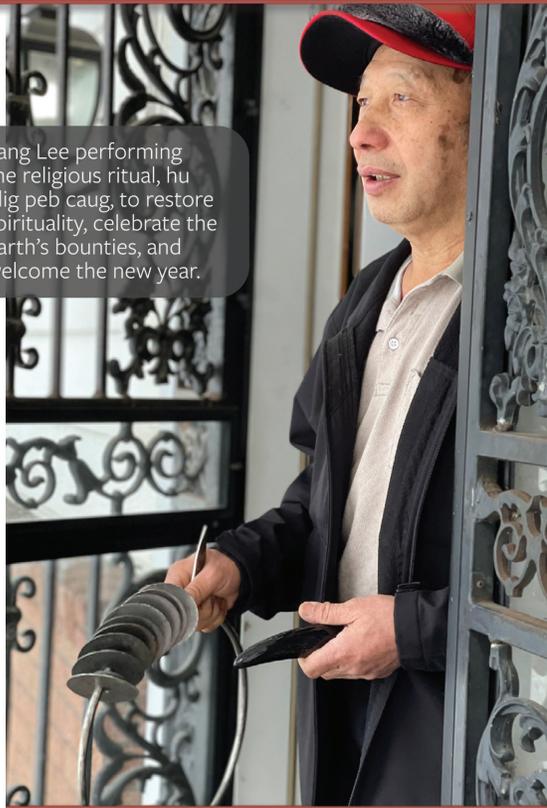


CITY'S OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

# MAPLEWOOD LIVING

November 2023

Yang Lee performing the religious ritual, hu plig peb caug, to restore spirituality, celebrate the earth's bounties, and welcome the new year.



## November: Abundance and unity in our diverse community

By Chonburi Lee, Councilmember

As you make your way through Maplewood, you'll notice a number of community gardens. You might have been fortunate to enjoy the fruits of yours or your neighbor's garden. November is a time of vibrant transformation. As the leaves turn from green to fiery hues, our community's rich cultural tapestry comes alive with the celebration of the harvest season. This is a time when various cultures and communities come together to share in the bounties of the earth, celebrating the beauty of diversity and the unifying power of food.

November culminates months of hard work in the fields. It's when families and friends gather to give thanks for what the land has provided. While Thanksgiving is a widely recognized American tradition, it's essential to remember that many cultures have their own unique ways of celebrating the harvest season. Many Hmong families, for example, hu plig peb caug (who-lee-pay-chao) to celebrate the harvest season and welcome the new year. This is a time when the foods that have been carefully grown and nurtured throughout the year are shared with friends, family, and in memory of family members who have passed. Like the Hmong, agriculture is engrained in the practices of many cultures shaping our existence.

We are fortunate that Maplewood is home to people from around the world. This diversity adds to our city's vibrancy and enriches our lives through sharing cultural traditions. This season's beauty lies in the fact that, regardless of our cultural backgrounds, food serves as a common thread that can unite people, bridge cultural gaps, and foster a sense of belonging.

In November, our community becomes a melting pot of culinary experiences. From Thanksgiving feasts with roast turkeys and pumpkin pies to international delicacies like samosas, tamales, tagines, and herbaceous boiled chicken, our diverse community's kitchens are brimming with mouthwatering aromas and flavors. These dishes are often passed down through generations, embodying stories and memories that transcend time and space.



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- 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](http://www.maplewoodmn.gov) for the meeting schedule of the City Council, Commissions and Boards.



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Chonburi Lee and family enjoying Thanksgiving dinner.

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Sharing a meal brings people together in a profound way. Whether it's a potluck dinner, community picnic, or friendly gathering at a neighbor's home, breaking bread with others fosters a sense of unity, understanding, and appreciation for one another's cultures. It's an opportunity to learn, to ask questions, and to gain a deeper understanding of the world beyond our own experiences.

With November upon us, celebrate the harvest season with open hearts and minds. Let us cherish the diversity that makes Maplewood unique and take the time to learn from our friends and neighbors who come from different backgrounds. It is not only the food on our plates but the love and togetherness we share that truly nourish our souls.



## What would our cities look like if kids were in charge?

Fourth, fifth, and sixth graders are invited to enter The Mayor for a Day Essay Contest by our partners at the League of Minnesota Cities.

Please write your essay answering: "What would you do if you were mayor for a day?" Selected essays can win \$100 and be recognized in Minnesota Cities magazine.

**Submit your essay by: December 12.** Winners only will be notified in early January. Visit: [lmc.org/mayor-for-a-day-essay-contest](http://lmc.org/mayor-for-a-day-essay-contest) or contact Don Reeder [dreeder@lmc.org](mailto:dreeder@lmc.org) for submission instructions.

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Ramsey and Washington counties are working together to bring residents a new way to recycle food scraps from home – the food scraps pickup program!

Food scraps such as fruit and vegetable peels, eggshells and coffee grounds make up 20% of trash. Recycling food scraps helps turn them into soil rather than waste.

Get started today and order bags for free at [FoodScrapsPickup.com](http://FoodScrapsPickup.com) or by calling (651) 661-9393.



## Help prevent the of spread tree diseases with these pruning tips

### Ash trees:

Prune or remove between October 1st and May 1st, when adult beetles are inactive to prevent the spread.

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. Hire a Maplewood-licensed tree service for ash removal.

### Oak trees:

Prune or remove 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 connecting tree to tree.

Oak wilt disease has the potential to impact almost all oaks in our area, with red and pin oaks succumbing more quickly than white or bur oaks.

### Elm trees:

Prune or remove trees November through March

Dutch elm disease is caused by a fungus spread by beetles and connected elm root systems. Leaves turn yellow or brown in the crown and may fall 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.

### Firewood:

Tree diseases spread by moving firewood. Purchase MN Department of Ag certified firewood near the location where it will be used. Do not store diseased wood on your property or move it out of the county.

Learn more: [maplewoodmn.gov/1067/](https://maplewoodmn.gov/1067/)

## EAB, What Can I Do?

**Saturday, November 18, 10:00 am – noon**

Geared toward Maplewood residents. In this class, you will learn ash tree identification, signs of EAB infestation, treatment do's and don'ts and replanting opportunities. Find out what Maplewood is doing, as well as what you can do to slow the spread in Minnesota and revitalize the urban canopy. Question and answer period at the end of class.

Register at [maplewoodmn.gov/1988](https://maplewoodmn.gov/1988).



## Fall/Winter maintenance

In preparation for winter, crews have been street sweeping and tree trimming to remove low overhanging branches and other vegetation extending beyond the curb that interfere with vehicles, maintenance activities, and pedestrian traffic.

### Here are a few ways to make the job go smoothly:

- Keep waste and recycling containers out of the street.
- On pick up day, place containers at the end of the driveway or on the boulevard.
- Don't sweep leaves into the street or neighbors' property. (It's a city code violation.)

The City priorities safety as we perform maintenance operations. Please be patient and drive safely in active maintenance work areas.

Fall is also a good time to inspect your mailbox for loose or missing hardware and inspect the mailbox post for structural integrity in preparation for the upcoming winter season.

Parked cars also impact fall and winter maintenance. (For more details on parking regulations, go to our website, click the "City Code" button and go to Sec.36-39)

- Overnight parking on a City street/road between 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. is prohibited, unless otherwise explicitly permitted. (Sec 36-39.d)
- Vehicles may not remain in the same place on any city street/road for more than 24 continuous hours. (Sec 36-39.g)
- Parking of any vehicle upon any street or road in the City for more than 30 minutes during the time intervening between a snowfall of two inches or more and the plowing or removal of snow is hereby prohibited. (Sec 36-39.c)

Please contact Maplewood Public Works at (651) 249-2420 with any questions or concerns.

## Free Mattress Collection

Every Tuesday and Thursday throughout the month of November, residents will be able to place mattresses, box springs and crib mattresses out for free collection. The program is open to all Maplewood residents, including apartment tenants. Sign up online at [www.secondchancerecyclingmn.com/curbside-collection-program/](http://www.secondchancerecyclingmn.com/curbside-collection-program/) (click on the Maplewood option).

The program is offered through a collaboration with Ramsey/Washington County Recycling & Energy. Mattresses and box springs will be recycled by Second Chance Recycling.

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## Winter 2024 RevSports class sessions!

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### Thursdays

- Session 1: Jan 11, 18, 25, Feb 1
- Session 2: Feb 8, 15, 29, Mar 7 (Skip Feb 22)
- Session 3: Mar 21, 28, Apr 4, 11
- Session 4: Apr 11, 18, May 2, 9 (Skip Apr 25)

#### Volleyball: Session 1,2,3

- 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)

#### Baseball: Session 4

- 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)

### Saturdays

- Session 1: Jan 20, 27, Feb 3, 10
- Session 2: Feb 24, Mar 2, 9, 23 (Skip Mar 16)
- Session 3: Apr 6, 13, 20, 27

#### Basketball: Session 1,2

- 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)

#### Floor Hockey: Session 1,2

- 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)
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### Soccer: Session 3

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: Session 3

9:15 - 9:40 AM	TotStars (Ages 2-3)
9:45 - 10:25 AM	PreStars (Ages 3-5)
10:30 - 11:10 AM	KinderStars (Ages 5-8)
11:15 - 11:55 AM	MightyStars (Ages 6-9)

Location: Edgerton Gym or Edgerton Park

**Rate:** Classes beginning Jan 1-March 31: \$65/Session; \$75/Ninja Warrior  
Classes Beginning April 1 or later: \$67/Session; \$79/Ninja Warrior

**To Register:** [Maplewood.Revsports.org](http://Maplewood.Revsports.org)

**RevSports Contact:** [Info@RevSports.org](mailto:Info@RevSports.org) or 612-234-7782



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