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MAPLEWOOD LIVING

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Intersection of Frost and English Street. Primed for redevelopment.

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Four in the next four

By Marylee Abrams, Mayor

It's been a privilege to serve as Maplewood mayor, and an even greater honor to have recently been reelected to a four-year term.

Over the past several years, we've accomplished a number of milestones, including the modernization of our Fire/EMS Department, creating a vision plan for the North End, and completing the Frost Avenue corridor road improvements to make way for Gladstone area development.

In the next four years, I'll work with council and staff on an ambitious plan to accomplish four major goals – more transit options, affordable home ownership, a public safety training facility expansion, and North End/mall area development.

Transit

Starting early this year, we'll hold work sessions examining who's using transit and how we can make it more efficient. Metro Transit, community groups, business leaders and other planners will be at the table.

In our annual surveys with the business community, they tell us that reliable transit is one of the major obstacles to attracting workers.

Redevelopment

In addition to transit, affordable homeownership will be a key priority. Last summer we partnered with two graduate school classes from the University of Minnesota's Humphrey School of Public Affairs. The work sought to identify vacant properties in the City and devise a way Maplewood could acquire, rehab and sell them at an affordable price.

One finding highlights how private investors are scooping up vacant housing for rental. This is a good news-bad news situation. Investors are preventing vacant properties from creating neighborhood blight.

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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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Conceptual design of the North End

[LOOKING AHEAD continued]

However, they are taking properties with the potential to be affordable owner-occupied housing off the market.

The Humphrey students provided several potential partners and funding streams. The City hopes to eventually buy an abandoned property, turn it into an affordable unit, and build on that model in the future.

This effort will help ensure our neighborhoods stay strong, especially in the Gladstone corridor, where several multi-family housing developments are in various stages of planning. Another area prime for development is the North End. Council recently approved plans for an apartment complex at the location of the Myth entertainment venue. It's near a new Becker Furniture at the former Toys R Us location. There is news the Sears store will likely be up for sale, along with the potential auctioning of the mall. A number of factors are in flux; we'll be working closely with our partners to stay engaged and informed. Over the next four years, I'm hopeful the North End will start resembling the master plan our community helped us create.

Public Safety

Lastly, economically viable communities are safe. Our investment in public safety will continue with the joint partnership to expand the East Metro Public Safety Training Facility. In recent years, police departments have been diversifying professional development, necessitating more

East Metro Public Safety Training facility

training location options, which are scarce on this side of town. We are working with our state legislative delegation to secure bonding dollars for an expansion that would provide training space for Maplewood and our east metro public safety partners.

These are ambitious goals. Accomplishing them will strengthen not only our community but the region. We have a council, staff and partners in place to make them a reality.

I look forward to the work ahead and the new year. On behalf of the council, I'd like to thank our entire community for their support.

Winter pruning to prevent tree disease

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

Oak trees: All oaks in our area are susceptible to oak wilt disease, with red and pin oaks succumbing more quickly than white or bur oaks. Prevent oak wilt 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), prune or remove trees between October and May, 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.

Elm trees: Dutch elm disease (DED) 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. Visit maplewoodmn.gov/1067 for a full list.

Firewood: 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.

Visit maplewoodmn.gov/1067 for further tree care information.

Conversations With Constituents 2023

A Q&A with our local elected officials

LWV LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS® OF ROSEVILLE AREA

RAMSEY COUNTY Library

Thursday, January 19, 2023

6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Zoom

Register at –

https://bit.ly/3XQbmsJ

Mayors:

Falcon Heights, Lauderdale, Little Canada, Maplewood, Roseville

- What would YOU like to ask?
- What are YOUR priorities?
- What would YOU like to understand?

County Commissioners:

Districts 1, 2, 3, & 7

Bring your questions & join the conversation!

Winter Nature Photo Contest

Through January, visit any of our parks, preserves or open spaces and capture an amazing nature shot. Submit it for a cool prize and a chance for your photo to be featured in Maplewood Living.

We will have two age categories: 12 & under and 13+, each winner will receive a $30 gift card (donated by the Friends of Maplewood Nature)

- **Only nature photos without people will be considered**
- **Photo must be taken between January 1-31, 2023**
- **Photo must be taken in a Maplewood Park or Preserve**

For complete rules and to submit your entry visit *maplewoodmn.gov/1156*

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Thursday Sessions:
Session 1: Feb 2, 9, 16, 23
Session 2: Mar 9, 23, 30, Apr 6
Session 3: Apr 13, 20, 27, May 4

Volleyball: Session 1, 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.
Boys Ages 9-12	7:45 - 8:25 p.m.

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

Saturday Sessions:
Session 1: Jan 21, 28 Feb 4, 11
Session 2: Feb 25, Mar 4, 18, 25
Session 3: Apr 15, 22, 29, May 6
*Outdoors
Session 4: May 13, 20, June 3, 10
*Outdoors

Basketball: Session 1, 2	
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.

Floor Hockey: Session 1, 2	
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.

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.

Neighborhood Ice Rinks and Warming Houses

Maplewood maintains 13 skating rinks at 9 parks with four of those locations offering supervised warming houses. Weather permitting, skating rinks and warming houses will be open through February 12th.

For full skating rink information including, locations, operating dates and times, closure policy and more visit: maplewoodmn.gov/221.

WARMING HOUSE LOCATIONS/HOURS:

PARK	WEEKNIGHT	WEEKENDS
Afton Heights 63 N Sterling St	5:30-8:30pm	1-4pm
Four Seasons 1685 Gervais Ave	5:30-8:30pm	1-4pm
Gethsemane 2401 E 7th St	5:30-8:30pm	1-4pm
Wakefield 1860 Hazelwood St	5:30-8:30pm	1-7pm

PLEASURE RINK LOCATIONS *No warming houses at these locations	
Edgerton	2001 Bradley St
Kenwood	1864 W Kenwood Dr
Kohlman	1000 County Rd C
Playcrest	2390 Lydia Ave
Pleasantview	1100 Marine St

Y Opportunities

BASKETBALL, SOCCER LEAGUES AND CLASSES, TUMBLING CLASSES

Adult Volleyball League
January 9 – March 5
December 13: registration begins.

Swim Lesson Winter Session
January 9 – February 26
December 6: registration begins.

Register at: ymcanorth.org

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