

CITY'S OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

# MAPLEWOOD LIVING

February 2020



## Council Corner: Convening the faith community

By Marylee Abrams, Mayor and Sylvia Neblett, Councilmember

When natural disasters or critical incidents strike a community, houses of worship are among the many service organizations that step up to help backfill lost services, comfort people in need and provide a sense of restoration. Some spring into action because their congregants are impacted. Others are called on to help.



As mayor and councilmember, we wanted to ensure a more proactive, coordinated effort for engaging the faith community was in place during a time of crisis. In January we held the first of what we're anticipating will be a series of meetings discussing how to best collaborate with the faith community in both times of crisis and with routine needs.

Just as our community is diverse, a variety of faiths participated in this initial gathering, representing more than 17 different houses of worship. This was one of the first times the city had invited them to engage in proactive planning and one of the first times faith leaders gathered with each other. It was awesome to see these leaders talking to each other not just listening to us.

We all recognized a willingness to cooperate, identify each other's strengths and pool resources. For example, one congregation offers extensive grief counseling and was willing to open that opportunity to members of other houses of worship. Another offers services for those suffering from domestic violence and offered its resources to the other members of the group.

We have one church that is growing and looking for more space, while another has plenty of space and is willing to share facilities.

One disturbing commonality is the fear around mass shootings at worship services. After a series of nationwide attacks on people of faith, those gathered wanted more information about securing their services.

Overall this first meeting was extremely positive. We are excited about the process of building a better structured action network. Moving forward we asked the leaders to reach out to their faith networks to ensure everyone who serves a mission to support people's spiritual needs has a seat at this table. If you weren't able to make the first meeting reach out to one of us. We hope to see you at our next meeting in April.



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- 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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## Pastries & Painting

**WITH VANESSA MERRY OF MERRY TIME ARTS**  
**WAKEFIELD PARK COMMUNITY BUILDING, 1860 HAZELWOOD ST.**  
**FRIDAYS, 10:00AM - 1:00PM**

**Session 2: February 7th - North St. Paul Snowman**  
**Session 3: March 13th - Stillwater Bridge**  
**Session 4: April 24th - Duluth Lift Bridge**

Join us for coffee, pastries, and painting. This class offers you the opportunity to create your own works of art and to socialize with others. Enjoy coffee and pastries while completing your masterpiece.

**Cost: \$40 per session, adults only.**

### How do I register?

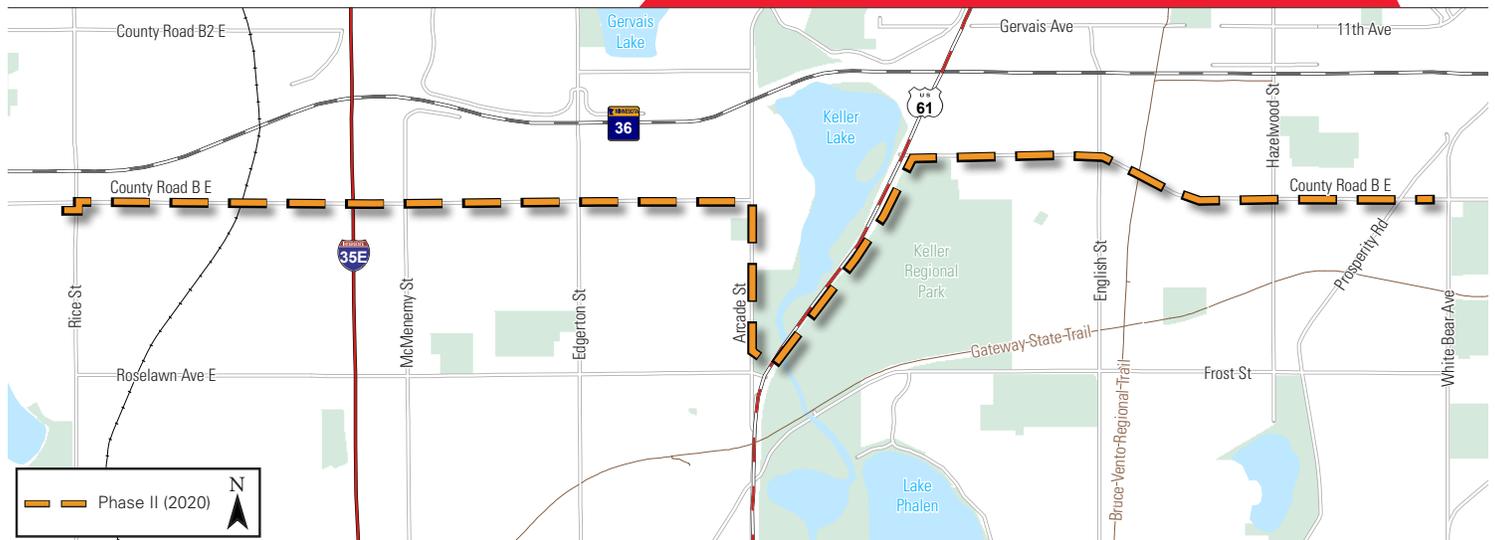
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By Phone: 651.249.2111

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



# NORTHEAST METRO NATURAL GAS PROJECT



## Construction activities in your area

Construction activities will take place through fall 2020. To receive the latest construction information, visit our website, call our hotline or email our team.



Please join us at the Northeast Metro Natural Gas Project public open house to learn about the project, expected construction schedule and anticipated traffic control measures. We want to keep you informed.

**Date:** Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2020  
**Time:** 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. (open house)  
**Place:** Maplewood Community Center

2100 White Bear Ave.  
Maplewood, MN 55109



Xcel Energy will replace approximately eight miles of natural gas line in Ramsey County. Construction began in 2019, and the second phase of construction will occur in 2020. Construction activities will take place in County Road B between Prosperity Road and Rice Street (see map on side).

This year's construction activities are expected to begin in spring 2020 and be completed fall 2020. Please note that the project schedule is subject to change.

- Visit: [XcelEnergyNEMetroGasProject.com](https://www.xcelenergy.com/nemetrogasproject)
- Call: **833.676.4369**
- Email: [Info@XcelEnergyNEMetroGasProject.com](mailto:Info@XcelEnergyNEMetroGasProject.com)



## JOIN THE 2020 CENSUS TEAM

### Last chance to apply for Census positions in the our area

Make up to \$22.00/hour, flexible scheduling

The Census Bureau will hire hundreds across Ramsey County 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)

**Keep an eye on the mail box! Census post cards will be mailed early March.**

You can fill the census out via paper form, online, phone or going to a Questionnaire Assistance Center. There will be several locations across Ramsey County, including Maplewood Library.

Go to: [mn.gov/admin/2020-census](https://mn.gov/admin/2020-census)

### Call for nominations – Maplewood Heritage Award

Do you know someone whose dedication and enthusiasm has excited people about Maplewood history or helped preserve a piece of our past?

Maplewood’s Heritage Preservation Commission invites you to nominate them for the city’s Heritage Award!

Nominations are due February 28, 2020. Submit your nomination by going to [maplewoodmn.gov/1801/Heritage-Award](https://maplewoodmn.gov/1801/Heritage-Award), or contact Pete Boulay, Heritage Preservation Commission Chair at [happypebbl@hotmail.com](mailto:happypebbl@hotmail.com).



### Edgerton Community Garden Plot Registration for 2020 Season

Returning Gardener Registration Begins:

**Wednesday, Feb 26, 10 am**

New Gardener Registration Begins:

**Wednesday, March 11, 10 am**

Grow your own local organic food! Rent a 12' x 15' in-ground plot, or 4' x 8' raised bed (eighteen inches height) or a 3' x 5' ADA accessible raised bed for the 2020 garden season. The City provides water spigots. Renters agree to plant, maintain, and harvest their plots using organic (chemical-free) methods.

\$25 per plot or raised bed for the entire 2020 garden season: May 1- October 19

Online Registration: [maplewoodmn.gov/communitygarden](https://maplewoodmn.gov/communitygarden)

Online registration help: 651-249-2170 Activity #16734

Garden Questions: 651-249-2173



### Maplewood Public Safety Presents

## SCAMS & PERSONAL SAFETY

Get an inside look from our police and fire investigators



Hosted by Maplewood YMCA Community Center  
Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup> • 10:30am - 11:30am

# Climate adaptation planning process

By Shann Finwall, Environmental Planner

If climate projections hold, in 20 years, Maplewood could see summertime conditions more characteristic of cities 300 miles to our south. That means more summer days in the 90s and significant increases in air conditioning demand. Our snow events would turn into ice storms, making driving and walking much more treacherous.

These climate change impacts will hit our vulnerable communities hardest, including people with lower incomes, seniors and communities with limited English proficiency. They will also shift how we plan road and other infrastructure projects.

For the past several years, the City of Maplewood has been researching this issue and engaging with community members to formulate a climate adaptation plan. You might have seen us this summer and fall holding educational demonstrations at one of the City's key events, such as 4th of July's Celebrate Summer, National Night Out, and our neighborhood block parties.

With recent council approval, Maplewood enters the next phase of climate adaptation planning, which includes meeting with a variety of stakeholders to create a plan that will address climate impacts on infrastructure, ecosystems, and vulnerable populations in our area.

We are able to do this at minimal cost to the City budget thanks to a state grant and an in-kind contribution from paleBLUEdot, the City's environmental consultant.

Learn more about the plan and take the Climate Adaptation survey: [maplewoodmn.gov/climateadaptation](http://maplewoodmn.gov/climateadaptation).

## Help with your heating bills?



### Help yourself, Help your friends, Help your neighbors.

"Typical household grant averaged \$400 last year!"

Nearly all Minnesota households spend a large share of their income on energy cost. For households with limited income, this can be especially stressful.

Community Action's Energy Assistance Program helps thousands of families in Ramsey and Washington counties pay energy bills and improve the efficiency of their homes.

**Apply Now! Contact us for more info.**

- Call (651) 645-6470.
- Visit our website at [www.caprw.org](http://www.caprw.org)
- Email us at [EAP@caprw.org](mailto:EAP@caprw.org)

450 Syndicate St. N, Suite 122, St. Paul, MN 55104  
Office Hours: Monday - Friday / 8:00 am - 5:00 pm



Community Action

### Looking Forward

**By 2100, Maplewood Can Expect:**

Increase in annual average temperature:	<b>5-9°F</b>
Increase in annual precipitation:	-5 to 5% <small>With Significant Seasonal Variation</small>
Increase in heavy precipitation events:	<b>30%</b>
Increase in Days above 95:	<b>+55 days</b>
Decrease in Days below 32:	<b>-45 days</b>
Increase in growing season:	<b>30 days</b>
Increase in Air Conditioning Demand:	<b>329%</b>

### Maplewood on The Move

By 2040, Summertime conditions for Maplewood are projected to be similar to the conditions currently felt 300 miles or further to the South.

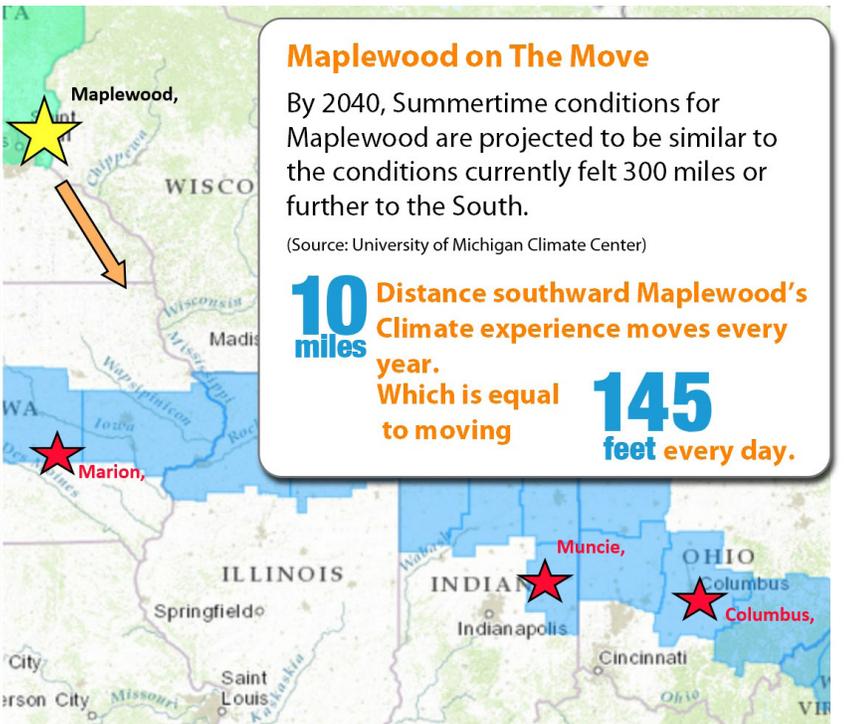
(Source: University of Michigan Climate Center)

**10 miles**

Distance southward Maplewood's Climate experience moves every year.

Which is equal to moving

**145 feet every day.**



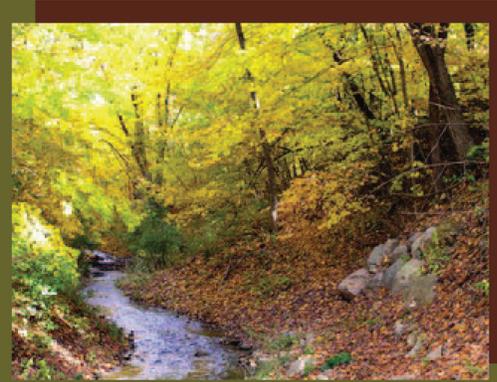


# Fish Creek Archaeology Talk

by Dr. Jeremy Nienow

Tuesday, March 24, 2020  
7-8pm *at the*

Maplewood Library, 3025 Southlawn Drive, Maplewood, 55109  
FREE to the public



Dr. Nienow will discuss the results of 2019 archaeological survey along Fish Creek in southern Maplewood which was sponsored by the Maplewood Area Historical Society, Ramsey County Parks and Recreation Department, and the Metro Area Historical Society Collaborative (Comprised of Ramsey, Dakota, and Scott County Historical Societies). Fish Creek, connecting Carver Lake and the Mississippi River, is known to have pottery fragments and stone tool chips which date to the Native American Woodland Period (500 B.C. – 1650 A.D.). He will also discuss artifacts found by previous archaeological surveys, objects from a private collection, and information on nearby mounds which were also from the same Native American period.

*Dr. Nienow is a registered, professional archaeologist who operates Nienow Cultural Consultants LLC and has taught at public and private higher educational institutions in the Twin Cities.*



This activity is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.



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## 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)**

#### How do I register?

In Person: Maplewood Parks & Rec: 1902 County Rd B E (8am-4:30pm)

By Phone: 651.249.2111

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





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# Youth Baseball

Various Fields in Maplewood, Roseville and Little Canada

**Practices:** start mid/late April (weather permitting) **Games:** start late April



**C League:** for current 2nd and 3rd graders, utilizes pitching machines to induce more playable balls in the field and to develop player batting skills.

**Games:** Mondays & Wednesdays at 6:15PM  
**Cost:** \$90

**B League:** for current 4th and 5th graders, an introduction to kid-pitch baseball. All kids, once they have established the ability to hit the strike zone, will have an opportunity to pitch if they choose to do so.

**Games:** Tuesdays & Thursdays at 6:15PM  
**Cost:** \$100

\*Registration deadline is March 18\*

\*Both leagues will need volunteer coaches for their teams\*

**How To Register:**

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## Upcoming Events

**February  
12**

**Scams and Personal Safety**  
Maplewood Community Center  
10:30 - 11:30 am

**February  
13**

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

**February  
17**

**President's Day**  
City Offices Closed

**February  
19**

**Xcel Energy Public Meeting**  
Maplewood Community Center  
6:30-8:00pm

**February  
26**

**Edgerton Garden Plot Registration**  
Returning gardeners  
10 am

**March  
24**

**Fish Creek Archeology Talk**  
Maplewood Library  
7 - 8 pm

Go to **MaplewoodMN.gov**.

Our home page calendar has details on upcoming events.