

CITY'S OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

MAPLEWOOD LIVING

June 2020

Free home energy visits

Do your energy bills seem higher? Increase efficiency and comfort with a home energy visit. It's a great way to find efficiencies, cut your energy bill, and improve comfort year-round.

With COVID-19, virtual Home Energy Squad® visits are available online and cost nothing.

Maplewood is one of 14 cities participating in the Intercity Home Energy Squad Challenge through Xcel. Schedule at maplewoodmn.gov/HESChallenge or (651) 328-6220.



Maplewood re-opening with modifications

By Melinda Coleman, City Manager

It's been a difficult two and a half months but our community's resilience and commitment to public health remains strong.

For the health and safety of our community and staff during the COVID-19 pandemic, we have been following the recommendations of public health professionals in Minnesota and the federal government in terms of social distancing, staying at home and operating the city. While this included closing City Hall to the public, we've tried to keep most services on track.

- Many DMV transactions, including tabs, have continued being processed through our drop box.
- Potholes are being filled and streets maintained.
- Our three street construction projects remain on schedule.
- Police and Fire/EMS continue responding to calls for service and incidents in progress. Aspects of community building have shifted to birthday parades and other socially-distant interactions.
- Parks and open spaces continued to be mowed and well-maintained.
- The Nature Center and Parks and Recreation Department have taken most programming virtual to ensure people stay active and informed about our environment.

Now it's time to start opening more aspects of our community.

With Governor Walz lifting the stay-at-home order, the City of Maplewood will resume limited appointment-only, in-person transactions at our DMV and Citizen Services counter. This includes resuming passport processing, license renewals and other services.

 **Appointments: 651-249-2000 or maplewoodmn.gov/appointments**

Playgrounds and athletic fields have also reopened with social distancing and limited group sizes of 10 or fewer.

As Governor Walz has said, this is not like flipping a switch and everything will be back to normal. With our DMV and Citizen Services Operations serving more than 300 people daily at City Hall, we feel appointment-only services to maintain social distancing is a prudent step to resuming operations.

Anyone entering a City facility must wear a mask, maintain a 6-foot distance from staff and other customers and practice other good hygiene and respiratory etiquette.



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Frequently Called Numbers

- City Hall (651) 249-2000
- Maplewood Community Center (651) 747-0922
- 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.



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Trash, recycling haulers supporting their workforces

By Shann Finwall, Environmental Planner



Republic Services and Tennis Sanitation, the City's residential trash and recycling contractors, understand the challenges that Covid-19 has caused to their employees and local businesses. Both want to help!

Republic Services is offering all frontline employees a weekly meal for employees and their families, and bi-weekly \$100 gift cards to be spent locally over the next two

months. All meals will be purchased from local, small businesses to help support Republic Services' customers and the communities it serves.

Tennis Sanitation is providing support for local businesses by purchasing weekly gift cards for employees to use for items such as meals and gasoline.

Republic Services and Tennis Sanitation are grateful for the hard work and dedication that their employees have shown during these challenging times. They also note the outpouring of support from Maplewood residents has been amazing!



More shade trees just in time for summer

By Emily Dunlap, Natural Resources Coordinator

Thanks to the Tree Sale, 148 new trees have been planted on private properties to help increase Maplewood's tree canopy. The city was able to sell trees at a deep discount due to a partnership with Tree Trust, a local non-profit. A variety of tree species were available, including native, flowering, and fruit trees. If you didn't get a tree this year, check back next year!

We owe a big thanks to our public works staff who coordinated a tree pick up engineered to maintain proper social distancing.

RAMSEY COUNTY Elections Office

PO Box 64098
Saint Paul, MN 55164-0098

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Aug. 11, 2020



GENERAL ELECTION:
Nov. 3, 2020



ramseycounty.us/VoteByMail



Request an absentee ballot to vote by mail.



See if you are eligible to vote and register.

Questions?

651-266-2171

elections@ramseycounty.us

Tree planting tips

Don't plant too deep

- Ensure the trunk flare is one inch above the soil

Mulching

- Remember the 3-3-3 rule. Create a 3-foot diameter mulch circle from the trunk, 3 inches deep, but 3 inches away from the trunk.

Watering

- Newly planted trees need 5-7 gallons weekly. Check the soil moisture with your finger to avoid overwatering. A slow soaking watering is best.

For more information on tree planting, visit the University of Minnesota

Extension site at: extension.umn.edu/find-plants/trees-and-shrubs



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Summer Challenge**

Please follow social distancing guidelines will completing your challenge

July 6 - July 26

Can you find 8 or more of the geocaches?

FUN FOR ALL AGES!

- Register as an Individual or Household
- Swag Bag Level - \$10/ Household or Individual
- Receive 1 Parks and Rec Swag Bag
- Each participant receives a medal
- Medal Only Level - \$5/ Household or Individual
- Each participant receives a medal
- All registrations entered in prize drawing

Register or learn more by calling 651-249-2111 or visit Maplewoodmn.gov/summerchallenges




**EXPLORE
Maplewood Fitness Challenge**

*Please follow social distancing guidelines while participating

Register as a household or individual

Participants travel 15+ miles in Maplewood parks/preserves/open spaces through June.

Rollerblade, walk, run, bike!

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A library of virtual activities and nature lessons now available

Stay active and engaged with Maplewood's Online Activity and Resource Center. We have a list of fun, engaging activities and learning resources in one spot. These feature videos with sports drills, how to's, fun recess games for home schooling, community challenges and educational nature center lessons and tips on a wide range of topics.

Visit: Maplewoodmn.gov/ActivityCenter

Video Library: vinmeopro.com/maplewoodmn/virtual-library

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