

CITY'S OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

# MAPLEWOOD LIVING

May 2022



## Exciting time for community engagement

*By Rebecca Cave, Councilmember*

After scaling back outreach events the past two summers, I'm excited to see the public safety department's full lineup of grill outs and get togethers back for 2022, with a special addition -- BINGO nights at Maplewood senior care facilities.

In the last few years, public safety has created an even stronger collaboration with Parks and Natural Resources and Public Works so the three can host a wide variety of community events for people of all ages and backgrounds to enjoy.

Connecting with the community in more relaxed, non-enforcement settings is critical to building strong relationships with our neighbors and stakeholders. In fact, all public safety employees, which includes police, firefighter-paramedics, and their civilian staff are required to spend 20 hours annually on community outreach.

(For a list of public events visit [maplewoodmn.gov](http://maplewoodmn.gov), scroll to the calendar at the bottom.)

## Recruiting talented public safety professionals

The City's emphasis on this engagement has helped attract quality candidates in a tight labor market. Other advantages that have helped attract officers and firefighters are the commitment to being a family-first employer, staff wellness and support from co-workers, administrators, and City Council.

Our police and fire departments have been proactive about reaching out to potential recruits and respond to job inquiries almost immediately, regardless if they come in after hours or on weekends.

I'm proud of the public safety department's talented hires, which include three new police officers, with three more in the background process as of this writing. The fire department also recently welcomed new Assistant Chief Ryan Schroeder, who brings more than 16 years of Fire-EMS and leadership experience to the department. It brought more investigative and inspections work in house with the promotion of Firefighter-Paramedic Jerry Novak to the newly created Battalion Chief/Fire Marshal post. Several frontline firefighter-paramedics received advanced training to make this addition feasible. And I'm proud to welcome a third female firefighter-paramedic who started last month.



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## City Manager

- 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: May 11 & June 8 | 4:00pm: May 25 & June 22**  
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## Filing for city elections opens May 17

The following Maplewood City Offices will be on the 2022 ballot:

**Four-year mayoral office**

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

**Filing period opens:** Tuesday, May 17, 2022 at 8:00 a.m.

**Filing deadline:** Tuesday, May 31, 2022 at 5:00 pm.

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.

A \$5 filing fee (or petition in place of the filing fee) must be filed with the affidavit of candidacy. Petitions in place of the filing fee must contain at least 500 signatures. Petitions may only be signed by persons eligible to vote for the office.

Candidates may withdraw from the ballot by filing an affidavit of withdrawal at any time until Thursday, June 2, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. Filing fees are not refundable.



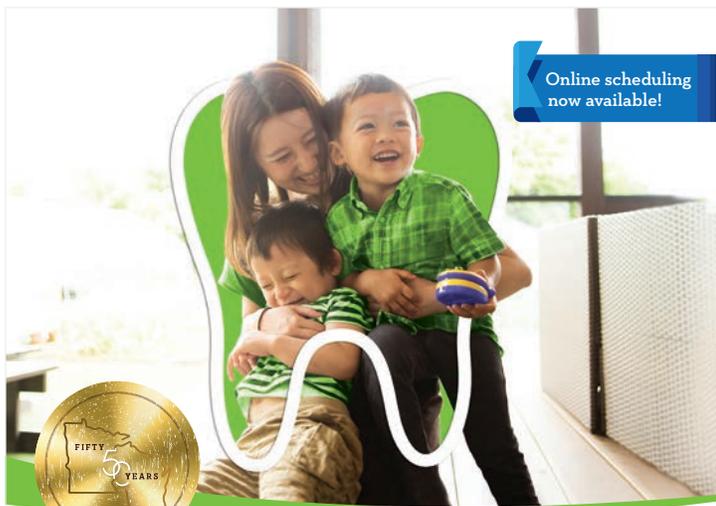
Affidavits of candidacy, petitions, and affidavits of withdrawal must be presented in person or by mail. Fax or e-mailed documents are not accepted. All forms are available on the City's website [maplewoodmn.gov/95](http://maplewoodmn.gov/95) and at city hall.

The office of the city clerk is located at Maplewood City Hall, 1830 County Road B East, Maplewood. The office will be open for filings from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on each business day of the filing period except Tuesday, June 2, 2022, when office hours will be 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Both Maplewood and Ramsey County offices will be closed Memorial Day, Monday, May 30.

As an alternative, interested candidates may file with the Ramsey County Auditor, located at 90 Plato Blvd. W., Saint Paul. Check [rcelections.org](http://rcelections.org) or call 651-266-2171 for details on filing at this location.

A list of candidates who have filed for office will be posted daily on the city website [maplewoodmn.gov/93](http://maplewoodmn.gov/93).

If you have questions, please contact Andrea Sindt, City Clerk at (651) 249-2002 or at [andrea.sindt@maplewoodmn.gov](mailto:andrea.sindt@maplewoodmn.gov)



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## 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. For a list of items accepted and pricing visit [www.maplewoodmn.gov/cleanups](http://www.maplewoodmn.gov/cleanups).

Police and fire have been creative at attracting people underrepresented in the profession through the Pathways to Policing program, Community Service Officer positions, and Fire Cadet initiative, which all give hard-working, talented people a chance to learn on the job and get paid, while they're attaining schooling and certification to be fully licensed in the public safety field.

### **New Fire Station**

I'm looking forward to cutting the ribbon on our modern fire station in the north end early summer. It has all of the amenities to house a 24-hour operation and living quarters. The new station will host this year's bike rodeo, which was on hiatus the last two years, and our annual October open house.

Please stop out to any of our many events over the next several months.



## **Pollinators in the Park**

**Harvest Park Native Seed Garden  
2561 North Barclay Street**

**Tuesday, May 24, 6 - 7 p.m.** (rain date May 26)

Join the Urban Roots youth conservation group in celebrating Pollinators in the Park.

- Learn the benefits of native plants, and tips on planting and growing them.
- Look for a pop up native plant sale or native plant giveaways
- Kid-friendly pollinator activities during the event.

The Harvest Park Native Seed Garden incorporates a mix of native pollinator-supporting forbs and grasses, designed to facilitate the harvesting of seed from the plants to use in future restoration projects.

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



## **Arbor Day Event a celebration of trees**

**Maplewood Nature Center  
Saturday, May 14, 10 a.m. to Noon**

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



## Nature Center programming

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

### Bird Hikes (Ages 8+)

Saturdays 9-11 a.m.

\$15/person

Sessions: 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 construct from paracord is actually a survival tool in disguise. Make one for yourself or to give to dad as a gift.

### Dragonflies and Damselflies (Adult/Youth age 6+)

Saturday July 16, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

\$15/person

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

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# Tree Care & Shrub Pruning Basics

Discover basics of tree care and pruning native shrubs to promote health, structural strength and flower/fruit production.

*This will have an outdoor component. Please dress for the weather, wear sturdy shoes, bring gardening gloves and pruners.*

**Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**6:30pm - 8:30pm**  
**Maplewood Nature Center**  
 Register at [maplewoodmn.gov/programs](http://maplewoodmn.gov/programs)

**Summerhill of Maplewood**  
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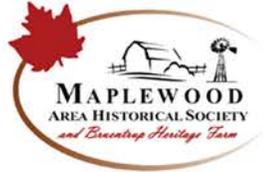
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Farm Camps are M-Thurs 9AM-4PM. Hmong Camp is M-Thurs 9AM-1PM. (Bring your own lunch)  
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# YOUTH Summer CAMP

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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)



# 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 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:

## Saturday Sessions:

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

- 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)

### T-ball/Baseball Times:

Ages 2-3/T-ball	9:15 - 9:40 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.

## Thursday Sessions: Basketball, Flag Football & Soccer

- 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:

## 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)





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