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By Rebecca Cave, Councilmember



As a Minnesotan you're probably not surprised our state consistently ranks among the top when it comes to volunteering. More than 40 percent of Minnesotans volunteer in some capacity, according to Minnesota Compass, analyzing Census and Bureau of Labor Statistics data.

About a quarter of those people volunteer for civic or political causes, which is critical for local governments, including Maplewood. We rely on volunteers for our various boards, commissions, task forces and committees. These community members help guide us as a council in deciding various issues.

Maplewood has five standing boards and committees that meet monthly. They include:

- Community Design Review Board
- Planning Commission
- Parks and Recreation Commission
- Environmental and Natural Resources Commission
- Heritage Preservation Commission

Generally, they vet proposals from developers, parks and natural resources initiatives and preservation efforts.

There are other informal bodies such as the Multicultural Advisory Committee (MAC), which serves as a liaison between police and the community. The MAC has been an important voice on policy, strategic planning, and hiring. We also have various task forces that convene for a limited time to provide insight on a specific issue, such as our current Purple Line Advisory Committee.

People who serve come from a variety of backgrounds. Some commissions require a portion of members to have a professional expertise in the area they oversee, such as planning, community design review and heritage preservation.

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Elected Officials

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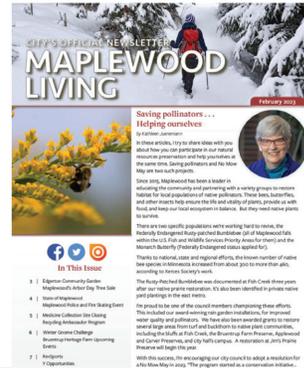
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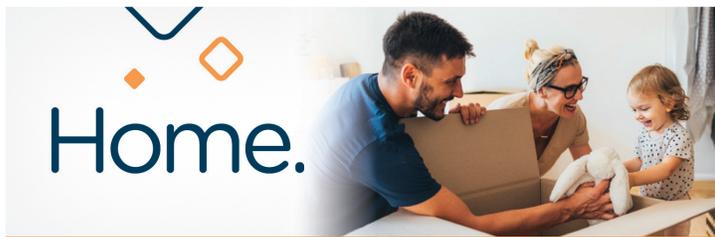
Frequently Called Numbers

- 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 for the meeting schedule of the City Council, Commissions and Boards.



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[RESIDENT DEMOCRACY continued]

This year, the city is ensuring our standing commissions take a more proactive approach when it comes to diversity and inclusion. In March, members will attend a basic overview of the topic and consider areas where their work would have an impact on constituents. The Parks and Recreation Commission is specifically aiming to

attend more of our community outings such as the 4th of July gathering, Touch-a-Truck and the Celebrate Summer events.

Heritage Preservation is documenting the Hmong and Karen communities' in-migration patterns and what contributions international Fortune 500 companies, such as 3M, have had on our growing south Asian communities.

If you want to have a more hands-on impact in our community without running for office, please consider applying for one of these positions. Openings are typically posted on the City's Website, social media, and right here in Maplewood Living. I'd like to conclude by thanking our various volunteers for their work and service.

In partnership with ISD622 Community Education, we're hosting the following courses at the Maplewood Nature Center this spring and summer.

To register for a course, visit: maplewoodmn.gov/971/Program-Events
All classes are \$15/adult; \$20 adult and one child, \$5 each additional child



School District 622
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Ready for tomorrow

Spring Migration Walk

Date	Saturday, April 22
Time	8:00 - 10:00 am

This family-friendly walk will explore a variety of habitats to see what "early birds" are either passing through or setting up for the season. Dress for the weather as class will be held outside.

Favorite Natives for Your Garden*

Date	Thursday, May 4
Time	6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
*Cost	\$20

From lilac-scented blue phlox and columbine in spring, to bold butterfly weed, cardinal flower and asters in summer and fall -- these native perennials bring seasonal beauty and colorful flowers to your garden that feed pollinating bees, butterflies and hummingbirds. The class will focus on matching your garden's sun and moisture conditions with suitable plants for optimal success.

Please dress according to the weather, wear good walking shoes, the trails are hard packed natural surfaces and bring bug spray.

Wildflower and Critter Treks

Dates	Tues. - May 9, June 13, July 18
Time	6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

The trails in the Maplewood Nature center offer a great opportunity for viewing wildflowers, native vegetation and animals that call this urban forest home. Each month the experience will be different even though the trails are the same.

Beginning Bird Migration Walk

Date	Monday, May 15
Time	8:00 am - 10:00 am

Ideal for the beginning birder who wants to get a taste of the frenzy without getting too overwhelmed.

Warbler Walk

Date	Monday, May 15
Time	6:00 am - 8:00 am

Warblers are among the many colorful birds we will be seeking out. This walk is designed for the serious birder (or the new birder who wants to experience the phenomenon of peak migration) as we will be trying to identify as many species as possible.



Nesting Bird Walk

Date	Saturday, Jun 17
Time	6:00 am - 8:00 am

At this time of the year, migration is mostly done, and the birds have set up for the season. We'll walk the trails in search of evidence of nesting: anything from paired-up birds, courtship behavior, nests, and perhaps even some young already hatched from the earliest nesters!

Citizen Science & Bird Walk

Date	Tuesday, July 11
Time	6:00pm - 8:00 pm

This class will introduce you to eBird, a database developed by Cornell to both search for birds (by species, date, and by location) and to enter valuable information.

Fall Migration Walk

Date	Monday, August 28
Time	8:00 am - 10:00 am

It might still be summer to us, but to birds, fall migration is already underway. With plenty of bugs still around to feed these birds on their journeys south, we'll hope for an active morning with a good mix of breeding species and migrants (many of which will look different now than they did in the spring)!

Easter Egg Hunt

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 8

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
- Easter themed coloring 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



Summer Day Camps

• AT THE BRUENTRUP HERITAGE FARM •

FARM-TO-TABLE CAMP

9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday - Thursday
Grades 1-3, July 10-13 - \$220
Grades 1-3, July 17-20 - \$220
Grades 4-6, July 24-27 - \$220

CULINARY CAMP

12 p.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday - Thursday
Ages 12-16, August 14-17 - \$310

ARTS ON THE FARM CAMP

9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday - Thursday
Grades 4-6, August 7 - 10 - \$220

HMONG LANGUAGE & CULTURE CAMP

9 a.m. - 1 p.m., Monday - Thursday
Grades 3-7, August 7 - 10 - \$120

MaplewoodMuseum.org/Daycamps

(651) 748-8645 info@maplewoodmuseum.org



Grow Your Own Organic Food

Edgerton Community Garden plot registration begins March 1 for returning gardeners and March 15 for new gardeners. The cost is \$30, \$35, or \$40 per plot depending on plot size and resident status. For more information and to register visit maplewoodmn.gov/communitygarden.

Nominations now being accepted for the Sgt. Joe Bergeron Community Service Award

Do you know someone who has gone above and beyond to serve the community? Nominate them for the Sgt. Joe Bergeron Community Service Award.

In collaboration with the Bergeron family, the police department created this award to honor his legacy of serving the community. Members of the public can submit nominations online thru March 31st at Maplewoodmn.gov/JBaward



Tree Care & Shrub Pruning Basics

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

We will have presentations inside and pruning practice outside. Please dress for the weather; wear sturdy shoes, and bring gardening gloves and pruners.

Friday, March 24 | 6:30 - 8:30 pm | FREE
Maplewood Nature Center

Register at maplewoodmn.gov/shrub or leave a message at (651) 249-2111.



Spring Clean Up Save the Date

Saturday, April 22, 2023 | 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Aldrich Arena Parking Lot (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. More information at maplewoodmn.gov/cleanups.

Youth Summer Conservation Internship

Urban Roots is hiring Maplewood 14-18-year-olds to work on summer conservation programs.

The summer internship includes:

- Helping restore local parks by removing displaced plant species and planting native plants.
- Helping to take care of the Harvest Park Native Seed Garden.
- Helping conduct bee surveys and monitor water quality.
- Developing and leading outreach opportunities to help the community connect with and learn about the environment.

This is a nine-week program, for at least ten hours a week at \$12.50 an hour. Program eligibility reserved for students who qualify for free or reduced-price lunch or have a barrier to employment. For more details on the Maplewood summer intern positions, or to apply, please e-mail David Woods, Conservation Program Director, at dwoods@urbanrootsmn.org.



Consider volunteering with the Maplewood Parks and Natural Resources Department

Anyone 16 and older who shares an interest in the environment, recreation, and community outreach is welcome to apply.

Opportunities include assisting with:

- Environmental programs
- Monitoring of species and open spaces
- Natural resources projects
- Recreation and special events

There is no minimum hourly requirement, but you could expect to work from 1.5-3 hours each volunteer opportunity, although special events or projects may require longer periods.

Schedules may be a one-time event, weekly, bi-weekly, monthly or seasonal depending on activities and availability. Training will occur on-the-job by Parks and Natural Resources staff as required.

For more information visit maplewoodmn.gov/volunteer.



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Winter 2023 RevSports

Thursday Sessions:

Session 2: Mar 9, 23, 30, Apr 6

Session 3: Apr 13, 20, 27, May 4

Basketball: Session 2

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.

Volleyball: Session 2

Ages 6-9 5:30-6:10 p.m.

Ages 9-11 6:15-6:55 p.m.

Ages 10-14 7:00-7:40 p.m.

Boys Ages 10-14 7:45-8:25 p.m.

Baseball: Session 3

Ages 3-5 5:30-6:10 p.m.

Ages 4-6 6:15-6:55 p.m.

Ages 6-9 7:00-7:40 p.m.

Ages 9-12 7:45-8:25 p.m.

Ages 9-12 7:45-8:25 p.m.

Saturday Sessions:

Session 3: Apr 15, 22, 29, May 6

*Outdoors

Session 4: May 13, 20, June 3, 10

*Outdoors

Ninja Warrior: Session 3, 4

Ages 2-3 9:15 - 9:40 a.m.

Ages 3-5 9:45 - 10:25 a.m.

Ages 5-8 10:30 - 11:10 a.m.

Ages 6-9 11:15 - 11:55 a.m.

Soccer: Session 3, 4

Ages 2-3 9:15 - 9:40 a.m.

Ages 3-5 9:45 - 10:25 a.m.

Ages 5-8 10:30 - 11:10 a.m.

Ages 6-9 11:15 - 11:55 a.m.

Ages 9-12 12 p.m. - 12:40 p.m.



To Register:

Maplewood.Revsports.org

RevSports Contact:

info@RevSports.org

612-234-7782

Sessions take place at Edgerton Gym

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\$75/Ninja Warrior

For more info on the classes and for scholarship information visit: maplewoodmn.gov/2068/RevSports-Classes

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Visit ysnmn.org for more resources.



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March 22 & April 26 | 2:00pm
May 3 | 6:00pm

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