

CITY'S OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

# MAPLEWOOD LIVING

April 2022



## Maplewood activities are back for 2022

By Nikki Villavicencio

The last two years has given Maplewood a chance to evaluate and find new ways to offer programming. Part of this includes a stronger collaboration among Public Safety, Parks & Natural Resources, and Public Works. We've also strengthened existing partnerships and forged new ones, as guided by our two task forces that sought ways to provide more culturally relevant activities in an economically sustainable manner.

These joining forces are critical to not only providing activities for families, but also to engaging with the community.

We kick off this month with the Easter Egg Hunt and a hands-on project learning day through Ramsey County 4H. The 4H event is one of several new offerings you'll notice. Our Arbor Day Event is back May 14th at the Nature Center. We'll also be hosting community favorites such as Touch-a-Truck, the Public Safety Bike Rodeo, our full Light It Up: 4th of July Celebration, and Celebrate Summer, along with special Halloween and winter holiday events.

Thanks to a programming partnership with ISD 622, professional naturalists will host guided bird hikes, a native gardening class, soap bomb making and other courses at the Nature Center (Go to [maplewoodmn.gov/971](http://maplewoodmn.gov/971) for more info).

The Maplewood YMCA Community Center and a new partnership with RevSports had allowed us to offer more recreational programming for people of all ages.

The Maplewood Area Historical Society (MAHS) is bustling with new energy that will include an arts fair and summer farmer's market. They are also running three youth camps focused on the arts, the farm-to-table experience and Hmong language education. The MAHS has also been awarded with and Americana Corner Grant, which will allow them to create a new exhibit exploring Maplewood's development based on the Northwest Territory, Land Ordinance of 1785.

These are just part of a wide range of spring/summer events. Stay tuned to our social media pages or visit [Maplewoodmn.gov](http://Maplewoodmn.gov) for a full programming list.

"The secret of change is to focus all of your energy, not on fighting the old, but on building the new." according to Socrates. Maplewood is truly stronger together. Through all of life's changes, our city is a fun, family friendly and connectable community. I look forward to seeing many of you at our events. Make sure you find me and say hi!

This spring and summer, many of our familiar events will return after a two-year hiatus.

This is welcomed and exciting news!



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- Melinda Coleman: City Manager (651) 249-2055  
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## Frequently Called Numbers

- City Hall (651) 249-2000
- Maplewood Community Center (651) 747-0922
- Parks and Natural Resources (651) 249-2111
- Public Works (651) 249-2400
- Police Non-Emergency (651) 767-0640

Visit the City website at [www.maplewoodmn.gov](http://www.maplewoodmn.gov) for the meeting schedule of the City Council, Commissions and Boards.



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**10:00am: Wednesday, April 13 | 4:00pm: Wednesday, April 27**  
 Maplewood YMCA Community Center | 2100 White Bear Ave, Maplewood, MN 55109  
 RSVP: 763-225-1000 | [Hello@TheAmericanOnPhalen.com](mailto>Hello@TheAmericanOnPhalen.com)

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## Redistricting leads to election precinct changes

City Council recently approved changes to precinct district boundaries and polling locations. New district boundaries are part of the redistricting process. Every decade, the US Census Bureau releases updated population figures and states must redraw congressional and legislative boundaries to ensure people are equally represented. Local governments then make shifts based on these changes.

Maplewood was required to redraw the boundary between precinct 10 and precinct 11 because a legislative district can't split a precinct.

Beginning with the 2022 election, the southern precinct 10 boundary now runs on Stillwater Road and the west boundary is Lakewood Dr to align with the new legislative district lines between 44B and 47A. All boundaries for precincts 1 through 8 fall in House District 44A.

The 2022 election will also see new polling locations for precincts 1, 3, 9, & 10. New precinct boundary and polling location maps may be found online at [maplewoodmn.gov](http://maplewoodmn.gov).

### 2022 Polling Locations

- P1** Edgerton Elementary School, 1929 Edgerton Street
- P2** Edgerton Elementary School, 1929 Edgerton Street
- P3** Gladstone Education Center, 1945 Manton Street
- P4** Wakefield Park Community Building, 1860 Hazelwood Street N.
- P5** Maplewood Community Center/YMCA, 2100 White Bear Avenue N.
- P6** Redeeming Love Church, 2425 White Bear Avenue N.
- P7** First Evangelical Free Church, 2696 Hazelwood Street
- P8** Ramsey County Library, 3025 Southlawn Drive
- P9** Justice Alan Page Elementary School, 2410 Holloway Avenue E.
- P10** Justice Alan Page Elementary School, 2410 Holloway Avenue E.
- P11** Beaver Lake Education Center, 1060 Sterling Street N.
- P12** Carver Elementary School, 2680 Upper Afton Road E.
- P13** Lutheran Church of Peace, 47 Century Avenue S



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## City elections filing period opens May 17

Eligible individuals desiring to become a candidate for Mayor or Councilmember are required to file an affidavit of candidacy and pay a \$5.00 filing fee at the City Clerk's Office (located in Maplewood City Hall). The filing period runs from Tuesday, May 17, 2022 to Tuesday, May 31, 2022.

Maplewood City Offices on the 2022 General Election ballot:

- Four-year mayoral office
- Four-year councilmember office (2 openings)

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 9, 2022. Additional information is coming in May's Maplewood Living and the City's website, [maplewoodmn.gov](http://maplewoodmn.gov). You may also contact Andrea Sindt, City Clerk at (651) 249-2002 or [andrea.sindt@maplewoodmn.gov](mailto:andrea.sindt@maplewoodmn.gov).



## Pruning tips to prevent tree disease spread

You can help prevent the spread of three major tree diseases in our area by following these pruning and tree removal guidelines.

**Oak trees:** Prevent oak wilt disease<sup>1</sup> spread by pruning or removing oaks from November through March. Oaks with confirmed disease may form fungal spore mats if not removed the winter following diagnosis. Spore mats attract tiny beetles that spread the disease from oak to oak. The disease also spreads through oak roots that fuse and connect tree to tree.

**Ash trees:** To prevent the spread of Emerald Ash Borer (EAB)<sup>1</sup>, prune or remove trees between October 1st and May 1st, when adult beetles are inactive. Bark should be removed from all ash wood larger than one inch in diameter to kill beetle larvae that burrow under the bark. Diseased ash becomes very brittle and hazardous. Hire a Maplewood-licensed tree service<sup>2</sup> for ash removal.

**Elm trees:** Dutch elm disease (DED)<sup>1</sup> is caused by a fungus that is spread by beetles and through connected root systems. Leaves turn yellow or brown in the crown of the tree and may fall to the ground during the growing season. You may send live branch samples to the University of Minnesota diagnostic clinic to determine whether your tree is infected. Maplewood-licensed tree services employ professional arborists who can determine how far to trim infected branches to save your tree.

**Firewood:** Oak wilt, EAB, DED and other tree diseases are spread through the movement of firewood. Purchase Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) certified firewood near the location where it will be used. Do not store diseased wood on your property or transport it outside of the county.

For links to additional tree disease information visit:

- 1 [maplewoodmn.gov/reedisease](http://maplewoodmn.gov/reedisease)
- 2 [maplewoodmn.gov/treecontractors](http://maplewoodmn.gov/treecontractors)

## Arbor Day Event a celebration of trees

Saturday, May 14, 10 a.m. to Noon

Maplewood Nature Center

From Maplewood back yards to tropical rain forests, trees around the world are hard at work providing life's necessities. They clean our air and water, pull carbon dioxide out of the atmosphere, provide habitat for wildlife, connect communities, and support our health and well-being.

Come enjoy our celebration of trees. This fun-filled morning includes:

- Tree Trek hike courtesy of the Friends of Maplewood Nature
- Get a bird's eye view of the trees from the Fire Department bucket truck
- Tree care tools and equipment
- Tree identification and planting instructions, including information on climate resilient trees for our area and a drawing for a free tree (must be a Maplewood resident)
- Crafts and snacks for all ages
- Photo Opps: Tree City USA Banner and scattered selfie stations

[maplewoodmn.gov/arborday](http://maplewoodmn.gov/arborday)

## 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](http://maplewoodmn.gov/egghunt)
- Questions: [recreationonline@maplewoodmn.gov](mailto:recreationonline@maplewoodmn.gov) or 651-249-2111





# Maplewood Spring Clean Up

**Saturday, May 21, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Aldrich Arena (1850 White Bear Avenue)

As a service to Maplewood residents, the City provides the opportunity to dispose or recycle residential bulky items during the annual Spring Clean Up event.

## Accepted items include:

Appliances	Electronics (With and Without a Screen)
Bicycles (Any Condition)	Furniture that Cannot be Reused
Bulky Metals	Mattresses and Box Springs
Car and Pick-Up Truck Tires and Rims	Municipal Solid Waste (residential trash)
Carpet and Carpet Pad (Any Condition)	Reusable Clothing and Shoes
Building Materials from Residential Demolition Projects	Small Engines

## Fees charged per vehicle load (not per item) as follows:

Vehicle Type	Cost <sup>1</sup>
Car	\$20.00
SUV	\$25.00
Pick Up Truck	\$30.00
Van	\$35.00
Cargo Van	\$40.00
Moving Van (up to 10')	\$75.00
Moving Van (10' to 16')	\$100.00
Moving Van (over 16')	Not Allowed
Trailer (up to 8') <sup>2</sup>	\$50.00
Trailer (8' to 16') <sup>2</sup>	\$100.00
Trailer (over 16')	Not Allowed

<sup>1</sup> Payment in the form of cash or check made out to the City of Maplewood.

<sup>2</sup> Trailer fee in addition to vehicle fee (if items are in vehicle).



## Food and Cash Drive for Merrick Community Services and Local Food Shelves

Top items needed include monetary contributions (cash or check made out to Merrick Community Services), proteins (peanut butter, etc.), grains (Jasmine rice, etc.), cooking oils and vinegars, and cooking sauces.



## Document Shredding

No document shredding will be offered during the Spring Clean Up this year. Look for free resident shredding in the fall, or visit [www.maplewoodmn.gov/cleanups](http://www.maplewoodmn.gov/cleanups) for other document shredding opportunities.



## Household Hazardous Waste

No Household Hazardous Waste drop off will be offered during the May 21 Spring Clean Up. Throughout the month of April, Ramsey County offers Household Hazardous Waste drop off at the Aldrich Arena parking lot (Fridays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.). Visit [RamseyRecycles.com/HHW](http://RamseyRecycles.com/HHW) for details on year-round and other mobile collection sites.

## Information

- [maplewoodmn.gov/cleanups](http://maplewoodmn.gov/cleanups)
- Shann Finwall, Environmental Planner, 651-249-2304, [shann.finwall@maplewoodmn.gov](mailto:shann.finwall@maplewoodmn.gov)

**Birds, Trees, Dark Skies, & Climate Change: What's Happening?**

**April 19, 6:30-8 p.m.**

Please join us on Zoom for an educational evening. We will explore the existential crisis of our time—climate change.

Speakers include:  
 Ted Redmond, Renewable Energy Consultant  
 Carroll Henderson, DNR Scientist  
 Dr. Paul Bogard, Environmental Scholar

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[maplewoodmn.gov/climate](http://maplewoodmn.gov/climate)

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# YOUTH Summer CAMP

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## FARM-TO-TABLE CAMP

For campers entering grades 1-3 & 4-6 welcome to ADVENTURES in agriculture! Learn where your food comes from--explore the science of butter, ice cream, cheese & bread by making and eating them! Campers will also play old-time games like townball (a favorite!) and have fun with arts & crafts.

## HMONG LANGUAGE & CULTURE CAMP

We are proud to welcome all campers entering grades 3-7 to join UofM instructor, Bee Vang-Moua in the exploration of the Hmoob (Hmong) language & culture! \*PLEASE NOTE: This one-of-a-kind camp is a half-day camp (9AM-1PM) and is \$80 per camper.



## Dates & Tuition

FARM-TO-TABLE \$190, Grades 1-3  
July 11-14, 18-21, or Aug 1-4

FARM-TO-TABLE \$190, Grades 4-6  
August 8-11

ARTS-ON-THE-FARM \$190,  
Grades 4-6 July 25-28

HMONG LANGUAGE & CULTURE  
\$80, Grades 3-7 July 25-28 (9-1PM)

## ARTS-ON-THE-FARM

Students entering grades 4-6 will explore the world of arts & culture on the Farm! Campers will get creative with fine arts, folk arts & theater arts. Arts from Indigenous Dakota, Yankee-American, German Immigrant, and Hmong Refugee cultures will inspire camper's creative minds to produce unique art and a one act play.

For more information & to apply, visit [WWW.MAPLEWOODHISTORICALSOCIETY.ORG](http://WWW.MAPLEWOODHISTORICALSOCIETY.ORG)  
Or contact our Executive Director, T.J. at [Director@MaplewoodHistoricalSociety.org](mailto:Director@MaplewoodHistoricalSociety.org)

## Recreational opportunities

Maplewood partners with several area organizations to offer a variety of recreational programming, educational opportunities and enrichment offerings.

Visit: [maplewoodmn.gov/programs](http://maplewoodmn.gov/programs)



## 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](http://YMCANorth.org)  
(Search for ForeverWell)



## Summer Youth Sports/Camps by RevSports

To Register: [Maplewood.Revsports.org](http://Maplewood.Revsports.org)

### RevSports Contact:

[Info@RevSports.org](mailto:Info@RevSports.org) or 612-234-7782

\$59/session \$69/session for Ninja Warrior Fitness

Youth scholarships available for RevSports programs through the City of Maplewood. Go to [maplewoodmn.gov/2068](http://maplewoodmn.gov/2068), scroll to the bottom for application details.

### Tuesday Sessions: Pickleball & Ninja Warrior

#### Fitness

Outdoors at Maplewood Heights Park

- Session 5: May 24, 31, June 7, 14
- Session 6: June 21, 28, July 5, 12
- Session 7: July 19, 26, Aug 2, 9
- Session 8: Aug 16, 23, 30, Sep 6
- Session 9: Sep 13, 20, 27, Oct 4

#### Pickleball:

Ages 4-6	5:00 - 5:40 p.m.	Ages 2-3	5:15 - 5:40 p.m.
Ages 6-9	5:45 - 6:25 p.m.	Ages 3-5	5:45 - 6:25 p.m.
Ages 9-11	6:30 - 7:10 p.m.	Ages 4-6	6:30 - 7:10 p.m.
Ages 10-14	7:15 - 7:55 p.m.	Ages 5-8	7:15 - 7:55 p.m.

#### Ninja Warrior Fitness:

### Thursday Sessions: Basketball, Flag Football & Soccer

- Session 4: Basketball: Apr 28, May 5, 12, 19
- Session 5: Basketball/Soccer: May 26, June 2, 9, 16  
Edgerton Community Gym & Edgerton Park
- Session 6: Basketball/Soccer: June 23, 30, July 7, 14  
Edgerton Community Gym & Edgerton Park
- Session 7: Flag Football/Soccer  
July 21, 28, Aug 4, 11 (Edgerton Park)
- Session 8: Flag Football/Soccer  
Aug 18, 25, Sep 1, 8 (Edgerton Park)
- Session 9: Flag Football/Soccer  
Sep 15, 22, 29, Oct 6 (Edgerton Park)

#### Basketball & Football:

Ages 4-6	5:30 - 6:10 p.m.	Ages 2-3	5:15 - 5:40 p.m.
Ages 6-9	6:15 - 6:55 p.m.	Ages 3-5	5:45 - 6:25 p.m.
Ages 9-11	7:00 - 7:40 p.m.	Ages 3-5	6:30 - 7:10 p.m.
Ages 10-14	7:45 - 8:25 p.m.	Ages 4-6	7:15 - 7:55 p.m.

#### Soccer:

### Saturday Sessions:

#### T-Ball/Baseball, Flag Football & Soccer

- Session 4: Apr 30, May 7, 14, 21 (Edgerton Park)
- Session 5: June 4, 11, 18, 25 (Edgerton Park)
- Session 6: July 9, 16, 23, 30 (Edgerton Park)
- Session 7: Aug 6, 13, 20, 27 (Edgerton Park)

### Soccer: Session 4 only

#### Soccer: 4 sessions

Ages 3-5	9:00-9:40 a.m.	Ages 5-7	10:30-11:10 a.m.
Ages 4-6	9:45-10:25 a.m.	Ages 6-9	11:15-11:55 a.m.

#### T-ball/Baseball Times:

Ages 2-3/T-ball	9:00 - 9:25 a.m.
Ages 3-5/T-ball	9:45 - 10:25 a.m.
Ages 3-5/T-Ball	10:30 - 11:10 a.m.
Ages 4-6/Coach Pitch	11:15 - 11:55 a.m.

#### Flag Football Times:

Ages 3-5	9:00 - 9:40 a.m.
Ages 4-6	9:45 - 10:25 a.m.
Ages 5-7	10:30 - 11:10 a.m.
Ages 6-9	11:15 - 11:55 a.m.

## SUMMER CAMPS

Edgerton Community Gym or outdoors at Edgerton Park

Times: Ages 4-6 9:30 -11:30 a.m.  
Ages 7-12 12:30-2:30 p.m.

Rate: \$99/camp \$119/camp for Ninja Warrior Fitness

To Register: [Maplewood.Revsports.org](http://Maplewood.Revsports.org)

RevSports Contact: [Info@RevSports.org](mailto:Info@RevSports.org) or 612-234-7782

### Quidditch (June 27-30) – Outdoors

Quidditch resembles a combination of basketball and rugby with elements of team handball and dodgeball. Please note this camp is taught as an active sports camp.

### Ninja Warrior Obstacles (July 5-8) – Indoors

Camp will focus on developing agility, balance, coordination, speed and strength to accomplish challenges in the obstacle course.

### Basketball (July 25-28) – Indoors

Players will learn the fundamentals and age appropriate rules, including dribbling, shooting, defending, passing and more.

### Flag Football (Aug 1-4) – Outdoors

In RevSports Flag Football Camp campers will practice the basics of flag football including ball carrying, passing, receiving, defending, hand-offs, running routes and more.



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**Nature Center programing**

We are excited to begin our programming partnership with ISD622 Community Education at the Maplewood Nature Center. Experienced naturalists will guide each of these professionally developed hands-on learning sessions.

For more information and to register for Nature Center Programing, visit: [Maplewoodmn.gov/971](http://Maplewoodmn.gov/971)

**Favorite Natives for Your Garden**

Wednesday May 4, 6:30-8 p.m. \$20/person

The class will focus on matching your garden’s sun and moisture conditions with suitable plants for success.

**Bird Hikes (Ages 8+)**

Saturdays 9-11 a.m. \$15/person

Sessions: April 9, May 9, May 14, June 11, July 9, August 13

This is a great opportunity to share quality and educational time with your favorite young person and learn about birds commonly found in the east metro. Please note: trails in the nature center are unpaved.

**Mom’s the Bomb (Ages 10+)**

Saturday May 7, 10-11:30 a.m. \$15/person

Treat your mom to relaxation! Create two custom bath bombs using essential oils and natural ingredients.

**Survival Paracord Bracelet (Ages 10+)**

Saturday June 18, 10-11:30 a.m. \$15/person

A simple bracelet that you constructed from paracord is actually a survival tool in disguise. Make one for yourself or to give to dad as a gift.

**Dragonflies and Damselies (Adult/Youth age 6+)**

Saturday July 16, 10a.m.-12 p.m. \$15/person

Discover the wonderful world of dragonflies and damselies as you take a closer look at their various stages of life.

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