



CITY'S OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

MAPLEWOOD LIVING

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Parks and open spaces are Maplewood's crown jewel

By Nikki Villavicencio

Maplewood has two assets going for it: we're close to the action in St. Paul and Minneapolis while maintaining a suburban appeal that includes affordable housing, a variety of retail options and a plethora of parks and open space.



When I first arrived in the city, I was impressed with our park facilities, trails and nature preserves. Our parks and natural resources department works hard to maintain this system. I'm also impressed at the lengths our parks department leaders and their commissioners go in being inclusive of community needs when making updates. I saw this first-hand as a parks and recreation commissioner.

Shaping these facilities to ensure they're continuing to serve our current community is critical. According to the 2020 Census, Maplewood is diversifying. New cultures bring new recreational opportunities. Some of the most diverse people in our community are young people, which make up about 23 percent of Maplewood's total population. Looking at the population in our schools (ISD 622), close to 70 percent of students are people of color.

We have tried to adapt our park spaces to meet the needs. I'm hearted to see increases in permitting for athletic fields (soccer, rugby, volleyball) and reservations at the Wakefield building and picnic shelters.

As a Council Member and former Parks and Recreation Commissioner, I know how important it is to have voices from all corners of the community helping ensure our parks are culturally relevant and an amenity for all. I'd encourage people to get involved, learn more about our parks and open spaces, and attend the parks and natural resources volunteer open house on November 2. More information on page 3, or by visiting www.maplewoodmn.gov/volunteer.



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Top photo: Barn Swallow, contest winner

Congratulations to Steven Meisel

our Summer Nature Photo Contest winner, submitted **Barnswallows** taken at the Nature Center. See cover photo above.

Elected Officials

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City Manager

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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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CONVERSATIONS WITH CONSTITUENTS

Q&A with our local elected officials

Bring your questions and join the conversation!

What do YOU want to ask?
What are YOUR priorities?
What do YOU want to understand?



October 26, 2023
Roseville City Hall
6:30 - 8:00PM
Doors Open at 6PM



Parks and Natural Resources Volunteer Open House

Wakefield Park Community Building
1860 Hazelwood Street

Thursday, November 2, 6 to 7:30 p.m.

www.maplewoodmn.gov/volunteers

Enjoy hot chocolate and smores. Meet Parks and Natural Resources Department staff and volunteers. Learn about opportunities to give back to the community including:

PARKS

- Adopt-a-Park
- Edgerton Park Community Garden Aid
- Special Events

NATURAL RESOURCES

- Adopt-a-Rain Garden
- Open Space, Bluebird or Frog Monitor
- Environmental Education/Natural Resources Aid
- Invasive Plant Patrol

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Fall Clean Up Campaign



Reduced Price Curbside Bulky Item Collection in October

During the first four weeks of October, bulky item collection rates are reduced by 20 percent for residents with the City's trash service. Discounted prices will be \$8 to \$28 plus solid waste tax.

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

Free Mattress Collection in November

95% of your mattress can be recycled.

Maplewood is collaborating with Ramsey/Washington County Recycling & Energy to offer free mattress and box spring recycling collection by Second Chance Recycling.

Every Tuesday and Thursday during November, residents may place mattresses, box springs and crib mattresses out for free collection.

Those living in apartments, townhomes or manufactured homes with centralized trash and recycling collection should contact their property management prior to scheduling a pickup.

Signups start October 30 at: secondchancerecyclingmn.com/curbside-collection-program/. Click on the Maplewood option.



Household Hazardous Waste

If a container has the words caution, warning, danger or poison on the label and still has product inside, it is considered hazardous and does not belong in the trash.

During October, Ramsey County will host a Household Hazardous Waste drop off at:

Aldrich Arena, 1850 White Bear Avenue

Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Saturday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information visit RamseyRecycles.com/HHW or call 651-633-EASY (3279), answered 24/7.



Free Shredding

Washington County Environmental Center

4039 Cottage Grove, Woodbury

8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

(Open to all Ramsey and Washington County residents)

For more information visit co.washington.mn.us/3415





TRUNK OR TREAT

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28TH
1:00PM - 4:00PM

*Decorated public safety vehicles,
candy, family photo ops, and fun prizes!*

*City Hall parking lot,
1830 County Road B East.
(Weather permitting)*





Youth Sport Classes with RevSports



Volleyball (4-14yr) • Soccer (2-12yr) • Ninja Warrior* (2-9yr)

\$65/session *\$75/Ninja Warrior

Location: Edgerton Community Gym

Volleyball - Thursdays

Oct. 12, 26, Nov. 2, 9
Nov. 16, 30, Dec 7, 14

Soccer and Ninja Warrior Fitness - Saturdays

Oct 14, 28, Nov 4, 11
Nov 18, Dec 2, 9, 16

Volleyball

5:30-6:10 PM	KinderStars (Ages 4-6)
6:15-6:55 PM	MightyStars (Ages 6-9)
7:00-7:40 PM	SkillStars (Ages 9-11)
7:45-8:25 PM	SkillStars+ (Ages 10-14)

Soccer

9:15-9:40 AM	TotStars (Ages 2-3)
9:45-10:25 AM	PreStars (Ages 3-5)
10:30-11:10 AM	MiniStars (Ages 5-8)
11:15-11:55 AM	MightyStars (Ages 6-9)
12:00-12:40 PM	SkillStars (Ages 9-12)

Ninja Warrior Fitness

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10:30-11:10 AM	KinderStars (Ages 5-8)
11:15-11:55 AM	MightyStars (Ages 6-9)

Details at - maplewoodmn.gov/2068



NEW 4H Classes

Fall Explorer - Leaves and Trees! (Grades K-5)

Thursday, October 19th – Friday, October 20th
9:00 a.m. - Noon

Fall is a beautiful season with many environmental changes that we can observe and explore! Phenology is the science of seasonal changes and their effects on us all; join 4-H for a two-day half-day camp where we will explore the leaves and trees of the Maplewood Nature Center. Students will observe and document what they see and participate in several Fall crafts. Please dress warm and in layers as we will be adventuring outside!

\$10/participant; snack provided.

Register: extension.umn.edu/event/4-h-fall-explorer-leaves-and-trees

Team Cuisine Healthy Cooking (Grades K-5)

December 4th
9:00 a.m. - Noon

In small groups, students will learn to prepare healthy snacks while identifying and understanding differences amongst recipes. Considering the nutritional value of ingredients and the accessibility of common household foods, they will create (and eat!) different cuisines. This can help to build a positive foundation for healthy eating habits!

\$10/participant



YMCA Fall Offerings

- Martial arts
- Basketball
- Futsal
- Volleyball

Swim lessons

Member registration opens 10/10; Non-member registration opens 10/17

Session begins the week of 10/30.

Visit YMCAnorth.org, click programs and classes.

Registration now open.



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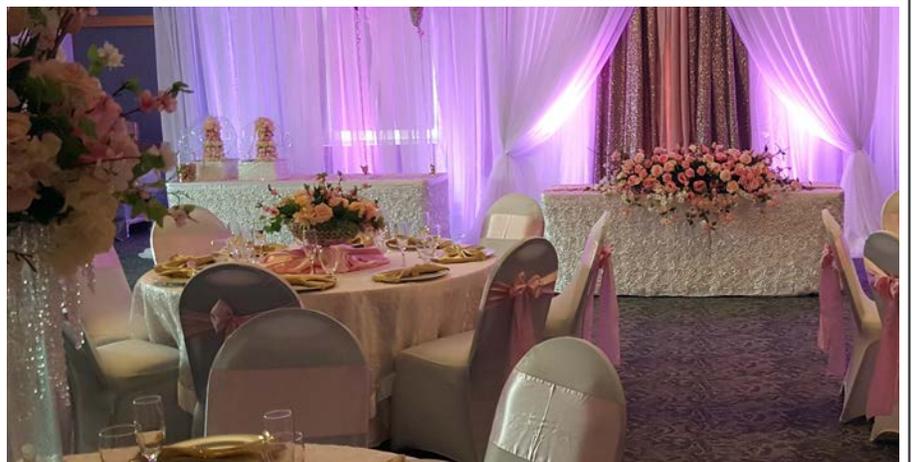
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- Conference/Meeting Space

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