



VILLAGE OF MAPLE BLUFF

neighborhood news

May 2026



Calendar of Events

May 2026

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

June 2026

- 5 Bocce Event, 5:00pm
- 7 Village Graduation Party, 2:00pm
- 9 Building Board, 5:15pm
- 9 Village Board/Board of Review, 7:00pm
- 18 Municipal Court, 5:00pm
- 21 Father's Day Parade, 9:00am
- 22 Concert in the Park, The Belle Weather, 6:00pm
- 29 Concert in the Park, Exit 6, 6:00pm

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Trash/Recycling

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Gran Tour de Maple Bluff – June 20th at 10:00 AM, parade at 11:00

June 20th will be the first Gran Tour de Maple Bluff this season. Participants, spectators and anyone car-curious gather Saturday morning at Johnson Park at 10:00 AM to talk cars and to see what fellow neighbors hide in their garages. Around 11:00, vehicles will do a courtesy lap around the Bluff, then take a drive to Vintage Brewing in Sauk City for lunch.

For more information on the Gran Tour, the GT Maple Bluff interest group, and other upcoming events, visit gt-mb.net. Send an email to info@gt-mb.net with questions or to request to be added to the email list for future updates.



Village Board President Message

By Kevin O'Driscoll

The Village Board has had a busy start to 2026, with several important agenda items shaping the direction of our community.

We continue to refine our strategic plan and have developed goals and priorities that will help guide the Village over the next five years. A special thank you to Village Administrator Tanner Nystrom for working with staff to define actionable priorities that will support thoughtful and sustainable decision-making moving forward.

After careful consideration, the Board unanimously voted to retain the Village's commitment to independent Fire and EMS services. While we appreciated the City of Madison's offer to explore a fee-for-service partnership, we remain confident in the high level of service provided by our dedicated Village team. A special thank you to Assistant Chief Jeff Drager, who has led our Fire Department as Interim Chief over the past several months. The Board looks forward to considering the appointment of a new Fire Chief in May and continuing to build on the strength of our department.

After hours of good discussion, we approved the renewal of the Flock camera contract, including the addition of seven live-feed cameras. The Village Board, Counsel, and Tanner in his role as Chief of Police added several safeguards and restrictions to the data sharing aspects of the system. I am confident that the analysis and attention to refining the contract will address the privacy concerns of our residents while providing an actionable tool for our Village Police.

Village resident Scott Robinson has been tirelessly volunteering to enhance our financial reporting. A retired Navy Captain, Scott spent part of his career at the Pentagon as a self-described "bean counter." His ability to communicate data, prepare pie charts, histograms, and what he calls "scholastic modeling" is unmatched. I appreciate Scott's willingness to apply his expertise and for his affirmation of the Village's financial condition. In addition to thanking Scott, I want to recognize Village Deputy Administrator/Treasurer/Clerk Sarah Danz, who continues to provide the highest level of discipline and stewardship of Village finances.

Trustee Jim Schuler has kept himself busy by "dusting off" the Village's Gateway Plan. Please join us on May 5th for a special Town Hall meeting as we revisit this important initiative. The Gateway Plan was originally adopted in 2017 with the purpose of revitalizing the Sherman Avenue corridor. Thank you, Jim, for leading this effort.

Welcome back to "new" Trustee Eric McLeod, who has stepped forward to bring his energy and expertise to all things Village of Maple Bluff. We are grateful for his willingness to serve, and we thank former Trustee Mike Wittenwyler for his contributions to the community.

Summer activities will soon kick off with Bocce Night and our Monday night concert series. On behalf of our Trustees, we look forward to celebrating our community together this summer.

Jeff Feinblatt Annual Education Scholarship - Now Accepting Applications!

East Madison Little League (EMLL) is proud to offer a scholarship to support former baseball and softball players pursuing post-secondary education.

Scholarship Details

- \$1,000 award for fall enrollment
- Paid directly to the recipient's school financial aid office

Eligibility

- Participated in at least one season in any EMLL division
- Enrolling/enrolled full-time in a college, technical, or trade school

Selection Criteria

- EMLL involvement
- Character, leadership, and sportsmanship
- Academic effort, goals, and community involvement

Apply by May 15, 2026

Submit an application and a 250-500 word essay describing your goals, your experience with EMLL, and what this scholarship means to you. Applications must be submitted using the online form (www.emll.org) with the essay or via email to: emll.feinblattscholarship@gmail.com.

Moving Forward with Purpose

By Tanner A. Nystrom

As we move into the spring and early summer months, there is a great deal of activity underway across the Village. While it can be a busy time, it is also a meaningful one where much of the planning and transition work we have been focused on begins to take shape in more visible ways.

Following the Village Board's strategic planning retreat earlier this year, staff have been working to translate the Board's Mission, Vision, Values, and Strategic Priorities into specific, measurable goals. I am pleased to share that the Board has now formally approved those goals, marking an important step forward in the process. The next phase will be to finalize the overall strategic plan and begin the detailed work of implementation. This effort is designed to ensure that Maple Bluff remains well positioned to deliver high-quality, independent services while thoughtfully planning for the future.

Within the Police Department, we are continuing to move through a series of leadership and staffing transitions that are important to our long-term stability. Lieutenant Kyle Knoeck and Sergeant Zach Stec have both stepped into their new roles with energy and professionalism. These are strong and promising indicators that the department will remain in capable hands for years to come.



At the same time, we are preparing for the retirement of Administrative Sergeant Jay Sugden, whose last day of service will be June 3rd. Jay's more than 30 years of service to the Village have had a lasting impact on our department and community. We will be hosting an informal opportunity for residents to stop by the Village Center on June 1st from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. to thank Jay and wish him well. I encourage those who are able to attend.

We are also seeing changes within our team as Officer Ryan Marro transitions from full-time service to focus on his growing business endeavors. We are grateful for Ryan's service and pleased that he will remain engaged with the department in a part-time capacity, particularly as we continue to train and mentor the next generation of officers. In support of that effort, we are in the final stages of the hiring process for two new full-time officers. I look forward to introducing them to the community in the coming months.

Beyond our immediate operations, we continue to monitor and learn more about development activity in the areas surrounding Maple Bluff. As new residents move into nearby projects such as Huxley Yards, and as additional development opportunities emerge, we remain focused on maintaining awareness, strengthening coordination with regional partners, and positioning the Village to respond proactively and thoughtfully. As I noted last month, these dynamics will continue to shape our planning and decision-making moving forward.

Within the Fire Rescue Department, I am excited about the direction we are heading. We have identified a candidate who I believe is well-positioned to lead the department into the future, and I look forward to the Village Board's consideration of that appointment in May. I will share more information with the community as that process moves forward.

As always, there are many additional operational updates, programs, and events taking place across departments; many more than can reasonably be captured in a single article. I encourage residents to remain engaged, and we will continue to provide updates through our website and other communication channels as timely as possible.

This is a busy time for the Village, but it is also one marked by progress and opportunity. Our team remains committed to meeting, and exceeding, the expectations of our residents, and I appreciate the continued support of our community as we move forward.

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



Thank you to all residents who made a financial contribution in 2025 to support the officers and the Police Department of the Village of Maple Bluff. Your generosity plays a meaningful role in strengthening our community.

The WSLO, established in 2024 as a 501(c)(3) organization, is dedicated exclusively to supporting the Maple Bluff Police Department and its officers.

Over the past year, WSLO funded approximately \$17,595 across nine grant categories, with a focus on officer safety and well-being. These contributions included:

- **Ballistic Vests:** *(Officers are responsible for purchasing their own vests and need to be replaced every 4-5 years.)*
- **Officer Education:** *(Multiple officers were sponsored to attend a rigorous 20-week program through Northwestern University, focusing on decision-making, leadership and management, planning and policies, budgeting, and contemporary policing strategies.)*
- **Officer Recognition:** *(Support included in-service lunches, wellness visits, individual officer support, and an online identity protection program.)*
- **Department Cell Phones:** *(Provide officers dedicated cell phones while on duty.)*

If you would like to know more about WSLO or to contribute and continue supporting our officers please go to our website at: wslomaplebluff@gmail.com



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Maple Bluff Fire Rescue

By Jeff Drager, Assistant Fire Chief

Response Information

In March our average response time for emergency incidents in the village was 4 minutes and 39 seconds. This time span is from the initial alarm to the first unit arriving on scene to both fire and EMS incidents.

Personnel

This month we will be seeing two of our personnel moving on to new endeavors. Jeremy Rohrer has been accepted into law school in Missouri. Jeremy has been a reliable and well-versed firefighter for several years. Jeremy came to us with a few years of experience obtained through the U.S. Army. We wish Jeremy the best as he completes his studies.

Derek Goplen has been accepted into school in Utah to become a helicopter pilot. Derek began as an intern and later became a duty officer. His passion for training and EMS will be greatly missed.

Congratulations to both of these firefighters on their new ventures!

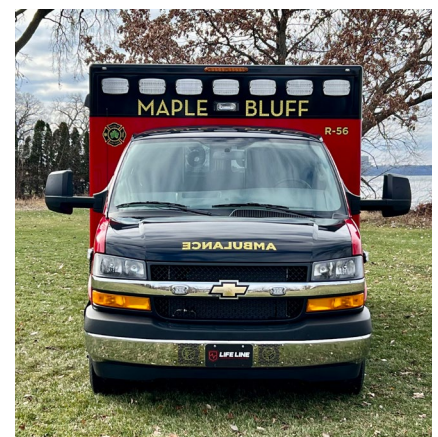
Training

In April and May, our personnel will be doing a variety of training to include topics of ventilation, asthma emergencies, and managing active shooter incidents. The active shooter incident training is being conducted through Dane County Emergency Management. This training gives our personnel an opportunity to complete several hours of tabletop training related to these types of incidents. An additional training will be conducted for active shooter incidents. The additional training will be aimed at treating patients from these types of incidents.

Public Outreach

On Saturday April 25th, our on-shift personnel participated in Arbor Day. Our firefighters were able to do their part to beautify the village. Thank you to everyone that participated in Arbor Day in the village.

On Tuesday April 28th, our personnel will be attending an EMS fair at Madison College. This is an opportunity for people looking to get into the fire service to meet with some of our staff. Every year, our department attends job fairs at Madison College on multiple occasions.



Department of Public Works

By: Paul Elliott, Public Works Foreman

Spring has arrived with all kinds of weather for us to enjoy and to ...well...not to enjoy. The storms of April 6th and 7th brought high winds one day and incredible hail the next. Hopefully the cold and warm streams of air come to a truce and nature takes a seasonal path from spring to summer.

There will be a landscape project in Johnson Park along Bayside Dr. The removal of shrubs and mulch will allow us to re-new site with fresh plantings; mulch; pathway and park benches. Completion date should be around June 1.

The rail crossing on N. Sherman and Oxford will be rebuilt by the Wisconsin & Southern Railroad. The Village will renew the balance of the roadway just north of the crossing to just beyond Oxford hopefully in a cooperative effort while the road is closed. Time of the project is tentative to be in June...with a complete road close required for a week or more.

The Village Center will get a renewal of the parking lot. This may take place along with the RR crossing; this may be a big if due to all the moving pieces. Time of project this summer.

There will be road patching taking place. Scope of this project is yet to be determined. My targets streets are Farwell Dr.; Wilder; Leroy Rd.... possibly more. Roads will be open with lane closures. Project timeline should be late spring or early summer.

We had a very nice Arbor Day/Bird City celebration on April 25th with Paul Noeldner and tuba starting the festivities at Beach Park. Paul and his incredible nature displays in the Beach House for all to see. Plantings of "plugs" in the Rain Garden and a couple of lilacs across the street near the tennis court. A red point maple was planted at 108 Fisk. If you attended you have my appreciation, if you were not in attendance...you missed out of a beautiful day and a special guest. I have appreciated Arbor Day in the Village of Maple Bluff for many years. Thank You.



Proper Disposal of Needles and Sharps

Proper disposal of needles, syringes, and other sharps is crucial for the safety of our community and the environment. Improper handling can lead to injuries and health risks. Please follow the guidelines below to ensure safe disposal:

1. Preparation of Sharps for Disposal:

- **Use an Appropriate Container:** Place all used needles, syringes, lancets, and other sharp items in a hard, puncture-resistant container with a secure lid. Acceptable containers include commercially available sharps containers or thick-walled plastic detergent or bleach bottles with screw caps.
- Wisconsin DNR (wisconsin.dnr.gov/sharpscollectorsite)
- **Secure the Container:** Once the container is full, ensure it is tightly sealed and labeled as "Biohazard" or "Sharps."

2. Drop-off Locations in Madison: The City of Madison, in cooperation with Dane County and local pharmacies, offers free sharps disposal programs for individuals. You can take your properly packaged sharps most Walgreens Pharmacy. Also you can find other locations by using the link above. Before visiting, contact the pharmacy to confirm their packaging requirements and ensure they are currently accepting sharps for disposal.

3. Safety Precautions:

- **Do Not Dispose of Sharps in Household Trash or Recycling:** It is illegal to put needles and other sharp medical items in the trash, recycling, or medication collection drop boxes.
- **Keep Sharps Containers Out of Reach:** Store filled sharps containers in a secure place, away from children and pets, until they can be properly disposed of.

By adhering to these guidelines, you help protect sanitation workers, community members, and the environment from potential harm. For more information on sharps disposal, please visit the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources website. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

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 May approaches and the full bloom of spring surrounds us, the Parks and Recreation Department is thrilled to see our community buzzing with energy. With longer days and warmer temperatures on the horizon, we're diving into an exciting season filled with programs and special events. Remember, spring and summer registrations are now open, offering a wide range of activities for all ages to stay active, engaged, and connected in the coming months. Whether you're joining a program, soaking up the outdoors, or attending a community event, we're here to provide opportunities that bring people together. We can't wait to see what this vibrant and active month of May has in store!

2026 Event Calendar

- 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 4: Fest on the Fourth

Fest Timeline:

- 7:00am 5K Registration: Join us at Beach Park for a 3.1 mile loop around the village.
- 7:30am: RACE STARTS!
- 9:00am: Cars/trucks/floats/golf carts line up on Fisk Pl for the parade.
- 9:30am: Kids/Bikers arrive for parade lineup @ Beach Park
- 10:00am: Parade begins!
- 10:30am-1:00pm: Fest at Johnson Park
- 1:30pm: Softball game
- Fireworks @ Dusk

Beach Park Tennis/Pickleball Courts

The nets are in, and the courts are open for play! Village residents can reserve the courts online. Please check the Village's facility calendar before playing to make sure the courts are available for open play and not reserved.

Be courteous to your fellow neighbors and adhere to the posted time of play. If people are waiting to play, limit your use to an hour to allow others to enjoy the courts.

Youth Programs

American Red Cross Babysitter Certification Course

Time: 10:00 - 4:00pm

Date: Saturday, 5/16

Fee: \$145.00

Location: Village Center Training Room

Looking for a great opportunity for your teen? Youth ages 11 - 16 can gain valuable skills in safety, childcare, and leadership through this certification course.

YEL! Youth Pickleball

Time: 4:15 - 5:15pm

Dates: Friday, 5/15 - 6/19

Fee: \$87.00

Location: 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!

Music Together - Mixed Age

Time: 9:00 - 9:45am or 10:00 - 10:45am

Dates: Wednesday, 7/8 - 7/29

Fee: \$70.00

Location: Dailey Cabin (Fireman's Park)

Ages: 0 - 5 years old

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 provide a variety of engaging and developmentally appropriate adult-child activities with new ways to play musically at home.

Camp-Ya-Gotta-Wanna

Time: 1:00-4:00pm

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

Fee: \$700

Location: Dailey Cabin (Fireman's Park)

Ages: 3 - 7 years old

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

Time: 2:15 - 4:15pm

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

Fee: \$515

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: 9:15 - 10:30am

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

Location: Dailey Cabin

Cost: \$110 Full session or Drop-in fee \$11 (invoiced at the end of session)

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

CALL FOR SENIOR GRADUATION PHOTOS - JUNE VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

We are excited to celebrate our Village's graduating seniors in the upcoming June edition of the Village Newsletter!

If you have a child graduating from high school this year and would like their photo featured on the cover, we invite you to submit a senior photo for consideration. This is a great opportunity to recognize and honor their achievement with the community.

Please email photos to mbenishek@villageofmaplebluff.com no later than **Friday, May 22**. When submitting, include the graduate's name and school.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out. We look forward to celebrating this special mile-stone with you!



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Concerts in the Park

BEACH PARK

6:00 – 8:00 PM

JUN 22 **The Belle Weather**

JUN 29 **Exit 6**

JUL 6 **The Whiskey Farm**

JUL 13 **Rose Canyon Band**

JUL 20 **That Gurl**

JUL 27 **Reverend Raven & Westside Andy**
with The Chain Smokin Altar Boys

AUG 3 **Brett Newski & The Bad Inventions**



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