CITY'S OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

# MAPLEWOOD LIVING

February 2023

## Saving pollinators . . . Helping ourselves

*by Kathleen Juenemann*

In these articles, I try to share ideas with you about how you can participate in our natural resources preservation and help yourselves at the same time. Saving pollinators and No Mow May are two such projects.

Since 2015, Maplewood has been a leader in educating the community and partnering with a variety groups to restore habitat for local populations of native pollinators. These bees, butterflies, and other insects help ensure the life and vitality of plants, provide us with food, and keep our local ecosystem in balance. But they need native plants to survive.

There are two specific populations we're working hard to revive, the Federally Endangered Rusty-patched Bumblebee (all of Maplewood falls within the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services Priority Areas for them) and the Monarch Butterfly (Federally Endangered status applied for).

Thanks to national, state and regional efforts, the known number of native bee species in Minnesota increased from about 300 to more than 460, according to Xerces Society's work.

The Rusty-Patched Bumblebee was documented at Fish Creek three years after our native prairie restoration. It's also been identified in private native yard plantings in the east metro.

I'm proud to be one of the council members championing these efforts. This included our award-winning rain garden installations, for improved water quality and pollinators. We have also been awarded grants to restore several large areas from turf and buckthorn to native plant communities, including the bluffs at Fish Creek, the Bruentrup Farm Preserve, Applewood and Carver Preserves, and city hall's campus. A restoration at Jim's Prairie Preserve will begin this year.

With this success, I'm encouraging our city council to adopt a resolution for a No Mow May in 2023. "The program started as a conservation initiative...

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# Maplewood LIVING

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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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[ SAVING POLLINATORS continued ]

[that] is gaining traction across North America," according to Bee City USA. It has been proposed that avoiding mowing in May creates habitat and forage for early season pollinators. The program is voluntary.

For those who want to participate, we'll work with our code enforcement team to relax the rules pertaining to overgrown lawns during May. However, all other neighborhood preservation codes will be enforced.

More importantly, we encourage residents to plant native plants that provide flowers of various color, shape and height for pollinator food and shelter. Once established, native plants are often drought tolerant and low maintenance. They also provide important nesting and resting habitat for birds and other insects. Check out Maplewood's pollinator webpage for ways to help our imperiled pollinators: maplewoodmn.gov/1617

## Register for a plot at the Edgerton Community Garden

**Returning gardeners –** Wed., March 1, 8 a.m. - Wed., March 15, 4:30 p.m.

**New gardeners –** Mon., March 20, 8 a.m.

| Resident Cost | | Non-resident Cost | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Raised Bed Garden | $30 | Raised Bed Garden | $35 |
| In-Ground Garden | $35 | In-Ground Garden | $40 |

$15 reduced rate for low income households.

Garden plots include 12' x 15' in ground, 4' x 8' raised beds, 3' x 5' ADA raised beds.

The season runs April 28 to October 18.

For more information and to register visit: maplewoodmn.gov/communitygarden.

For questions contact Shann Finwall, Environmental Planner (651) 249-2304, shann.finwall@maplewoodmn.gov.

## Big discounts at Maplewood's Arbor Day tree sale!

**Online ordering starts March 6, at 8:00 a.m.**

Maplewood is teaming up with Tree Trust, a local non-profit, to offer trees for City residents to purchase at a discount to help protect our community's long-term forest health.

**Sale details:**

- $40/tree (Normally retail for $120-$140)
- At least 4'-6' tall, will fit in most vehicles
- A variety of species, including fruit trees
- Residents may order up to 2 trees

**Order:** Available trees may be viewed online, starting February 27. Online orders will start 8:00 a.m. March 6. Please act fast. In prior years we have sold out within a few hours.
Order via mail: Beginning February 24, pick up a form at City Hall or call 651-249-2111 to request a form by mail.

**Tree pick up:** Saturday, May 20 (9:00 a.m. - noon) or Monday, May 22 (5:00-7:00 p.m.) at the Public Works Garage. Trees not picked up at scheduled times will be forfeited.

For details visit: Maplewoodmn.gov/treesale.

# Virtual State of Maplewood

**featuring a Q and A with Mayor Marylee Abrams**

Mayor
Marylee Abrams

## March 2, 2023 10am

**Register at maplewoodmn.gov/state**

Councilmember
Kathy Juenemann

Councilmember
Rebecca Cave

Councilmember
Nikki Villavicencio

Councilmember
Chonburi Lee

## Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Virtual Public Comment Session

**Thursday**
**February 16th**
**10:00am**

Maplewood Public Safety will be deploying an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) program to assist in a variety of operations. This is your opportunity to learn about Maplewood's UAV program and to weigh in with your feedback.

Log on at Maplewoodmn.gov/UAVsession

DJI Mavic 3T (Thermal)

## Maplewood medicine collection site closing

The medicine drop box located by the City of Maplewood Police Department entrance will not be available after February 1, 2023. Maplewood will offer medicine collection during its annual Spring Clean Up scheduled for April 22. For other collection sites for unwanted medicine refer to RamseyRecycles.com/Medicine or check with your local pharmacy or clinic for disposal options.

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# Recycling Ambassador Program

## WORKSHOP TOPICS

Become a Recycling Ambassador to inspire your community to reduce waste and recycle better. Join us for a six-week training to learn more about environmental health, waste systems and recycling. Use your knowledge as a Recycling Ambassador and volunteer 20 hours annually to encourage others to reduce, reuse, and recycle.

- Waste systems in Ramsey County.
- Yard waste, food waste and composting.
- Climate change.
- Environmental justice.
- Household hazardous waste.
- General recycling.

## GET STARTED

**Tuesdays, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.**

**March 14, March 21, March 28, April 4, April 11 and April 18.**

Workshops will take place virtually using Zoom. Please make sure you have internet access. Participants must be available for all six workshops before registering. Participants will receive a $100 gift card stipend upon completion of all six workshops.

**REGISTER TODAY:** RamseyCounty.us/RecyclingAmbassador

**QUESTIONS?** Email mariah.quick@ramseycounty.us

## RamseyRecycles

# Winter Gnome Challenge
## February 12 – 26

Maplewood Nature Center
2659 East 7th Street

Look for gnomes while enjoying a free, self guided walk on the Nature Center trails.

Take a picture of your favorite gnome and submit it for a prize drawing! Prizes include: Tickets for two to Snake Discovery and $5 Dairy Queen gift cards.

- Humans do not need to be in the photos. By submitting a photo, you give permission for its publication, including the people pictured.
- Photos may be submitted to maplewoodnature@gmail.com.
- All ages may enter. You may submit as many photos as you like, but there will be only one entry per person.
- Winners will be contacted via email or Facebook Messenger in early March.

Visit the Friends Facebook page or website for additional details.

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All gnomes are visible from the trails. You do not need to go off-trail to find the gnomes

Gnomes are happiest in their natural setting. Please leave them so other people can visit them.

FRIENDS OF MAPLEWOOD NATURE

# Maplewood Area Historical Society
## Bruentrup Heritage Farm

## 2023 At a Glance

**Big Red Barn Craft & Folk Arts Fair**
Saturday, May 13, 11 AM - 3 PM
Sunday, October 15, 11 AM - 3 PM

**Big Red Barn Farmers Market**
Every Sunday, Jun - Sep, 9 AM - 1 PM

**Summertime Tea on the Farm**
Sunday, June 25, 3 PM

**A Draft from the Past - Beer Choir**
Friday, July 28, 6 - 9 PM
Wednesday, November 22, 6 - 9 PM

**St. Nikolaustag on the Farm**
Saturday, December 9, 11 AM - 3 PM

Parks and Natural Resources partners with Ramsey County 4-H to offer nature and outdoors-based programs

Monday, February 20th: Nature Crafts
Friday, March 10th: DIY Bird Feeder
Friday, April 7th: Microgreen Planting

All sessions are $10, includes a snack
Maplewood Nature Center, 9 a.m. - noon, grades K-5

For full class descriptions and registration, go to Maplewoodmn.gov/4H

# Winter 2023 RevSports

**To Register:**
Maplewood.Revsports.org
**RevSports Contact:**
info@RevSports.org
612-234-7782

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

| 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. |
| 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 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 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 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 | |
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| 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 | |
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| 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. |

## YMCA Opportunities

The Maplewood YMCA Community Center and White Bear Lake YMCA offer a variety of sports classes and leagues for people of all ages, including:

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| Mondays | Futsal Class (Grade K) and League (Grade 1-8) |
| Tuesdays | Basketball Class (Grade K) and League (Grade 1-8) |
| Wednesday | Women's Volleyball League |
| Wednesdays | Tumbling 3yr to Grade – K |

For more information and to register, visit:
ymcanorth.org/activity_finder

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