



VILLAGE OF MAPLE BLUFF

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

May 2020



Maeve
O'Driscoll



Sam
Loetscher



Erin
Price



Lizzie
Drake



Ashley
Fleming



William
Sprinkman



Kelly
Carroll



Anna
Dunn



Carl
Sabroff



Drew
Morrow



Eliot
Hughes



Molly
O'Brien



Frankie
Masciopinto



Sydney
Marz



Sarah
Meyer



Molly
Dunn



Ellie
Redemann



Bryn
Johannes Ostby



Truly
Wallhaus



Lauren
Engle



Elias
Fox Baker



Mary Alice
"Ali" Helland



Kyle
Rusy Harkin

Welcome

Calendar of Events

May

- 10 Mother's Day
- 12 Village/Building Board Meeting
- 25 Memorial Day

June

- 9 Village/Building Board Meeting
- 21 Father's Day

July

- 4 Independence Day
- 14 Village/Building Board Meeting

Trash/Recycling

Trash pick up is shaded, recycling dates are circled

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Village Board

- President** Timothy O'Brien.....246-0321
- 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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Connected & Strong! By: Tanner A. Nystrom

Over the past month, I had the honor to witness our community respond to Safer at Home in exemplary fashion. Residents and businesses reacted with patience and understanding as the guidelines and expectations of the Governor's order took shape. Many sought proactive ways to help our community and stay connected with each other; as well as our team at the village center. The countless well wishes, messages of support, and offers of assistance exemplify the character of our community. Despite the challenges we all face as a result of uncertain times our community remains connected and strong.

We have done an outstanding job in responding as a community and I appreciate everyone's contributions. We will undoubtedly face more challenges as the order continues. The extension of Safer at Home and emotions that accompany protracted stress can frustrate even the most composed individuals. As public servants, village staff and I understand the importance of working as a team to ensure the sustained health of our community. We recognize that our role is multifaceted – we must set an example through our actions, make every challenge an opportunity to connect and help, and share valuable information with you in a timely manner. We realize that in return, we can maintain peace of mind and gain extended cooperation which further limits the natural anxiety and frustrations we all feel.

I am exceptionally proud of all village staff – everyone has responded to the challenges we face with enthusiasm, determination, and compassion. Of special note, I want to highlight the outstanding performance of our police department. Our police force has been short staffed for some time, and the possibility of COVID-19 exposure presents an ongoing threat to our services. During a time when our officers are working under additional stress, for extended hours, and assuming additional shifts, the leadership of Sergeants Dabbs and Sugden has proven critical to maintaining department readiness and motivation. Since Safer at Home began, our officers have encountered numerous noteworthy incidents including significant suspicious activity, threats, a multi-person fatality accident, felony arrests, high-speed pursuits, and a drive-by shooting. Our part-time officers fill critical shifts to allow full-time officers opportunities to rest and recharge; as well as provide essential training to new officers. Detective Steele continuously provides critical investigative support while also absorbing crucial patrol assignments. I remain most confident in our police department. They have not only demonstrated grit and resilience in the face of adversity, but had notable achievements and grown their capabilities at the same time.



Javier Salazar

Yee Thao

On that note, I am pleased to make two announcements. First, Officer Javier Salazar successfully completed Field Training on April 15th. Javier has done an exceptional job throughout his training and we are very proud of his achievement – Congratulations Javier! Second, we hired Yee Thao as a full-time police officer for our department on April 16th. I have been impressed with Yee throughout our assessment and selection process. We are all excited to welcome Yee and expect he will be a great addition to our family – Welcome aboard Yee!

Once again, I thank you for your continued support! I appreciate everyone's patience and understanding through the extension of Safer at Home. Staff and I remain steadfast in our commitment to growing from the challenges ahead. Stay safe and healthy!

Sincerely,

Tanner A. Nystrom



Village Clerk/Treasurer

The Gordon:

The Gordon Nears Completion - The concrete barricades have been removed from North Sherman Avenue and the Road Closed signs on Roxbury Road are gone! Just a few finishing touches and then construction in and around The Gordon should be complete. Thank you to all village residents for your patience and understanding during the construction process. A new building on the "old antique mall" site has been years in the making. What a difference a year can make....



Election:

April 7th Election Recap – The village had a 67% voter turnout, with 629 residents voting by absentee ballot and 132 showing up at the polls on election day. The village was very fortunate to have enough election officials to operate our polling place safely and efficiently. A huge thank you to our resident workers Katie Ruhl, Carolyn Shelton, Nick Brozek, Kim Petershach, Jamie Holzhueter and our National Guard volunteer Dacoda Freeman. Extra acknowledgement to Donna Schoor, John Rosenberg and Mary Albrecht, who worked the entire 15 hour day. The next election will be held on August 11th, followed by the Presidential Election on November 3rd.



Police

Be Vigilant - Report Suspicious Activity By: Tanner A. Nystrom



As we settle into spring, please remember to report any suspicious activity in our village. Most communities experience an increase in property crime each spring and we have witnessed more aggressive and brazen criminal behaviors over the past few years. Maple Bluff has a low crime rate because we have a great community. Your

proactive approach to reporting suspicious activity enables our police force to maintain crime deterrence. When our officers receive timely notifications from dispatch, they are able to respond quickly, interrupt crimes in progress, and discourage future criminal activity in our village. We want all to know that our community is not tolerant of crime. Thank you for the critical role you play!

Continue to call 911 for emergencies and report any non-emergency situation by calling (608) 255-2345. Calls to the village center will not reach our officers in a timely manner - they could be actively patrolling, responding to other calls for service, or assisting one of our neighboring communities. We have a small but exceptional police force. Our officers are well-trained, uniquely talented, and committed to professionalism. Although we could greatly benefit from multiple officers on-duty at a time, we are often subject to limitations that leave a single officer working. An officer can only be in one place at any given time and therefore relies on our community to provide critical and timely information.

Thank you again. Stay safe and healthy!

Sincerely,

Tanner A. Nystrom



Practice and Protect: By: Tom Schroeder

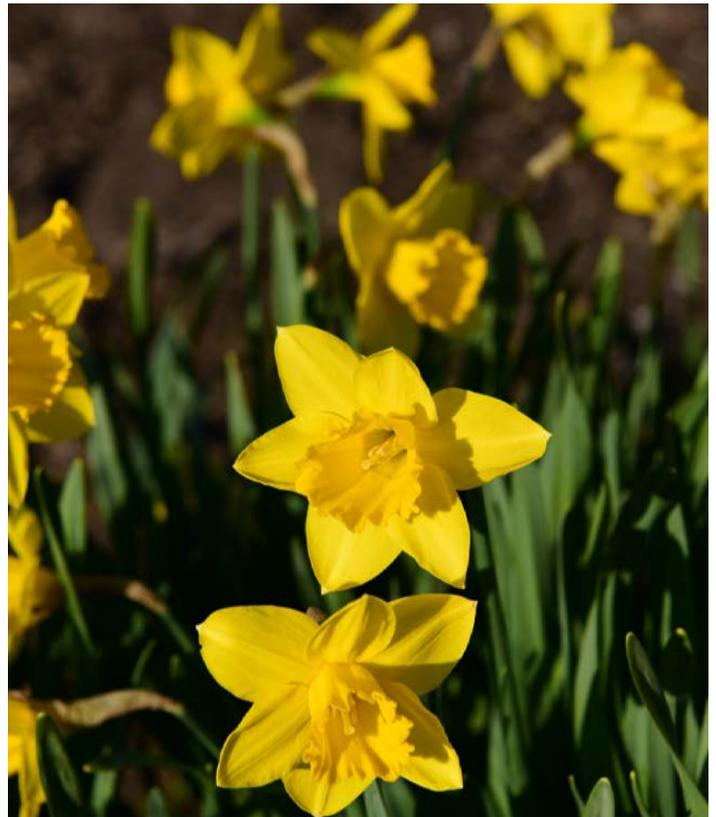
I hope that all of you are doing well and practicing social distancing along with all the other necessary precautions to protect not only yourself but others as well. We in Public Works are grateful for the support of the community along with the opportunity to continue with several of our services that allow for a sense of normalcy. We are doing our part as directed and are looking forward to getting to the other side of this challenge.

As mentioned, we are performing base collections every week. I would like to thank everyone that has bagged their household trash and request the few who have not to begin doing so. I feel this will provide a level of protection to our staff members performing the collection service. There are a couple other items to make mention of regarding trash collection. One being that there are limits to the weight and size of containers and their contents - 50 lbs. and 30 gallons. Some of the carts being used by our residents are 65-95 gallons that allow for total weights to be well over the limit. We tip these containers by hand, not with mechanical arms. For those who have made the necessary changes, we thank you! For those that have not...Please do!

An additional reminder regarding demolition materials from do it yourself projects - gauge the size of your project and realize that you are limited to two 30-gallon containers not to exceed 50lbs each during any trash collection day. If the project warrants waste volume beyond this, please consider a dumpster for haul away by others.

Always separate like materials that are placed for collection on the terrace and not in the street. Yard waste/leaves/garden debris/sticks/soils should and need to be separated for us to collect them. Appliances likely require a pre-purchased sticker for collection; call us with your questions.

We do not collect clean sweep materials. All household chemicals/cleaners/stains/paints etc. should be purchased in amounts that you will use to avoid the stock-



pile of unused materials. I realize this is easy to say and much harder to do...

We are delivering mulch for the volunteer gardeners! You do a great service for the entire village! Let me know of any needs you may have that I could help with.

The Marina Pier was installed recently.

We will re-engage our ash tree removal process along with other maintenance needs when possible. Also, we will investigate tree replacement locations as well. An Arbor Day celebration will have to wait for now.

Again, thank you all for your support!!!

News

Here we are, it's May and the streets should be filled with walkers and bikers, our playgrounds should have youthful smiles and cheers and our courts should have the sound of sport balls bouncing on them. COVID-19 has certainly changed the landscape over the past six weeks. As we all anxiously await for what comes next, the Recreation Department wants to make sure we are all staying physically and mentally sharp. It can be easy to fall into the COVID-19 hole with the negativity that surrounds this virus. If you haven't already done so, please "Like" or "Follow" Village of Maple Bluff Parks and Recreation on Facebook. I've been posting weekly activities for you and your family to partake in. These activities are not just geared for kids. For example, we've put together a Chalk the Bluff, BINGO Scavenger Hunt, Lego challenges and a Quarantine Baking Championship. Several residents have posted great pictures of their family coming together to work on these fun activities.

As the weather continues to warm up it is still important to follow the Executive Orders set forth regarding Safer at Home. Currently, playgrounds, tennis courts and basketball courts have been closed. It's also been advised to post or close commonly touched surfaces. Please be sure you follow guidelines in sanitization and cleaning if you've come into contact with a number of frequently used items in Maple Bluff. These include but are not limited to: park benches, dog waste stations, bike racks, bike repair station and picnic tables. The Village also will continue to keep the Beach House, Dailey Cabin and Gym closed.

Paddleboard Program

The paddleboard program is currently not available from guidance we've received regarding the sanitization of equipment. Since the equipment is for shared use, the Village cannot guarantee each piece of equipment has been properly sanitized and cleaned for the next user. When we've been given clearance to offer the program again, we will notify users. If you have not registered for the program, information can be found on the Village's website under Parks and Recreation. You will need to provide the Village with a Gmail account to participate.

Marina

Another boating season is upon us. The Village's Public Works crew installed the pier mid-April while maintaining social distancing. Deano Dock followed suit shortly after by installing renters' hoists. If you need storage space for your trailer, the Village has a handful of spots remaining this summer. Please reach out for more information.

Summer Programs & Events

It's hard to determine when events and programs will occur this summer. Summer registration was placed on hold in late March. I am working on new ways to offer some of the great traditional programs. The Village's Parks, Recreation and Board of Harbor Commissioners will be meeting in early May to discuss possible rescheduled dates for a number of our fun neighborhood events that we all look forward to. More information will be provided as dates are determined. I keep looking for a light at the end of the tunnel and long for a return to what a normal will be.

Stay safe and please do not hesitate to reach out.

Curt Erickson Recreation Director/Deputy Treasurer
608-230-7655 cerickson@villageofmaplebluff.com



TOP CYCLIST IN MAPLE BLUFF

FOR THE MONTH OF MAY, WE CHALLENGE EVERYONE TO BE THE TOP MILEAGE CYCLIST IN MAPLE BLUFF. ALL PARTICIPANTS WILL RECEIVE A 2020 MAPLE BLUFF BIKE CHALLENGE T-SHIRT.

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VIRTUAL COUCH TO 5K

Join Casey Zimmerman, Village Fitness Instructor and owner of Iron Girl Fitness and Coaching in this FREE 9-week running program. Updates, lessons and progress will be done remotely. All running skill levels are encouraged to participate. Program begins the first week of May. Register today:
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Does your son or daughter need help getting across the finish line as the end of this school year approaches?

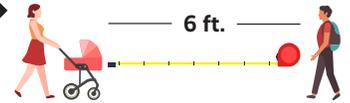
Are you looking for fun learning enrichment opportunities this summer?

Do you need someone who can plan fun projects for your younger child?

Look no further. I would love to help! My name is Molly Conroy. I live right here in Maple Bluff, and I am completing my sophomore year as a high honors student at Edgewood High School. I can tutor your pre-school, elementary or middle-school child in science, math and/or english. I am proficient at Zoom, so I would be happy to tutor virtually while we all remain safer-at-home. When possible, I will also be happy to meet with your student in my home or another convenient place. This has been such a challenging semester for all students, and I would love to make things just a little easier for you and your child. I would also love to help your child rediscover a love of learning because it can be fun! If you are interested, please feel free to reach out to me at: forwardwithmolly@gmail.com

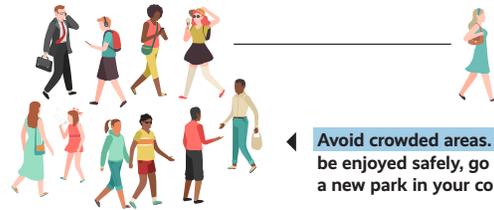
Tips for Physical Distancing In Parks

Know what 6 feet looks like. Lay measuring tape on the ground. It's the distance of a surfboard, long yoga mat or adult bike.



Do not use playgrounds or other frequently touched surfaces.

Go by yourself or those you live with.



Avoid crowded areas. If a space cannot be enjoyed safely, go home or discover a new park in your community.



For more resources on how to use parks safely during the COVID-19 pandemic, please visit: nrpa.org/Coronavirus

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WHAT'S GOING ON AT MAPLE BLUFF COUNTRY CLUB?



CLUBHOUSE RENOVATION

Maple Bluff Country Club began a major interior renovation on February 10th! Our dining rooms, bar and event spaces have been lovingly restored to preserve the club's rich history and character.

Our club features a beautiful 18-hole golf course, new pool complex, fitness center, golf simulator and hard, clay and paddle tennis courts for year round tennis action.



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