

CITY'S OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

# MAPLEWOOD LIVING

January 2022



## Mayor's Look Ahead

*By Marylee Abrams, Mayor*

Happy New Year.

It's been a trying 19 months, but there are signs for hope ahead. Vaccine rates slowly continue rising. Businesses are bouncing back. And a number of development projects to increase our housing supply and improve our retail opportunities, entertainment options and health care access are underway.

One of the most exciting developments is in the North End. After four years of planning, our vision to redevelop that sea of asphalt and some of the under invested storefronts is getting closer to a reality.

We have been meeting and working with a group interested in developing in the North End. Their early conceptual plans are based on our recently passed zoning ordinances. They're considering our vision for multi-family housing and the extension of St. John's Blvd. All of this opens the way for tangible progress in 2022.

In the City's south leg, crews will break ground on a 148-unit apartment complex that will fill a critical affordable housing shortage in the metro area. The other significant part of this project is that the property developer will remain on as the property manager, helping ensure the building is well maintained into the future. The complex is being developed at the old Londin Lane fire station site. The property's sale is helping offset the cost of the north fire station's reconstruction, another exciting development project.

The new fire/EMS facility replaces a 40-year-old building that no longer met emergency service needs or staffing for a full-time fire department.

The new station will be the department's administrative home and features a community gathering space, a seven-unit apparatus bay, modern living quarters for 24-hour staffing, a workout facility and will be designed to mitigate cancer-causing job hazards. Construction is on pace to meet the department's anticipated summer occupancy.

In the Gladstone area, there are at least three developers vying for state aid to build a multi-unit complex to help meet housing needs.



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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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In 2022, the Community Development Department will be working on a research project with graduate students from the University of Minnesota's Humphrey School of Public Policy. The idea is to buy and rehabilitate single-family homes while maintaining Maplewood's stock of naturally occurring affordable housing.

Another partnership that continues to help improve the City is the Rice Larpenteur Alliance. In the year ahead, planning will begin on a Ramsey County project to rebuild Rice Street to County Road B. It's a project that has been moved up because of the Alliance's significant work in the corridor. Planning will also start on Metro Transit's newly announced G line on Rice Street, which will better connect Maplewood to downtown St. Paul and points south. The Rice Larpenteur shop local guide is available for distribution. We expect expanded opportunities for events and block parties to better connect business owners, community members and service organizations.

These projects are just a fraction of the great work our City will embark on in 2022. Our Public Safety Department will start the year with a second embedded social worker on our mental health outreach team. Parks and Natural Resources will expand the YMCA partnership, and start a new one with RevSports to provide wider recreational opportunities. The department will also improve several parks. Our Natural Resources staff will return to more in-person educational opportunities after nearly two years of a COVID-related hiatus. They'll also tackle several initiatives laid out in the Climate Adaptation Plan.

I look forward to sharing all of these with you in my State of Maplewood address on **February 15th at 10am**. Please register for this virtual event featuring a live Q and A with me and key city leaders at [maplewoodmn.gov/state](https://maplewoodmn.gov/state).



We have a bright year ahead of us. On behalf of my fellow council members and city staff, I wish you the best in the new year, and thank you for your ongoing support.

**Virtual State of Maplewood**

featuring Q and A with Mayor Marylee Abrams

**February 15, 2022 10am**

Register at [maplewoodmn.gov/state](https://maplewoodmn.gov/state)

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## Worried about keeping your home due to income loss from COVID-19?

Ramsey County has partnered with the Minnesota Homeownership Center and NeighborWorks Home Partners to create and administer the Ramsey County Homeownership Preservation Program.

Eligibility criteria includes:

- Live in an owner-occupied property in Suburban Ramsey County (not City of St. Paul proper)
- Are experiencing a housing emergency, defined as being unable to pay a bill that may affect your ability to live in the home.
- Self-attest a COVID-related financial loss such as loss of income, increased health care costs, or costs associated with working from home.
- Have a self-attested current household gross annual income of at or below 80% AMI
- To get started call the Minnesota Homeownership Center at (651) 659-9336 or visit [nwhomepartners.org](http://nwhomepartners.org)

You may also call NeighborWorks Home Partners to talk through your options at (651) 292-8710.

Winter Tea

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**SATURDAY JAN 29, 2022**

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## Join a conversation about broadening diverse and inclusive city leadership

Thursday, January 20 at 6:30pm

Hosted by The League of Women Voters Roseville Area (LWVRA) and the Ramsey County Library

Maplewood will be participating with other area communities.

Please register in advance for this free program at [lwmn.org/roseville-area](http://lwmn.org/roseville-area). Click the News & Events tab.



## New Year's Greetings from Summerhill Maplewood

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## YMCA programs Offered at Maplewood YMCA Community Center

Session 1: January 10 – March 6

Registration Opens December 21

Youth Volleyball Leagues (Grades 5-8)

Youth Futsal Leagues (Grades 1-8)

Youth Basketball Leagues (Grades 1-8)

Youth Tumbling (Pre K and K)

Adult Volleyball Leagues

Register at [ymcanorth.org/kid\\_\\_teen\\_activities/sports](http://ymcanorth.org/kid__teen_activities/sports)

Or call 612-230-9622.

## Recreational opportunities

Maplewood Partners with the YMCA Community Center, area associations and other local governments to provide a wide variety of recreational opportunities and arts programming.

Visit [maplewoodmn.gov/programs](http://maplewoodmn.gov/programs)

## YMCA ForeverWell

Designed for ages 55+, the program includes a monthly calendar of social events and variety of exercise classes available on the Group Exercise schedule.

Register at [YMCANorth.org](http://YMCANorth.org) (Search for ForeverWell)

# Pop-Up Snowshoe Events



Come join us for a free snowshoe experience.

All ages are welcome and  
no previous snowshoeing experience needed!

City staff will be holding these free events  
throughout the winter season.

Stay tuned to our social media channels  
for event dates, times and locations.



 [fb.com/MaplewoodParksandNaturalResources](https://fb.com/MaplewoodParksandNaturalResources)

 [@ParksRecMplwd](https://twitter.com/ParksRecMplwd)



## RevSports coming to Maplewood in 2022

Maplewood is partnering with Revolutionary Sports (RevSports), a group of committed coaches that teach sports in a fun, active, age-appropriate way. They've been offering programs in the Twin Cities for more than 20 years. Sessions are designed to learn fundamental skills, practice skills in fun activities, and play a game at the end of each day.

Edgerton Community Gym | \$59/session

Register at [Maplewood.Revsports.org](http://Maplewood.Revsports.org) (don't use www)

### THURSDAY Sessions Court #1

- S1: Volleyball January 20, Feb 3, 10, 17
- S2: Volleyball Feb 24, Mar 3, 17, 24
- S3: Basketball Mar 31, Apr 7, 14, 21
- S4: Basketball Apr 28, May 5, 12, 19

#### Times/Ages:

- Ages 4-6 5:30-6:10 pm
- Ages 6-9 6:15-6:55 pm
- Ages 9-11 7:00-7:40 pm
- Ages 10-14 7:45-8:25 pm

### SATURDAY Sessions Court #1

- S1: Basketball January 22, 29, Feb 5, 12
- S2: Basketball Feb 19, 26, Mar 19, 26
- S3: Lacrosse Apr 2, 9, 16, 23
- S4: Soccer Apr 30, May 7, 14, 21

#### Times/Ages:

- Ages 3-5 \* 9:00-9:40
- Ages 4-6 9:45-10:25
- Ages 5-7 10:30-11:10
- Ages 6-9 11:15-11:55

### SATURDAYS Sessions Court #2

- S1: Ninja Warrior Fitness January 22, 29, Feb 5, 12
- S2: Ninja Warrior Fitness Feb 19, 26, Mar 19, 26
- S3: Floor Hockey Apr 2, 9, 16, 23
- S4: Baseball Apr 30, May 7, 14, 21

#### Times/Ages:

- Ages 2-3 \* 9:00-9:25 am
- Ages 3-5 \* 9:45-10:25 am
- Ages 4-6 10:30-11:10 am
- Ages 5-8 11:15-11:55 am

\* Parent participation required



## Snowshoeing Opportunities

Looking for ways to stay active and get outdoors this winter? Give snowshoeing a try!

### SNOWSHOE RENTALS:

- \$5/pair for a 2-hour rental
- For use on Nature Center Preserve grounds
- Available Monday - Friday, 9a-3p
- Call 651-249-2111 for reservation questions or to check on snow conditions



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