



VILLAGE OF MAPLE BLUFF

neighborhood news

April 2026



Calendar of Events

April 2026

- 7 Spring Elections, 7am – 8pm
- 14 Building Board, 5:15pm
- 14 Village Board, 7:30pm
- 23 Municipal Court, 5:00pm
- 25 Arbor Day & Bird City Celebration, 9:00am

May 2026

- 12 Building Board, 5:15pm
- 12 Village Board, 7:30pm
- 21 Municipal Court, 5:00pm
- 25 Memorial Day - Office Closed

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Election Day April 7th

On Tuesday, April 7th, the Spring election will be held for the offices of Village Trustee, Judicial Offices, County Supervisor, and MMSD School Board members.

Sample Ballot - Can be viewed by entering your address into myvote.wi.gov

Absentee Voting (in person) Thursday (4/2) 8am - 4pm and Friday (4/3) 8am - 5pm at the Village Center. Bring your photo ID.

Absentee Voting (by mail/email) - The deadline to request a mailed ballot is Thursday (4/2) at 5pm. Visit myvote.wi.gov to request an absentee ballot. Be sure to allow sufficient time for mail delivery as ballots must be returned by 8pm on Election Day. Voted ballots may also be dropped off, by the voter, at the Village Center - 18 Oxford Place. The payment box in the entryway can be used if you are returning your ballot outside regular business hours.

Voter Registration - To check your registration status visit myvote.wi.gov. Election Day registration is available.

Election Day - Vote at the Village Center from **7:00am - 8:00pm on April 7th!**



Planning Ahead, Moving Forward

By Tanner A. Nystrom

As we move into spring, several important initiatives are continuing to take shape across the Village. While each effort is distinct, they share a common purpose: ensuring Maple Bluff remains well-positioned to deliver high-quality services while planning thoughtfully for the future.

The Village's Strategic Planning process continues to advance following the recent Board retreat. During that session, Trustees established a shared Mission, Vision, Values, and a set of long-term priorities to guide our work. Staff are now focused on developing specific goals that translate those priorities into measurable, actionable outcomes. This includes advancing long-term financial sustainability, strengthening workforce stability and succession planning, evaluating opportunities to improve safety, mobility, and identity within the Gateway Corridor, and enhancing coordination with the City of Madison and other regional partners. Together, these efforts are intended to support informed decision-making and maintain the high level of service our community expects.

Within our Police Department, we have begun a series of planned leadership transitions designed to support continuity and long-term service. Lieutenant Kyle Knoeck has recently been promoted and is transitioning into expanded leadership responsibilities. In addition, Officer Zach Stec has been selected for promotion to Patrol Sergeant and will assume a full-time supervisory role later this month. These changes reflect a deliberate succession plan focused on maintaining strong leadership and supporting our officers in their professional development.

At the same time, we are preparing for the upcoming retirement of Administrative Sergeant Jay Sugden, who has served the Village for more than three decades. Jay's professionalism, experience, and steady leadership have had a lasting impact on both the department and the community. As we plan for this transition, we are also actively recruiting to fill a full-time patrol officer position to ensure we maintain appropriate staffing levels and continue to provide responsive, proactive public safety services.

Looking ahead, we are also preparing for a busy summer season. Continued development activity in neighboring areas of Madison, including projects such as Huxley Yards and The Duncan, is expected to bring increased traffic and activity to the area. In addition to these developments, the City of Madison is in the early stages of planning roadway work along Sherman Avenue. Village staff are actively engaging with City partners to ensure we remain informed and positioned to address potential impacts related to traffic, safety, and neighborhood access.

The Village Board has also recently affirmed the community's strong support for maintaining our independent Fire Rescue Department, following feedback received through the strategic planning process. With that direction, the Village has initiated recruitment for a new Fire Chief / EMS Director who will help lead the department into the future. Maple Bluff Fire Rescue plays a vital role not only in emergency response, but also in the life of our community through events, education, and outreach. Our focus is on identifying a leader who will continue that tradition of service while supporting long-term stability.

Finally, with the upcoming spring election, I would like to thank those residents who have expressed interest in serving the Village through elected office. Participation in local government is an important part of maintaining the character, independence, and quality of life that define Maple Bluff.

As always, we appreciate the continued engagement and support of our residents. These efforts are all connected by a shared commitment to thoughtful, proactive service.

Sincerely,
Tanner A. Nystrom
Village Administrator / Chief of Police





Maple Bluff Fire Rescue

By Jeff Drager, Assistant Fire Chief

Response Information

In February our average response time for emergency incidents in the village was 4 minutes and 35 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 conducted interviews for the interns that will be entering the 2026-2027 fall semester at Madison College. Over the course of two years in the internship program, they will complete multiple fire and EMS certification courses. In addition to those courses, they will complete their Associate Degree in Fire Science. In March our department welcomed three new personnel to the department. Two new paid-on-call personnel have

completed orientation and have been assigned to a shift. Each of these personnel came to our department with previous experience and were already licensed as EMT's. Our department also is welcoming a new part-time duty officer. They come to our department with over 20 years of experience in the fire service and have worked in leadership roles with other departments.

Training

In February and March our personnel will be completing training in rescue task force (RTF) operations. This training prepares personnel for responding to high acuity incidents involving active assailants. Additional training on this topic will be hosted at our department, as part of a county-wide effort to standardize training and operations.

Public Outreach

On Wednesday March 18th, UW Health Kids conducted another car seat check and installation. The event our department hosted in 2025 was completely booked and the demand was high. This year we again saw a significant demand for this program. Thank you to UW Health Kids for offering this program again in our community!



EVENT DATES SET FOR OUR 2026 SEASON!

Mark your calendars for upcoming events with Maple Bluff's very own car enthusiast group. All events originate at Johnson Park.

- MAY 16** SATURDAY | 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Drive Event – Driftless Glen Distillery
- JUNE 20** SATURDAY | 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Gran Tour de Maple Bluff XIII
- JULY 25** SATURDAY | 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Drive Event – Viroqua Tour
- AUG 22** SATURDAY | 7:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Drive Event – Breakfast in Paoli/Belleville
- SEPT 13** SUNDAY | 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Gran Tour de Maple Bluff XIV
- OCT 10** SATURDAY | 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Drive Event – J. Henry Distillery

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Department of Public Works

By: Paul Elliott, Public Works Foreman

Well, we thought spring had arrived—but another snowfall reminded us otherwise. With warmer temperatures on the way, we should start to see things melting soon. With that in mind, please remember not to place yard waste in the road. Instead, leave it on your terrace. We will collect yard waste weekly, weather permitting.

The Village has recently purchased two new Public Works vehicles. The first is a brand-new garbage truck with a higher capacity. This will allow us to make fewer trips to dump on collection days, reducing “tipping” (dumping) fees and saving the Village money.

The second vehicle is a one-ton dump truck that we use for hauling chipping material. This truck is also equipped with a plow and performed very well during the most recent snowfall.

The City of Madison is proposing road construction on Sherman Avenue, scheduled for either September 2026 or sometime in 2027. The project is expected to impact portions of Sherman Avenue between Burrows Road and Harbor Drive.

More information about the project can be found here: <https://www.cityofmadison.com/engineering/projects/sherman-ave-n-sherman-ave-mcguire-st-reconstruction>

Additionally, the City of Madison is considering a new multi-unit housing development on the parking lot adjacent to the Bonzo restaurant.



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Village of Maple Bluff Presents:

The 22nd annual

Bocce 2026

Benefit for the Parks and Recreation Dept.



Friday June 5th, 5pm

Bocce Tournament * Dinner * Drinks * Auction

Doors open 5pm

Auction: 5-9pm

Bar: 5-10pm

Bocce: 5:30-9:30pm

Sign up to volunteer here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040B4BADAE2DAB9-58506995-2026#/>

Parks & Recreation

By: Mark Benishek, Director of Municipal Services & Recreation

As April arrives and spring is in full swing, the Parks and Recreation Department is excited to see our community come alive with activity. With longer days and warmer weather on the way, we're rolling into a busy season filled with programs and special events. A reminder that spring and summer programs are now open for registration, with a variety of opportunities for all ages to stay active and connected in the months ahead. Whether you're signing up for a program, enjoying time outdoors, or participating in a community event, we're proud to provide spaces and experiences that bring people together. We look forward to a vibrant and active month ahead!

2026 Event Calendar

- April 25: Arbor Day & Bird City Celebration, 9:00am
- June 5: Bocce Bash
- June 7: Graduate Party
- June 22 - Aug 3: Concerts in the Park (Mondays @ 6:00pm)
- June 21: Father's Day Parade
- July 04: Fest on the Fourth



2026 Key Fob Renewal

If your key fob is not working, it's time to renew your membership. Please visit the links below or stop by the Village Center front desk during office business hours.

Purchase/Renew Your Key Fob - [CLICK HERE TO RENEW](#)

All non-renewed key fobs were deactivated on February 27, 2026

If you have any questions, please contact the Village Office at: 608-230-7655



Marina & Beach Park Dock Improvements

The Beach and Marina Park docks will receive new top decking ahead of the upcoming season. The Village has selected a molded polypropylene product that is durable, skid-resistant, UV-protected to minimize fading, and comfortable for bare feet. This upgrade will provide a much-needed improvement while reducing maintenance needs for years to come.



New Snowmobile & Trail Grooming Equipment

The Village has recently purchased a new snowmobile and trail grooming equipment to support winter recreation activities. Our previous equipment had reached the end of its useful life and required replacement to maintain safe and reliable operations.

This investment ensures we can continue providing well-groomed trails on the Country Club course throughout the winter season. The new equipment is also outfitted to create cross-country ski trails, expanding recreational opportunities for Village residents and enhancing the overall winter experience.

Funding for this projects was made possible through generous donations raised at the annual Bocce Event. Thank you to everyone who has attended and contributed—your support continues to make these meaningful improvements possible.

Seasonal Employment 2026

Beach Lifeguard

Qualifications:

- Current Lifeguard Certification (American Red Cross or equivalent)
- Current First Aid, CPR, and AED Certification (American Red Cross or equivalent)
- State Law requires lifeguards working at a natural body of water to be a minimum of 16 years of age.

Description:

The Village of Maple Bluff is seeking multiple qualified candidates to fill open positions as a lifeguard at Beach Park. Interested candidates should be self-motivators, independent workers, energetic, compassionate, and have previous experience working with youth. Beach Lifeguards are responsible for monitoring the safety of general park users and assists in providing a fun, safe, and educational experience for Arts & Athletics program participants.

For a complete job description, visit the employment section of the Village of Maple Bluff Website.

Pay: \$17.00 - 19.00/hr., depending on experience

Camp-Ya-Gotta-Wanna Counselor

Qualifications:

- State Law requires workers to be a minimum of 14 years of age or older
- Prior experience in youth supervision preferred
- Maturity and strong sense of responsibility
- Successful completion of a Babysitter Training Course (preferred, but not required)

Description:

The Village of Maple Bluff is seeking multiple candidates who are eager to provide a fun, safe, and educational camp for children between the ages of 3-7 years old. This position is responsible for providing a safe and enjoyable camp experience for all children in their assigned group of up to 6 participants. Candidates are required to be available to work from 12:30pm-4:30pm, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday beginning June 15th through August 6th.

For a complete job description, visit the Employment section of the Village of Maple Bluff Website.

Pay: \$13.00-17.00/hr., depending on experience

Youth Programs

Enrichment

Track & Field Decathlon

Time: 4:15 - 5:15pm

Dates: Thursday, 4/16 - 5/21

Fee: \$87.00

Location: VH Gym

Grades: 1st - 4th

Fast-paced and inclusive (everyone participates). YEL's Teach It, Practice It, Play It® approach teaches players new skills each class practices those skills and then use them in safe track and field events (javelin, discus, shot put, long jump, relay race and more). SAFETY is our first rule. We use foam padded javelins and safety hurdles, as well as lightweight safety shot put and discus materials. Get set... GO! Sign up today!

YEL! Youth Pickleball

Time: 4:15 - 5:15pm

Dates: Friday, 4/3 - 5/8 or 5/15 - 6/19

Fee: \$87.00

Location: VH Gym (Session 1); Beach Park Tennis Courts (Session 2)

Grades: 3rd - 8th

Join this fast-paced, inclusive (everyone plays!) class designed to introduce students to one of the fastest-growing sports in the country. YEL's Teach It, Practice It, Play It® approach helps players learn new pickleball skills each class, practice those skills through fun, age-appropriate activities, and then apply them in introductory pickleball games. Emphasis is placed on basic skill development including serving, paddle control, rallying, scoring, sportsmanship, and teamwork. Pickleball is easy to learn, fun to play, and perfect for students of all experience levels—no prior knowledge needed!

YEL! Junior Soccer

Time: 4:15 - 5:15pm

Dates: Monday, 4/6 - 5/11

Fee: \$87.00

Location: Johnson Park Field

Grades: K - 3rd

Get outside and 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.

Camp-Ya-Gotta-Wanna

Time: 1:00-4:00pm

Dates: Tues-Thurs, 6/18 -8/6

Fee: \$650

Location: Dailey Cabin (Fireman's Park)

Ages: 3-7

CYGW is an 8-week summer afternoon camp for young children. The camp meets at Firemen's Park (Dailey Cabin) on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 1:00-4:00 PM. Camp runs from June 16 through August 6. Enrollment is open to Maple Bluff residents ages 3-7. Children must be 3 years old by January 1, 2026, and must be able to use the restroom independently. Snack costs are now included in the camp registration fee. Children must meet both the age and restroom-independence requirements to be eligible for enrollment.

Arts & Athletics Camp

Time: 2:15 - 4:15pm

Date: Mon-Fri, 6/15 - 8/14

Fee: \$465

Location: Beach House (Beach Park)

Ages: 7-12 years old

The Village's Arts & Athletics Program meets at Beach Park, Monday through Friday from 2:15pm - 4:15pm. This summer program provides a fun, safe environment where participants can participate in arts, crafts, games, swimming, sports and other exciting activities. Enrollment is open to all Maple Bluff resident children between the ages of 7 - 12 (entering 2nd through 6th grade).



Adult Programs

GYROKINESIS (Adult)

Time: 9:30 - 10:30am

Dates: Thursday, Session 2: March 19 - May 21

Location: Dailey Cabin

Cost: \$90 Full session or Drop-in fee \$9

About the class: Gyrokinesis classes focus on whole-body movements for functional use and breathwork to address the whole human system and restore balance. By taking this class, individuals will learn how to decompress all their joints while performing the exercises so that the body can expand and increase the range of motion in a safe and healthy manner. Gyrokinesis is performed on chairs, mats, or standing. Gyrokinesis is designed for any age or ability and allows each student to move within their comfort range.

Instructor: Lillian Wilner



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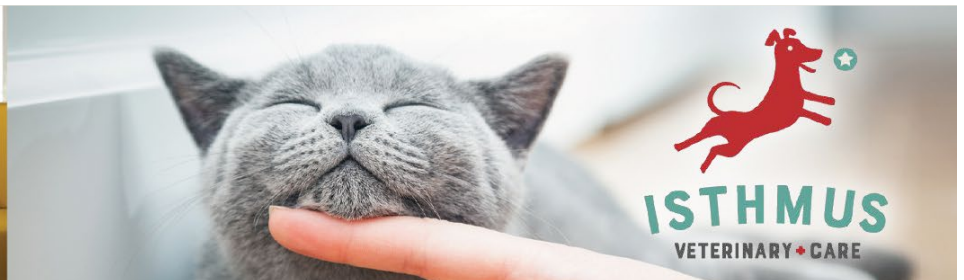
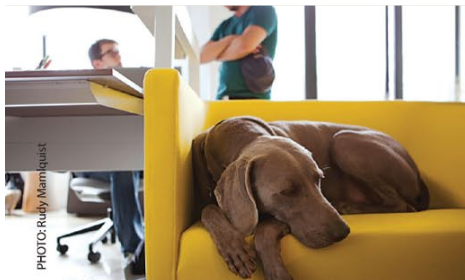


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