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Climate Adaption Plan Update

Kathleen Junnenman, Councilmember

It's been a lot of work, but after nearly three years, City staff is preparing to introduce a climate adaptation plan to council for review.

The adaptation strategies add to our ongoing carbon cutting, greenhouse gas reduction, and natural resources protection efforts by implementing policies to help people and places reduce their vulnerability to climate impacts.

Here are some examples of what it looks like in practice, as it relates to extreme weather events.

In the last 50 years, our region has experienced three additional days annually above 95 degrees. At that temperature, the body stops self-cooling. In a case like this, climate adaptation strategies include growing our tree canopy to reduce the need for air conditioning, incentivizing installation of solar panels to cut air conditioning costs, increasing public health capacity to educate and treat people vulnerable to heat stroke.

More severe storms could cause flooding and other property damage. Strategies to deal with this include helping residents secure tools needed for cleanup and ramping up police, fire, and public works capacity to restore infrastructure.

Including extreme heat and weather there are eight impact areas the plan addresses:

- Health and safety
- Flooding and water quality
- Air quality
- Greenspace and ecosystem health
- Local food and agriculture
- Climate economy
- Adaptation capacity

The plan will allow us to put plans and policies in place to help people and businesses either avoid catastrophic climate change outcomes, or empower them to recover faster.

In coordination with Maplewood-based paleBLUEdot, we secured a grant from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency in 2018 to start working on the plan. Our work group included several key City staff, myself as the city council representative, the City's Environmental and Natural Resources Commission, Xcel Energy, Ramsey County and community members. We also attended a series of city gatherings (pre-COVID-19). This included small group listening sessions and a survey.



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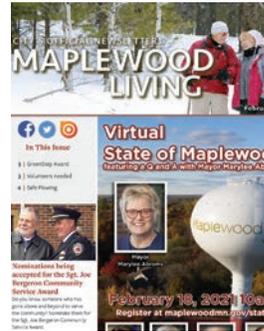
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Frequently Called Numbers

- City Hall (651) 249-2000
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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 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.

Big Red Barn Sale



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

Saturday, May 1, 2021
11am - 4pm

40+ Vendors!

New & Vintage, hand-made art, crafts, estate & garage sale items
 Deep fried tacos + more!

Live Country & 50's Music

* Masks required in barn. Rules pertaining to COVID-19 restrictions will apply. Maximum capacity of 250 people.*

www.MaplewoodHistoricalSociety.org
For more info call Mary at 651-330-3862



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Getting Ready for Spring Lawn Care

After you admire the spring crocuses and daffodils in April, it's time to start tending to your lawn and garden. Here are some options for managing your yard waste:

Manage Your Yard Waste Responsibly:

Don't place your yard waste in the trash or blow or rake your leaves or yard waste in the street.

Seasonal Yard Waste Collection:

Residents with City trash service through Republic Services can subscribe to seasonal yard waste collection. From April 1 through November 30 yard waste is collected weekly in a 95 gallon cart, plus up to five compostable bags outside of the cart. The cost is \$124.80 per season (\$15.60 per month). Contact Republic Services at 651-455-8634 to set up the yard waste subscription.

Ramsey County Yard Waste Collection Site:

Bring your yard waste to a Ramsey County collection site for free. Visit RamseyRecycles.com/YardWaste or call 651-633-EASY (3279) for locations, hours, and a list of accepted items (not all sites accept branches or shrubs).

Back Yard Composting:

Home lawn, garden waste, and kitchen food scraps can be composted in small quantities on a residential lot. Ensure your compost is at least five feet from the side or rear property line, and not in the front yard to comply with City code.

Pollinator Friendly Yards:

Use your leaves and chipped wood as mulch. Consider keeping some leaves, standing flower stems (8 – 18" high), branches, and logs in yards for pollinator nesting sites.



Compost Bin and Rain Barrel Sale

Pre-Order Online at:

RecycleMinnesota.org/compost-bins-rain-barrels

Pick up on Saturday, May 1, 2021, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Ramsey County Parks and Recreation Department
(2015 Van Dyke Street)

The Recycling Association of Minnesota and Ramsey County are offering 100% recycled product compost bins and rain barrels at a discounted priced. Compost bins are \$66 plus tax (enter promo code "Ramsey" to get a \$20 discount). Rain barrels are \$79 plus tax.

Join the League of Women
Voters Climate Action Town Hall



**April 20, 2021
6:30-8:00 PM
Via Zoom**

Ramsey County mayors will discuss what their cities are doing to address climate change. You'll hear about their proudest climate and natural resources protection achievements.



Register at: maplewoodmn.gov/lwvclimate

Images courtesy of Cities of Lauderdale, Little Canada

*Earth Week
Clean-up
4/18-4/24*



PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRACTICE
SAFE SOCIAL DISTANCING

PLALKING for EARTH WEEK!

Maplewood Parks and Recreation is encouraging people to go plalking (picking up litter while walking) during Earth Week April 18th – 24th. It's a fun way to do something great for your community while getting in some exercise at the same time. Remember to wear gloves and take your trash bag with you or place it in a designated container. Thank you for helping keep Maplewood Parks and Open Spaces beautiful. Happy Plalking!

How do I contact Maplewood Parks & Recreation?

By Phone: 651.249.2111

By Email: recreationonline@maplewoodmn.gov





MAPLEWOOD Spring Clean Up

Saturday, April 17, 2021

8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Aldrich Arena (1850 White Bear Avenue)

As a service to Maplewood residents, the City provides the opportunity to dispose of or recycle residential bulky items during the annual Spring Clean Up event.

Fees charged per vehicle load (not per item) as follows:

- \$10 - Car
- \$10 - SUV
- \$20 - Pick Up Truck
- \$30 - Trailer
- \$40 - Trailer (over 8 feet long)
- Shredding/HH Hazardous Waste free

Payment in the form of cash or check made out to the City of Maplewood.

Household Hazardous Waste Loads Only

Ramsey County offers free HHW collection at Aldrich Arena every Friday and Saturday in April. If you have HHW only, enter the HHW express lane during the event, or visit Aldrich Arena during other collection days in April. (Learn more at www.RamseyRecycles.com/HHW)

The Spring Clean Up is offered to Maplewood residents only. Keep the Spring Clean Up a Covid-19-safe event by staying home if you are sick, wearing a mask at the event, staying in your vehicle as much as possible, and ensuring a six-foot social distance.

Additional information at www.maplewoodmn.gov/cleanups or by contacting Shann Finwall, Environmental Planner, 651-249-2304, shann.finwall@maplewoodmn.gov.

Items accepted include:

- Appliances
- Bicycles (Any Condition)
- Bulky Metals
- Car and Pick-Up Truck Tires and Rims
- Carpet and Carpet Pad (Any Condition)
- Demo
- Documents for Shredding
- Electronics (With and Without a Screen)
- Furniture that Cannot be Reused
- Household Hazardous Waste
- Mattresses and Box Springs
- Municipal Solid Waste
- Reusable Clothing and Shoes
- Small Engines

Food and Cash Drive for Merrick Community Services and Local Food Shelves

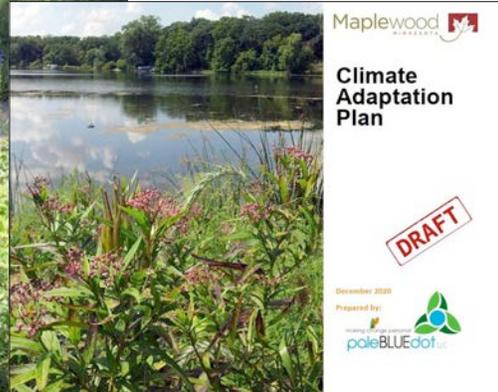
Top items needed include cooking oils and vinegars, spices, cooking sauces, proteins, grains, and monetary contributions.



In mid-March we previewed the plan with a group of community members, stakeholders and a representative from the business community. I'm proud of this work and of our draft plan. I'm excited to share it with my fellow council members at a May workshop for their review and input. By this summer we're hoping to start working with partners on implementation. This work is especially important because fewer than 10 of Minnesota's local governments

have such a plan in place. Becoming an early adopter reinforces Maplewood as an environmental leader in the state.

You can view the plan here maplewoodmn.gov/climateadaptation



Join our community discussion on Human Trafficking

Hosted by Maplewood's Multicultural Advisory Committee
with speakers from the BCA and Tubman

Wednesday, April 14th
6pm – 7:30pm

Virtually via Zoom
Join us at Maplewoodmn.gov/Trafficking

The discussion will include:

- *Prevalence of trafficking*
- *Identifying and responding to human trafficking*
- *Understanding issues that make people vulnerable to trafficking*
- *Local resources for help*





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BATTLE OF THE BADGES Blood Drive

COVID-19 school and business closures have caused the cancelation of many blood drives, leading to significantly reduced blood supplies.



Maplewood Fire & Police Department



**Maplewood Mall
Thursday, April 15, 2021
1pm - 7pm**

Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit redcrossblood.org and enter:

Battle to schedule an appointment.

Contact Ching Lo at (651) 249-2801 with questions

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Upcoming Events

APRIL
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Community Discussion on Human Trafficking
via Zoom, 6 - 7:30pm

APRIL
15

Battle of the Badges Blood Drive
Registration required, see page 7

APRIL
17

Spring Cleanup
Aldrich Arena
8am - 1pm

APRIL
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Women Voters Climate Action Town Hall
via Zoom, 6:30 - 8pm

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

Covid-19 safety protocols will be followed.