



VILLAGE OF MAPLE BLUFF

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

December 2020



Photo taken by: Tom Schroeder

Calendar of Events

December

- 8 Village/Building Board Meeting
- 25 Christmas Day

January 2021

- 1 New Year's Day
- 12 Village/Building Board Meeting
Village Caucus

February

- 9 Village/Building Board Meeting
- 14 Valentine's Day

The Village Office & Public Works Department
will be closed Dec 24 & 25 & Jan 1

Trash/Recycling
Trash pick up is shaded, recycling dates are circled

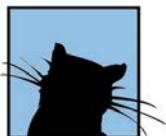
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Village Board

- President** Timothy O'Brien.....444-7564
- Trustee** Kevin O'Driscoll.....298-7102
- Trustee** Patrick Grant.....217-1815
- Trustee** Kristine Jaeger.....217-1919
- Trustee** Eric McLeod.....244-1371
- Trustee** Jim Schuler.....249-1696
- Trustee** Carl Vieth.....249-4647

Village Departments

- Administrator/Police Chief** Tanner Nystrom.....244-3048
- Clerk/Treasurer** Sarah Danz.....244-3048
- Deputy Clerk/Clerk of Court** Rene Dopkins.....244-3069
- Rec. Dir./Deputy Treasurer** Curt Erickson.....230-7655
- Police**244-1430
- Public Works**.....244-3048
- Fire & Rescue**.....244-3390



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A Year Unlike Any Other!

December typically brings about a hustle and bustle of the holiday season, but this year is different - we have likely done our shopping online, modified our family rituals to keep our loved ones safe, and may be unable to see those who mean the most to us. Holidays can be a difficult time on a non-COVID year, and this year will undoubtedly bring even more challenges for some among us. Despite this reality, staff continue to adapt services and events for the health and safety of everyone. While some events like the annual Turkey Trot and Shop-with-a-Cop have been cancelled, others like our Fire Department's Thanksgiving Dinner and Christmas Tree lighting remain in a modified form. We hope these events can help promote community cohesion while remaining within the boundaries of public health guidance protocols. Our team continues our efforts to bring some sense of normalcy and joy to the community during a year unlike any other!

In addition to recognizing the holiday season, I think it is essential to point out how hard members of our staff and community have worked to support the election process this year. As you likely know, our election workers participated in a recount of the Presidential race.

What you may not know, is that our municipality was also selected for a routine audit. These two separate activities required staff and volunteers to work a significant number of additional hours during an already hectic time of year and under strict health protocols set forth by Dane County. I am deeply appreciative for all of the hard work our team did and want to specifically thank Sarah Danz and Donna Schoor for leading our team through these processes! I feel very fortunate to have the caliber of staff and volunteers to make this possible.

I wish everyone a safe and healthy holiday season! Please don't forget to be mindful of security around your home and throughout the neighborhood. We encourage you to notify us if you will be leaving town for the holiday by filling out a request form on our website at <https://villageofmaplebluff.com/village-government/village-documents/vacation-request-form/>. Watch out for each other and don't hesitate to contact us when needed. On behalf of all staff, I want to once again thank you all for your support!

Sincerely,

Tanner A. Nystrom

From Maple Bluff Fire Rescue Dept:

By: Kristopher Loy, Fire Chief

Response Information:

Total Responses (YTD): 99

Average Response Time (dispatch to on scene): 4.02 minutes

Thank You:

The Maple Bluff Fire Rescue Department would like to extend our sincere gratitude to the residents of the Village of Maple Bluff for their continued support by passing the 2021 Tax Levy Referendum. The passage of this referendum will, in part, allow our department to reinstate a full-time staff position lost in 2011 during the dissolution of the Blooming Grove, Burke, Maple Bluff EMS Ambulance District and allow our department to remain competitive with intern, volunteer, part-time, and full-time wages.

We have taken great pride in serving our community over the past 73 years and are excited for the future. Thank you again.

Respectfully,

Kristopher Loy
Fire Chief



Training: In November, our department conducted vehicle extrication training at our firehouse. The Maple Bluff Fire Rescue Department would like to thank Bill's Towing & Auto Repair for the donation of two vehicles for our auto extrication training. This donation gave us the opportunity for our members to learn and practice skills in auto extrication. Some of the tools we got to practice with were cutters/spreaders (also known as the jaws of life), ram, air chisel, stabilization equipment, and more. Thank you Bill's Towing!

Thank You For Your Support

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FIRE RESCUE

T-Shirts For Sale

The Maple Bluff Fire Rescue Association is selling "Proudly Supporting The Maple Bluff Fire Department" t-shirts for only \$20.00 for adults and \$18.00 for youth!

Order Form:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Size	Quantity	\$
Adult/Youth Small:	_____ x \$20/\$18 =	_____
Adult/Youth Medium:	_____ x \$20/\$18 =	_____
Adult/Youth Large:	_____ x \$20/\$18 =	_____
Adult X-Large:	_____ x \$20.00 =	_____
Adult 2X-Large:	_____ x \$23.00 =	_____
Adult 3X-Large:	_____ x \$23.00 =	_____
Total:		_____

Maple Bluff Fire Rescue Association is a 501c3 Organization



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Submit your order and payment to:

Maple Bluff Fire Rescue Association
18 Oxford Place
Madison, WI 53704

Questions?

Contact Kristopher Loy, kloy@villageofmaplebluff.com

Featured Firefighter:

This month's featured firefighter is volunteer FF Joshua Meyers.



Member Profile: Joshua Meyers

Joshua has been a volunteer member of the Maple Bluff Fire Rescue Department since May of 2017. He currently serves as the Maple Bluff Fire Rescue Association's Vice President and is a certified firefighter and motor pump operator. When not volunteering his time with the MBFD, Joshua is an IT consultant and owner of Tech Madison.

We asked what his favorite part about being a firefighter was and he said "As a Maple Bluff resident, I enjoy the opportunity to give back to our community and surrounding area communities. Maple Bluff FD is a unique department, servicing a unique village, whether it be from the water, ice, or land. I'm happy these protective resources are so close by and I find it rewarding to be part of the MBFD team." In his free time he enjoys the outdoors and spending time watching The Office while drinking coffee from his "World's Best Boss" coffee mug.



Dept. of Public Works: By: Tom Schroeder

What words can adequately address the year of 2020? A global pandemic that has infused itself in all aspects of our lives...literally taking lives and has turned living life upside down. What have we done right? What have we done wrong? Hopefully a solution is near at hand. Stay well.

While there will not be a tree lighting ceremony, there will be lights upon a tree for this somber holiday season. The gazebo will have Christmas lights to possibly lure Santa to the Village and grant a few wishes. Not to get too far ahead of myself as Thanksgiving is yet to take place as I write. There is still so much to be thankful for! For myself? Being a part of the effort to serve this community and develop not just working relationships but actual friendships that I will cherish today...tomorrow...and beyond.

I would like to thank you as a community for your continued support of operations and investing in yourselves. The Village has funded significant capital improvement projects over the last going on 30 years that I have been employed. That sense of self-governance is as strong as ever.

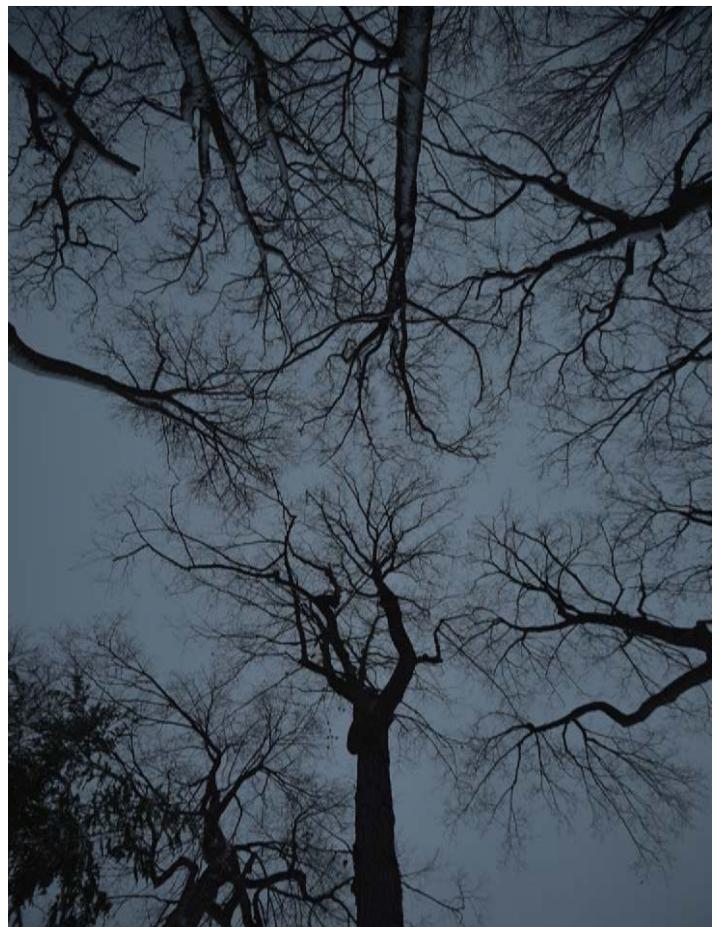
This past year was not our most productive. We utilized a smaller crew for a period; full crew without part-time. Then our part-time workers had limiting factors of their own. Now we are one full-time worker short and will be in the process of hiring to fill the open position. Nonetheless, we never fell behind on our primary duties. We will continue to make do.

Please continue to separate yard waste. If you have demolition materials that exceed 100 lbs...get a dumpster or the equivalent. There are several operations that you can turn to.

Winter weather is upon us as we wind down on yard waste collection. I applaud those residents that looked after their yards early. Waiting can be an issue when the weather starts turning toward the winter version. I fully expect to see extremes - weather patterns continue with roller coaster highs and lows, followed by steep changes in temperature and then precipitation. Buckle up!



When the snow hits, please keep the sidewalk and driveway snow on your property, not in the street or on the neighbor's terrace. You may have to discuss this with your service provider if you do not perform the work yourself. We are an equal opportunity snow plow operation in that everyone will get some snow in their driveway or on sidewalks. It is the normal course of operations with street plowing that we remove snow from the center line to the terrace. So, please be good neighbors. Happy Holidays!!!





Maple Bluff Country Club
Curbside Pick Up
608-335-0228

Our weekly curbside dining options, dinner, kid's and dessert menus are available for curbside pick up, Wednesday-Saturday, 4:30-7:30pm.

Please place orders by 4pm the day of pick up.

To view the dining menus, visit maplebluffcc.com/amenities/dining

To view weekly curbside options follow us on Instagram and Facebook at @maplebluffcountryclub

Thank you so much for your support!
We appreciate you.

Available to MBCC Members and Village of Maple Bluff Residents Only
Curbside not available the week of Christmas



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Parks & Recreation

First and foremost, Happy Holidays to you and your family. While the Holiday season will look significantly different in 2020, please be sure to find some time to enjoy the Holiday Season safely. Thank you for your continued support throughout the past 9 months as many Rec programs were cancelled or modified during the COVID-19 pandemic. We've added several programs in 2021 that will occur at the Beach House. Registration is now available through ActiveNetwork or by calling (608) 230-7655.

Facility Rentals

The Village Center gym continues to remain closed for the safety of staff and guests. Staff will communicate when the gym can be reserved again.

The Beach House & Dailey Cabin are available to rental opportunities. If renting these facilities, you'll need to adhere to gathering restrictions, social distancing and mask wearing as part of Public Health's and the State of Wisconsin guidelines. For more information regarding restrictions, visit: www.publichealthmhc.com.

January 2021 Programming available for registration

Extreme STEM: Catapults & Dragons

Day: Mondays

Dates: January 11 – February 15

Time: 4:00pm – 5:00pm

Location: Beach House

Fee: \$70.00

Instructor: Youth Enrichment League

Age: 5 – 10

STEM Enrichment using LEGO® bricks for the 21st Century learner. Each {YEL!} STEM class follows four basic components •Teach It!...Each class students are taught the basic STEM engineering concepts behind each project. •Build It!... Students use LEGO® bricks to build a snapping dragon, railroad crossing, and design their own marshmallow catapult. •Explore It!...Then they use the project to explore basic engineering concepts - this session is focused on lever concepts •Play It!...Finally they play with their project, modify it, create extensions and have fun working with it. Sign up today to THINK, LEARN and PLAY WELL with {YEL!}. For more details about {YEL!} STEM classes, visit YouthEnrichmentLeague.com.

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Robotics

Day: Fridays

Dates: January 15 – February 19

Time: 4:00pm – 5:00pm

Location: Beach House

Fee: \$76.00

Instructor: Youth Enrichment League

Age: 6 – 12

21st Century Robotics Enrichment using LEGO® bricks. Each {YEL!} Junior Robotics class follows four basic components:•Teach It!...Each class students are taught the basic STEM engineering concepts behind each project. •Build It!... Students use LEGO® bricks to build a walking giant, ferocious lion, terrible pterodactyl and more. •Program It!...Then they program the project to walk, roar, flap its wings and more using drag-and-drop icon-based software. •Play It!...Finally they play with their project, modify it, create extensions and have fun working with it. Sign up today to THINK, LEARN and PLAY WELL with {YEL!}. For more details about {YEL!} STEM classes, visit YouthEnrichmentLeague.com.

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The Do's of Doggies



- ✓ Do get a license for your dog from the village
- ✓ Do have your dog on a leash or under voice command at all times
- ✓ Do make sure your dog knows and obeys your property boundaries
- ✓ Do clean up after your dog, even if it's in your yard
- ✓ Do dispose of waste in your own garbage can or at one of the green waste stations throughout the village

All village residents thank you for being a respectful and responsible dog owner
Friendly reminder to keep dogs off of the golf course when golfers are present

Programs Continued

Fencing

Day: Tuesdays

Dates: January 12 – February 16

Time: 4:00pm – 5:00pm

Location: Beach House

Fee: \$80.00

Instructor: Youth Enrichment League

Age: 7 – 13

Each fencing class follows four basic components: Teach It – hall of fame Olympic fencing coach Ro Sobalvarro creates lessons and curriculum, Practice It – students pair up and practice fencing moves or concept, rotate partners and repeat, Move It – students then participate in fencing matches using only the moves taught so far and Play It – 10 – 15 minutes each class students fence with multiple fencers at their skill level. All equipment is provided.

Magic

Day: Wednesdays

Dates: January 13 – February 17

Time: 4:00pm – 5:00pm

Location: Beach House

Fee: \$71.00

Instructor: Youth Enrichment League

Age: 6 – 10

Amaze your family and friends with prestidigitation and legerdemain (magic tricks...that is). Students will learn how to master and perform multiple magic tricks each day and take-home items to showcase tricks to family and friends. The YEL! Magic class is crafted for fun, inclusion and applause for all magicians.

Virtual Yoga

Day: Wednesdays

Dates: January 6 – February 24

Time: 6:45pm – 7:30pm

Location: Zoom

Fee: \$72.00

Instructor: Casey Zimmerman

Spend some time at the end of your day relaxing in a virtual yoga class. Classes incorporate stretching, gentle movement, restorative poses with an emphasis on relaxing your entire body. All levels welcome and no experience necessary. To participate remotely, make sure your space is clear for exercise and that there are no objects in your way. A good rule of thumb is to clear a space that allows you to walk four steps back and forth and side to side. We recommend you consult with your doctor before participating in physical exertion and you should cease activity if you feel lightheaded, nauseous, short of breath, etc.

By participating in this class, everyone agrees that they are participating at their own risk and The Village of Maple Bluff is held harmless in the event of an injury.



PROPERTY TAX BILL INFORMATION

December 21st, 2020 is the statutory deadline for property tax bills to be mailed. If you have not received your property tax bill by December 23rd, please call the village center at 608-244-3048.

Payments can be mailed to 18 Oxford Place, Madison, WI 53704 or dropped off at the Village Center by utilizing the payment box in the front entry. If you would like a receipt, please include an email address or self-addressed envelope. If you need to make an in-person payment, please call 608-244-3048 during our modified office hours of 9:00am-3:00pm Monday-Friday, to schedule an appointment. The office will be closed on December 24th & 25th and January 1st.

First installment payments are due by January 31, 2021 to the Village of Maple Bluff to avoid interest and penalties. Second installments are due to Dane County by July 31, 2021. If you want to include your property tax payment on your 2020 income taxes, that payment needs to be made on or before December 31, 2020. Please include the bottom portion of your tax bill when making payment.

EMPLOYEE GIFT GIVING POLICY

The Village of Maple Bluff has an established policy regarding the acceptance of gifts by village employees. Over the years, village residents have been generous during the holidays in expressing their thanks for the hard work of our employees throughout the year. In light of potential liabilities stemming from the acceptance of certain types of gifts, restrictions are placed on what gifts employees may accept. The policy directly prohibits any village employee from individually accepting alcoholic beverages and/or receiving monetary gifts from village residents.

After the holiday season, a party is held for all village employees in appreciation of their hard work. Residents who wish to contribute to the village employee holiday party are asked to direct their gifts to the Clerk/Treasurer to ensure that the gifts can be shared equally by all employees. All gift money collected will be used to pay for the holiday party. A sincere Thank You to those who have contributed to date. The employees of the Village of Maple Bluff take pride in their work and thank residents for their cooperation and support throughout the year.

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Information about our COVID-19 precautions, see www.wilystreet.coop/coronavirus.



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DOG AND CAT LICENSING

The Village of Maple Bluff requires licensing of all dogs and cats kept within the village. Licenses will be available for purchase beginning December 21st and are valid for the 2021 calendar year. The cost for dogs is \$20.00 whether spayed/neutered or not. The costs for cats are \$12.50 for spayed or neutered and \$18.50 for un-spayed or un-neutered. You will also need to provide a copy of your pet's current rabies vaccination, with expiration date, when obtaining a license. Licenses can be obtained at the Village Center, 18 Oxford Place.



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