

CITY'S OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

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## North End Plan Coming together

By Michael Martin, Assistant Community Development Director

The area around the Maplewood Mall is an archipelago in an asphalt sea. It seemed the right landform for its time but a plan to better connect those islands of commerce is forming thanks to more than a year of market research, stakeholder meetings and the North End work group's efforts.

A few dozen residents and business owners joined the City at a late May open house to unveil the plan. One of its main features is a more walkable, better-connected development area from White Bear Avenue to the mall and over toward the transit station off of Beam.

The idea is to transform the area into more of a community, with a mix of residential, entertainment, health care and other commercial and retail space.

"As other businesses go away, I think there is opportunity for different types of business, different types of customers that want to go into those types of businesses and investors that want to do those types of things," said Bob Lee, Chick-fil-A franchisee and member of the North End work group.

Since the city doesn't own the land, most of the vision will serve as a guide for future development.

"Developers are going to see our work product and say 'wow the city really cares about the mall,'" says Maplewood Mayor Marylee Abrams. "I think we can actually target developers to come in and help us fulfil that vision."

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- Recreation (651) 249-2120
- Public Works (651) 249-2400
- Police Non-Emergency (651) 767-0640

Visit the City website at [www.maplewoodmn.gov](http://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](mailto:joe.sheeran@maplewoodmn.gov).

# Cops & Bobbers

Wednesday, July 17<sup>th</sup>  
 4:00 - 7:00pm  
 Spoon Lake Fishing Area

Join Maplewood Public Safety personnel for our fishing event at Spoon Lake! Get to know our staff while enjoying the outdoors. Fishing gear, bait, and food will be provided! Prize drawings will also be held.

**Maplewood Public Safety Service**  
 Police Department, Fire Department, Public Safety

**Cabela's** **Joe's** **COSTCO WHOLESALE** **COUNTRY FINANCIAL**  
 Buddy Martin (651) 249-0818



## The benefits of partnerships

By Marylee Abrams, Maplewood Mayor

I continue to marvel at the many partnerships Maplewood has that truly benefit our community. From tackling big projects to accomplishing daily tasks, Maplewood engages in many types of partnerships that improve efficiency and maximize our fiscal resources.

Daily we see the results of mutual aid partnerships with neighboring police and fire departments. This helps each of us expand resources and assist in learning about one another's needs if a major crisis occurs. Our community and staff are safer for the combined efforts.

There are project-based partnerships, such as reconstructing Highway 36. Maplewood and the Minnesota Department of Transportation's combined work lead to the project's completion years ahead of the scheduled timeline. The Rush Line and Gold Line bus rapid transit projects are a great example of the partnership between Maplewood, Metropolitan Council, Ramsey County, the State of Minnesota, and the federal government. The result will be improved connectivity for Maplewood residents and businesses with the greater east metro area.

Our recent partnership with the Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District brought extended value to the City's Wakefield Park upgrade. Maplewood residents identified the

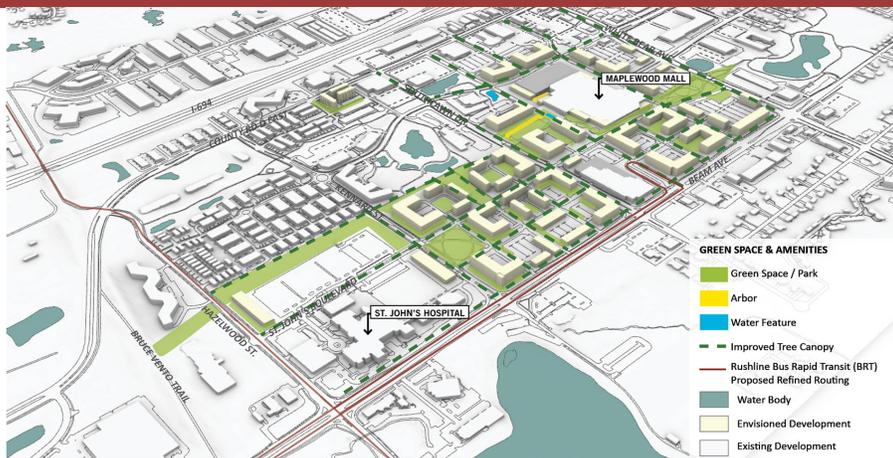
need for a signature park in the Parks Master Plan, which was determined to be Wakefield. Improvements included a community building, better trails, and an additional picnic pavilion.

I was fortunate to have seen this project from the beginning, through the extensive approval process, to cutting the ribbon on the new Wakefield Community Building last month. Staff worked extremely hard on the project. The watershed district helped secure over \$1 million in grants to install rain gardens in the park and other features in the area to improve the water quality of Wakefield Lake, a major park feature.

Our partnership with the YMCA to operate the Maplewood Community Center has helped us expand programming and stopped annual operating losses. Customer satisfaction is rising, it's financially sustainable and the facility is an incredible community asset.

Finally, there are neighborhood partnerships. Maplewood is partnering with Roseville, St. Paul, and Ramsey County to revitalize the Rice Larpenteur neighborhood. Three cities, one county, all intersecting in one location. Everyone working together to benefit Rice Larpenteur will be transformative.

Amazing things can happen when we partner with others. Thank you to all of those collaborating with Maplewood to help improve the quality of life for our residents, businesses and visitors.



### North End Plan | continued

The City's planning partner on the project, Jay Demma from Perkins + Will, says it's attractive to developers when cities take the initiative to conduct market research and engage the community in an overall vision. Proactive planning also gives the city and its residents guidance in how an area will be re-developed instead of a builder forcing its vision onto a community.

Seritage Growth Properties, the holding company that owns the former Sears building on the south end of the mall, has indicated interest in doing something with the property. That combined with other developer interest could bring significant improvements within the next five years.

## Wakefield Park Community Building officially opens

A diverse range of community members joined us on a perfect June evening to officially cut the ribbon at the Wakefield Park Community Building. It will serve as a community hub for city events, host arts and educational programming and is available to community groups and individuals for rental. It features a serving area with a sink and refrigerator.

The building, which also features a warming house, is part of a larger set of upgrades to make Wakefield Maplewood's signature park. Other park improvements include a regulation hockey rink, new picnic pavilion and improved trails. This summer construction will start on an accessible playground to compliment other ADA accessible park features.

Thanks to a partnership with Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District, we've gained funding to add environmental features in the area, such as a filtration system and rain gardens to improve Wakefield Lake water quality.



## Reserve Your Space

### Building Amenities Include:

- A serving and base kitchen facilities with a 40-cup coffee maker, microwave and refrigerator (no oven)
- Facility Supervisor on site
- Tables & chairs (seats 65)
- Chairs only (seats 90)
- Outdoor patio with seating
- Accessible bathrooms
- Basic cleaning supplies and trash receptacles

Currently accepting rental applications. If you'd like to book the facility, go to: [maplewoodmn.gov/1921/Wakefield-Park-Community-Building](http://maplewoodmn.gov/1921/Wakefield-Park-Community-Building) or call (651) 249-2120.



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# Solar Twin Cities

## Pool resources to buy solar

Solar 2.0 is hosting an informational session teaching the basics of solar, its financial implications, and how group buying lowers the cost of solar ownership. Prior to the Solar Power Hour, there will be a free energy bill consultation session.

Join us at the  
Maplewood Community Center  
Heritage Room A  
2100 White Bear Avenue

**Thursday, July 18**

4:30 – 6:30 PM – Free energy bill audits  
Find out how to save up to \$150 a year  
Please RSVP @ [bit.ly/2xaV8iq](http://bit.ly/2xaV8iq)

6:30 – 7:30 PM – Solar Power Hour

More information at: [SolarTwinCities.org](http://SolarTwinCities.org) or call Maplewood Environmental Planner Shann Finwall 651-249-2304

**SAVE THE DATE!**



**OKTOBERFEST**



**ANNUAL FALL FUNDRAISER**

**SATURDAY  
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## Moving dirt, cutting ribbons and remaking smiles

Costco is getting new neighbors. Crews broke ground on Trails Edge of Maplewood, a market-rate housing facility with about 150 apartments. It features a workout room, yoga room, dog park, underground parking, community space, and a three-season cabin.

Elk Ridge Alzheimer's Special Care Center on Beam Avenue officially opened in June.

Renew Anchored Dentures also opened shop along Beam Avenue.

Welcome to all of our new business. If you know of a ribbon cutting, ground breaking or great new business we should feature in Maplewood Living, please let us know. Contact Joe Sheeran, Communications Manager at (651) 249-2061 or [joe.sheeran@MaplewoodMN.gov](mailto:joe.sheeran@MaplewoodMN.gov)



# AUGUST 6TH

## 5pm - 9pm



POLICE • COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

**Register your party online by July 30th**  
**<http://maplewoodmn.gov/NN0signup>**

Partnered with NEU Soccer Club

# FALL SOCCER LEAGUE



One practice and one Saturday morning game a week

**U9/10 and U11/12**

**HAZELWOOD PARK**

Practice begins the week of **August 19**

First game **September 7**

**\$65 Register by August 1 651.249.2111**

One adult volunteer coach need for each team

# SISTERS OF SWING: THE STORY OF THE ANDREWS SISTERS

Conceived and Written by **Beth Gilleland and Bob Beverage**  
Based on an Idea by **Ron Peluso**  
Musical Arrangements and Continuity by **Raymond Berg**

Join us for  
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after the  
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Follow these remarkable women and their winding musical pathway to success which gained them more top 10 hits than the Beatles!

**TICKETS: \$10-\$30**

[www.MaplewoodHistoricalSociety.org](http://www.MaplewoodHistoricalSociety.org)

**FRIDAYS-SUNDAYS @ 7PM, JULY 19-21 & 26-28**

ADA Accessible • (Audio-Description on 7/20)

2170 County Road D East • Maplewood



\*\*This activity is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Metropolitan Regional Arts Council, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund.



# FLAG FOOTBALL LEAGUE

- **TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS, VARIOUS MAPLEWOOD PARKS**
- **JULY 23 - AUGUST 22**
- **BOYS & GIRLS ARE INVITED TO PLAY**
- **2ND/3RD & 4TH/5TH GRADE DIVISIONS**
- **GAME TIMES - 5:30PM OR 6:30PM**
- **FUN, NON-CONTACT SPORT**



**COST: \$65.00** (includes T-shirt)

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JUNE 28**

**\*LEAGUE DEPENDS ON PARENT VOLUNTEERS TO COACH & ASSIST\***

Flag football is one of the fastest growing sports throughout the country. Join us for a five week flag football league, games will begin on July 23rd and coaches will have the ability to host optional practices the week of July 15th. Flag football is a fun, non-contact sport that teaches boys and girls the fundamentals of football, while offering lessons in sportsmanship and teamwork. There will be two divisions offered; grades 2-3 and grades 4-5.



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**Upcoming Events**

**July 24**

**Touch-a-Truck**  
6 – 7:30PM  
MCC/YMCA

**August 6**

**National Night Out**  
Various locations

**August 9**

**Summer Nature Walk**  
9 - 10:30AM  
Nature Center

**August 13**

**Movie at the Farm**  
5:30 – 8:30PM  
Bruentrup Heritage Farm

**August 21**

**End of Summer Celebration**  
6 – 7:30PM  
Edgerton Park

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

**CELEBRATE SUMMER!**

**TOUCH  
TRUCK**

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 24**



**6:00PM - 7:30PM**

**@ MCC/YMCA**

**Touch and Explore Vehicles of all Kinds!**

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