

CITY'S OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

MAPLEWOOD LIVING

NOVEMBER 2019



Empowering, entrusting frontline staff to make more meaningful contributions

By Chief Scott Nadeau, Maplewood Director of Public Safety with assistance from Officer Emily Burt-McGregor and Lt. Dan Busack

Maplewood is a safer city because we are getting better at solving problems one call at a time. Commonly in policing officers respond to a call, address the current issue and move on, only to be dispatched for the same ordeal days or weeks later. Now, Maplewood officers are better trained and empowered to examine the call's root cause and explore a systemic solution.

Here's one example. Through last spring, we had received repeat complaints about a housing complex. Instead of treating one call at a time, we reached out to the complex's management and formed an action plan. We worked on security enhancements, reviewed the most common complaints, helped update lease violation procedures and planned a

community outreach event with partners at Metro Transit, Ramsey County Health, and other social service agencies.

Here's an excerpt from October's Minnesota Police Journal, a publication of the Minnesota Police and Police Officers Association, featuring Maplewood's approach to empowering officers.

[Maplewood's] problem-solving policing include[s], working with retailers to better secure easily stolen items, collaborating with auto dealers on a state grant funding to add an auto theft investigator, or following up with social service agencies to ensure people in a mental health crisis are getting needed resources.

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City Manager

- Melinda Coleman: City Manager (651) 249-2055
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Frequently Called Numbers

- City Hall (651) 249-2000
- Maplewood Community Center (651) 747-0922
- Recreation (651) 249-2120
- Public Works (651) 249-2400
- Police Non-Emergency (651) 767-0640

Visit the City website at www.maplewoodmn.gov for the meeting schedule of the City Council, Commissions and Boards.



To advertise in this newsletter call Joe Sheeran at (651) 249-2061 or email joe.sheeran@maplewoodmn.gov.



Breakfast with Santa & Friends

Hosted by the Maplewood Area Historical Society at the Bruentrup Heritage Farm

Sunday, December 8

Reserved seatings at 9:00, 10:00 11:00 and noon

- Adult (Age 13 and up) \$10
Child (Age 2 to 12) \$5

Service fees and taxes not included.

Join us for a full pancake breakfast, arts and crafts



Tickets online at www.MaplewoodHistoricalSociety.org



Dance the night away with instructors from Dance and Entertainment Studios during our 6 week dance sessions. All ages and levels are welcome in these beginner level classes. Those without partners will rotate with each other and the instructor. Meet new friends and practice leading and following your new dance patterns-that's what social dancing is all about!

THURSDAYS, NOV 7 - DEC 26 (NO CLASS NOV 28 & DEC 19)
SESSION 1: Rumba & Swing • 6:00PM - 6:50PM
SESSION 2: Cha-Cha & Waltz • 7:00PM - 7:50PM

THURSDAYS, JAN 2 - FEB 6
SESSION 1: Night Club 2-Step & Foxtrot • 6:00PM - 6:50PM
SESSION 2: Swing & Salsa • 7:00PM - 7:50PM

THURSDAYS, FEB 27 - APR 2
SESSION 1: Tango & Swing • 6:00PM - 6:50PM
SESSION 2: Waltz & Rumba • 7:00PM - 7:50PM

THURSDAYS, APR 9 - MAY 14
SESSION 1: West Coast Swing & Salsa • 6:00PM - 6:50PM
SESSION 2: Foxtrot & Cha-Cha • 7:00PM - 7:50PM

COST: \$75.00/Person/Session

HOW DO I REGISTER?

- In Person: Maplewood Parks & Rec: 1902 County Road B East (8am-4:30pm)
- By Phone: 651.249.2111
- Online: <https://apm.activecommunities.com/Maplewoodmn/Home>





...Officers and sergeants among our ranks are more academically advanced than prior generations of police, with many attaining four-year degrees and some with graduate-level coursework or degrees. Why not use our experienced and educated officers' talents instead of having managers, often far removed from day-to-day policing, making so many street-level decisions?

As a complement to their patrol duties, we have officers and sergeants participate in our strategic planning. They also help author reports concerning use of force, stop and arrest data, and other information on initiatives and what they have achieved. Our crime analyst helps them with the data and command staff supervise the work. Through these reports, our department has been able to highlight that officers are fair, well-trained, professional and transparent.

“Compared with our high call volume, our department has a low use-of-force rate,” says Lt. Brian Bierdeman, who authored the Use-of-Force Report as a sergeant. “Our training and culture emphasize officer and citizen safety, that helps us avoid physical confrontations when appropriate.”

As a result, just 26 (0.07%) of our more than 35,000 calls in 2018 resulted in officers having to use force. None involved firing a gun, a juvenile, or canine. Following news or social media accounts, some in the public might think officers were using force on a daily basis.

Read the full Minnesota Police Journal article at: <https://bit.ly/32uAlV5>



We're open, come on in

Maplewood welcomes several new businesses to the community, including two east Asian eateries. Nepali Kitchen opened up next to its grocery store at 1700 Rice Street. Early reviews, say the food is excellent.

Unison, a Hmong-owned restaurant and event center is now open in the old Junior Achievement Building at 1800 White Bear Avenue. It adds to Maplewood's venues for hosting a special event or celebration.

Starbucks is now serving their favorites next to the Community Center at the corner of White Bear and County Road B East.

And, after sitting vacant for a while, Jet's Pizza is serving pies at its Rice and County Road B location, in the Cub parking lot.



New ordinance helps ensuring safer rental housing

By Jeff Thomson, Community Development Director

City Council approved a rental licensing ordinance that promotes safe housing, and empowers the city to be more proactive in addressing problem properties.

Maplewood has roughly 5,000 rental units. Most landlords keep their apartments and houses in great shape, are responsive to tenants and help Maplewood offer a variety of living options. There are some however, that have let properties become a hazard to the residents and neighbors and are not responsive to fixing or dealing with problems at the property.

To ensure there is a fair playing field for all landlords and that Maplewood is offering residents safe, comfortable housing, the city has implemented a rental property license program. The program will also serve as a guide for new landlords or first-time home renters to prevent unanticipated code and compliance violations.

The program comes after extensive input from landlords and community members, which included several community meetings, a Council Workshop and an official public hearing before council adopted the ordinance. Thanks to their input, incentives have been added, which include landlords following the rules will receive one inspection every three years, instead of annually.

Key points of this ordinance include:

- Owners/property managers are required to attend crime free housing training.
- Rental properties must pass a City inspection and continue to maintain the property in accordance to code requirements.
- Owners/property managers are required to use a written lease for all tenants.
- Leases must require tenants to sign a "Lease Addendum for Crime-Free/Drug-Free Housing."
- City will conduct a Criminal Background Investigation on Property Owner(s)/representatives.
- Property Owner must provide 24-hour contact information for a person who resides within the Twin City metropolitan service area who is responsible for code compliance of the rental property. This person will be either the owner or agent of the property.

New Trash and Recycling Contracts Approved



After a competitive bidding process for new trash and recycling contracts, the City Council authorized 5½-year contracts with Tennis Sanitation for residential recycling and Republic Services for residential trash and yard waste. Both proposals were ranked highest among our main criteria (economics, safety, education, environmental and qualifications), including the lowest price.

Through Maplewood’s organized solid waste collection system, the City has been able to help limit greenhouse gas emissions and divert waste from landfills. It’s lead to lower prices, reduced truck traffic, and community control over waste management decisions.

The new contracts begin January 1, 2020 and include improvements to the trash and recycling programs as follows:

- **Pay as You Throw:** Incremental price adjustments each year of the contract that will create greater variation between cart sizes – the less residents throw away, the less they pay.
- **Curbside Organics Collection:** Exploring a possible 2022 rollout.
- **Small Business and Church Recycling:** Two 95-gallon recycling carts will be supplied to businesses and churches that opt into the City’s residential recycling collection at the same cost as the residential rates. The new contract will also allow the collection of recyclables from a recycling dumpster at a cost of \$45 per month for the term of the contract.
- **Multi-Family Property Recycling:** Allows collection of recyclables from dumpsters for properties with 21 units or more if feasible, in addition to the 95-gallon recycling carts currently supplied.

Recycling and Trash Rates

While Maplewood maintains some of the Twin Cities’ lowest recycling and trash rates, residents will see slight increases in the new contracts due to some factors outside of our control. They include:

- Discontinuation of the hauler rebate at the Recycling and Energy Center
- Open market price decline for recycled goods

Recycling Rates (per household, per month)

	2019	2020
	\$3.54	\$4.41

The City adds the recycling fees to residential water bills.

Trash Hauling Rates (per household, per month – includes all taxes and fees)

Size and Collection	2019 Rates	2020 Rates
20 gallon every other week	\$7.15	\$12.43
20 gallon weekly	\$9.78	\$13.63
32 gallon weekly	\$11.36	\$15.07
65 gallon weekly	\$12.92	\$18.92
95 gallon weekly	\$14.66	\$22.75

Yard Waste Rates (per season)

For residents who opt in	\$85.33	\$120
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Bulky Item Rates (Appliances, Electronics, Furniture, etc.)

	\$5-\$30	\$10-\$35
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Republic Services bills residents for the trash fees on a bi-monthly basis.

Additional Information:

City of Maplewood Information

Shann Finwall, Environmental Planner (651) 249-2304
 shann.finwall@maplewoodmn.gov
maplewoodmn.gov/solidwaste

Recycling Contractor

Tennis Sanitation (651) 459-1887 Tennissanitation.com

Trash Hauling Contractor

Republic Services (651) 455-8634 RepublicServices.com

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Rec Run raises \$1,600 for youth scholarships

By Neil Breneman, Recreation Program Supervisor

What a wonderful day for a race. Several dozen community members participated in the Fall Rec Run. Proceeds benefited Maplewood Parks and Recreation's Scholarship fund.

A huge thanks to all the volunteers, staff, Maplewood Police and Fire departments and police reserves!

Sponsor our recreational scholarships

Don't wait until next year's Rec Run, contribute to Maplewood's recreational scholarships today. Here are some of the benefits for scholarship sponsors:

- Ad in Maplewood Living (Distributed to more than 20,000 area households)
- Thank You e-blast (Reaches more than 3,000 park and recreation participants)
- Prominent listing as a sponsor on the Park and Rec website (More than 5,000 visits annually.)
- Plaque to display in your business

(Benefits commensurate with donations, which range from \$100 - \$1,000)

For more information on Sponsorship opportunities, contact Joe Sheeran, Communications Manager; (651) 368-2951, joe.sheeran@maplewoodmn.gov



PRE SCHOOL GYMBOREE

DROP IN PROGRAM 10:00AM - 11:30AM

~AGES 1 - 5, (CHILDREN UNDER 12 MONTHS ARE FREE)

~EQUIPMENT PROVIDED

~THURSDAYS, OCTOBER 31 - APRIL 2 (NO GYMBOREE NOV. 28 & DEC. 26)

~CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT AT ALL TIMES

At Maplewood Community Center/YMCA



\$5.00/per child
(cash or check only)

For More Information
Call 651-249-2121



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Maplewood Community Business Engagement Event

Wednesday, December 4
4 – 6pm

Unison Event Center, 1800 White Bear Avenue
All members of the community are welcome



How Many



Do We
Have

Take the Maplewood Quiz

How many pothole reports did Maplewood receive during the late winter-spring (March 1st – June 1st) of 2019?

- A. 57
- B. 135
- C. 280
- D. 437

Check your answer and complete the quiz at: Polco.us/maplewood



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Upcoming Events

November 14	Holiday Fun Hour Thanksgiving Session Wakefield Building 6:15 - 7:15pm
November 16	Live Animals Exhibit Nature Center 10 - 11 am
December 7	Wild Weather presentation Nature Center 1 - 2:30pm
December 13	Santa's Workshop Party MCC/YMCA 6 - 7:30 pm

SANTA'S WORKSHOP PARTY
AT THE MAPLEWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER/YMCA
FRIDAY · DECEMBER 13 · 6:00PM - 7:30PM

**Join us for our annual holiday party!
Santa will be stopping by so make sure to bring
your wish list and your camera!**

COST · \$5/CHILD

Activities will include:

- **Holiday Treats** • **Arts & Crafts** • **Games**
- **Visit From Santa** • **Holiday Stories**
- And MORE!**

Each child must be accompanied by an adult. Adults are free, but in the interest of space, please limit adults to 2 per family. Pre-registration is required.

BRING AN UNWRAPPED GIFT FOR TOYS FOR TOTS & RECEIVE A SPECIAL PRIZE

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· BY PHONE: 651.249.2120

· IN PERSON: MAPLEWOOD PARKS & REC, 1902 COUNTY ROAD B EAST

· ONLINE: [HTTPS://APM.ACTIVECOMMUNITIES.COM/MAPLEWOODMN/HOME](https://apm.activecommunities.com/maplewoodmn/home)



Go to **MaplewoodMN.gov**. Our home page calendar has details on upcoming events.