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July 2022



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Calendar of Events

July

- 4 Fest on the Fourth
- 12 Village/Building Board Meeting

August

- 9 Village/Building Board Meeting
- 9 Election (Partisan Primary)
- 18 Municipal Court

September

- 5 Labor Day
- 8 Municipal Court
- 13 Village/Building Board Meeting

Trash/Recycling

Trash pick up is shaded, recycling dates are circled

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0 to 60. By: Carl Vieth, Village President

It's summer, and we went 0 to 60 from spring to full-blown summer. Unfortunately, drastic changes in weather also means that we are likely to have severe weather events. Let's think back to June 13, literally every home in Maple Bluff experienced some storm impact; ranging from branches down to trees on (and through) rooftops. Power lines were down, and some residents were without electricity for days. Though through it all – we have seen some of the best of us in a bad situation.

Neighbors helping neighbors and people checking on those who are at risk. In the middle of it all was our public works, police, and fire departments. As the storm went on, police and fire secured fallen trees and power lines, assuring the safety of Village residents. Public works crews worked tirelessly to clear fallen trees from streets to provide safe passage of residents and service workers. In subsequent days, our public works staff has been working to help us return to normal – often in difficult conditions (heat and humidity). Their efforts are truly amazing and worthy of our admiration and appreciation.

Moving into July, our parks and recreational activities are in full swing. Fest on the Fourth will be a great, family-friendly celebration for all. A fun-run, parade, food, softball, and fireworks will make for a full day. We greatly appreciate the tremendous effort of our volunteers that make events like Fest on the Fourth a great community event. In addition to “Fest” we are presenting a concert series at beach park. The series includes musical genres to meet most every preference, while providing the

opportunity to experience some styles that may not be familiar to you. Our concerts are presented through the generous donation and sponsorships of Village residents and local businesses. I cannot express how thankful I am for their support.

Our parks are busy and our beach is a popular spot to cool off on a warm day. Unfortunately, Maple Bluff, like most every other community, is facing a shortage of lifeguards. As a result, we have scaled back beach hours to assure that we can provide adequate supervision of swimmers. We will be posting signs at the beach house if there is no lifeguard on duty. Should you choose to swim at these times, make sure you have a “buddy”, that you stay close to shore, that someone knows where you are, and that you have someone on the shore making sure you are safe.

Finally, please take time on Independence Day to reflect on the true meaning of the holiday; our freedom from tyranny and our right to self-determination. These are challenging times for our democracy. Our nation is polarized over many issues, and finding common ground is difficult. Given recent events, this is – unfortunately – likely to continue into the foreseeable future. I ask that as we move forward, we take time to listen, seek to understand, and most of all – respect our fellow citizens.

Walk, bike, and drive safely

Carl Vieth



An Exceptional Team and Great Community! By: Tanner Nystrom, Village Administrator/Police Chief

Each day can bring challenges for any of us, and so it seems each month can bring them for our team and community as well. As you are all aware, on June 13th a violent storm knocked down dozens of trees, damaged resident homes, and temporarily closed several of our roadways. Yet, the storm provided another opportunity for our Public Works, Recreation, Fire, Police, and Administration team to pursue our mission – delivering exemplary public services and responsible governance to improve the experience and value of our community. Within minutes of the storm passing through the Village, staff were on-site at multiple locations ensuring the safety of residents, communicating the storm's impact, and prioritizing recovery efforts. In short order, we observed residents working together to check on each other, communicate their observations, and help clear debris. I am very appreciative of everyone's response and grateful to serve such an exceptional team and great community!

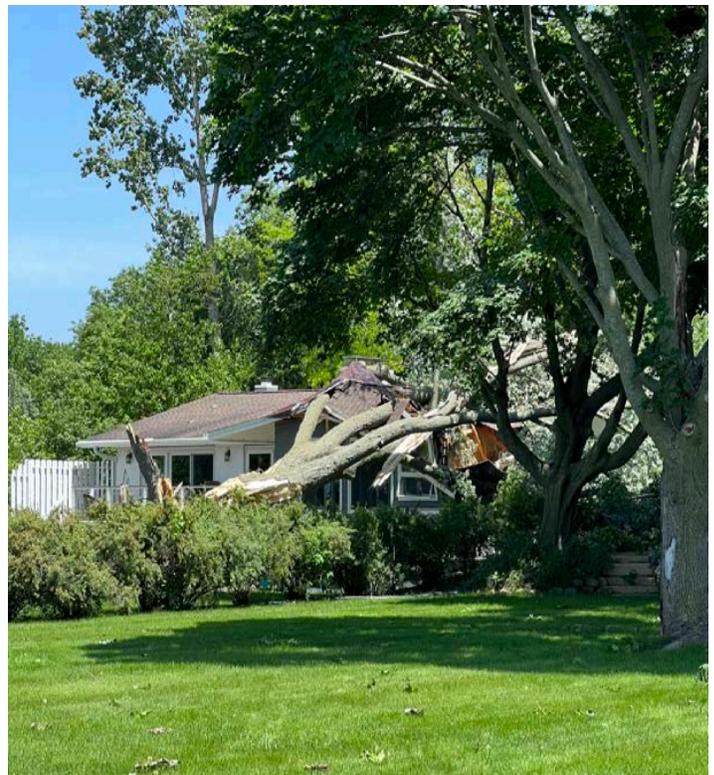
I want to extend a special thanks to our Public Works crew, our Recreation Director Curt Erickson, and our Records Administrator Jessie Knops for their flexibility and initiative to work shoulder-to-shoulder to address the storm damage to our community and parks. Their efforts and willingness to help made it possible for us to quickly return to a sense of normalcy. We are fortunate that we were able to proceed with minimal disruption and continue to enjoy summer events like Concerts in the Park, Arts and Athletics, Camp-Ya-Gotta-Wanna, and the Fest on the 4th celebration.

Although the storm is behind us, the work for our team and many residents will continue into the coming weeks and months. We can reasonably predict that the damage from the storm will require our team to adjust and balance summer priorities. As Public Works diligently clean up the remaining debris, other department staff are also working to facilitate the recovery process. We will continue to support the clean-up efforts and collect data of the storm's damage to public areas. Although the storm left many trees standing, the damage they incurred may have created safety hazards to the public that will necessitate their removal. Tree removals will take months to complete, so I ask for everyone's awareness to safety and patience in the process. In the meantime, be aware of the hazards created by unstable trees and the potential for falling debris. We will continue to share updates and information on our storm recovery efforts in the coming weeks.

Thank you all for your support and continuing to look out for one another. Please continue to communicate any observations of safety issues, concerns of ordinance violations, or suspicious activity by calling Dane County Non-Emergency Dispatch at (608) 255-2345. The dispatchers at Dane County are professionally trained to gather the precise information our public safety professionals need to respond to situations quickly and effectively. If you have an emergency, immediately call 911.

Sincerely,

Tanner A. Nystrom



The Best of Times, Worst of Times. By: Tom Schroeder, Director Public Works

It was the best of times...

Ellen Reyerson and the Park and Recreation Committee along with Curt Erickson and volunteers pulled off yet another record setting Beach Bocce Bash fundraiser.

The DPW Committee along with staff have been working with AT&T for a significant build-out for high-speed fiber.

Conversations with our Engineers at Town and Country confirms a 2023 CIP that will address several off-street sanitary and stormwater concerns here in the Village.

Momentum was ratcheting up for planting all the tree replacements ordered.

More plants arrived for the stormwater garden near the tennis courts at Beach Park.

Scotts Construction will be applying road sealer with pea gravel sometime this summer.

We just finished a lengthy stump grinding restoration process that demanded an inordinate amount of time....

Then there is the worst of times...

Sometime around 3:00 Monday the 13th, in just a moment of time, our priorities were handed to us at approximately 80 mph. My phone blipped...tree down 700 block Lakewood. Blipped, tree down 300 Block of

Lakewood. Blipped, tree down 200 block of Lakewood. Blipped, power lines down at Fisk, Fuller Ct., Summit. We deployed a three-man crew (2 on vacation); Police, Fire and our Administrator were canvassing the streets of Maple Bluff for other downed trees. Additional trees failed on Charing Cross, Laurel Lane, Woodland Circle, Beach Park, Marina Park and 2 small trees in Johnson Park. Most of the trees that had damage will likely be taken down if they haven't been removed already. There are a few trees that will be trimmed and monitored.

Clean up will continue for weeks. That includes the trees that still need attention, stumps to remove and restoration etc.

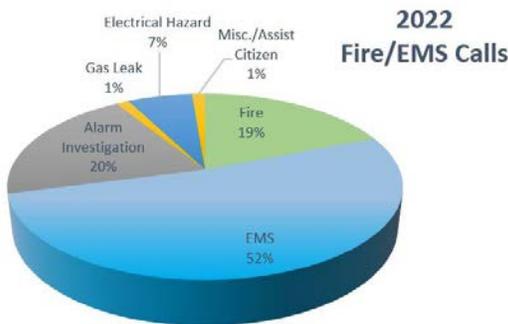
I would like to offer my sincere gratitude to our Fire Department, Police Department, as well as our Administration Department for all of their support. Tanner had to be the best dressed chainsaw operator out there. Curt was cutting up trees as well as grass. Jessie took to the streets with a rake in hand to make sure the storm grates were clear, also provided connections for irrigation at the beach gardens. Sarah made sure that those with power outages still got the latest message by hand delivering information. Rene maintained her usual cool, calm and collected self as the stream of calls from concerned residents poured in. There were several days that the heat and humidity challenged us all. Yet, we are still moving forward.



Fire Rescue Department! By: Kristopher Loy, Fire Chief

2022 Response Information: As of June 28, 2022, the Maple Bluff Fire Rescue Department had responded to 79 calls for service in 2022 with an average response time of 5 minutes and 19 seconds within the Village. Here is a list of the calls we've responded to.

Call Description	# Calls
Fire	15
EMS	41
Alarm Investigation	16
Gas Leak	1
Electrical Hazard	5
Misc./Assist Citizen	1
Total:	79



■ Fire ■ EMS ■ Alarm Investigation ■ Gas Leak ■ Electrical Hazard ■ Misc./Assist Citizen

Call Before You Dig: The Maple Bluff Fire Rescue Department was dispatched to a reported outside gas leak near Fuller Ct. at 1:16pm on June 1, 2022. Maple Bluff Engine 1 arrived on scene to find a landscaping contractor that struck an underground natural gas line with a shovel while planting a tree. Highly pressurized natural gas was heard being expelled from the underground line. Fire crews immediately evacuated bystanders from the area and nearby residences. Madison Gas and Electric (MG&E) arrived on scene and was able to crimp the ruptured gas line to stop the leak. Fire and MG&E crews utilized multi-gas detectors to check nearby residences for natural gas before allowing residents to return to their homes.



Dial **811** or (800) 242-8511

www.DiggersHotline.com

CPR Classes: The Maple Bluff Fire Rescue Department is hosting CPR classes throughout 2022. These classes are being held at no cost to Village residents.

August 11, 2022: BLS Provider CPR

October 15, 2022: BLS Provider CPR

November 12, 2022: Heartsaver First Aid/CPR/AED

Please e-mail Lt. Doug Dietzen, ddietzen@villageofmaplebluff.com to reserve a spot in any of our upcoming classes.

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June 13th Village Parks Storm Damage

We have received a lot of questions from residents regarding the damage and clean-up efforts from the storm on June 13th. It has been impressive to see Village staff working collaboratively on the clean-up efforts. I've included a list of damage to the Village's Parks below.

Johnson Park: Two trees were uprooted and will be removed, and three additional trees lost limbs.

Firemen's Park: Three trees along the fence that separates the park from the rail corridor lost limbs.

Beach Park: The twin pines were uprooted, two trees behind the County Club's Pump house were snapped, the tent rented for the Concert in the Park series was destroyed, a pier section blew off the dock and hit a bench which was destroyed, and the windscreens on the west and north side of the tennis courts were blown off.

McBride Park: Three limbs were lost near the playground.

Marina Park: One tree snapped, several other limbs and branches broke, a few canopies on boat hoists were torn, and multiple boats owned by MYSF were overturned.

Firemen's Park

Over the course of the last year, the Village's Parks and Recreation Committee has vetted through extending the chain link fence that separates Firemen's Park from the Wisconsin and Southern Rail corridor for the safety of users at Firemen's Park. On June 22, the Parks and Recreation Committee presented the project to the Building Board and received approval to extend the fence which will connect to the northeast corner of the Village Center. The Village Board will have the project presented at the July 12th meeting.

The Village has installed an adjustable basketball hoop at Firemen's Park to meet the needs and requests from several residents and CYGW families. In addition, the asphalt surface was resealed and added basketball lines. This has been a great addition to the Firemen's Park and the hoop is receiving a lot of play.

Beach House Reservations

Beach House reservations for July include July 2nd, July 9th, July 19th, July 23rd, and July 30th. If you are interested in reserving the Beach House or Dailey Cabin, please contact Curt Erickson at cerickson@villageofmaplebluff.com.

Beach House Hours:

As a reminder, the Beach House will not be staffed on Sundays this summer. If you are visiting Beach Park and need to use the restroom, you can access them via the key fob program. When no lifeguards are present at the Beach, swimmers are required to use their best judgement and swim at their own risk.

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 at the Beach and Marina. The water can appear pea-soup and has a distinct smell. When in doubt, please stay out. Public Health Madison-Dane County does test the water quality on a weekly basis, but blue-green algae can appear within a few hours. For more information go to the following website: <https://www.publichealthmdc.com/environmental-health/beaches-lakes-pools/blue-green-algae-precautions>.

Concerts in the Park

Due to the storm on Monday, June 13th, the Village was forced to postpone the first concert in the park by the American Scarecrows. We are working on rescheduling their performance for August. The Village has received several generous donations for the Summer Concert Series: The Cullen Family, The Mahamed Family, Home Watch Madison, Festival Foods, and Kwik Trip have all donated as a general series sponsors. Below is the list of exclusive sponsors.

July 11 Small Blind Johnny sponsored by Isthmus Partners

July 18 Mark Croft Band sponsored by Sprinkman Real Estate

July 25 Finding North exclusive sponsorship available

Food and beverage will be available for purchase. Food carts that have committed on a rotating basis include: It's Good for You, Melted, LT's Aloha Wagon, and Jakarta Café. Beverages will be sold by the Maple Bluff Fire Rescue Department and proceeds will be applied towards the purchase of Knox boxes on the Fire Trucks.



FEST ON THE FOURTH 2022

Thank you to our numerous volunteers who make this event possible, in particular Jeff and Sarah Masciopinto for coordinating and leading the 5K Race, Erica Gill and Sarah Pelletter for Co-Chairing the Johnson Park festival.

Schedule of Events:

6:45am-7:15am 5K registration at Beach Park -- Please register ahead of time. Bring cash or check to register the day of the race.

7:30am 5K start at Beach Park

9:00am Parade line up on Fisk near Beach Park -- Lots of tie dye, flowing hair and groovy attire expected!

10:00am Parade starts at Beach Park

10:30am Parade ends at Johnson Park

10:30am-1:00pm Fest on the 4th Festival at Johnson Park -- races to begin at 12:00.

1:00pm Upper vs. Lower Bluff Village Softball Game

6:00pm -- Villagers gather at Beach Park -- Concessions available from MBFD

Dusk, approximately **9:00pm-9:30pm** -- Fireworks begin

Thank you to our fireworks sponsors: The Cullen Family, The Schmid Family, Isthmus Partners, Pellitteri, Willy Street Co-op, and Monona Bank. We reached our goal of \$5,000 to help fund the display.

Programming

Fall programs will be available for registration beginning in August.



Some of our favorite village dads joined forces for the annual Father's Day Parade! A berobed crew of brave men traipsed down Lakewood Boulevard in a pilgrimage to the Beach House, where bagels and coffee awaited them. Three dads were newly anointed in the Brotherhood of Bluff Bro's with Lake Mendota lakewater. Thanks to all those who participated!

20th Annual Beach Bash & Bocce Fundraiser

Maple Bluff's 20th annual Beach Bash & Bocce Event was a record-setter! The event grossed over \$69,000 for the Village's Parks and Recreation. Thank you to the many hours spent by Trish Grant, Sarah Shah, Heidi McClean, and Lindsay Campbell procuring silent auction items. The event would not nearly be as successful without their hard work. The Bocce Tournament provided several thrilling moments with past tournament champions competing in the finals. In the end, Ryan Esser and Missy Dunn were victorious beating Ryan Stephenson and Maggie Johnson.

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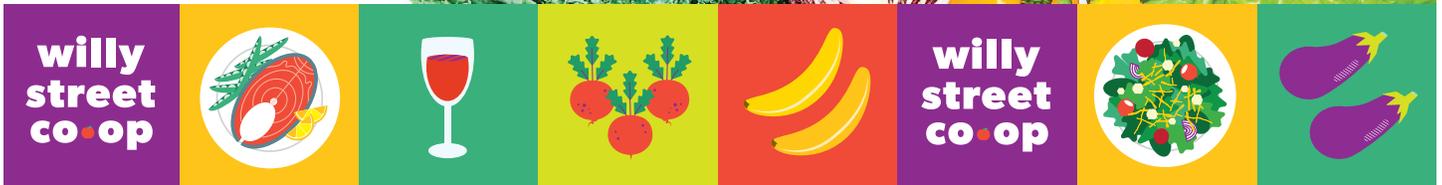


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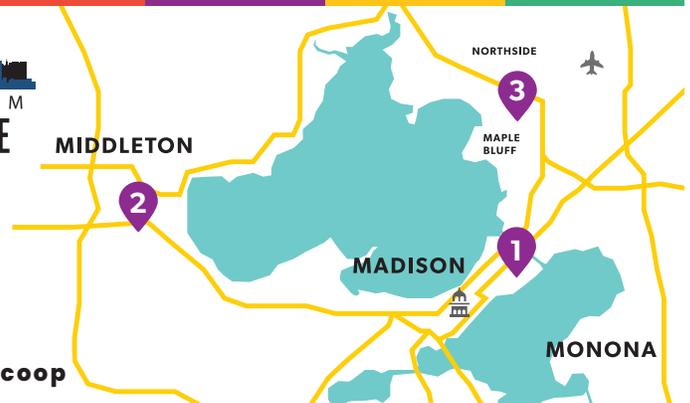


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Adopt an "All Hazards" Approach to Emergency Planning.



By: Michael O'Driscoll, Troop 5 First Class Scout

Maple Bluff resident and Eagle Scout Greg Engle prepares for emergencies for a living. Engle is the acting administrator of the Division of Wisconsin Emergency Management. Engle's organization uses an approach to emergency planning called "all-hazards." The "all hazards" emergency preparedness strategy is similar to the Scout motto "Be Prepared" because both involve identifying potential hazards or emergencies and having a plan and supplies to address them. The idea behind the "all hazards" approach is not necessarily to plan a detailed response for every possible scenario, but rather to have resources and capabilities in place that can be adapted to any disaster. For example, having a good communication system in place that can remain up and running even in the event of a power outage (think: portable charger for your cell phone) is a key resource no matter what type of emergency may strike.

I encourage you to adopt this same "all hazards" approach to your own emergency preparedness planning. Sit down with your family or household members and discuss the types of emergencies that might occur and develop a plan. (For details on creating an Emergency Action Plan, please

see last month's newsletter at <https://villageofmaplebluff.com/home/our-community/newsletter-2020>.) According to Engle, "one of the biggest risks to the Maple Bluff community is severe weather that brings heavy rains and/or wind, similar to what happened in Dane County in 2018 when some communities experienced 10-15 inches of rain in 24 hours." Other potential disasters for our area include tornadoes or prolonged power grid outages. Regardless of the emergency, says Engle, "ultimately it comes down to planning, training, and exercising the plan, and investing in the resources, such as supplies and equipment, that we need to be prepared."

In order to get a grasp on how prepared each family is, I have prepared a short survey that can be completed by anyone with a Google account. Besides helping Troop 5 and the Maple Bluff Fire Rescue Department to see who is prepared for an emergency, it will help you assess your preparedness and point out weaknesses in your plan. Please feel free to visit the link and fill out the short Emergency Preparedness Survey. If you have any trouble viewing or submitting the form, please contact me at michael.odriscoll@edgewoodhs.org.

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