CITY'S OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

MAPLEWOOD LIVING

September 2023

Now accepting Charitable Gambling Funds applications

Priority will be given to Environment & Natural Resources and Safety Programs.

Deadline: September 27, 2023 for 2024 Awards.

Apply: Maplewoodmn.gov/GamblingFunds

Call Lois Knutson with any questions (651) 249-2051.

In 2021, the City Council revised Maplewood's Charitable Gambling Policies to grant larger awards to make a more significant impact. A three-year rotating schedule was developed to earmark priority areas.

Year 1: Social Supports and Senior Citizen Services
Year 2: Youth Programs and Community Engagement & Events
Year 3: Environment & Natural Resources and Safety Programs

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Top photo: Geese, submitted by Jim Holmes

Ash tree removal

Maplewood's Public Works and Parks and Natural Resources departments are working to address dead/dying ash trees, caused by Emerald Ash Borer (EAB), on public land and the public right-of-way. Removal priority and timing are based on tree condition (removing the worst first), location, and available resources, as these crews also maintain the city's roads, storm sewer, sidewalks, trails, and park lands.

All stumps will be ground and boulevards will be restored at a later time. Property owners will be contacted in the future on boulevard tree replanting opportunities.

Diseased trees in City open spaces will not be removed unless it is deemed necessary.

The City has grant funding to help with tree replanting costs for public lands and rights-of-way and will continue to pursue additional funding and grants related to EAB as they become available.

If you're not aware, EAB are invasive insects that are affecting the health of ash trees throughout the metro area. EAB larvae tunnel underneath ash bark, cutting off the tree's food and water movement, eventually killing the tree. You'll notice significant leaf loss and bark removal.

Once an ash tree dies they become brittle, which can cause the tree to drop limbs or fall. This can make a dead tree on your property a potential hazard. Property owners are responsible for the removal of hazardous trees on their property.

For more information on EAB please see the Minnesota Department of Agriculture EAB website at mda.state.mn.us/eab.

If you have any questions, please contact the Public Works Department at (651) 249-2400 or public.works@maplewoodmn.gov

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

To advertise in this newsletter please contact:
Joe Sheeran
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Michele.Gorden@CassiaLife.org
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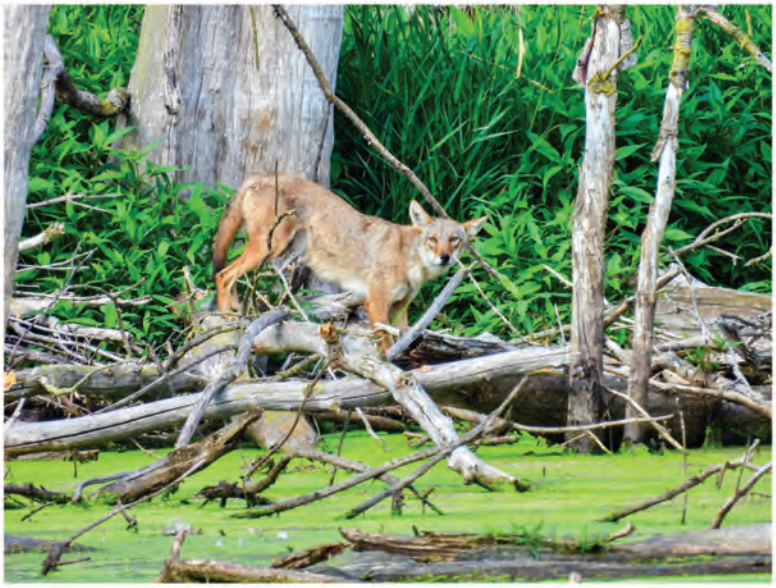
HarmonyGardensSenior.org
1438 County Road C East | Maplewood, MN 55109

Barn Swallow: Maplewood Nature Center



Coyote: Spoon Lake Nature Preserve

Green Heron: Maplewood Nature Center

Red-headed Woodpecker: Spoon Lake Nature Preserve

Vote for your favorite nature photo

Thanks to everyone who submitted an entry for the Summer Nature Photo Contest. There were so many great photos! We have narrowed the entries down to these four and need you to pick the winner.

Please vote at:
maplewoodmn.gov/photocontest

Vote by
Sunday, September 25

Help your community thrive. Volunteer with the Maplewood Parks and Natural Resources Department. Blue Bird and Frog Monitoring, Invasive Plant Patrol, Special Events, Nature Center Volunteer, and More!
Maplewoodmn.gov/Volunteer

2023 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.

Details:

- Pick up -- week of October 30th.
- Register by 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 24 by sharing your address and contact info at: carole.gernes@maplewoodmn.gov or (651) 249-2111
- Confirmation email includes stacking instructions and other info
- Only buckthorn will be picked up
- No early or late pick-ups

Ramsey County waste sites that accept brush will take buckthorn without roots. Visit: RamseyRecycles.com/yard-waste

Spotting Buckthorn:

- Unlike native shrubs, buckthorn retains green leaves late into the fall, long after other leaves have turned color or fallen.
- Falls is the best time for removal.

Visit Maplewood's Buckthorn Management page for more tips and information: maplewoodmn.gov/1055.

Maplewood Buckthorn Herbicide Coupon

Join the City's effort to manage buckthorn in Maplewood. To help with this community environmental issue, these businesses are offering Maplewood residents a discount on buckthorn herbicide products.

Use water-safe formulations for use within 15 feet of water, wet areas or storm drains.

Buckthorn Herbicide Coupon

25% off Gertens

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

Coupon good 9/1/23 – 10/15/23

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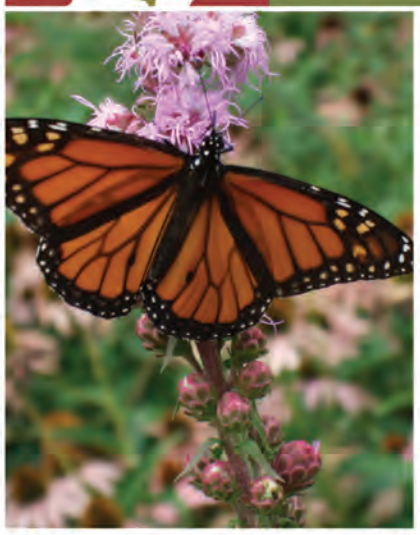
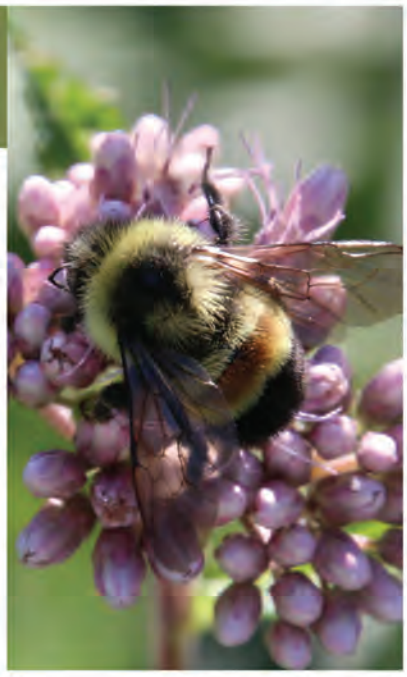


Maplewood is home to two imperiled pollinators, the Federally-endangered Rusty Patched Bumblebee and the Monarch Butterfly, which was declared endangered by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature in 2022 and is under consideration for Federal listing.

Help our imperiled pollinators. Do not disturb, harass, capture or kill bumblebees or monarchs.

Plant non-treated native wildflowers, providing blooms throughout the season.

Learn more about these pollinators and find native plant nurseries at: maplewoodmn.gov/1617



Waste reduction resources for residents

Reduced rates for curbside bulky item collection

In October there will be reduced rates ($8 to $28, plus solid waste tax) for curbside bulky item pick up.

All single-family and townhome residents who have trash service through the City's contracted hauler, Republic Services, are eligible to schedule bulky item collection during the event. The fee is added to your bill.

Contact Republic Services, (651) 455-8634, to schedule a bulky item collection.

Free e-waste recycling

Keep toxic metals like lead, mercury, and cadmium out of the environment by recycling your old and unwanted computers, televisions, cell phones and other electronic devices.

Electronic devices drop off locations:

- Repowered
  860 Vandalia Street, St. Paul.

Ramsey County has partnered with Repowered to refurbish or recycle electronics. All data on the devices will be physically destroyed or electronically wiped.

Learn more at: ramseycounty.us/Electronics or call (651) 633-EASY (3279), answered 24/7.

- Washington County Environmental Center
  4039 Cottage Grove Drive, Woodbury.

Ramsey County residents are permitted to drop off electronics at the Washington County Environmental Center.

Learn more at: co.washington.mn.us/EnviroCenter or call (651) 275-7475.

Free shredding

Washington County Environmental Center
September 27 & November 8
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Documents will be shredded on site by Shred Right and recycled. CDs, floppy disks, and other media will be accepted for off-site destruction. The first two hours are usually the busiest.

Learn more at: co.washington.mn.us/EnviroCenter or call (651) 275-7475.

Money saving resources for multi-family building owners

Energy audit

Receive a free, full-service energy efficiency audit from Xcel Energy. This includes resident units and common areas.

Apply at: MultiFamilyEnergySolutions.com or call 1-844-545-7455

What is included?

- Free on-site energy efficiency audit
- Thorough report of findings and recommendations to improve energy efficiency
- Free installation of energy-saving products (LEDs, showerheads, etc.)
- Rebates/incentives for energy efficiency upgrades
- Expert support and guidance for long-term savings

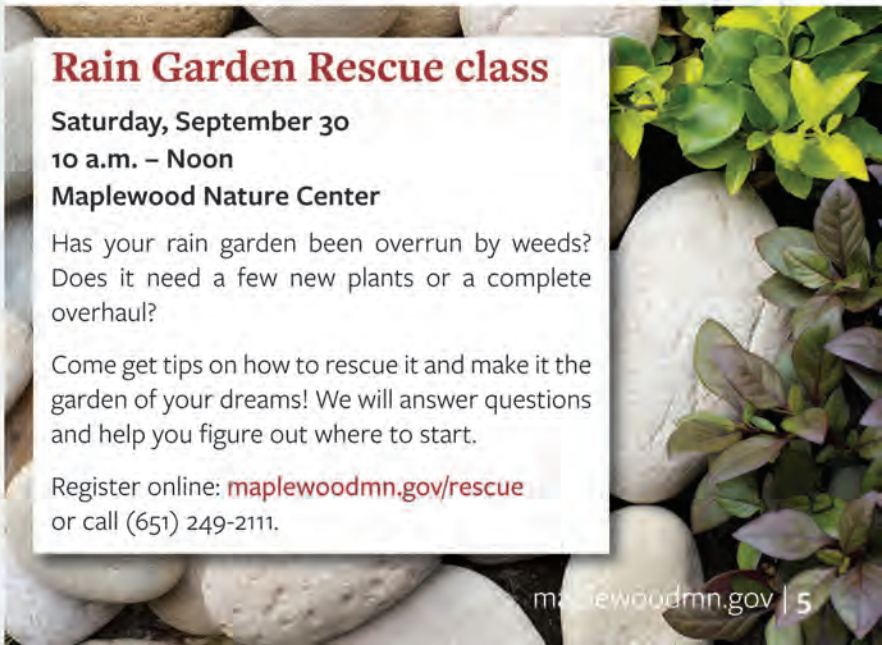
Waste reduction

BizRecycling provides free on-site waste reduction consultations, technical assistance, and grants of up to $20,000 per multi-family property to implement best practices in waste management.

To apply visit Bizrecycling.com

Funded items include:

- Trash, recycling and food waste bins and sorting stations.
- Totes, carts, cart tippers and other containers to transport waste.
- Food waste management systems.
- Compactors and balers.
- Construction upgrades to loading docks, trash chutes and trash enclosures to accommodate improved recycling or food waste collection.
- Production and printing of custom signage, labels, and education materials.
- One security camera per indoor or outdoor waste collection area.



Rain Garden Rescue class

Saturday, September 30
10 a.m. – Noon
Maplewood Nature Center

Has your rain garden been overrun by weeds? Does it need a few new plants or a complete overhaul?

Come get tips on how to rescue it and make it the garden of your dreams! We will answer questions and help you figure out where to start.

Register online: maplewoodmn.gov/rescue
or call (651) 249-2111.

Fall 2023 RevSports

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

Sessions take place at Edgerton Gym or Edgerton Park

Rate: $65/Session
$75/Ninja Warrior

To Register: Maplewood.Revsports.org

RevSports Contact: Info@RevSports.org or 612-234-7782

Thursday Session:

September 14 - October 5

Flag Football		
KinderStars	Ages 4-6	5:30-6:10 pm
MightyStars	Ages 6-9	6:15-6:55 pm
SkillStars	Ages 9-11	7:00-7:40 pm

Ninja Warrior Fitness		
TotStars	Ages 2-3	5:30-5:55 pm
PreStars	Ages 3-5	6:00-6:40 pm
KinderStars	Ages 4-6	6:45-7:25 pm
MightyStars	Ages 6-9	7:30-8:10 pm

Saturday Session:

September 16 - October 7

Soccer		
TotStars	Ages 2-3	9:15-9:40 am
PreStars	Ages 3-5	9:45-10:25 am
KinderStars	Ages 4-6	10:30-11:10 am
MightyStars	Ages 6-9	11:15-11:55 am

Look for winter session information in our October issue!

Self-guided scavenger hunt

Unlock It! Is fun for the whole family.

Play at Keller Park, Lake Phalen or several other metro area parks.

Go to: ymcanorth.org/adventure/experiences/unlock_it.

Find the park where you want to play and down load the map.

Follow the clues to reveal a set of letters, when unscrambled they form a keyword. Once you have that, go back to the UnlockIt site and submit it to enter a drawing for fun prizes, including Science Museum passes and Minnesota Vikings memorabilia.

Thanks to our Partners & Sponsors

Fall Migration Walk

Maplewood Nature Center

Saturday, October 14 | 8:00 - 9:30 a.m.

$15/adult; $20 adult & one child, $5 each additional child

Amidst the last of the fall colors, search the wetland for waterfowl, the ground and brush for sparrows, and the skies for raptors as many birds gradually make their way south in the fall migration.

Dress for the weather as class is held outside. Bring binoculars if you have them.

Register: maplewoodmn.gov/971/
or call (651) 249-2111

Big Red Barn Farmers Market

FINAL MONTH for 2023!

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Sundays through September

Maplewood Area Historical Society - Bruentrup Heritage Farm

2170 Co Rd D East
Maplewood, MN 55109
MaplewoodMuseum.org

The Maplewood YMCA Community Center offers a variety of programing for people of all ages. Here's what's on tap this fall.

Swim Lesson Sessions:

September 11 - October 29:
Registration currently open for all

October 30 - December 17:
Member registration opens October 10th;
Non-member October 24.

Day Passes:

- Families - $35
- Adults - $20
- Youth (10-18) - $10

Register at YMCAnorth.org

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