



# VILLAGE OF MAPLE BLUFF

neighborhood news

*July 2026*



2026 Camp-Ya-Gotta-Wanna

## Calendar of Events

### July 2026

- 4 Fest on the Fourth
- 6 Concert in the Park, 6:00pm
- 13 Concert in the Park, 6:00pm
- 14 Building Board, 5:15pm
- 14 Village Board Meeting, 7:30pm
- 20 Concert in the Park, 6:00pm
- 23 Municipal Court, 5:00pm
- 27 Concert in the Park, 6:00pm

### August 2026

- 3 Concert in the Park, 6:00pm
- 11 Elections, 7:00am-8:00pm
- 11 Building Board, 5:15pm
- 11 Village Board, 7:30pm
- 13 Municipal Court, 5:00pm

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## Trash/Recycling

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Dear Village Residents,

Soon, you may see some changes to our online services. To enhance our internet-based services, we will be changing our online payment services and updating our website, online communications, and recreation platforms by the end of the year.

The purpose of the transition is to provide a more user-friendly experience, such as the ability to:

- Subscribe to agendas and minutes
- Subscribe to specific notifications for Village Meetings, Community Events, or Public Works News, and receive paperless billing for utility bills.

We hope to make it easier for you to access resources, and we will be sharing more information as we get closer to the changeover dates.

Thank you!

## Building Capacity & Maintaining Momentum

By Tanner A. Nystrom

As we move deeper into summer, Village staff continue to remain busy across all departments, balancing day-to-day service demands with the long-term work necessary to keep Maple Bluff strong, stable, and prepared for the future. This season always brings a significant amount of activity, and this year is no exception.

On the public safety side, I am pleased to share that the Police Department has successfully onboarded two new full-time officers, returning our Department to full staffing. Officer Harrison Creed joins us from the City of Beloit with four years of law enforcement experience, including service as a SWAT operator. Harrison came highly recommended by members of our team and has already completed our field training program. We have been very impressed with his professionalism, judgment, and capacity as an officer.

Officer Nicholas Rodenbeck also joins us from Beloit, bringing seven years of law enforcement experience, service on their SWAT team, and eight years in the Army Reserve as a Combat Medic. Nicholas also came strongly recommended and is currently progressing through our field training program. His knowledge, attitude, and energy have made an immediate positive impression.



As our Police Department continues this transition, I am encouraged by what we are seeing operationally. Although our officers remain highly active and engaged, we are continuing to see fewer crimes, fewer arrests, and fewer vehicle pursuits. I remain hopeful that trend continues and am grateful for the professionalism of our officers who continue setting the tone for the safety standards our community expects and deserves.

On the Fire/EMS side, Chief Nelson has continued moving quickly to build his leadership team. We have extended conditional offers for both vacant Assistant Fire Chief positions and have received acceptances for each. We now move into the assessment and onboarding phases and I look forward to introducing both of them to the community in the coming months as they officially join our team.



In Public Works, Director Tom Schroeder has formally submitted his letter of intent to retire in January 2027. Tom's 30-plus years of service to the Village have left a lasting impact on our infrastructure, operations, and institutional stability. More importantly, as we prepare for that transition, Tom has remained fully committed to setting the next generation of Public Works leadership up for success. His willingness to continue mentoring staff, transferring institutional knowledge, and helping the team settle into their evolving roles will be critical to ensuring continued success. I want to sincerely thank Tom for his service and his professionalism through this transition.

From a strategic standpoint, staff have now begun building the foundational work necessary to operationalize the Village Board's Strategic Plan. Our focus remains centered on the priorities of financial stability, workforce continuity, Gateway development, and intermunicipal coordination. Much of this work happens behind the scenes, but it is important, deliberate, and already underway.

One area of community interest continues to be the Maple Bluff Country Club's proposed course improvement project. The Village's role in that process is to facilitate

a thoughtful and structured review under the terms of the lease and within the bounds of applicable law. That process is ongoing and our goal remains simple: to ensure the Village Board has a complete and responsible framework for decision-making.

This year's Bocce Fest was another tremendous success and a reminder of what makes Maple Bluff special. I want to again recognize Municipal Services and Recreation Director Mark Benishek and Natalie Scheer for the extraordinary amount of work they put into making these community events possible. Their efforts, often behind the scenes, have a major impact on the quality of life we all enjoy. I also want to congratulate this year's Dailey Service Award recipient, Ellen Reyerson, for her longstanding service and continued contributions to our community.



Summer programming is now fully underway. Camp Ya-Gotta-Wanna, Arts & Athletics, and our Monday night concert series have all begun and are already bringing tremendous energy to the Village. It is a busy and exciting season, and we are fortunate to have so many dedicated staff and volunteers helping make it happen.

As always, I encourage residents to continue communicating with us. Whether it is a question, concern, or simply an idea to improve our community, we want to hear from you. Residents are always welcome to stop by or contact the Village Center. If you need police or fire assistance, please remember to contact Dane County Dispatch at (608) 255-2345, or 911 in the case of an emergency.

Finally, as summer activity continues, I ask everyone to stay safe. Please slow down, watch for children, and be attentive to those walking, running, and biking throughout the Village. Maple Bluff remains an exceptional community because of the people who live here and the shared care we all take in protecting it. Our goal is to make sure this summer is both fun and safe for everyone.

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



## Maple Bluff Fire Rescue

By Ethan Nelson,  
Fire Chief / EMS Director

### Response Information

During June, our crews maintained an average response time of 3 minutes and 27 seconds, reflecting consistent readiness across both fire and EMS calls.

So far this year, we've responded to 84 incidents, covering a wide range of emergencies.

### Personnel

We're excited to welcome several new faces into the department. In June, two new interns joined us, with two more joining us in July, each bringing a different level of experience and certification, but all sharing a strong interest in our well established 2-year Internship program.

We also have added 2 new paid on call EMT's, giving us additional depth as we move into our busiest months.

Bringing in new people is always energizing, and we're looking forward to getting them oriented and integrated into the team.

### Training

Our training efforts in June have covered a mix of fireground and EMS topics.

Fire personnel spent time reviewing Hose deployment/ advancement with new hose we recently received and placed into service.

On the EMS side, crews trained on managing Stroke emergencies.

### Public Outreach

Concerts in the Park are now underway, stop on by the Fire Departments Association beverage tent for a nice cool refreshment as you enjoy the music and to meet our firefighters, see our equipment up close, and learn more about the services we provide.

We appreciate the continued support from the community and look forward to another safe, busy, and enjoyable summer here in Maple Bluff.

## Department of Public Works

By: Paul Elliott, Public Works Foreman

As we move into the warmer months, the weather continues to be unpredictable. We started the spring with warm temperatures, followed by a cooler stretch, and soon we will be seeing warmer weather return. Please remember to drink plenty of water and stay hydrated while working outdoors.

With the changing seasons comes increased yard work activity. To help Public Works collect yard waste efficiently, please place similar materials in the same pile and separate different types of yard waste into their own piles. Mixing materials together can delay collection and processing.

Please do not place yard waste near trees, mailboxes, utility poles, or other obstacles, as this may limit our ability to safely collect the material.

If you hire a contractor to perform yard work, please note that Public Works can collect weeds and other eligible yard waste generated from routine landscaping. However, we do not collect woody material resulting from tree trimming, tree removal, or similar work performed by a contractor. The contractor is responsible for disposing of that material.

As always, please place yard waste on the terrace and not in the roadway. Keeping yard waste out of the street helps prevent storm drains from becoming blocked and reduces the amount of debris that can enter our lakes and waterways.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping keep our community clean and safe.



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# Parks & Recreation

By: Mark Benishek, Director of Municipal Services & Recreation

Summer is officially underway, and we're thrilled to welcome campers back for another exciting season of Camp You Gotta Wanna and Arts & Athletics Camp! From sports and games to hands-on creative projects, campers have jumped right into the fun with enthusiasm and energy. Throughout each day, participants are building new skills, making lasting friendships, and creating memories that will carry them through the summer. The excitement and positive energy have been incredible to see, and we look forward to all the adventures, experiences, and achievements still to come in the weeks ahead.

As you travel through the Village, please remember to slow down and use extra caution, especially near our parks, playgrounds, and recreational areas. With families, children, cyclists, and pedestrians enjoying our community, your attention and patience help keep everyone safe. Thank you for doing your part to make our streets safer for all.

## Bocce Bash 2026

Thank you to everyone who helped make Bocce Bash 2026 an unforgettable celebration! With beautiful weather, great company, and an incredible sense of community, this year's event was truly one to remember.

A special thank you goes to Ellen Reyerson and Lilly Bickers for their outstanding planning, and behind-the-scenes efforts that made the evening run so smoothly. We are also deeply grateful to the many generous donors who contributed auction items and sponsorship support, helping create a vibrant and festive atmosphere.

Most importantly, thank you to all the neighbors, friends, and community members who attended and participated with such enthusiasm and generosity. Thanks to your support, Bocce Bash 2026 raised an incredible \$70,000 to support future Village projects and initiatives.

### Congratulations to our Bocce Tournament Champions:

Jason Potter, Kristie Palovscik, Logan Garey, and Kelly O'Driscoll



We appreciate everyone who played a part in making this year's event such a tremendous success, and we look forward to celebrating with you again next year!

## Special Event Schedule

**FEST on the 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**JULY 4, 2026**  
**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

- 5K RACE @ BEACH PARK**
  - 6:45am Registration for the 5K
  - 7:30am Race Starts
  - 8:30am 5K Wrap Up
- PARADE**
  - 9:00am Vehicle staging on Fisk Pl.
  - 9:30am Kids/Bikes stage @ Beach Park lawn
  - 10:00am Parade starts
  - 10:30am - 1:00pm Fest @ Johnson Park
- VILLAGE SOFTBALL GAME**
  - 1:30pm Village Softball Game @ Johnson Park
- FIREWORKS**
  - Start around dusk

*Celebrate Community. Celebrate Freedom.*  
**SEE YOU ON THE 4TH!**



## Johnson Park Project

We're excited to share the completion of the Johnson Park Improvement Project!

Visitors to Johnson Park will notice a brand-new sidewalk, refreshed landscaping, and two new park benches installed along Bayside Drive. These improvements enhance both the beauty and accessibility of the park, creating a more welcoming and comfortable space for everyone to enjoy.

A special thank you goes out to our Public Works Department for the many hours of hard work, dedication, and attention to detail that made this project possible. Their commitment to improving our community is greatly appreciated, and the results speak for themselves.

We invite everyone to stop by Johnson Park, take a stroll along the new sidewalk, and enjoy the updated landscape.

## Tennis/Pickleball Courts - Beach Park

The tennis/pickleball courts at Beach Park have been busy and will continue to see an increase in use. Village residents can reserve the courts online. Please check the Village's calendar before playing to make sure they 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.

## Rentals

July will be a busy month for rentals at the Beach House. If you would like to check on availability or reserve the Beach House, Dailey Cabin, or the Village Center Gym, you can do this by visiting the Village's Recreation website.



## Key Fob Program

The Village Key Fob Program provides access to the Village Center Gym, Beach House, and Dailey Cabin. The program allows access to the Village Gym for Toddler playtime, Open gym time, and access to each facility's restrooms. Please check the facility calendar found on the village website to verify availability.

If you need to purchase or renew your key fob membership, please visit the Village website or stop by the Village Hall front desk during office business hours. If you have misplaced your fob, please notify the Village Center as soon as possible so that it can be deactivated to safeguard our facilities.



## VOLUNTEERS

We're gearing up for an exciting season of summer special events, and we need you to help make them unforgettable! Whether it's helping with setup, greeting guests, running activities, or lending a hand behind the scenes, there's a spot for everyone. Volunteering is a great way to meet new people, support your community, and be part of something special. Flexible shifts and a variety of roles are available—perfect for individuals, families, or groups.

Volunteer Sign up: <https://villageofmaplebluff.com/parks-recreation/special-events/>

If you have any questions, please contact Mark Benishek at [mberishek@villageofmaplebluff.com](mailto:mberishek@villageofmaplebluff.com).

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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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