

# THE VILLAGE NEWS

January/February 2010

The Dailey Service Award was presented on November 24, 2009, to Don & Dolly Warren at the Maple Bluff Country Club. Many friends and family gathered to honor the Warren's for their continued commitment to the Village of Maple Bluff.



Mark your calendars!! Everyone is Welcome! Tell your Friends! Winterfest 2010 is Saturday, January 23rd. Daytime activities at 11:30- 2:30 at the Maple Bluff Beach House. Evening activities begin at 5:30 at the Maple Bluff Country Club. For more information, please watch the Village website, Maple Bluff Recreation Facebook page, the Village e-mails or contact Julie Jenson at 244-1927.

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#### VILLAGE NEWS INFO

- Articles should be submitted by e-mail to:  
Rene Dopkins, Deputy Clerk  
rdopkins@villageofmaplebluff.com
- The deadline for submission of materials is as follows:  
March/April 2010 - February 15  
May/June 2010 - April 15

## A WORD FROM THE VILLAGE BOARD

*Eric McLeod, Village President*

Happy New Year!

As we welcome 2010, the Village of Maple Bluff is planning for a year with many changes and projects ahead. Throughout this newsletter, you will find articles that discuss in greater detail what many of these changes will include, so I will not recount them for you here. I would like to express to every resident that the Village Board of Trustees will continue to make decisions that are necessary and in the best interests of the entire Village. As always, I encourage your participation in our local government. However, if you cannot participate, please trust that the Village is in good hands with experienced staff being directed by very thoughtful and conscientious elected officials. I ask for your patience throughout 2010 and, together, we can make this another wonderful year to be a resident of Maple Bluff.

Here's to a happy and prosperous 2010!



## FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

*Joshua Ripp, Fire Chief*

**Pancake Breakfast:** Our Fire Department Pancake Breakfast went very well, and a big thanks to those that came down. We lucked out and had beautiful weather (no snow storm the night before). This year, we served over 140 people. We had a good time meeting everyone that came down, and hope you all had fun and left with a full stomach as well.

**Recruitment:** We are always looking for new fire department members. Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be a firefighter? Thought you could help on the water rescue team, or maybe you just want to help out without being an

active part of the scene, if so, please stop by the station and catch up with myself, Assistant Chiefs Kristopher Loy or Brad Ingersoll. We are looking for individuals of all ages, skills ranges and training. Everyone has "something" to give to their community. We are asking for some time and effort, to be part of team that gets called into service when people need it most.

### Carbon Monoxide/Heating Unit

**Maintenance:** Winter is here, and we are in the middle of the heating season. I'd like to remind everyone to have your respective furnaces and/or fireplaces inspected if you haven't done so yet. Malfunctioning units can emit dangerous carbon monoxide, or can cause a chimney fire, which can lead to a structure fire. In addition to this, remember to check the batteries on your Carbon Monoxide Detectors, and replace the detector if it is over 7-10 yrs old. These are fairly inexpensive units, and will help protect you from Carbon Monoxide poisoning. Remember that Carbon Monoxide has no odor and is invisible.

Some symptoms that indicate possible Carbon Monoxide poisoning are:

- \* Headache
- \* Dizziness
- \* Nausea
- \* Unconsciousness

Note: If there are more people with similar symptoms, it is more likely there is an issue. If you suspect there is a Carbon Monoxide Issue, please call 911 immediately!

**Fire Hydrants:** Winter arrived in full force, with a very large amount of snow. This snow does bring about an issue for us; fire hydrants become hidden, obstructed, or just difficult to get to during snow removal operations. Depending on the snow fall, it can take a day, or a few days for crews to get them located and dug out. During this time, if the fire department needs to utilize one, we have

to locate, get to and dig out a hydrant prior to being able to utilize it, losing valuable time. I ask everyone to "adopt" the hydrant nearest to you and help make sure it is kept clear of snow (a path to it and 3 feet cleared out, all the way around). It really is in your best interest if there ever is a need to use it because we are able to use it sooner. Thanks!



## POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

*Sgt. Anne Murphy*

I hope everyone had wonderful Holidays! Winter's onset was somewhat delayed in 2009, but certainly made up for lost time in very short order. Thank you for cooperating with not parking in the street to enable Public Works to clear the streets as quickly and efficiently as possible.

This Village Newsletter has an insert provided by The U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. If you have firearms, please take advantage of this form.

Serial numbers are critical in reporting stolen or recovering stolen property. Electronics of almost any kind are favorites for thieves. There is quite a market, especially for laptop computers, to be shipped over seas. After they are taken, the hard drives are wiped and then sold.

The Dane County Communications Center is trying to focus on emergency calls. If you have an emergency, don't hesitate to call 9-1-1. If you call the Village Center emergency service response times are delayed. If you need to speak to an on duty patrol officer, call 255-2345. If you

## CASH FOR CLUES



**266-6014**

are calling regarding on street parking, please call 244-1430, ext 113. That is the extension for the squad room and will be checked periodically by the on duty patrol officers when they come into the building. If you are calling regarding a vacation home check, please call the same number and extension if you are calling after normal business hours.

## ADMINISTRATIVE NEWS

*Tim Krueger*

*Village Administrator/Police Chief*

Happy New Year!! I hope your recent Holiday season allowed you opportunity to spend time with family and recharge your batteries for a fabulous 2010! My first and maybe only New Year's Resolution for 2010, is to maintain a positive approach throughout this upcoming year, which will find the Village encountering numerous challenges. Let me talk about some of these challenges briefly.

First, in mid-December, the Village received notification that the Town of Burke would be withdrawing from our EMS District at the end of 2010. You may recall that Blooming Grove is leaving the District at the start of 2010. From the notification provided by the Town of Burke, they are reviewing their options for EMS services in the future, which may still include a relationship with the Village of Maple Bluff, but under different terms.

With Burke leaving the district, there will have to be a distribution of EMS District assets. The specific details of that distribution will need to be worked out and agreed to by all parties.

The Village is now presented with an opportunity to consider our options for EMS Services as well. This process may or may not also affect Fire Services within the Village. My intention is to request that Village President Eric McLeod appoint a Special Committee to lead this review of

these emergency services and to develop a long term solution. There is a relatively short time frame during which the Village needs to develop this solution, so the work by this committee will begin immediately in January. My hope is to have a recommendation ready to present to the Village Board by the end of June.

The past three years, the Village has been planning, hosting meetings, and talking about an extraordinarily large street and infrastructure project starting in the first quarter of 2010. Those projects are expected to last into early fall. These street and infrastructure projects will consume a lot of energy and focus of Village Staff and the Village Board during this upcoming year. In addition, a storm water project involving the Village, City of Madison, and Maple Buff Country Club will also be starting in early 2010. The Village is also considering a utility undergrounding project on Farwell Drive during street construction. That project will require the Board to host a public hearing and make decisions about assessments. Here is a brief outline of upcoming benchmarks for both of these projects:

*Week of Jan 4th:* Bid documents finalized and prepped for distribution to contractors  
*Jan 7:* Required advertisement of project  
*Jan 14:* Required advertisement of project  
*Feb 4:* Bid openings  
*Feb 9:* Contract Award at Village Board Meeting  
*Late Feb:* Construction begins on Storm Water project  
*Late March:* Work completed on Storm Water projects  
*Late March/Apr:* Contractor mobilizes to begin Street/Infrastructure Construction  
*Mid Sept:* Contractor completes Street/Infrastructure Project

On January 12th, the Village Caucus will be held just prior to the regular Village Board meeting. The Caucus will begin at 7:00 p.m. The "Caucus" is the

nominating process for candidates who may be interested in running for Village Board, or other elected positions. In 2010, there will be three Village Trustee positions available on the ballot. As of now, I do not know if any existing board members will be putting their name out for nomination. The term of Village President Eric McLeod goes for one more year so that position will not be on the ballot.

If you have not attended a Caucus, you should come this year. It is a fairly relaxed exercise of democracy. It is normally completed within 10-15 minutes and it is a good opportunity to catch up with other residents and complain about the snow and the cold!! The Village Board will be meeting directly after the Caucus is completed.

Please maintain open communication lines through some difficult challenges in this upcoming year. There will be times that we will need help or guidance from residents. For example, very soon we will be seeking information on school bus routes and other transportation issues during the construction season. If you are not already receiving my emails or on the blog list, please get in touch with me so that you can get added. Email me at [tjkrueger67@hotmail.com](mailto:tjkrueger67@hotmail.com).

## PUBLIC WORKS NEWS

*Tom Schroeder, Superintendent*

Wow!! Another winter season has taken on a less than desirable demeanor, starting out with a 14"+ snow fall laden with moisture. This proved to be a wicked storm with near blizzard like conditions. Fortunately the winds did not get to the predicted velocity, or the drifting and tree damage would have been far worse.

When winter storms such as what we recently experienced take place, we should all take time to review what we could have or should have done differently.

Simply arranging your schedule so that any need to travel roadways are done before conditions turn for the worse, and once home or at your destination...stay there! With the amount of snow forecast/received sidewalks; driveways; parking lots; and especially the streets where going to require multiple snow removal efforts. For us in Public Works, this was the first time in nearly 20 years that tire chains were necessary to plow the roadways in Maple Bluff! With snow fall amounts of 2-4" per hour Dec 8th-9th we were unable to get the upper hand until 4:00 a.m. of Wednesday the 9th. It was shortly there after that tree failures due to the snow load began taking place. Village Police and Fire Departments were first responders and greatly assisted in clean up efforts that morning. The moisture content was extreme, note the blue hue of the snow that night/morning. This also contributed to the compaction and icy conditions on the more traveled roadways. Our approach to snow removal has been to be as effective and efficient as practical. With this snow storm our equipment and operators as well as home owners were challenged to say the least, and clean up continues even 2 weeks after the storm. Two things I would have done differently: chains would have been on prior to the storms arrival; and the plows would have been deployed an hour sooner.

Thank You to all the residents that resisted any temptation to place driveway or sidewalk snow onto village streets or parkways. And a reminder to residents or their contractors, there is an ordinance that addresses the act of depositing driveway or sidewalk snow onto streets or parkways. Please refrain from this act, thank you.

Holiday trees will be picked up throughout the month of January.

The Village Water Utility will continue with the automated radio read meter heads this year. We are nearly 50% converted and expect to complete the balance of the

installs as soon as practical. If you receive notice regarding this change out for your water meter, please respond and make an appointment at your convenience.

The 2010 CIP is nearly here! And yes, the village will resemble a construction zone for most of this year; there is even a wet detention pond to be installed late this winter. I am confident that the processes will go well, and that negative impacts on residents will be reasonably minimized. While efforts to avoid disruption to daily activities will be employed, there will be daily challenges and inconveniences. We will do all we can to keep everyone informed of the process and progress of the construction project.

A New Year is upon us once again. Hopefully your holiday season was all that you desired it to be. As for me, a little less cold...small amount of snow...a dash of good health...and a generous sprinkle of seasonal cheer. May we all have a Great New Year!

Feel free to call with your questions and concerns, Thank You.



### **Monday after School Program**

Days: Monday  
Session 1 (January 4th – March 8th, with no class 1/18)  
Program Ages: K-6th grade  
Times: 2:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.  
Location: Village Center & Firemen's Park  
Fee: \$10.00 per week of one individual (\$70.00 for session 1)  
\$14.00 per week for two individuals (\$98.00 for session 1)

\$20.00 per week for three individuals (\$140.00 for session 1)

#### Program Description:

Participants will meet at the bus stop of Cambridge and Kensington as the bus drops them off. If this is not your bus stop, please notify the bus driver that your child will be dropped off at this location on Mondays. This program will provide structured activities, games, arts, as well as, free play opportunities. Program participants will be asked to share a drink and snack with all participants at least once per session.

### **Incredible Tots**

Days: Mondays  
Session 1 (January 4th – March 8th, with no class 1/18)  
Program Ages: 2yr – 4yrs old  
Times: 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.  
Location: Village Center Gym/  
Firemen's Park  
Fee: \$30.00

#### Program Description:

Participants will get the opportunity to play with future classmates in structured activities and free play opportunities. This program also may take small field trips to the Henry Vilas Zoo or Children's Museum. Program participants will be asked to share a drink and a snack with all participants at least once per session.

### **Friday Playgroup**

Days: Friday  
Session 1 (January 15th – March 12, with no class 2/25)  
Location: Village Center/Firemen's Park  
Time: 1:30 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.  
Fee: \$25.00 for all 7 weeks or \$5.00 drop-in fee

#### Program Description:

Come play with classmates or meet future classmates during this program.

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Program will consist of fun games, crafts and activities, as well as, allow children the opportunity for free play. Program participants will be asked to provide drink and snack at least once throughout the program.

**Fit Fun Bootcamps:**

Days: M, W, F

Time: 5:30 a.m. – 6:15 a.m.

Location: Village Center

You may have seen Fit Fun Bootcamps featured locally on NBC, CBS, and ABC, and wondered what the big deal was.

Bootcamps provide an incredible workout, by a certified trainer, with unbelievable results, at a fraction of the cost of hiring a trainer. Workout with others looking to lose those unwanted inches and have more energy. Build friendships and camaraderie. Maple Bluff Bootcamp is held at the Village Center MWF at 5:30 AM and lasts 45 min. Join now for as little as \$7.00 per class! Visit [www.madisonbootcamps.com](http://www.madisonbootcamps.com) for more info and learn how you can join the newest and greatest way to get in shape this year!

**Dodgeball Session 1**

This program is designed for instruction of various types of Dodgeball. Participants will learn about team building while having fun with their friends.

Participants must wear comfortable clothing and tennis shoes. Please pre-Register by January 18th. Space is limited to a maximum of 16 participants.

**Supervisor:** Curt Erickson, Recreation Director

**Where:** Village Center Gym

**When:** Wednesdays February 4th through March 24th

**Time:** 4:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Ages:** 7 to 13

**Cost:** \$30.00

**Hit the Slopes with Maple Bluff Recreation: January 18th & February 26th, 2010**

Join Maple Bluff, Monona and Cottage Grove Parks and Recreation for 2 days of fun at Cascade Mountain Ski Resort. If you have your own equipment you are welcome to bring it, otherwise, Cascade Mountain has agreed to waive rental fees. All participants are **REQUIRED** to wear a helmet while skiing and snowboarding. This trip is open to Middle Schoolers (4th-10th Grade). The first 15 participants to sign waivers and make payment of \$45.00 will be allowed to attend this trip. Visit: [www.cascademountain.com](http://www.cascademountain.com) for more information about the ski hills.

**MSCR Adult Fitness Classes in Maple Bluff’s Village Center**

**Belly Dance Fitness**

Use the energizing movements of belly dance for a fun workout that targets the entire body. Emphasizes core sculpting and low-impact cardio interval dancing. No previous experience required. Skip 3/29, 3/31 & 4/1.

Course #31308

**Mondays January 25th – March 8th**

**Time: 11:00 a.m. – 11:55 a.m.**

**Fee: \$25.00**

Course #31309

**Mondays March 15th – May 10th**

**Time: 11:00 a.m. – 11:55 a.m.**

**Fee: \$28.00**

**Hatha Yoga**

Strengthen your mind, body and spirit in this active style of yoga. Work at your own pace. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a yoga mat to class. Skip 3/30 & 4/1.

Course #31312

**Tuesdays January 19th – March 9th**

**Time: 6:00 p.m. – 6:55 p.m.**

**Fee: \$28.00**

**GYM MEMBERSHIP AND PASS RATES 2010**

**HOURS:** The gym is open 8 a.m. till 9 p.m., unless reserved. Supervised open gym times will be posted on the website. For security reasons, the Village Center (including the gym) may be closed if no staff is present in the building. Village employees have the right to close the gym if necessary, and without notice.

**Daily Pass—Children 5 and Under FREE with adult**

Youth	6-17	\$0.50
Adult	18-54	1.00
Seniors	55+	0.50
Family		3.00

**Annual Membership**

Youth	6-17	\$20.00
Adult	18-54	25.00
Seniors	55+	20.00
Family		40.00

Non-residents must be accompanied by a resident to purchase a daily pass. Youth non-resident daily pass \$1.00, adult non-resident daily pass \$1.00 Only three guests per Village resident.

**Reserving Space at the Village Center and the Beach House**

To reserve the Gym, Conference Room or Beach House, call 244-3048. A 5.5% sales tax will be added to all rentals with non-educational programs. A \$100.00 security deposit will be required for some reservations. Please contact Curt, Recreation Director, for rates and additional details.

All parties renting the facilities will be required to return the space to its original condition. Appropriate cleaning supplies are available at each location, and paper-work must be completed to ensure return of the security deposit.

**VILLAGE ON-LINE ROOM RESERVATION**

Forms for room rental at the Village Center will be available on line at [www.villageofmaplebluff.com](http://www.villageofmaplebluff.com). A calendar of daily room reservations will also be available through this site. Please note that in order to be placed on the calendar your SIGNED rental agreement and payment must be turned in at the Village Center.

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Course #31313

**Tuesdays March 16th – May 11th**

**Time: 6:00 p.m. – 6:55 p.m.**

**Fee: \$28.00**

### **Yoga Flow**

Strengthen your mind, body and spirit in this active style of yoga. Traditional hatha yoga postures are linked together in a flowing format. Please bring a yoga mat to class. Skip 3/29 & 3/31.

Course #31314

**Tuesdays January 19th – March 9th**

**Time: 7:00 p.m. – 7:55 p.m.**

**Fee: \$28.00**

Course #31315

**Tuesdays March 16th – May 11th**

**Time: 7:00 p.m. – 7:55 p.m.**

**Fee: \$28.00**

### **Meditation**

Meditation promotes relaxation, reduces stress, and enhances personal growth. This class explores different techniques including chanting, visualizations, mudras (hand gestures) and breathwork. Dress comfortably. Bring a shawl/blanket and cushion (optional). No class 3/30 & 4/1.

Course #31316

**Tuesdays January 19th – March 9th**

**Time: 8:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**

**Fee: \$14.00**

Course #31317

**Tuesdays March 16th – May 11th**

**Time: 8:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**

**Fee: \$14.00**

### **Senior Citizen Programs**

#### **Maple Bluff Village Center**

Become a gym member at the Village Center and join the walking group indoors as the weather turns cold, snowy and slippery. The Village Center gym has been reserved from 7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. for socialization and walking. For more information and rates on becoming a gym member please contact Curt Erickson at 244-3048.

### **MSCR Goodman Rotary 50+ Fitness Stretch and Strength Class**

This class will be held at the Maple Bluff gym on Thursday afternoons from 12:30-1:30 p.m. The class will incorporate stretching exercises to enhance your flexibility and strengthening exercises to improve your overall fitness. Cost is \$40. To register or for questions call the MSCR Goodman Rotary program at 204-3023. MSCR is conducting a research study on the impact of community exercise programs for older adults. They are looking for participants who are willing to participate in the study. Eligible participants must be age 50+ and active in exercise. There will be compensation for your time. Call Jean O'Leary at 608-204-3000 for more information.

#### **Madison Senior Center**

**330 W. Mifflin St.**

#### **Dancing Qigong.**

Date: 4/15/2010

Through: 6/03/2010

Come dance and breathe in energy. Learn to move your body, mind, and spirit with the music of life. Stretch and become more flexible with Jack Bray, M.A., Broadway dancer and certified Qigong instructor. The eight-week class begins on Wednesday, April 15, with two class times to choose 12:00 p.m. - 12:45 p.m. or 5:45 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$20. Advance registration is necessary. Call 266-6581.

#### **Madison Senior Center**

**330 W. Mifflin St.**

#### **Life/Stories.**

Date: 4/24/2010

Through: 5/01/2010

Every life is a collection of stories waiting to be told. This two-week class examines some of the written forms in which people tell their stories, including memoir, autobiography, and journals. After reading and discussing some of the strategies, participants will have the opportunity to begin composing their own

“life stories”. Led by Mark Lounibos, doctoral candidate in English Literature at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. The class meets **Friday, April 24 and May 1**, from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. There is no charge. Support for the course comes from the Center for the Humanities at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Advance registration is necessary. Call 266-6581.

### **Shoreland and Riparian Management Update**

By County Board Supervisor Paul Rusk

Recently thousands of Dane County residents including many in Maple Bluff received glossy postcards containing inaccurate information about the local Waterbody Classification Project funded by the state Department of Natural Resources. I'm especially concerned about our elderly residents, several of whom became very alarmed about the alleged impact on their home values. This article will provide you with an update on the situation and what happens next.

For a number of years the County has been involved with a DNR grant project designed to better understand the unique characteristics of Dane's diverse bodies of water and what strategies could be developed to enhance them. There were NO ordinance changes or new regulations before the County Board or the Lakes and Watershed Commission. The final report is due to the DNR by December 31.

However, the DNR has just announced revisions to the Chapter on Natural Resources, 115 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code, which will take effect in March 2010 as the State Legislature did not object. Counties now have a two-year window in which to bring their ordinances into compliance with updated state rules governing zoning near waterways.

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## Lost/Stolen Firearms Investigations



Each year, thousands of firearms are reported lost or stolen. The owners' ability to adequately identify these firearms is central to law enforcement's ability to investigate these crimes and losses. Insurance claims and reacquisition of recovered firearms will also hinge on the ability to correctly identify these firearms.

By completing this record and maintaining it in a safe location, separate from your firearms, you will be taking an important first step in the effort to prevent thefts and to keep firearms out of the hands of criminals.

Remember:

"A stolen gun threatens everyone."

# Personal Firearms Record

Keep this list separate from your firearms to assist police in the event your firearms are ever lost or stolen.





To help reassure the public about the upcoming ordinance review process, I joined a majority of county supervisors in sending a letter on December 3 to the Lakes and Watershed Commission asking them to take the following direction as they look to update our ordinances:

- Any revisions should only apply to construction projects, not repair and maintenance of existing homes, driveways and patios. No future changes should require anyone to change their house color or otherwise alter the appearance of their home unless required by state law.
- Any revision will not take away basic property rights of riparian owners and any mitigation required to comply with Ch. NR 115 will not lower property values.
- NR 115 and county shoreland zoning do not apply in cities and villages. Minimum standards for erosion control and stormwater management apply in cities and villages under Chapter 14 of County Ordinance. No changes to the erosion control and stormwater management

ordinance will be proposed unless they have quantifiable benefits for our lakes and streams and are developed in collaboration with cities and villages.

Over the next two years it is important for the Lakes and Watershed Commission to continue to engage a broad spectrum of the public, including business, real estate and environment interests, in any proposed revisions to our current county shoreland zoning ordinance. I hope this information is helpful to you. Please feel to contact me at [rusk@co.dane.wi.us](mailto:rusk@co.dane.wi.us) or 249-9667 if you have questions.

### House Photos

In Mid-December, the house at 406 Laurel Lane was prepped and moved from its current site, to a location in the City of Madison. There was a 5 day delay while the City of Madison permits were finalized, so the house stood guard at the Village Marina, awaiting the move to the final destination. A new home is

scheduled to be built at 406 Laurel Lane. Photos include the home as it sits on the trailer and the garage of the home which was cut off from the house to facilitate the easier movement of the home.



## 2010 Election Dates



*Village Caucus* –  
January 12, 2010

*Spring Primary* –  
February 16, 2010

*Spring Election* –  
April 6, 2010

*Partisan Primary* –  
September 14, 2010

*General Election* –  
November 2, 2010

### Property Tax Bill Information

2009 Property Tax Bills were mailed in December. For use on your 2009 Income Tax Return, tax bill payments must have been received in the Maple Bluff Administration Office by Thursday, December 31, 2009. Post-marked tax bills with a date on or before Thursday, December 31, 2009 were also accepted. Full Tax Bill payments are due to the Village of Maple Bluff by Sunday, January 31, 2010. If you are paying in installments, the first half is due to the Village of Maple Bluff by Sunday, January 31, 2010, and the second installment is due to the Dane County Treasurer by Saturday, July 31, 2010.

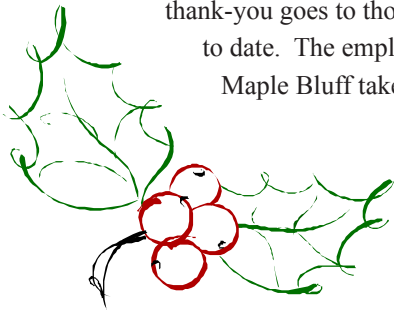
## Employee Gift Giving Policy

Sandy Wilke, Clerk-Treasurer

The Village of Maple Bluff has an established policy regarding the acceptance of gifts by Village Employees. Over the years, Village residents have been generous over the holidays in expressing their thanks for the hard work of our employees throughout the year. In light of potential liabilities stemming from the acceptance of certain types of gifts, restrictions are placed on what gifts employees may accept. The policy directly prohibits any Village employee from directly accepting alcoholic beverages and/or receiving monetary gifts from Village residents.

After the holiday season, a party is held for all Village employees in appreciation of their hard work. Residents who wish to contribute to the Village employee holiday party are asked to direct their gifts to the Clerk-Treasurer to ensure that the gifts can be shared equally by all employees. All gift money collected will be used to pay for the holiday party. A sincere

thank-you goes to those who have contributed to date. The employees of the Village of Maple Bluff take pride in their work and thank residents for their cooperation and support throughout the year.



## Voter Registration Procedure

As of January 1, 2006, every voter in Wisconsin must be registered to vote.

To register, a voter needs to provide a driver's license or state ID number, as well as personal information such as name, address and date of birth. If a voter has no driver's license or state ID card, he/she can use the last four digits of his/her Social Security number.

If you have not registered to vote, you can do so in one of three ways:

**IN PERSON** – Stop at the Village Center and complete an EB-131, Voter Registration Form.

**BY MAIL** – Request an EB-131 form, or you can access the form on the Village website – [www.villageofmaplebluff.com](http://www.villageofmaplebluff.com).

Voters who register by mail must send a photocopy of their state ID card or driver's license to the clerk's office along with the completed EB-131 form.

**AT THE POLLS ON ELECTION DAY** – Complete an EB-131 form on election day and provide proof that you have been a resident for at least 10 days. Examples of proof of residency include a driver's license, real estate tax bill, gas, electric or telephone bill which has your current address on it.

For more information about voter registration, contact the Village of Maple Bluff Clerk's office at 608-244-3048.

## *Let's Celebrate 2010 Art Calendar Available NOW!*

Let's Celebrate is the theme of the Cultural Affairs Commission's 2010 desktop art calendar now available for purchase at Dane County area museums, galleries, municipal halls, and select retail outlets including gift shops and cafés. The calendar, 11th in an annual series, showcases fourteen art images that evoke our Dane County home at close range and from afar. Revenues from calendar sales help support the Commission's programs.

Each page of the calendar presents artwork created by a different local artist. Featured artists in the 2010 calendar:

Sherry Bahr  
Barry Carlsen  
Bruce Dawson  
Donald Haugen  
Dagny Myrah  
Mary Francis Hill  
Linda Koenig



S. V. Medaris  
Tom Murphy  
Irene Olson  
Ann Rutecki  
Marcia Sparks  
Jeff Stern  
Jonathan Wilde

**Calendars (6 ½" x 7 ½" in size) may be purchased for \$8.00 each (includes sales tax)**

**Monday – Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Maple Bluff Village Center.**



**VILLAGE OF MAPLE BLUFF  
NOTICE OF CAUCUS FOR CANDIDATES FOR SPRING  
ELECTION BALLOT  
TUESDAY – JANUARY 12, 2010  
7:00 p.m. at MAPLE BLUFF  
VILLAGE CENTER**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**, that nominations for candidates to appear on the 2010 Spring Election ballot for election to the following offices, to succeed the present incumbents, will be accepted at the Village Caucus at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 12, 2010 at the Maple Bluff Village Center. All terms are for two years.

**Office**

Village Trustee  
Village Trustee  
Village Trustee

Municipal Judge

**Incumbent**

Jim Yeager  
Greg Collins  
Greg Rice

Denis R. Vogel

**Water Meter Cards**

Water Meter Cards were mailed out the first week in December. Please return your card promptly. The Public Service Commission requires that water meters be read and reported so that an estimate is not used for more than three billing cycles. If you need help reading your water meter, contact Mike Frazier, Maple Bluff Water Department, at (608) 244-3048.

**Village Phone Directory**

Work for the 2010 – 2011 Maple Bluff Village Phone Directory has begun. Changes can be made by sending an e-mail to Rene Dopkins – rdopkins@hotmail.com or by calling the Administration Office.

Are you interested in advertising in the 2010 – 2011 Maple Bluff Village Phone Directory? Full, half and quarter page ads are available. The deadline for advertising is May 28, 2010. Questions can be directed to Rene Dopkins at 244-3048.

**Dog & Cat Licenses**

2010 Dog & Cat License applications were mailed with property tax bills. Village ordinances require the licensing of all dogs and cats, which are at least five months old. Animal licenses are good for a period of one year. All animals in the Village must be registered by April 1st to avoid a late penalty. Any animal that becomes five months of age after July 1st will be charged half the fee. Failure to obtain an animal license as required by Wisconsin state law can result in penalties of not less than \$50.00 or more than \$500.00.

If you have a dog or cat, please complete an application and return it to the Village Center. The license tag(s) will be mailed to your home. The license tag should be displayed on the animal's collar for the purpose of identification.



*From Maple Bluff Boyscout Troop 5*

We would like to thank all of our neighbors and friends who have so generously donated to our troop and participated in our wreath sale fundraiser. *Thank you for your support!*

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**JANUARY**

5	Park & Rec	5:30 p.m.	Village Center
12	Building Board	5:15 p.m.	Village Center
12	Village Caucus	7:00 p.m.	Village Center
12	Village Board	7:30 p.m.	Village Center
14	Municipal Court	6:15 p.m.	Village Center
23	Winterfest		

**FEBRUARY**

2	Park & Rec	5:30 p.m.	Village Center
9	Building Board	5:15 p.m.	Village Center
9	Village Board	7:30 p.m.	Village Center
18	Municipal Court	6:15 p.m.	Village Center

**OFFICIALS** of the Village of Maple Bluff

Eric McLeod	President	244-1371
<b>Trustees</b>		
Teri Bruns		249-1553
Greg Collins		241-7181
Peter Duff		249-0565
Greg Rice		770-3330
Jim Schuler		249-1696
Jim Yeager		244-5107
Municipal Judge, Denis Vogel		244-7187
Police Commissioner, Laura Peck		243-1848
Assessor, Associated Appraisal Consultants, Inc.		1-920-749-1995 apraz.com

**BULLETIN BOARD**

E-mail Rene Dopkins at [rdopkins@villageofmaplebluff.com](mailto:rdopkins@villageofmaplebluff.com) to see your Bulletin Board message here for the March/April newsletter.

**Post Holiday Packaging Surplus?** I'll happily reuse your bubble wrap, air pockets/sleeves, and styrofoam peanuts for my basket design business. Call me and I'll pick it up at your home or drop it at my doorstep. Kristan Collins--9 Cambridge Road, 395-4143.

**Babysitter/home helper available.** Anytime before, during, and after the holiday seasons. I am in town until mid January. I am a lifelong bluff resident, have babysat numerous families in the bluff, and I am currently a junior in college. Reliable, trustworthy, and dependable. References available. Emily Kappel (608) 698-6165.

**EMPLOYEE DIRECTORY - Maple Bluff Village Center**

<b>Administration 244-3048</b>	Assistant Fire Chief – Kris Loy
Village Administrator – Tim Krueger	Assistant Fire Chief – Brad Ingersoll
Clerk/Treasurer – Sandy Wilke	EMT/EMS Assistant – Meghan Connor
Clerk of Court – Rene Dopkins	
<b>Police Department 244-1430</b>	<b>Public Works Department 244-3048</b>
Police Chief – Tim Krueger	Superintendent – Tom Schroeder
Sergeant – Anne Murphy	Crew Foreman – Mike Frazier
Officer Gary Sandridge	Crewman Rick Rogers
Officer Jay Sugden	Crewman Chris Brown
Officer Hector Covarrubias	Crewman Andrew Boersma
Officer Sam Vollrath	
<b>Fire Department 244-3390</b>	<b>Recreation Department 244-3048</b>
Fire Chief – Joshua Ripp	Recreation Director – Curt Erickson