age experience for old and new Music Together families.

Junior Coding with Scratch®

Time: 4:45 – 5:45pm

Dates: Monday, 10/20 – 11/17

Fee: \$90.00

Grades: 2nd-5th

Location: Dailey Cabin

STEM Coding Enrichment for the 21st Century learner. Each YEL! Coding class follows four basic components: Teach It! - Students learn different storytelling and coding techniques (movement blocks, animation, dialogue, timing, etc.). Code It! - Students use Scratch®* to code their own animated story lines: i.e., westerns, missions in space, and even dance parties. Explore It! - Students can write their own code, experiment with it, and test new options. We foster a collaborative environment where students learn from each other's creativity.

Robotics: Muscle 'Bots

Time: 4:45 – 5:45pm

Dates: Monday, 10/14 – 11/18

Fee: \$93.00

Grades: 1st-5th

Location: Village Center Conference room

Get ready to flex some robot muscle! We'll build a robot to compete in a tug-o-war competition, a truck pull, and haul heavy loads. Students use these robots to learn basic computer coding and engineering principles.

Sports

Junior Basketball

Time: 4 – 4:45pm or 6 – 7:00pm

Dates: Wednesday, 10/15 – 11/19 or 12/3 – 1/21

Fee: \$81.00

Location: Village Center Gym

Grades: K-3rd

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 kid-friendly 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!

Junior Fencing

Time: 4:45 – 5:45pm

Dates: Friday, 10/17 – 11/21

Fee: \$99.00

Grades: 2nd-5th

Location: Village Center Gym

Join this fast-paced, inclusive (everyone participates) Olympic Sport. YEL's Teach It, Practice It, Play It® approach teaches fencers new skills each class, practices those skills in kid-friendly fencing games, and then encourages students to use those skills in fencing bouts (matches). All equipment provided

Fencing Team

Time: 6:00 – 7:00pm

Dates: Friday, 10/17-11/21

Fee: \$99.00

Grades: 6th-12th

Location: Village Center Gym

Join this fast-paced, inclusive (everyone participates) Olympic Sport. YEL's Teach It, Practice It, Play It® approach teaches fencers new skills each class, practices those skills in kid-friendly fencing games, and then encourages students to use those skills in fencing bouts (matches). All equipment provided

Junior Soccer

Time: 4:00 – 5:00pm

Dates: Thursday, 11/13 – 12/18

Fee: \$81.00

Grades: K-3rd

Location: Village Center Gym

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.

Traveling Youth Basketball

Practices will begin in November in the Village Gym with games beginning in January. Practice dates and times may change, subject to volunteer coach availability. Game locations will be determined by late November. Area communities involved in the league are Monona, Middleton, Waunakee, Verona, Cottage Grove, McFarland, DeForest, and Stoughton. All players will receive a jersey they can keep. *Volunteer coaches are needed.*

3rd & 4th Grade Boys & Girls

Traveling Basketball Teams

Season: Jan. 17- Mar. 7

Practice Dates: TBD

Games: Saturdays

Fee: \$85.00

5th & 6th Grade Girls & Boys

Traveling Basketball Teams

Season: Jan. 10 -Mar. 7

Practice Dates: TBD

Games: Saturdays

Fee: \$85.00

Adult Programs

Yoga with Emily

Time: 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Dates: Thursday, 10/23-11/20

Fee: \$65.00

Ages: 14+

Location: Dailey Cabin

Emily's passion for yoga began when she was looking for a community in college. She pursued a Yoga Instructor Certification which included 200 hours of yoga training in 2015 and soon added Yoga Sculpt to her list of certifications. Emily taught at and managed a yoga 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, which allows students to move with their breath and stretch their bodies. She also loves to teach Yoga Sculpt; a class rooted in yoga with cardio, weights, and upbeat music. Please bring a yoga mat and a water bottle to each class.

Village of Maple Bluff TRICK-OR-TREAT



There are pumpkins on porches and
a chill in the air—Halloween
is almost here!



**Friday, October 31, 2025
4:00—8:00 PM**

Grab your costumes, your candy buckets, and your spooky spirit for a fun and safe evening of trick-or-treating throughout the Village.

Resident Participation:

As always, neighbors can opt in or out by simply turning their porch or front door light on (participating) or off (not participating)

Let's keep the tradition alive—
costumes, candy, and community!

Village of Maple Bluff

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!



JOIN US FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Halloween Parade

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26TH

PARADE DEPARTS AT 10AM

MEET AT FIREMAN'S PARK

PARADE WILL END AT BEACH PARK WHERE THERE
WILL BE TREATS, GAMES, AND COSTUME AWARDS.



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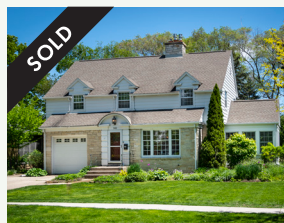
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\$2,930,000



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