



CITY'S OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

MAPLEWOOD LIVING

May 2020



COVID spreading kindness

By Melinda Coleman, City Manager

Our lifetime's worst pandemic has revealed the best in our community. Social service agencies, public safety departments, local businesses and ordinary community members have stepped up to nourish neighbors physically, emotionally and spiritually.

The list is long and distinguished. I'm sure I've missed many but here are a few of the examples that I'm aware of.

Maplewood's YMCA/Community Center has been offering meals on a drop-in basis to the public and partnering with others to deliver meals to senior centers. The demand is greater than their capacity. This has been happening at all Twin Cities' YMCAs, with more than 70,000 meals delivered. Please consider donating food or money: ymcamn.org/give, select Maplewood YMCA Community Center in the drop down.

The Let's Revitalize Rice Larpenteur partnership has also delivered food and supplies to those in need. Our local Perkins is stepping up for its customers. Costco and Cub have been big food and supply donors to these efforts.

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City Manager

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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.



To advertise in this newsletter call Joe Sheeran at (651) 249-2061 or email joe.sheeran@maplewoodmn.gov.

National Get Outdoors Day

TREASURE HUNT

Saturday, June 13

8:00AM

Find the **GOLDEN FRISBEE** and win a great prize! A series of clues will be posted on our Facebook page beginning at 8:00AM. Find the **FRISBEE** and claim your prize by calling 651-249-2125 or sending a direct message via Facebook. Happy Hunting!

Please remember to practice safe social distancing and remain at least six feet away from others who may be out enjoying Maplewood parks, trails & open spaces.

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from the City Manager | continued

Maplewood Public Safety has brought joy through providing birthday parades to many children in the community who are celebrating their birthdays while shut in during COVID.

Normally our Battle of the Badges blood drive is comprised mostly of fire/EMS and police staff. This year, nearly all of the 80 participants came from the community.

Thank you for your care and kindness. These are trying times and I'm so grateful to see so many compassionate people serving our community.



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2020 Maplewood City Council Candidate Filing

The window to file for Maplewood's upcoming mayor and councilmember elections opens this month. All eligible candidates are required to file an affidavit of candidacy with the City Clerk or County Auditor.

Filing period opens: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 at 8:00 a.m.

Filing deadline: Tuesday, June 2, 2020 at 5:00 pm.

Candidates may withdraw anytime up to Thursday, June 4 (5 p.m.). Filing fees are not refundable.

The following Maplewood City Offices will be on the November 3, 2020 General Election ballot:

- Two-year mayoral office as a Special Election
- Two-year councilmember office as a Special Election
- Four-year councilmember office (2 openings) as a Regular Election

State Statute requires that if more than twice the number of individuals to be elected to a City office file for nomination for an available office, their names shall be placed upon the primary ballot for an election to be held August 11, 2020.

Visit our website for Affidavits of candidacy forms and other filing information: maplewoodmn.gov/filing

COVID-19 Considerations:

Please plan to file your affidavit of candidacy early in case of delays. Based on social distancing requirements at the time of this writing, candidates will have three filing options:

Mail: Affidavit of candidacy must be notarized by an authorized notary. Maplewood Elections – 1830 County Road B East – Maplewood MN 55109

Drop Box: Affidavit of candidacy must be notarized by an authorized notary. Location: Outside Maplewood City Hall – 1830 County Road B East

In both of the above situations, acknowledgment of your affidavit and payment will be provided and questions regarding the affidavit will be done by phone call to the number provided on the affidavit.

Scheduled Appointment:

With Maplewood Elections: 651-249-2000.

With Ramsey County Elections: Check rcelections.org for details and call 651-266-2171 to schedule your appointment.

Ramsey County Elections – 90 Plato Blvd. W. – Saint Paul

If city hall has opened to the public, drop-in visits will be accepted according to the guidelines set at that time. Again, due to COVID-19, prior to filing check our webpage maplewoodmn.gov/filing or contact Andrea Sindt, City Clerk at 651-249-2002 or via email at andrea.sindt@maplewoodmn.gov.



Department of Motor Vehicle, (DMV), business licensing and other permitting continues

Despite COVID-19 shutting down city hall to the public, several operations related to the DMV and business licensing have continued via mail and our new drop box in front of city hall.

Through the shutdown, the City of Maplewood continues to process:

- License plate tab renewals (Approximate 2-day turnaround)
- Vehicle title and boat transfers
- DNR boat tabs
- ATV licenses
- Off-road vehicles
- Business licensing and renewals
- Building permits
- Truth in Housing Reports

Until city hall reopens to the public, we are unable to process:

- Passports – please visit, travel.state.gov
- Driver's licensing transactions

Other helpful reminders:

- Do not put cash in the drop box.
- Call ahead to ensure you have paperwork and supporting documents in order.

651-249-2000 or email: deputy149@maplewoodmn.gov

Seasons

The Greening of Maplewood

Spring 2020

Pollinators by the Yard: You Can Bee the Change!

By Carole Gernes, Naturalist

You may have heard about pollinator decline in the news or on social media, but what does that mean? Pollinators are declining due to fragmented habitats, poor nutrition, pesticides and parasites. The typical suburban yard is a flowerless landscape, devoid of food, water and nesting habitat for pollinators. Plants are treated as decorations rather than an integral part of a wildlife-supporting community. Cultivated flowering shrubs, perennials and annuals often contain systemic pesticides that disrupt a bee's navigation and immune system, leading to health problems and death.

When hearing the word "pollinator" most of us envision honey bees, providing us with tasty honey. Surprisingly, the honey bee is a non-native bee from Europe, but did you know there are over 400 species of native bees in Minnesota? Native bees can be grouped by the location of pollen-carrying hairs on their bodies. Bumble bees are the "teddy bears" of the bee world, having hair over most of their bodies. They are the only native bees that also carry pollen on their back legs like honey bees. Other groups include hairy-belly bees, chap-legged bees and almost hairless tiny dark bees, who carry pollen in a bird-like crop. These gentle bees provide pollination services for our fruits, vegetables and ecosystems.

Other pollinators include butterflies, wasps, some flies and beetles and even hummingbirds. Two pollinators at greatest risk are the monarch butterfly and our Minnesota state bee the rusty patched bumble bee (listed as an endangered species).



Rusty Patched Bumble Bee



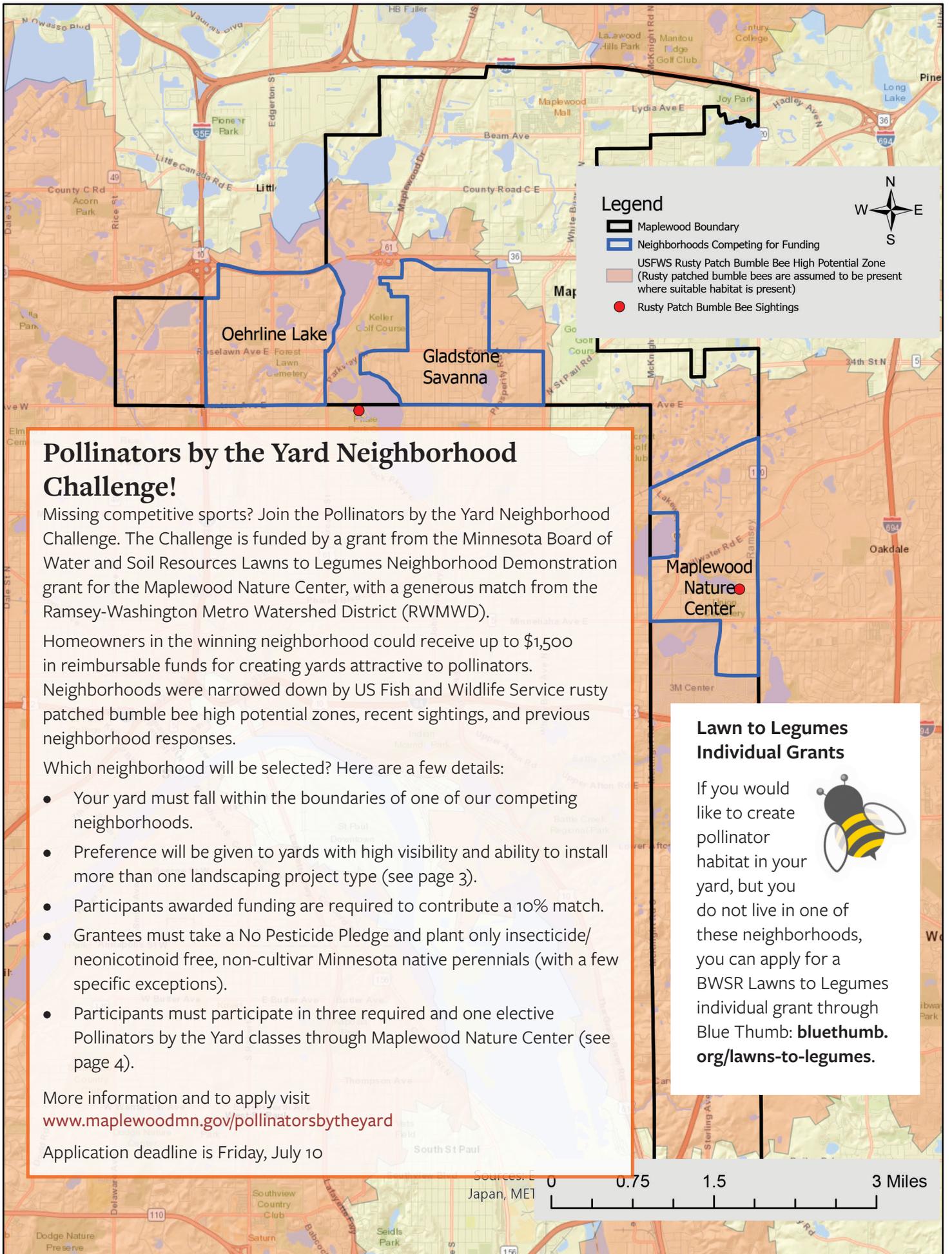
Monarch Caterpillar on Milkweed

What do pollinators need to live? Pesticide free blooming plants! Our native bees evolved with Minnesota native plants that bloom from early spring to late fall. All bees drink nectar for energy. Females collect pollen for protein and mix it with nectar to make "bee bread" for bee larva. Bees use some native plants medicinally, to boost their immune systems and treat parasites.

Many native plants rely heavily on native bees for pollination. Without pollination they could not make seeds and would cease to exist. A few plant species are only pollinated by a single species of specialist bees. Monarch caterpillars can only survive by eating milkweed leaves.

Bumble bees need nesting habitat, something rare in most of our yards. Where do they nest? In leaf and brush piles, areas with bare soil and of all places – abandoned mouse nests! Leaving your yard a bit untidy and natural will help. Other bee species mine cavities in old logs and hollow stems 12 to 18 inches high to use as their nurseries.

How can you help? Planting your yard with a colorful palette of native plants will provide corridors to natural areas in parks and open spaces to ensure pollinator survival. There are opportunities to volunteer as Bee and Garden Monitors and more. Read on to learn about Maplewood's Pollinators by the Yard Neighborhood Challenge (page 2). Together, we can save rusty patched bumble bees, monarch butterflies and other pollinators!



Pollinators by the Yard Neighborhood Challenge!

Missing competitive sports? Join the Pollinators by the Yard Neighborhood Challenge. The Challenge is funded by a grant from the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources Lawns to Legumes Neighborhood Demonstration grant for the Maplewood Nature Center, with a generous match from the Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District (RWMWD).

Homeowners in the winning neighborhood could receive up to \$1,500 in reimbursable funds for creating yards attractive to pollinators. Neighborhoods were narrowed down by US Fish and Wildlife Service rusty patched bumble bee high potential zones, recent sightings, and previous neighborhood responses.

Which neighborhood will be selected? Here are a few details:

- Your yard must fall within the boundaries of one of our competing neighborhoods.
- Preference will be given to yards with high visibility and ability to install more than one landscaping project type (see page 3).
- Participants awarded funding are required to contribute a 10% match.
- Grantees must take a No Pesticide Pledge and plant only insecticide/ neonicotinoid free, non-cultivar Minnesota native perennials (with a few specific exceptions).
- Participants must participate in three required and one elective Pollinators by the Yard classes through Maplewood Nature Center (see page 4).

More information and to apply visit www.maplewoodmn.gov/pollinatorsbytheyard

Application deadline is Friday, July 10

Lawn to Legumes Individual Grants

If you would like to create pollinator habitat in your yard, but you do not live in one of these neighborhoods, you can apply for a BWSR Lawns to Legumes individual grant through Blue Thumb: bluethumb.org/lawns-to-legumes.



Landscaping with Native Plants

The four types of landscaping projects eligible for the Pollinators by the Yard Neighborhood Challenge grant or Blue Thumb individual grants are shown below. More details at www.maplewoodmn.gov/pollinatorsbytheyard.



Pocket Garden - A small sunny to shady native wildflower planting. Can be combined with other project types!



Trees and Shrubs - One flowering tree can provide as much nectar and pollen as an entire garden. Large trees can even intercept hundreds of gallons of rain to prevent runoff.



Pollinator Meadow - Expansive areas full of a diversity of native plants, much like the original prairie that covered the Great Plains, or a woodland understory. Consider this if you have a large yard.



Bee Lawn - A pollinator lawn that introduces a diversity of low-growing flowering plants into a typical lawn and requires minimal mowing. Revel in the intricate beauty of bees and butterflies!



Obtain pesticide-free Minnesota native seeds and plants from nurseries that specialize in growing them. Fortunately there are several throughout Minnesota and western Wisconsin. Curbside or delivery options are available and nursery staff are extremely knowledgeable about plant soil type, light and moisture requirements. Online plant catalogs also have extensive information. More information at www.maplewoodmn.gov/pollinatorsbytheyard.

Pollinators by the Yard Classes

To ensure success of installed Pollinators by the Yard landscaping projects (see page 2), applicants are required to participate in three how-to classes and at least one additional class of your choice. Classes will be offered in 2020 and 2021. The three required classes and their first offerings are:



Pollinators by the Yard: Assess and Design (Adults) Webinar

Thursday, May 14, 6:30PM – 8:00PM



Native Plants for Pollinators (Adults)

Thursday, June 11, 7:00PM-8:30PM



Organic Methods for Preparation and Maintenance of Wild Gardens

Saturday, June 27, 10:00AM-11:30AM

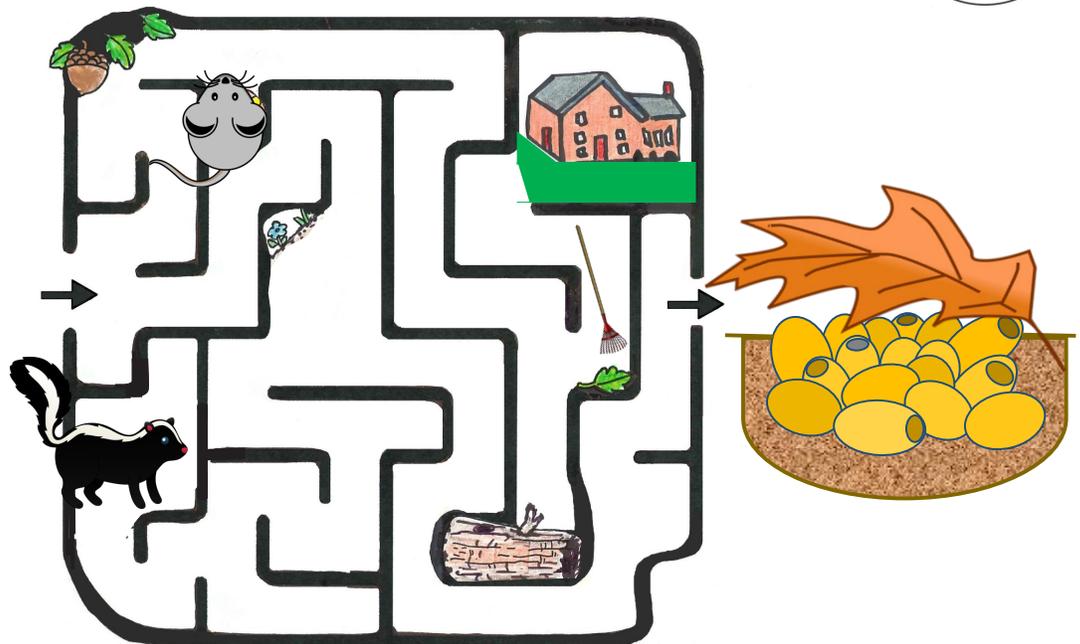


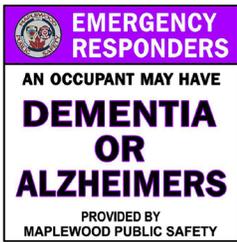
Class descriptions and registration information at www.maplewoodmn.org/pollinatorsbytheyard. All are welcome, but applicants who participate in additional pollinator and native plant classes will improve chances of grant selection. Look for the bee symbol for required classes!



By Naturalist Carole Gernes

Help Patches the Bumble Bee Find Her Nest!





Special stickers can help deliver better outcomes

In the chaos and confusion of a 911 call, details that aren't directly related to the emergency aren't always relayed, such as someone in a residence having autism, dementia or being deaf.

In order to help our responders going to such scenes deliver the best possible outcomes, the Maplewood Public Safety Department is giving out stickers to help us identify if someone in a household has autism or special needs, dementia or Alzheimer's or is deaf or hard of hearing. Knowing this will save time and inform our approach.

If this applies to you, please reach out and we'll provide one of these stickers for your door/window.

Call: 651-249-2600 | **Email:** info@maplewoodmn.gov

Resources for businesses dealing with COVID-19

Jeff Thomson, Community Development Director

There are several resources in our community to help businesses working through COVID19 issues.

- Ramsey County – ramseycountymeansbusiness.com/covid-19
- Noah Her – 612-294-1911 or nher@mccd.mn.org
- Small Business Webinar – ctvnorthsuburbs.org/videos/small-business-covid-19-survival-webinar

I'd recommend Ramsey County's Open to Business. It provides free, confidential business counseling to current and prospective entrepreneurs. Their experienced consultants work with small business owners to access the technical assistance and financing options they need to succeed.

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SUMMER SESSIONS

LITTLE STARS (PARENT/CHILD AGES 4-6) TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS, 6:00PM-6:45PM	YOUTH BEGINNING (AGES 10-12) TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS, 7:30PM-8:30PM JUNE 2 - JUNE 18
BIG STARS (AGES 7-9) TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS, 6:45PM-7:30PM	YOUTH ADVANCED BEGINNING (AGES 12-14) TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS, 7:30PM-8:30PM JULY 7 - JULY 23
SESSION 1: JUNE 2 - JUNE 18 SESSION 2: JULY 7 - JULY 23 SESSION 3: AUGUST 4 - AUGUST 20	YOUTH INTERMEDIATE (AGES 12+) TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS, 7:30PM-8:30PM AUGUST 4 - AUGUST 20

How do I register for a Maplewood Parks and Recreation program?
 By Phone: 651.249.2111
 Online: <https://apm.activecommunities.com/Maplewoodmn/Home>
 For more information on tennis contact • Bick Smith at: cybick@icloud.com or 651-357-4053

Ballroom Dance

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THURSDAYS

MAY 14 - JUNE 18

SESSION 1: West Coast Swing & Salsa
6:00PM - 6:50PM

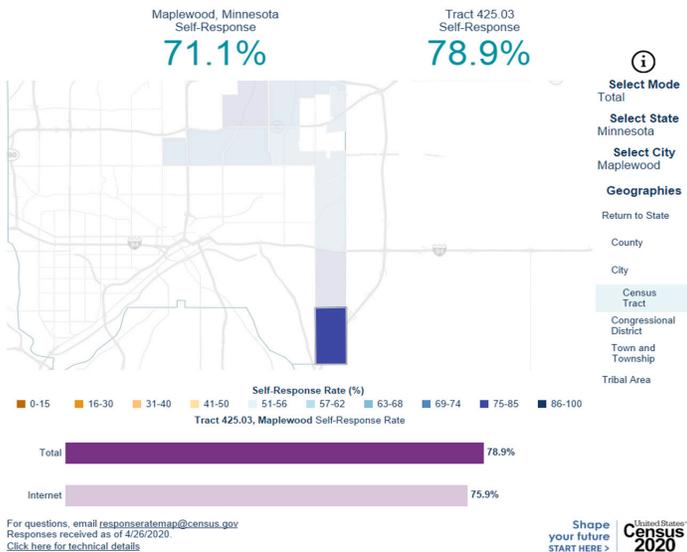
SESSION 2: Foxtrot & Cha-Cha
7:00PM - 7:50PM

COST: \$75.00/Person/Session

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

Self-Response by Census Tract

This map features self-response rates from households that responded to the 2020 Census online, by mail, or by phone. Rates can be viewed in [rankings here](#).



Ahead of the pack, but off the 2010 census pace

Minnesota leads the nation in census self-reporting, hitting a 65% return rate by May. However, relative to the 2010 count, Minnesota (and the nation) is (are) behind schedule. This is likely because this is the first time most of the nation is filling out the census online, with paper forms initially going to only a small percentage of the population.

Maplewood is doing well self-reporting, with a higher average relative to the rest of the state, but we are behind many of our Ramsey County peers, including Roseville, Vadnais Heights and Little Canada.

A complete and accurate census is critical to ensuring Minnesota receives its share of federal funding for roads, health care and education. Our local businesses use the numbers when it comes to deciding locations for their operations and what to stock. Minnesota is also one of the states in danger of losing a congressional seat.

By this point you should have received a mailer with a 12-digit code to complete your form online or by phone. If you didn't fill out the census by mid-April, a paper form should have hit your mail box. Please take the time to fill it out. The private information, such as your name, will only be seen by U.S. Census Bureau officials. It is not given to the White House, Congress, law enforcement or immigration agencies, local governments or private industry.

If you have any questions about the census, please contact Maplewood's Complete Count Coordinator: Joe Sheeran 651-249-2000 or joe.sheeran@maplewoodmn.gov

Enjoying Recreational Fires responsibly

By Chief Steve Lukin, Maplewood Fire/EMS Department



Backyard recreational fires are a Minnesota tradition. But they must be enjoyed with attention to our city ordinance. Maplewood has a friendly neighbor policy that states smoke from fires should not "unreasonably cause discomfort or a negative impact to neighboring properties." If our public safety team verifies that a fire is creating a nuisance it will have to be extinguished.

Furthermore, "[s]hort-term exposure to fine particles in the air can aggravate lung disease, trigger asthma attacks and acute bronchitis, and may also increase the risk of respiratory infections. Scientists have also linked short-term exposures to heart attacks and abnormal heartbeats," according to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

In Maplewood, there must be a three-foot clear burning area, using clean dry wood (no trash or yard waste), 25 feet from all structures and near a water source. It must be supervised at all times and only be operational from 10am - 11pm

For more on our ordinance, visit: maplewoodmn.gov/1789/Recreation-Fires. For more information on wood smoke and your health, visit: pca.state.mn.us/air/wood-smoke-and-your-health.

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\$150 per session

Register by phone: 651.249.2111 or online: apm.activecommunities.com/Maplewoodmn/Home

Minecraft Engineering With LEGO® Materials AGES 5-7

MONDAY - FRIDAY, JULY 13 - JULY 17

9:00AM - 12:00PM

Bring Minecraft to life using tens of thousands of LEGO® parts! Build engineer-designed projects such as a Creeper, a Lava Trap and a Minecart. Create your favorite Minecraft mobs, tools and objects with the guidance of an experienced Play-Well instructor.

Minecraft Master Engineering With LEGO® Materials AGES 7-12

MONDAY - FRIDAY, JULY 13 - JULY 17

1:00PM - 4:00PM

Bring Minecraft to life using LEGO® parts! Build an Iron Golem, the Nether Portal and the Ender Dragon. Students will explore real-world concepts in physics, engineering and architecture while building their favorite Minecraft objects.



YOUTH T-BALL

• GAMES AT EDGERTON & AFTON FIELDS

(GAMES WILL ALTERNATE FIELDS EACH WEEK)

• SUNDAY EVENINGS, JUNE 14 - AUGUST 9

(NO GAMES JULY 5)

• 4 - 5 YEARS (4PM - 5PM OR 5:15PM - 6:15PM): ALWAYS HIT OFF A TEE

• 6 - 8 YEARS (5:15PM - 6:15PM OR 6:30PM - 7:30PM): OPPORTUNITY TO HIT COACH PITCH, THEN HIT OFF A TEE

IF INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEER COACHING, PLEASE INDICATE SO DURING REGISTRATION OR CONTACT THE LEAGUE DIRECTOR AT 651-249-2204

COST:
\$65.00

This program is designed to teach the fundamentals of baseball to girls and boys. We provide a field coordinator for each game and emphasize individual growth, cooperation, fair play and having fun! All games are played as controlled scrimmages, no score is kept, we use a ball designed for safety and confidence.

Register Online at: <https://apm.activecommunities.com/maplewoodmn/Home> • By Phone: 651-249-2111



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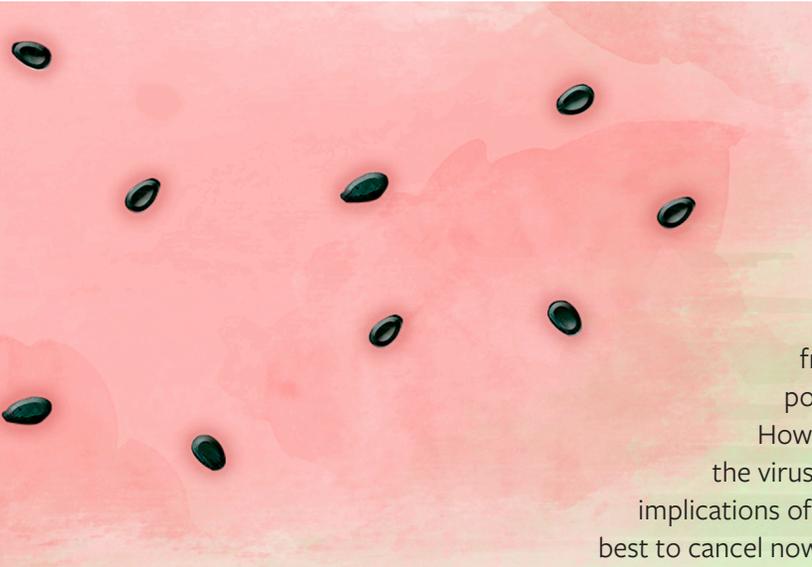
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Large summer events canceled through the end of July

Based on the uncertainty of COVID-19, the City of Maplewood is canceling several larger summer events, including the 4th of July Celebration.

This was not an easy decision as these are major gatherings for our city that attract thousands of community members from all backgrounds. We tried to delay this decision as long as possible in hopes the circumstances of the virus would change. However, based on state and federal health officials' projections of the virus spreading due to large social gatherings and with the financial implications of waiting to cancel events, the City of Maplewood felt it was best to cancel now.

We want to thank the community for its understanding and patience in these difficult times.

Here is a list of Maplewood events that have been canceled or rescheduled:

- June Celebrate Summer, June 10 – Maplewood Summer Challenge, Afton Park
- June Movie Night at the Farm, June 16 – Bruentrup Family Farm – Rescheduled to September, TBD
- Light it up 4th of July Celebration, Hazelwood Park
- Touch a Truck, July 22 – MCC/YMCA

Other Park and Recreation Programing:

Because of the changing nature of our programing, Maplewood Parks & Recreation will be publishing the next Recreation Brochure electronically. Our most recent version is in the link below, it will be updated at the beginning of June, maplewoodmn.gov/recprogram