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October 2021

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Maplewood Fall Clean Up Campaign

Curbside Collection of Bulky Items

Reduced Price Curbside Bulky Item Collection - First Four Full Weeks in October (October 4, 11, 18, 25)

Bulky Items are anything that is too large to fit inside, or is prohibited by law from being placed in your trash cart, such as appliances, electronics, tires, mattresses, box springs, and more. Republic Services collects bulky items year round as part of the City's trash hauling contract. The contracted rates range from \$10 to \$35, depending on the item. During the Fall Clean Up Campaign the rates are reduced by 20 percent (\$8 to \$28) plus solid waste tax.

All residents that have curbside trash collection are eligible to schedule bulky collection during the event. The fee is added to your bill. Residents who wish to use the service but are not included in the City-wide trash service (some townhomes and manufactured homes) must pre-pay via credit card.

Contact Republic Services at 651-455-8634 to schedule a bulky item collection (see below for scheduling mattresses and box springs). For additional details and a full list of bulky items and fees, visit the City's website at maplewoodmn.gov/cleanups.

Free Mattress and Box Spring Collection

New this year, Maplewood is collaborating with Ramsey/Washington Recycling and Energy to offer free mattress and box spring recycling collection in October with Second Chance Recycling. Limit up to four total mattresses or box springs per household. Contact Second Chance Recycling directly to schedule mattress and box spring collection by e-mail at citycurbside@emerge-mn.org or by calling 612-332-0664 extension 6. Include your first and last name, address (Maplewood residents only), telephone number, e-mail, number and size of mattresses/box springs (up to four total). Second Chance Recycling will contact you to schedule the collection.



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- Marylee Abrams: Mayor (612) 322-1620
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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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Council Corner

by Nikki Vilavicencio

In my nearly 10 years in Maplewood, I have learned how much the city has changed since its beginning. I have been told many wonderful stories about how Maplewood had a very rural feel to it years ago. I have enjoyed learning so much, serving on the Heritage Preservation Commission as Council member liaison. Many of the stories I hear, remind me of the rural town I grew up in; Portage, Wisconsin. My hometown grew from 8,000 to 10,000 during my childhood and that seemed huge at the time. Much like Maplewood, the residents are mostly of Norwegian and Swedish descent. As someone who has been accustomed to being different than most, I have observed, both in my hometown and Maplewood, examples of how diversity can be celebrated, honored and used as a strength for the whole community.

When my family and I first moved to Maplewood we lived on the North End of Lake Phalen. As my daughter was just learning to walk, we soon discovered the amazing trail system and adventured around the neighborhood. On one of our adventures, we happened upon the Philippine Center of Minnesota (PCM). It seemed like destiny for me that PCM is in Maplewood.

As a child, I looked up to my grandfather more than anyone else. To me, he was a true Renaissance man. He immigrated to the U.S. from the Philippines in September 1952. He moved to Portage, WI to build his practice as a medical doctor. He delivered many babies, including my brother and me. My grandpa taught me how important it is to contribute to the community we live in and further the legacy of our ancestors.



After investigating PCM further, I soon found out that Filipinos from all over the state come there. PCM is a vibrant, fun community center that works hard to continue the traditions of the Philippines. My favorite event is the monthly Carinderia (meaning: a food stall with a small seating area, typically in a market or at a roadside) because food always brings people together.

About once a year The Consulate General of the Republic of the Philippines – Chicago comes to PCM to conduct passport and dual citizenship services. Hon. Ryan Francis D. Gener had his most recent visit September 18th. There was a substantial desire for his services and he was very busy. Appreciation of where we have been is a necessity and it is equally important to me to honor the diversity of Maplewood's growth now.



Urban Roots Youth Group and Xcel Energy volunteers planting native plants at the Harvest Park Native Seed Garden

Harvest Park Native Seed Garden Open House

Thursday, October 7 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Harvest Park, 2561 North Barclay Street

This is a great opportunity to learn about planting and tending to a native garden. Maplewood partners with Urban Roots (urbanrootsmn.org) on this project. The organization offers youth employment and programming around natural resources conservation. You'll have a chance to meet their Youth Group, learn about the background and purpose of the garden, view a seed harvest demonstration, learn some tips for tending to your native garden, and stroll around the garden to view the native plant identifications. The Harvest Park Native Seed Garden is located on 1.5 acres on the north side of Harvest Park.

No registration required. For more information visit maplewoodmn.gov/harvestpark.



RAIN GARDEN RESCUE

Saturday, October 16

10:00-11:30 am
Maplewood Nature Center

Free

Have weeds overrun your rain garden? Does it need a few new plants or a complete overhaul? Our program offers tips on how to rescue your rain garden and make it the garden of your dreams.

Register at Maplewoodmn.gov/RainGardenRescue or call (651) 249-2111.

EAB, WHAT CAN I DO?

Thursday, October 21

6:30 – 8:00 pm
Maplewood Nature Center

Free

Geared toward Maplewood residents, you will learn to identify an ash tree, signs of EAB infestation, spread prevention, treatment do's and don'ts and replanting opportunities.

Question and answer period at the end of class.

Register at Maplewoodmn.gov/EABclass or call (651) 249-2111



Improve your home's energy efficiency

Xcel Energy customers qualify for a Home Energy Squad visit. During the visit, staff from the Center for Energy and Environment install materials that save you energy and money right away. They'll also inspect your insulation, heating and cooling systems, and water heater. If upgrades are needed, they will connect you with vetted contractors, specialized financing and rebates.

Free visits are available to income qualifying households.

Sign up at mncee.org/home-energy-squad or by calling 651-328-6220.



Maplewood Solar Power Hours

Friday, October 8, 2021, 12 noon to 1 p.m. Virtual Event

Tuesday, October 26, 2021, 6 to 7 p.m.
Nature Center, 2659 East Seventh Street

Thinking about going solar? Grow Solar Twin Cities is a great way to reduce your energy bills, support the local economy, and help create a healthier environment!

Join one of two Solar Power Hours offered in Maplewood and learn about the basics of solar, its financial benefits, and how the solar group-buy program works. After the session, you can schedule a free, no-obligation site assessment/cost estimate. The events are free, but registration is required.

Visit www.maplewoodmn.gov/solarpowerhour to register or contact Shann Finwall, Environmental Planner, at shann.finwall@maplewoodmn.gov or (651) 249-2304.

Maplewood Fall Clean Up Campaign

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Shredding and Household Hazardous Waste

Free Shredding Event for Maplewood Residents -

Saturday, October 9
9 a.m. to 12 noon

Aldrich Arena Parking Lot -
1850 White Bear Avenue

Get rid of your personal and confidential papers free at the City's Shredding Event. Shred-N-Go will collect the shredding in their secure mobile shredding trucks. Maplewood residents can dispose of up to six boxes weighing no more than 30 pounds each.

Visit maplewoodmn.gov/cleanups for more details.

Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off

Aldrich Arena Parking Lot - 1850
White Bear Avenue

Friday and Saturdays throughout October
Hours - Friday: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and
Saturdays: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Visit RamseyRecycles.com/HHW for a full list of items accepted.

Other Bulky Item Recycling and Disposal Options

Visit maplewoodmn.gov/cleanups for a list of other organizations that take bulky items, shredding, household hazardous waste for free or for a fee.



For more on the Fall Clean Up Campaign including bulky items collected, pricing, and other details visit maplewoodmn.gov/cleanups or contact Shann Finwall, Environmental Planner, (651) 249-2304 or shann.finwall@maplewoodmn.gov



Fall street maintenance

By Bryan Nagel, Street/Storm/Building Maintenance Superintendent

Fall street sweeping begins in October. Street sweeping helps keep storm sewers clean and improve stormwater quality. Help sweeping operations by keeping waste and recycling containers out of the street. Containers should be placed at the end of the driveway or on the boulevard. Please note that it is a violation of city code to discharge leaves onto a public roadway or another person's property.

Fall tree trimming

Maintenance crews will be trimming boulevard trees on the public right-of-way throughout the fall and into the winter as weather and other work priorities allow. The focus of the trimming will be to remove low overhanging branches and shrubs, and other vegetation that extend beyond the curb and interfere with vehicle, maintenance, and pedestrian traffic in addition to street signs and sight lines at intersections.

Fall is also a good time to inspect your mailbox for loose or missing hardware in preparation for the upcoming winter season.

Please contact Maplewood Public Works at 651-249-2420 with any questions or concerns.



Be a more welcoming neighbor

October 21, 7:00 - 8:30 PM - Virtual

This program features a panel that will tackle practical strategies to become welcoming neighbors and building strong and diverse communities. Panelists include a social worker known for her ability to link theory and practice and community members who have navigated the associated challenges.

This is part of a series co-hosted by League of Women Voters Roseville Area, Do Good Roseville, and Ramsey County Library.

For details or to register, visit lwvrosevillearea.org, and click on the Events tab.



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

Sports Leagues and Classes

Offered at Maplewood YMCA Community Center

Youth Sports Leagues:

- Basketball
- Futsal

Youth Classes:

- Soccer
- Basketball
- Tumbling

Adult Leagues:

- Futsal
- Women's Volleyball
- Basketball

All programs run: 10/25-12/19

Registration Opens: 9/28

Register at

ymcanorth.org/kid__teen_activities/sports

Or call 612-230-9622.



MAPLEWOOD SERVICE
PUBLIC SAFETY

TRUNK OR TREAT
OCTOBER 31ST, 2021 1:00 - 4:00PM

*Location: City Hall parking lot, 1830 County Road B East.
(Weather permitting)*

*Public safety vehicles will be decorated
and full of candy and fun prizes.*



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 (Search for ForeverWell)



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