



CITY'S OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

# MAPLEWOOD LIVING

August 2022



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## Council Corner

by Nikki Villavencencio

By the 1990's, the Bruentrup Dairy Farm, was one of the area's last working agricultural operations. If the name sounds familiar, it is. In 1999, the family donated the original homestead, barn and several other structures to the Maplewood Area Historical Society (MAHS), which were meticulously moved to city-owned land on County Rd D.



For more than 20 years, MAHS has helped preserve and tell the story of the city's rich history in a variety of ways, including events at the recreated farm and museum.

Many of these stories are about immigrants, refugees and people who came here for the community's evolving amenities, from rich farmland in the 1800's to safe, affordable homes in the urban core.

Mine are among these stories—a Filipinx-rooted, disabled family, looking for a more welcoming and inclusive community.

It's why I'm proud to serve on the MAHS board. I first took more notice of the historical society about a year ago. I noticed a number of new programs aimed at widening the organization's audience.

They included events like "A Draft from the Past with Beer Choir Twin Cities," a town hall called "Let's Talk About Ukraine," with Dr. Irina Fursman, a Maplewood resident who grew up in the country when it was part of the Soviet Union.

By this winter, I was participating in more events and found myself in a lift high above the property on a 19-degree December day raising money for the organization's youth learning camps.

It was worth it. So far, three dozen area children have participated in the Farm to Table, Arts on the Farm and Hmong Language and Culture camps.

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## Elected Officials

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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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This June, MAHS started the Big Red Barn Farmers Market, running Sundays through September. It's a wonderful community event that includes local vendors, live music, kid's activities and historical exhibits like the 3M and Maplewood: Magically Adhered Exhibit.

Building community can mean many things to many people. Maplewood means many things to many people. Knowing our history and understanding how our community became its unique self is important to the future of the City.

Stay tuned to MAHS on Facebook for future events like these.

## Maplewood budget calendar

Opportunities to learn about Maplewood's 2023 budget. Visit the meeting calendar at [MaplewoodMN.Gov](http://MaplewoodMN.Gov) for exact times.

- **August 8:** City Council Workshop
- **August 22:** City Council Workshop
- **September 12:** Adopt Preliminary Budget
- **December 12:** Truth in Taxation and Adoption of Final Budget and Tax Levy

## Schedule Your Home Energy Squad Visit

Income-qualified participants get free visit and \$20 Market Bucks card

Home Energy Squads evaluate your home's energy savings opportunities and install materials to save energy and money, such as:

- LED bulbs
- a programmable thermostat
- door and attic hatch weather stripping
- high-efficiency showerhead and faucet aerators

Call (651) 328-6220 go to [mncee.org/HES](http://mncee.org/HES) to schedule your visit today!



Councilmember Kathleen Juenemann (left) Shann Finwall, Environmental Planner accepting Maplewood's award.

## Maplewood improves in key climate metrics

For the sixth year in a row, Maplewood received the Step 5 GreenStep Cities award – the highest honor – by advancing on more than a dozen climate and natural resource protection goals from 2020 to 2021. With these advances over the years, Maplewood now has:

- **90 percent of street lights running on LED bulbs**
- **55 electric vehicle charging stations**
- **63 city-owned and private energy generation sites, such as solar**
- **Decreased City operation's Green House Gas emissions by 45% since 2015.**

For more information on our climate action efforts visit [maplewoodmn.gov/greenstep](http://maplewoodmn.gov/greenstep)



## Solar Power Hour

**Wednesday, September 7, 2022 | 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.**  
**Maplewood Nature Center**  
**2659 East Seventh Street**

The Solar Power Hours help make going solar more accessible and affordable in the community. During this free event, you will learn 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. To learn more and sign up visit [twincities.growsolar.org](http://twincities.growsolar.org).

## Free buckthorn removal training

Maplewood Nature Center

Friday, August 26, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

This is a hands-on opportunity for learning to distinguish buckthorn from beneficial look-alikes, best management practices for removal and herbicide safety. Participants practice removal to earn a free Buckthorn Blaster.

Participants must wear: eye protection, long pants, long sleeved shirt, shoes plus long socks; and chemical resistant gloves (only butyl rubber, nitrile rubber, neoprene rubber or Viton. No cloth, leather or household latex).

Registration required by Noon, Wednesday, August 24, [Registrationonline@maplewoodmn.gov](mailto:Registrationonline@maplewoodmn.gov), activity # 16897 or call (651) 249-2111.

**Buckthorn Herbicide Coupon**  
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Promotion available at all Bachman's locations  
2600 White Bear Ave, Maplewood (651) 770-0531

*We recommend Triclopyr products at 8% or 8.8% if treating before September 1. Use water-safe formulations for use within 15 feet of water, wet areas or storm drains.*

## 2022 Buckthorn curbside pick-up and disposal

Maplewood residents who remove enough buckthorn to fill a large pickup truck will receive free fall pickup. If you do not have enough, recruit your neighbors and we will include your block. This year, pickup is scheduled for the week of Oct. 24.

Register by 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 18 via email: [carole.gernes@maplewoodmn.gov](mailto:carole.gernes@maplewoodmn.gov), or by calling (651) 249-2111. You will receive a confirmation email including a management brochure, stacking instructions, safe use of herbicides and other information. Only buckthorn will be picked up. There will be no early or late pick-ups.

Find a Ramsey County sites that accept brush and buckthorn at [ramseyrecycles.com](http://ramseyrecycles.com)



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**WHEN:** 10:00am, Aug 10 & Sept 14 | 4:00pm, Aug 25 & Sept 28  
**WHERE:** Maplewood YMCA Community Center  
2100 White Bear Ave, Maplewood MN 55109  
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## August 31, 2022

6 - 7:30 p.m. • Edgerton Park • 1929 Edgerton St.

### FREE FAMILY EVENT!

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- 3M Visiting Wizards
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## Addressing public safety issue

**Reports of crime rising in the metro area is an issue all suburban communities are taking seriously.**

The reasons for rising crime are complex and so are the solutions.

Maplewood continues to build on what has worked to deliver order and livability. The police department relies on data. It pinpoints problem spots and what's at their root. We rely on our well-trained staff of dedicated officers. They put proactive policing at the center of maintaining community safety.

Technology also plays a big role. These tools include a new device called Star Chase, which allows officers to deploy a projectile on the back of stolen cars. This GPS device tracks and helps us recover stolen vehicles more safely and without vehicle pursuits. We've added a detective dedicated exclusively to building criminal cases on these thieves and other auto-related crimes.

Stronger collaboration among all our detectives and prosecutors will be the key to holding the most prolific offenders accountable. It takes extensive leg work to successfully charge, convict and sentence someone who committed an assault, robbery or stole a car.

We are also enhancing partnerships with several metro taskforces that have been announced in recent months to address violent crimes.

Another area that will be a key to success is community engagement. We've held dozens of outreach-events so far this summer, some in neighborhoods with our highest call volumes. Creating connections is hard work. Trust doesn't come quickly. But when it's earned, trust helps prevent and solve crimes.

Our strategy brings a holistic approach to public safety and livability. One of the elements of which the department is most proud is our community and mental health outreach.

We're the only city in the east metro suburbs that has two full-time social workers embedded in the public safety department. They work closely with our community paramedics and front-line police officers.

We have not seen the challenges police face today in more than a generation. Still, officers come to work every day dedicated to making a difference how they can. They need help and support. We all have a role to play in our community's safety.

## Overnight parking prohibited, except with a permit

Many Maplewood residents might not realize that parking is prohibited between 2 - 6 a.m. There is a process to get a temporary overnight permit parking permit if you have a hardship. For the application and more information, visit: [maplewoodmn.gov/parking](http://maplewoodmn.gov/parking)

### Overnight Parking Permits

- Each permit is valid for ONE vehicle only.
- Permits are valid only for the time frame specified up to 365 days.
- Applicant must show a hardship in order to receive a permit. (hardship can be defined as having too many vehicles/licensed drivers for the amount of off-street parking available between garages and surface parking.)
- The street or area where the vehicle will be parked must be free of obstructions and able to maintain flow for traffic and emergency vehicles.
- The placard MUST be displayed so that it is visible from outside the vehicle.
- Permits are not valid during a snow event of 2 inches or more until streets have been plowed.
- There is a \$50.00 per vehicle per year fee for a parking permit.

## Primary Election Tuesday, August 9, 2022

The Mayor position will be included on ballots. The two Maplewood candidates receiving the most votes will advance to the November General Election.

### The following individuals are on the ballot:

- Marylee Abrams
- Jen Owens
- Bob Cardinal
- Diana Longrie

For more information about voting options and polling locations, visit: [maplewoodmn.gov/91/Elections](http://maplewoodmn.gov/91/Elections)





## Youth Sports 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 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 6-9 5:45 - 6:25 p.m.  
 Ages 9-11 6:30 - 7:10 p.m.  
 Ages 10-14 7:15 - 7:55 p.m.

#### Ninja Warrior Fitness:

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

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

- 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 6-9 6:15 - 6:55 p.m.  
 Ages 9-11 7:00 - 7:40 p.m.  
 Ages 10-14 7:45 - 8:25 p.m.

#### Soccer:

Ages 2-3 5:15 - 5:40 p.m.  
 Ages 3-5 5:45 - 6:25 p.m.  
 Ages 3-5 6:30 - 7:10 p.m.  
 Ages 4-6 7:15 - 7:55 p.m.

### Saturday Sessions:

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

- 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.

## THE MAPLEWOOD AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

(651) 748-8645

[info@MaplewoodHistoricalSociety.org](mailto:info@MaplewoodHistoricalSociety.org)



## The Big Red Barn Farmers Market

Sundays 9-1, Jun - Sep

At the Maplewood Area Historical Society



### HISTORY'S MYSTERIES

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barb.johnson@maplewoodmn.gov**