

CITY'S OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

MAPLEWOOD LIVING

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A Fire/EMS plan for the future

By Steve Lukin, Fire Chief and Mike Mondor, Chief of EMS

Maplewood's Fire/EMS Department constantly evaluates our operations and performance to ensure maximum efficiency and service delivery. Based on these evaluations, we have made a number of improvements in the last year, including going to an all full-time department and increasing day-time staffing to better cover peak call hours. As part of this process, we are also considering realigning our fire stations.

While our South fire station is fairly new, both Central (Gladstone) and North (Hazelwood) stations need repairs and renovation. City Council will determine whether we should make the investments needed to keep operating three active fire stations, or whether we can transition to two modern fire stations and sustain our current level of service.



According to analysis by Fitch and Associates, an independent consultant to the City, a two-station system can respond to 96.4 percent of calls within eight minutes, travel time, the standard set by Maplewood for emergency responses. Continuing to operate a third station improves that performance to just 96.8 percent. With an initial cost of \$6.7 million and annual operating costs of at least \$45,000 for each fire station, that is a high price to pay for a very small performance gain.

The Maplewood Fire Department has adequate staff to respond to more than one fire at a time, and we also have mutual aid agreements with surrounding cities.

Based on the independent consultant's analysis, the plan under consideration calls for tearing down the North station and rebuilding a modern facility at the current site, while closing the Central station.

With a full-time staff already on site, the need for multiple stations has been reduced. When communities utilized volunteer (or paid-per-call) responders, stations needed to be close to where those firefighters lived and worked so they could get to stations and gear up quickly.

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Attend one of our two open houses to learn more about the plan:



OPEN HOUSE

June 26

6:00 - 7:00pm

Fire Station 3 (North)
1530 County Road C East

OPEN HOUSE

July 11

6:00 - 7:00pm

Fire Station 1 (South)
600 McKnight Road N

Elected Officials

- Marylee Abrams: Mayor (612) 322-1620
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- Kathleen Juenemann: Councilmember (651) 771-3670
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- Bryan Smith: Councilmember (651) 888-0085
bryan.smith@maplewoodmn.gov
- Bill Knutson: Councilmember (612) 290-9778
bill.knutson@maplewoodmn.gov
- Sylvia Neblett: Councilmember (651) 766-3851
sylvia.neblett@maplewoodmn.gov

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.



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MAPLEWOOD

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JUNE 12

6:00PM - 7:30PM
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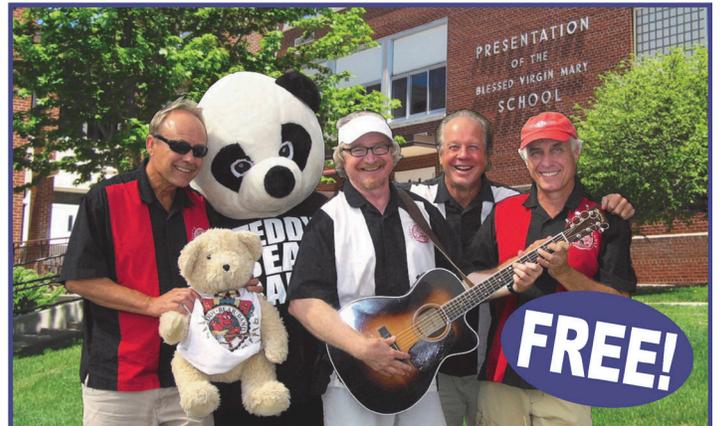
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NINJA WARRIOR OBSTACLE COURSE
FOAM AXE THROWING
GIANT BAGS TOSS • BASEBALL SPEED PITCH
5 AND UNDER INFLATABLE ZONE

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The Teddy Bear Band

is coming and you're in the show!

Thurs, June 27th 6:15-7:15pm (Rain or Shine)
Presentation School 1695 Kennard St, Maplewood
BYOTB Bring your own Teddy Bear or stuffed animal
Local food trucks will be on site



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Excited to be on a progressive team

By Bill Knutson, Maplewood Councilmember

My wife and I have lived in Maplewood for 35 years, raising a family of three boys and working in the city for 21 years. We have enjoyed every aspect of Maplewood, especially the open space and parks.

My first work in Maplewood involved acquiring the land to build and develop St. John's Hospital and campus. I had an office in the Hazelwood School building, now First Evangelical Free Church. Later, I served as St. John's Administrator until launching a consulting business in 2002.

While I'm a new member on council, I've been working with the city a long time. At St. Johns, I presented development and business opportunities that required city and council approval. Working with the City, I've generally found council and staff receptive to businesses' needs to develop and grow. It has always balanced that with citizens' rights, an eye on maintaining open space, and environmental stewardship.

I began working more closely with the City several years ago, as a member of the EMS task force. The Fire/EMS Department was looking to maintain efficient staffing and response times to a growing demand for emergency medical calls. With the help of an independent consultant, we identified a number of ways to ensure effective service delivery, which included going to our current all full-time department model.

Through that work, I learned more about the City's duty to serve community safety while managing personnel, equipment and financial resources. This engagement sparked my interest to apply for the open city council position.

Friends ask what it is like to be a city councilmember. I answer that it is very different to be on the other side of the podium! I also describe the complexity of running a city and the incredible sense of stewardship and skill the city employees exhibit.

I am enthused to be involved with an active, progressive city staff that mixes technology and personal community engagement to better serve residents. I recently participated in a planning retreat where we reviewed the strategic priorities and updated the 2019 action plan. It's an aggressive and bold set of steps to move Maplewood forward.

The City is also involved in several development projects, including reimagining the North End around the Maplewood Mall, creating modern uses for the Frost Avenue corridor, and working with public and private partners to optimize public transportation. These are signs of a progressive city and I look forward to assisting the Planning Commission and Design Review Board on this work.

I feel that my career in health care management and development will serve as an asset for the city. I'm committed to using that professional and personal experience to listen to community concerns and ideas and be a steward of Maplewood City resources.

This is no longer the case and is a model that is shifting in other communities. Most suburbs in Maplewood's peer group operate no more than two fire stations, including Roseville (1), White Bear Lake (2), Oakdale (2) and North St. Paul (1).

In June, the City will host two open houses so residents can learn more about the proposal and weigh in on the plan. You can also get more information by calling the City of Maplewood at 651-249-2000 or going to Maplewoodmn.gov and clicking "Public Safety."

We are also running a survey for residents to provide their feedback online. Please take a few minutes to respond by going to Polco.us/Maplewood.

Maplewood Fire and EMS is committed to providing effective emergency response while maintaining fiscal responsibility which is why we have examined this issue so closely. The analysis conducted by Fitch and Associates established a road map for the future of service delivery in the City of Maplewood.

Whether staying with three station or moving to two stations the men and women who make up the Maplewood Fire/EMS Department will continue their commitment in providing the highest level of service to those in need.

Take a minute to fill out the station realignment survey: polco.us/maplewood



Maplewood Business Council Meeting LEGISLATIVE SESSION DEBRIEF

June 27, 7:30am

Maplewood YMCA Community Center
2100 White Bear Ave

Acting as the only divided legislature in the country, Minnesota Legislators passed a lot of compromise positions this year. Come hear about what did and didn't change that can impact business leaders in Maplewood, including the healthcare provider tax, education investments, transit and transportation funding, and other initiatives.

Please join us for this opportunity to meet with and hear from state lawmakers who represent our area.

The event is free, but please register at: bit.ly/2Hr1gIm

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Light It Up Maplewood!

July 4th 4-10PM
at Hazelwood Park

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DATES: JUNE 17 - JUNE 20

AGES 2-3 9:00AM - 10:10AM

AGES 4-5 10:15AM - 11:30AM

AGES 6-7 11:45AM - 1:00PM

COST:
\$75.00

LIL' SLUGGERS PRESCHOOL BASEBALL/SOFTBALL CAMP

AT GETHSEMANE FIELDS

Week long camp with age specific sessions for players of all abilities. Players will learn/build on the skills of hitting, throwing, fielding, and running. All participants will receive a camp t-shirt.

NINJA WARRIOR CAMP

AT CONQUER NINJA GYM IN WOODBURY



Have you ever dreamed of being a Ninja Warrior? The Ninja Warrior Summer Camp is for YOU! Campers will run obstacle courses, play games, and have a ton of fun!

AGES: 8 - 13
TIME: 9:00AM - 12:00PM

SESSION 1: JUNE 24 - JUNE 27
SESSION 2: JULY 29 - AUGUST 1

COST:
\$150.00



MONDAYS, JULY 8 - AUGUST 12

AGES 4-6 5:30PM - 6:30PM

AGES 7-9 6:30PM - 7:30PM

COST:
\$55.00

YOUTH SOCCER CLINIC

AT HAZELWOOD PARK

This co-rec clinic is designed for beginner players and will teach the basic skills of soccer with drills, group games, and scrimmaging. Clinic t-shirt included.

SUMMER SPORTS CAMP

AT CARVER COMMUNITY GYM

This camp will introduce campers to different sports/activities each day and will teach them the basics with fun drills, games, and activities. Snacks will be served in the afternoon. **BRING:** lunch, gym clothes, and tennis shoes.



AGES: 7-12
TIME: 9:00AM - 4:00PM

SESSION 1: JULY 8 - JULY 12
SESSION 2: AUGUST 5 - AUGUST 9

COST:
\$160.00

How do I register?

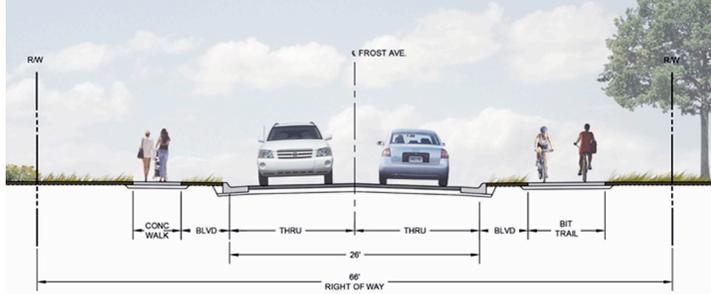
By Phone: 651.249.2111

In Person: Maplewood Parks & Rec, 1902 County Boad B East

Online: <https://apm.activecommunities.com/Maplewoodmn/Home>



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Frost Avenue Street Improvements

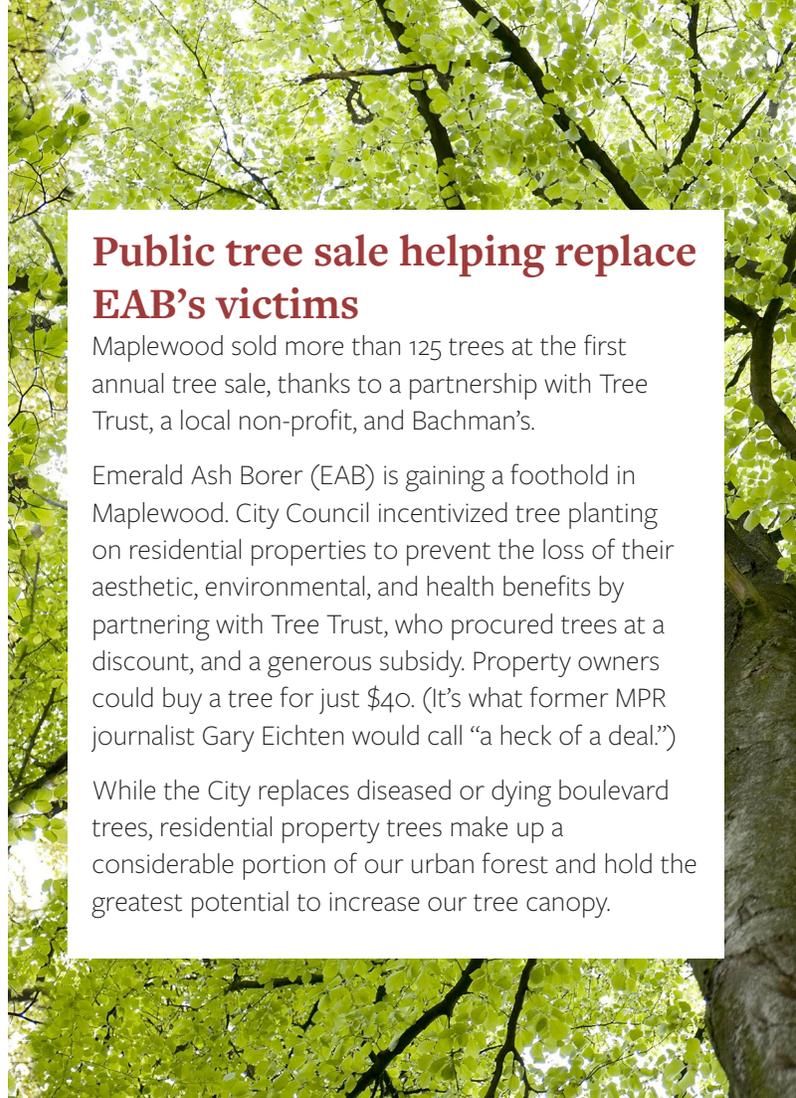
By Steve Love, Public Works Director

Frost Avenue from White Bear Avenue to English Street will be under construction this summer. The project includes the reconstruction and narrowing of Frost Avenue, underground utility upgrades, construction of trails and sidewalks along Frost Avenue, and improvements to Wakefield Park that will help with the water quality of Wakefield Lake.

The first phase of this project will take place between White Bear Avenue and Prosperity Road. This section of Frost Avenue will be closed to through traffic. During this time a detour route of White Bear Avenue to Larpenteur Avenue to English Street will be available and signed.

Open for Business

Throughout the construction project local businesses on Frost Avenue, such as Borchert's Meat Market, will be open and accessible. The best way to reach them will be from English Street to Frost Avenue.



Public tree sale helping replace EAB's victims

Maplewood sold more than 125 trees at the first annual tree sale, thanks to a partnership with Tree Trust, a local non-profit, and Bachman's.

Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is gaining a foothold in Maplewood. City Council incentivized tree planting on residential properties to prevent the loss of their aesthetic, environmental, and health benefits by partnering with Tree Trust, who procured trees at a discount, and a generous subsidy. Property owners could buy a tree for just \$40. (It's what former MPR journalist Gary Eichten would call "a heck of a deal.")

While the City replaces diseased or dying boulevard trees, residential property trees make up a considerable portion of our urban forest and hold the greatest potential to increase our tree canopy.



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Protect our waterways, Adopt-A-Drain

By Angie Hong, Senior Water Resource Education Specialist, Washington Conservation District and Sage Passi, Watershed Education Specialist, Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District

Weaver Elementary fourth graders hit the neighborhood around Wakefield Lake last month dropping off more than 400 door hangers, urging residents to Adopt-A-Drain. The initiative, aimed at protecting area lakes, rivers, and wetlands, has just launched in the Twin Cities. Residents in the seven-county metro area and Rochester are invited to “adopt” a storm drain by committing to keep it clear of leaves, trash, and other debris.

Guided by the Maplewood Nature Center staff and with help from the Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed, the day of service also included exploring the park near the lake and studying the birds and animals that live there and cleaning along the shoreline.

Storm drains help to protect neighborhoods against flooding, but they also flow to rivers, lakes and wetlands, carrying debris off our streets and polluting nearby water bodies. Most cities use street sweepers to help keep streets clean, but these machines are expensive and usually run only a few times per year. Residents can help do their part by spending a few minutes each month clearing their nearest storm drains and sweeping up leaves, dirt and garbage in the street in front of their homes.

Leaves and litter left on Maplewood streets find their way to Lake Phalen, Kohlman Lake, Keller Lake, Beaver Lake, Fish Creek, Kohlman Creek and Keller Creek.

Adopt-a-Drain was developed by Metro Watershed Partners, a coalition of more than 70 Twin Cities-area public, private, and nonprofit organizations, that works together to inspire people to protect water quality in their communities.

According to Jana Larson, a staff member at Hamline University who has played a lead role in developing Adopt-a-Drain, Minnesota’s program is the largest in the nation. Several other large cities are piloting similar programs Houston, Oakland, New Orleans, Norfolk – but Minnesota’s is the only program that includes more than one city and, in typical Minnesota fashion, already has more volunteers signed up than in any other location. “People really become attached to their drains,” Larson laughs, “Many have even named them.”

To learn more about the program and adopt a drain in your neighborhood, visit Adopt-a-Drain.org.

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Edgerton Gardens Community Celebration and ribbon Cutting

Tuesday, June 25 from 6:00 – 7:30PM

The City made significant upgrades at the Edgerton Community Garden this off season, enhancing ADA-accessibility and improving water access to the gardens.

Help us celebrate these improvements and the garden’s 10-year anniversary. Festivities include:

- Ribbon cutting (6:30pm)
- Garden Tour of plots
- Pollinator planting (7:00pm)
- Scavenger hunt, art craft station, refreshments





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Upcoming Events

June 7

Music in the Barn

5:30 – 8:30PM
Bruentrup Heritage Farm

June 12

Celebrate Summer Maplewood

Summer Challenge
6-7:30PM
Afton Heights Park

June 13

Grand Opening

Wakefield Park
Community Building
6-7:30PM

June 18

Movie at the Barn

5:30 – 8:30PM
Bruentrup Heritage Farm

June 22

Plant Bioblitz

10am – Noon
Nature Center

June 25

Edgerton Community Garden

Ribbon Cutting
6-7:30PM
Edgerton Park

July 4

Light it Up

4th of July
Celebration
4-10pm
Hazelwood Park

Go to **MaplewoodMN.gov**.

Our home page calendar has details on upcoming events.

Summer Nature Walks Maplewood Nature Center

Hike with a naturalist to learn more about the plants, trees and animals in our community. There's a good chance you'll even meet a few critters along the way.

Friday, July 19
9:00AM - 10:30AM

Register online by July 18
Somali translation available

Friday, August 9
9:00AM - 10:30AM

Register online by August 6
Spanish translation available



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