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# MAPLEWOOD LIVING

JANUARY 2020



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Every year the Maplewood Nature Center, with help from Friends of the Nature Center, offers hands-on, outdoor natural education for nearly 3,000 area school children. The opportunity comes at a heavily discounted cost to students who would otherwise not have an opportunity to learn about the plants, animals and waterways in their community from professional naturalists.

Your generous donation will allow the Nature Center to continue this program without raising cost for the students. Consider sponsoring a group of students or a whole class.

- 4 students at \$25
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- 12 students at \$75
- A class at \$100

Donate online at: [bit.ly/Nature-Explorers](https://bit.ly/Nature-Explorers)

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## Frequently Called Numbers

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- Parks and 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.



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# Council Corner: What's coming in 2020

By Marylee Abrams, Maplewood Mayor

Elected officials are typically criticized over governing for the next election. I'd like to think my Maplewood colleagues and I are governing, as the rest of that saying goes, for the next generation.

In 2019, Maplewood completed several projects that will set the city up well for the next generation.

- We've opened a beautiful lake-front community gathering space at Wakefield Park.
- Frost Avenue, which leads to the park, is fully reconstructed with improved bike and pedestrian safety features and grass buffering, which will help filter storm water runoff into Wakefield Lake.
- And now, I have a great answer for a question that comes often -- What's going on with the mall? The North End Vision, which council approved this summer, reimagines the area as a vibrant mix of retail, entertainment, medical facilities, and residential units to sustain this commercial hub well into the future.

Just as these past accomplishments involved collaborations among community members, the private sector and regional partners, achieving goals for 2020 and beyond will take strong regional alliances.

Working with property owners, Metro Transit and others, we must determine what's feasible for carrying out the first phase of North End redevelopment.

Another project I'm excited to see moving into a new stage is the Rice – Larpenteur Alliance. We've partnered with St. Paul, Roseville and Ramsey County on a re-vitalization plan for the area and spent the last year, getting to know key community members, business owners and other grassroots leaders. By this time next year, with guidance from those stakeholders, we

should be seeing gradual progress to the streetscape some of the vision's proposed developments start to unfold.

Our public safety department and parks and recreation department will continue their block party outreach events, where we collaborate with entities like Ramsey County and Metro Transit to bring resources directly to the community.

Parks and recreation will start master planning for several parks to ensure they remain attractive, vibrant and physically accessible to all community members.

Perhaps the most critical asset for the next generation is the continued modernization of Maplewood's Fire/EMS department. Did you know that more than 85% of their calls are for medical emergencies and that all of our Firefighter/Paramedics have significant medical training?

You'll see updates on all of these issues here in Maplewood Living, on our website and social media channels. I'll also have a more detailed rundown at the **2020 State of Maplewood Luncheon**, January 15, 11am-1pm at the



Maplewood YMCA Community Center.

I'd like to wish everyone a safe and Happy New Year.

Register for the state of Maplewood:

<https://bit.ly/33TktMo>

Register Now for the

**State of Maplewood Luncheon and Mayoral Address**

Featuring keynote speaker Superintendent Christine Osorio

Wednesday, January 15, 11am-1pm  
Maplewood YMCA Community Center



## Census Bureau hiring in the Maplewood area

**A variety of positions available; make up to \$22.00/hour**

The Census Bureau will need hundreds of people across Minnesota to help with the decennial count. Ensuring every Minnesotan is accurately counted is critical to maintaining our eight Congressional seats, and federal funding for dozens of programs and infrastructure projects.

### Positions include:

- Clerks and office staff
- Census takers and field supervisors
- Recruiting outreach

### Apply now:

[2020census.gov/en/jobs](https://2020census.gov/en/jobs)

### Minimum qualifications:

- Be at least 18 years old by April 1, 2020
- Have a valid social security number
- Be a U.S. citizen
- Have a valid email address
- Pass a U.S. Census criminal background check
- Be registered with Selective Service



## Minnesota voters have a new 2020 Presidential Nomination Primary system

Here are your voting options in Maplewood for the March 3rd presidential nomination primary:

- In-person Absentee Voting: January 17 through March 2 -- Maplewood City Hall (Or at Ramsey County Elections, 90 Plato Blvd W.)
- Mail-In Absentee Voting through Ramsey County
- Early Voting: Feb 25 through March 2 -- Locations TBD
- Primary Election Day: March 3, 2020 -- Your precinct polling location

Minnesota legislators established a presidential nomination primary (PNP) in 2016 to replace the presidential caucus. The last time Minnesota had a PNP was 1992, 28 years ago. Precinct caucuses for other elected offices will still take place on Feb 25, 2020.

Additional information can be found on the Secretary of State website.

### Important rules and notices:

- Voting will only be for presidential candidates from a major party.
- Each major political party will have a separate ballot.
- A voter must request the ballot of the party of their choice. If a voter refuses to select a party, they will not be able to vote in the PNP. A voter's party choice is private data and will only be provided to the chair of each major political party.

### Other significant dates:

- Presidential Nomination Primary (PNP) – March 3, 2020
- State Primary Election – August 11, 2020
- State/Presidential General Election – November 3, 2020

# Winter Dance Classes with Mayer Arts

Wakefield Park Community Building • 1860 Hazelwood Street

\*Scholarships available to qualifying Maplewood residents\*



## **Wish Upon A Ballet (Ages 3-5)**

**Mondays, February 3 - June 1**

5:15PM - 6:00PM (No Classes Feb. 17, Mar. 9, & May 25)

Cost is \$160.00

## **Hip Hop and Tap (Ages 5-8)**

**Mondays, February 3 - June 1**

6:00PM - 7:00PM (No Classes Feb. 17, Mar. 9, & May 25)

Cost is \$170.00

## **Ballet and Tap (Ages 9-14)**

**Mondays, February 3 - June 1**

7:00PM - 8:00PM (No Classes Feb. 17, Mar. 9, & May 25)

Cost is \$170.00



## **\*\*NEW\*\* Dance with Me (Ages 18 months-4 Years)**

**Tuesdays, February 11 - May 26**

5:15PM - 5:45PM (No Class Mar. 10)

Cost is \$160.00

## **Pre-Ballet and Tap (Ages 3-5)**

**Tuesdays, February 11 - May 26**

5:45PM - 6:30PM (No Class Mar. 10)

Cost is \$160.00



## **Ballet and Tap (Ages 6-9)**

**Tuesdays, February 11 - May 26**

6:30PM - 7:30PM (No Class Mar. 10)

Cost is \$170.00

## **Hip Hop (Ages 7-12)**

**Tuesdays, February 11 - May 26**

7:30PM - 8:15PM (No Class Mar. 10)

Cost is \$160.00

### **How do I register for a Maplewood Parks & Recreation program?**

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>





## Get involved with the Maplewood Nature Camera Club

Come to our next educational event or join one of our guided photography explorations.

### Chasing Lights, with John Davis

Monday, January 27, 6:30 – 8:30 pm  
Maplewood Library

When John Davis isn't chasing wildlife, he chases lights, northern lights, celestial events, astrophotography, and star trails. His recent focus has been lightning. He'll address storm chasing techniques, including keeping safe. He'll also cover his favorite tools and camera settings.

RSVP by January 24 by emailing  
[maplewoodnaturephoto@gmail.com](mailto:maplewoodnaturephoto@gmail.com)

### Tentative Winter/Spring 2020 Schedule:

**Saturday, February 22, 1 – 3 pm:** Christa Rittberg, Snowshoeing and Snow Photography at Joy Park (Guided photography event) Meet at the Nature Center at 12:30 pm for snow shoes.

**Monday, March 23, 6:30 - 8:30 pm:** John Anderson, Springtime Owls, at Maplewood Nature Center (Conversation with the photographer)

**Saturday, April 25, 1 - 3 pm:** Maplewood Nature Center (Guided photography event)

**Saturday, May 16, 1 – 3 pm:** Wildflower walk in Joy Park, led by Ginny Gaynor (Guided photography event)

*\*The Maplewood Nature Camera Club (MNCC) is a volunteer group (with help from professional naturalists) dedicated to nature photography in Maplewood.*

*All Camera Club programs are free and open to the public.*



## Residential Christmas tree collection

Residents with trash service through the Maplewood Trash Plan are eligible for one free Christmas tree pick up.

Republic Services will collect natural trees the weeks of January 6th, 13th, and 20th.

**Remove lights and ornaments.**

**Place tree at curb on trash day.**

**Do not wrap tree in a plastic bag.**

Contact Republic Services for more information at (651) 455-8634.



# Holiday Tea

at the Bruentrup Heritage Farm

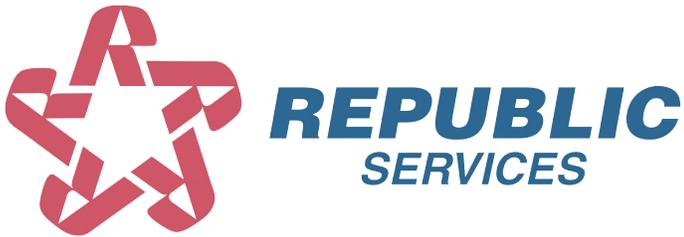
Hosted by the Maplewood Area Historical Society  
At the Bruentrup Heritage Farm  
2170 East County Road D  
Maplewood, MN

**Saturday, January 11, 2020**  
Seatings at 11:30 am & 2:30 pm  
Tickets \$35.00  
(Service fees and taxes not included)

The theme is:  
**Celebrating Your Ancestry**

Bring a photo of yourself when you were age 5-21

For reservations visit:  
[MaplewoodHistoricalSociety.org](http://MaplewoodHistoricalSociety.org)  
For more information call Raydelle at 651-426-4718



## Maplewood trash bills

Republic Services' December/January trash bill (billed in two-month increments) is causing some confusion for residents who have trash service through the Maplewood Trash Plan. To clear things up, the December 2019 portion of the bill reflects the price for the old contract, which expired at the end of December. The January 2020 portion of the bill represents pricing under the new contract.

The price increase is due in part to the trash haulers losing their tipping fee rebate. The Recycling and Energy (R&E) Center in Newport used to be privately owned and there would be a rebate to haulers for disposing trash at the facility instead of bringing it to a landfill. Now that it is owned by Ramsey and Washington Counties the law has changed and the haulers have to bring the trash to the R&E Center. Money earmarked for the rebate will be used to reduce overall waste and increase reuse and recycling. This will support healthy communities and help meet the state goal of a 75% recycling rate.

Maplewood had a competitive bidding process for the new contract with six proposals received. Republic Services offered the city the best value in terms of price, environmental considerations, and service among other criteria. Maplewood still offers residents one of the most competitive trash hauling prices in the metro.

Here is a comparison of the 2019 and 2020 two-month pricing:

Size and Collection	2019 Rates	2020 Rates
	Billed Every Two Months. Includes all taxes and fees.	
20 gallon every other week	\$14.30	\$24.86
20 gallon weekly	\$19.56	\$27.26
32 gallon weekly	\$22.72	\$30.14
65 gallon weekly	\$25.84	\$37.84
95 gallon weekly	\$29.32	\$45.50

maplewoodmn.gov/trash

## Ballroom Dance

WAKEFIELD PARK COMMUNITY BUILDING • 1860 HAZELWOOD ST

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, 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**

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• 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>



## FLOOR HOCKEY LEAGUE

AT EDGERTON COMMUNITY GYM

**Game Times:**  
 K - 1st: 10AM  
 2nd - 3rd: 11AM  
 4th - 5th: 12PM

**Cost: \$55.00**

**SATURDAYS, MARCH 21 - MAY 2**  
(NO CLASS APRIL 11)

This league teaches the basic floor hockey skills and promotes cooperation and the value of sportsmanship. Participants will play every position during the season. Volunteer parents needed for each team to assist in game play and substitutions.

For more information call 651-249-2121.

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MARCH 6**  
(Leagues are combined grades of K-1, 2-3, 4-5)

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## Snowshoe Hike and Animal Tracking

(Adults, Ages 6+ with adult)

**Saturday, January 18, 10:00AM-11:30AM**

Maplewood Nature Center

Learn how to walk, run, and turn around on snowshoes.  
Identify animal tracks and other signs of wildlife

Dress in layers and wear winter boots.

\$5 per person includes snowshoe rental and cider

## Upcoming Events

January  
11

Luminary Workshop  
Nature Center  
10:30am-3pm

January  
15

State of Maplewood Luncheon  
Maplewood YMCA  
11am - 1pm

January  
16

Conversation with Constituents  
Roseville City Hall  
6:30-8:30

January  
17

Luminary Hike  
Nature Center  
6:30-8:00pm

January  
17

Chasing Lights, photography lesson,  
Maplewood Library  
6:30 - 8:30 pm

February  
13

Valentine's Day Fun Hour  
Wakefield Park Building  
6:15 - 7:15pm

Go to **MaplewoodMN.gov**.

Our home page calendar has details on upcoming events.