

CITY'S OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

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City, YMCA team up on Farmers to Families Food Distribution

By Melinda Coleman, City Manager

Through October, roughly 3,600 boxes of fresh food have been distributed to area families by the City of Maplewood and Maplewood YMCA Community Center via the USDA Farmers to Families Boxed Food Program.

The federal agency contracted with ag producers to secure fresh produce, meat, and dairy for those hit by COVID-19. The Y applied to be a distribution site in this area. Since the beginning of the pandemic, the YMCA has shifted much of its model to direct service delivery for those hit by COVID, including the Maplewood branch, which has served more than 50,000 meals to the community. Maplewood has seen some of the region's highest unemployment rates.

The Maplewood YMCA Community Center has also partnered with the City on a backpack giveaway for school children and a winter coat drive, becoming a critical partner in helping our residents through the pandemic.

Because of these combined efforts, we want to extend a big thank you to the YMCA staff and their volunteers along with several city departments who helped with these causes, including Public Safety, Public Works, members of the City's Racial Equity Team and Senior Leadership Team. Mayor Marylee Abrams and Councilmember Sylvia Neblett and other City volunteers were also instrumental in all of these programs.



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Truth in Taxation Hearing December 14, 2020, 7pm

Due to COVID-19, this will be a hybrid meeting via teleconference or in person at City Hall, with limited capacity.

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 Cable TV - Channel 16
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Truth in Taxation
Public Hearing



Welcome two new eateries in Maplewood

La Delicious Bread recently opened on Rice Street, just south of Highway 36. It focuses on making freshly baked bread and pastry daily. Head pastry chef Brandon Vang's parents are of Hmong descent, but lived in Paris where Brandon was born. They settled in Eagan, MN, when he was a baby but never lost their love of French cuisine. Before opening up, La Delicious, Brandon studied baking in Paris.

Asia Fusion Kitchen also opened at 1700 Rice Street. It features a variety of dishes from Thailand, Vietnam, China, Japan, and Korea.



Congratulations on 50 years in Maplewood

Recently, Maplewood Care Center celebrated 50 years in our community while its Homestead at Maplewood assisted living facility commemorated 25 years serving area seniors. Because of COVID-19 restrictions, most of the events were limited to parking lot activities. Maplewood's Public Safety Department put on a short parade for residents and families to mark the milestone.

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Hy-Vee Coming to Maplewood

Jeff Thompson, Community Development Director

You might be wondering what's going on at White Bear Ave and Gervais by the old Rainbow. The City of Maplewood recently approved the construction of a convenience store, remodeling plan for the old Rainbow and a liquor license, all for a new Hy-Vee grocery complex.

Community members expressed the need for wider grocery options. The new Hy-Vee will feature enhanced pick up locations for groceries and prescriptions. Upgrading a long-vacant building is important for the City's overall economic growth and these improvements should encourage further investments in the area.





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