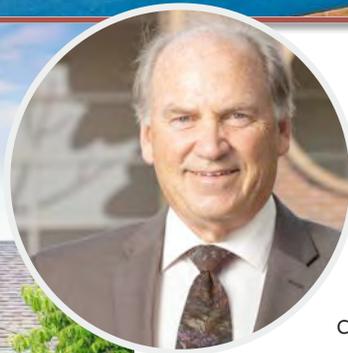


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MAPLEWOOD LIVING

March 2022



Partnering with the U of M on single-family housing rehabilitation

By Bill Knutson, City Councilmember

Housing is a basic need and Maplewood has a plan to help.

There are nearly 45 abandoned and vacant homes in the City, causing concern for neighborhoods. These homes are vacant for a variety of reasons, from economic despair to being lost in family inheritance. Tracking the owners and entities accountable for maintaining these properties requires time-consuming, detective-like analysis.

Maplewood is exploring a number of partnerships to acquire, rehab and resell such properties as owner-occupied housing, filling an important need for more single-family homes.

One of the initiative's most exciting elements is our collaboration with the University of Minnesota's (U of M) Resilient Communities Project. After a comprehensive application process, Maplewood was accepted into the program, which aims to: advance community sustainability, equity or resilience. Graduate students from the "Housing Policy" course at the Humphrey School of Public Affairs will drive the work day-to-day, with research and technical assistance from departments campus wide.

The Single-family Home Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resale Program will have small teams of students reviewing models that have proven successful and adapting those concepts to meet Maplewood's needs.

In addition to the U of M, Maplewood is in talks with Ramsey County to secure HRA and American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding, along with using the City's own ARPA dollars. A Metropolitan Council grant is supporting Maplewood's end of the U of M research.

Producing more single-family housing is vital to Maplewood's careful growth and re-development strategy. Currently, Maplewood has 1000 new housing units in various stages of development. Up to 600 are affordable; however, all of the affordable housing units are multi-family.

As stewards of community resources, the Maplewood Economic Development Authority (EDA), will work closely with all the Maplewood Commissions (Housing; Planning; Design; Environment) to gather input on the project.

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- Parks and Natural Resources (651) 249-2111
- Public Works (651) 249-2400
- Police Non-Emergency (651) 767-0640

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[SINGLE FAMILY HOUSING continued]

In my role as President of EDA, I am charged with finding ways to foster development that follows our strategic plan, the 2040 Comprehensive Plan, and generally the current and future needs of the city.

Our Single-family Home Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resale Program has us deploying all five of our development objectives:

- Pursue...
- Partner...
- Advocate...
- Promote ...
- Improve ...

I believe exploring an all-of-the-above approach to developing a variety of housing options is a prudent move. I look forward to seeing the solutions the team of Humphrey School students develops.

Sewer repair costs

By The Public Works Department

Our Public Works team has fielded several calls over the last few months about sewer service repairs, how much they cost, and how to know if they are getting a fair deal.

Sewer service repair costs can start in the \$3,000 - \$4,000 range and rise depending on what needs to be fixed and if the repair is under the street.

Most of Maplewood's sewer system was built in the late 1950s to early 1960s using clay pipe, which generally served communities well for sewage conveyance. After all, this technology dates back to the Babylonians.

Residents are responsible for the maintenance and repair of their sewer service line that runs from the house to the City's sewer mains in the road. Problems can result from several common causes: The joint connecting the home's cast iron supply to the clay sewer main decays. Pesky tree roots find this opening, blocking the line. Pipes can settle creating a low point that stops up the line. Also, pipes may settle, heave, or crack in such a manner that causes an offset joint. The less likely possibility is a fracture caused by over exuberance while cleaning.

The City proactively maintains sewer mains through regular cleaning and checking for issues via underground camera inspections. Property owners can also proactively have their sewer services cleaned and inspected. Repairs can range from having a contractor run a coating inside the pipe to fix cracks and offset joints to excavation and replacement of the service line.

What to do during a backup:

- Stop sending anything down the line. If the water doesn't recede, call a sewer cleaning service.
 - o Call the city to verify the main line is clear.
- If you/your contractor clears the line, contact the city so our crews can verify debris do not cause a backup in the main.



- Ask your contractor to send a camera down the line (but understand that if there is standing water, the camera will not be able to get a good view.)
- Ask for a copy of the televising so you can share it with potential contractors.

Choosing a contractor:

- Get multiple bids (talk to acquaintances who've had similar issues).
- Look out for high pressure sale tactics, such as signing today.
- Consult your insurance agent to see if it's a covered cost.
- If you don't understand the proposed work, call the public works department.

Being proactive:

- Depending on your property's age and location, a camera inspection every 3-5 years can help you prepare for potential issues.
- If you are buying/selling a home, a sewer line inspection is encouraged.
- The city is looking into ways you can finance these costs over time at a low interest rate via a property tax assessment.

Call the Public Works Department:

M-F 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. - 651-249-2400

Weekends/After Hours - 651-767-0640



Chronic Wasting Disease: Deer feeding ban in place

Due to the spread of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) in deer, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MN DNR) has enacted a deer feeding and attractant ban in all of Ramsey County. This is on top of the fact that City ordinance prohibits feeding deer.

To comply with the ban, all wildlife feeders, including bird feeders, must be kept at least six feet off the ground to prevent deer from feeding. If this is not practical, feeders should be removed.

Maplewood neighborhoods south of I-94 are also included in the MN DNR South Metro CWD Surveillance Area; deer have tested positive for the disease nearby. Information about this devastating, easily-spread disease and its effect on Minnesota's deer herd is found here: dnr.state.mn.us/cwd/about.html.

If you have any questions, please contact Carole Gernes, Natural Resources Coordinator with questions, carole.gernes@maplewoodmn.gov.

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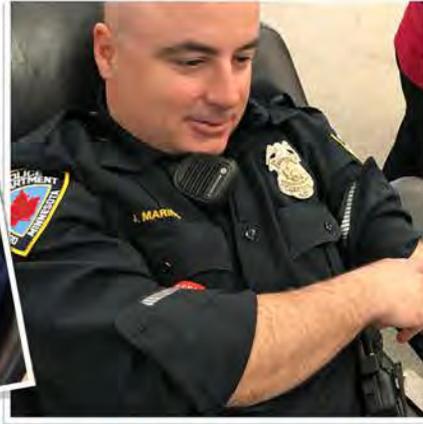
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Maplewood Spring Clean Up

Saturday, May 21, 2022

8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Aldrich Arena (1850 White Bear Avenue)

The yearly Spring Clean Up is an opportunity for Maplewood residents to dispose of large refuse items, recyclable materials not collected in the curbside program, and share usable goods with others.

Additional details visit maplewoodmn.gov/cleanups or call Shann Finwall, Environmental Planner, at 651-249-2304.



Edgerton Community Garden registration

- \$25 per plot for the season
 - March 2 – Returning Gardeners
 - March 16 – New Gardeners
 - Garden season runs April 29 to October 17
 - ADA compliant raised beds available
- maplewoodmn.gov/communitygarden

Easter Egg Hunt

Ages 3-8 • Edgerton Community Gym • 1929 Edgerton St

SATURDAY, APRIL 16

HUNT 1: 9:30-10AM OR HUNT 2: 10:30-11AM

Kids will be hunting for wrapped candy and plastic eggs, some of which may be redeemed for great prizes! Treat bags will be available for children under 2 years of age.

The event features

- Breakfast treats
 - Coloring/craft area
 - Visit from the Easter Bunny
- Don't forget to bring your camera!*

In the event of inclement weather, in lieu of an egg hunt, treat bags will be given away at the start of your scheduled hunt time in the gym.

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

- Register/Info: maplewoodmn.gov/egghunt
- Questions: recreationonline@maplewoodmn.gov or 651-249-2111



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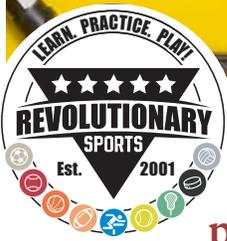
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Session 2 offerings at Maplewood YMCA Location:

Registration Opens: 2/22

Session Dates: 3/14 – 5/8

Youth Sports Leagues:

- Basketball
- Futsal

Adult Leagues:

- Women's Volleyball

For more information or to register visit:

YMCANorth.org/kid__teen_activities/sports



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)

Youth scholarships available for RevSports programs

The City has funding available to Maplewood residents who demonstrate the need for financial assistance. Upon approval, the scholarship will cover 2/3rds of the program fee. Contact recreationonline@maplewoodmn.gov for an application.

Edgerton Community Gym | \$59/session

Register at Maplewood.RevSports.org (don't use www)

THURSDAY Sessions Court #1

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

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

SATURDAY Sessions Court #2

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



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