

CITY'S OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

# MAPLEWOOD LIVING

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## Climate Readiness: Think global, act local

By Kathleen Juenemann, Councilmember

Scientists expect climate-related disasters to both continue and worsen in the decades to come—even if we act aggressively now to curb greenhouse gas emissions.

With local governments absorbing many of the costs associated with these events, Maplewood has been proactively working to improve our resilience and readiness for such events.

Our next big step involves developing a Climate Mitigation Plan. This plan builds on the City's 2019 Climate Vulnerability Assessment, 2021 Climate Adaptation Plan, and 2023 work that involved education, outreach and the creation of a Climate Action Survey.

The Climate Mitigation Plan will prepare Maplewood for long-range community resilience by identifying goals, strategies, and actions to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions among community members, area businesses and City operations. We'll identify efficiencies in transportation and energy production.

A special effort will be placed on reducing climate impacts on people in poverty including air quality, storm clean up and increased energy costs.

In the year ahead, we'll convene a stakeholder team comprised of City representatives, community members, and local business representatives and others.

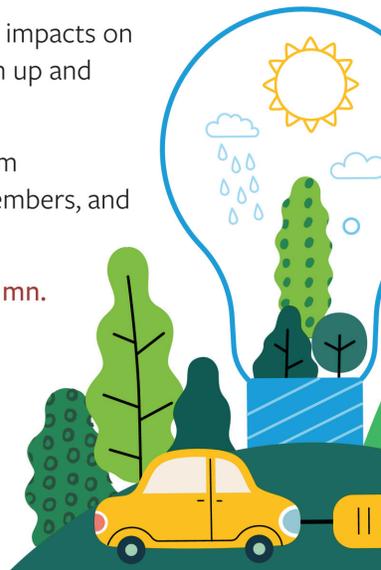
For more on our climate actions, visit [maplewoodmn.gov/climate](https://www.maplewoodmn.gov/climate). Please let us know your interest in serving on the stakeholder team, or share your opinions on climate actions that will help shape our GHG reduction priorities.



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



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Maplewood Police Presents:

## Women & Girls Safety Awareness Workshop

Topics Covered

- Situational Awareness
- Personal Protection
- Safety at home, work and in public

**Thursday, April 4th, 2024**  
**5:30 - 7:30 P.M.**  
**The Salvation Army**  
**2080 Woodlynn Ave. Maplewood**

Please contact: [Barb.Johnson@MaplewoodMN.gov](mailto:Barb.Johnson@MaplewoodMN.gov)



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**Ways to help Maplewood achieve its GHS reduction goals:**

- Participate in the Food Scraps Pick Up Program and recycle your food scraps. Learn about the program at [foodscrapspickup.com](https://foodscrapspickup.com).
- Reduce your energy use and bills by having a Home Energy Squad visit [mncee.org/home-energy-squad](https://mncee.org/home-energy-squad).
- Electrify your home and vehicle by taking advantage of the Inflation Reduction Act household electrification incentives. See what you qualify for at: [rewiringamerica.org/app/ira-calculator](https://rewiringamerica.org/app/ira-calculator).

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## Youth summer conservation internship

Urban Roots is now hiring Maplewood interns ages 14-18 to work in their conservation program for the summer.

**Summer internship jobs include:**

- Participating in the restoration of local parks by removing displaced plant species and planting native plants.
- Helping take care of the Harvest Park Native Seed Garden.
- Engaging in citizen science by helping conduct bee surveys and monitor water quality.
- Developing and leading outreach opportunities to help the community connect with and learn about the environment.

Summer internships are nine-weeks, at least ten hours a week, and pay \$13.50 an hour. Program eligibility reserved for students who qualify for free or reduced-price lunch or have a barrier to employment. For more details on the Maplewood summer intern positions, or to apply, please e-mail David Woods, Conservation Program Director with Urban Roots, [dwoods@urbanrootsmn.org](mailto:dwoods@urbanrootsmn.org). Information on Harvest Park Native Seed Garden and Urban Roots can be found at [maplewoodmn.gov/177/harvestpark](https://maplewoodmn.gov/177/harvestpark)



## Grow your own organic food

Edgerton Community Garden plot registration begins March 1 for returning gardeners and March 20 for new gardeners. The cost is \$30, \$35, or \$40 per plot depending on plot size and resident status.

For more information and to register visit [maplewoodmn.gov/communitygarden](https://maplewoodmn.gov/communitygarden)

# Maplewood Spring Clean Up

Saturday, April 13, 2024

8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Aldrich Arena (1850 White Bear Avenue)

As a service to Maplewood residents, the City provides the opportunity to dispose or recycle residential bulky items during the annual Spring Clean Up event.

Keep the line running smoothly by loading your vehicle in the proper order. Items at the beginning of the list should be easily accessible if possible.

- Entry Gate**
  - Fee Collection
  - Food Shelf Donations
- Recycle Area**
  - Shredding
  - Unwanted/Expired Medicine
  - Reusable Clothing and Shoes
  - Bicycles (Any Condition)
  - Mattresses and Box Springs
  - Small Engine
  - Appliances
  - Electronics (televisions, computers, etc.)
- Disposal Area**
  - Bulky Metals
  - Carpet and Carpet Pad (Any Condition)
  - Municipal Solid Waste (residential trash)
  - Building Materials from Residential Demolition Projects
  - Furniture that Cannot be Reused
  - Car and Pickup Truck Tires and Rims
  - Household Hazardous Waste (batteries, automotive fluid, paint, and more)

## Shredding

There is no shredding express lane; per-vehicle fees apply.

## Medicine

The Police Department will be collecting unwanted, expired, and unused medicine at the Spring Clean Up for safe and secure disposal. For additional medicine collection sites visit [RamseyRecycles.com/Medicine](https://www.ramseyrecycles.com/medicine).

## Household Hazardous Waste

Household Hazardous Waste drop off will be available during the Spring Clean Up event. Additionally, drop off is offered at the Aldrich Arena parking lot throughout the month of April every Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visit [RamseyRecycles.com/HHW](https://www.ramseyrecycles.com/HHW) for details.



### Fees per vehicle load (not per item) as follows:

Vehicle Type	Cost *
Car	\$25.00
SUV	\$30.00
Pickup Truck	\$35.00
Van	\$40.00
Cargo Van	\$45.00
Moving Van (up to 10')	\$80.00
Moving Van (10' to 16')	\$105.00
Moving Van (over 16')	Not Allowed
Trailer (up to 8')**	\$55.00
Trailer (8' to 16')**	\$105.00
Trailer (over 16')	Not Allowed

\* Payment in the form of cash or check made out to the City of Maplewood.

\*\* Trailer fee in addition to vehicle fee (if items are in vehicle).

### Consider donating food/cash for Merrick Community Services and Local Food Shelves

**Top items needed:** monetary contributions (cash or check made out to Merrick Community Services), cooking oils and vinegars, spices, cooking sauces, proteins (peanut butter, tuna, etc.), and grains (rice, noodles, etc.).

## INFORMATION

[maplewoodmn.gov/cleanups](https://www.maplewoodmn.gov/cleanups)

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# Easter Egg Hunt

**AGES 3-8 • FREE ADMISSION**

## SATURDAY, MARCH 30

**HUNT 1: 9:30-10AM**

**OR**

**HUNT 2: 10:30-11AM**

Kids, ages 3-8, will be hunting for wrapped candy and plastic eggs, some of which may be redeemed for great prizes!

### EVENT FEATURES

- Breakfast treats
  - Easter themed coloring area
  - Visit from the Easter Bunny
- Don't forget to bring your camera!*

In the event of inclement weather, in lieu of an egg hunt, treat bags will be given away at the start of your scheduled hunt time in the gym.

### HUNT DETAILS

- Ages 3-8
- Free Admission
- Edgerton Gym: 1929 Edgerton St

### PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

- Register/Info: [maplewoodmn.gov/egghunt](http://maplewoodmn.gov/egghunt)
- Questions: [recreationonline@maplewoodmn.gov](mailto:recreationonline@maplewoodmn.gov) or 651-249-2111





# Youth Sport Classes with RevSports



## Spring 2024 RevSports class sessions!

For more on the classes and for scholarship information visit: [maplewoodmn.gov/2068/RevSports-Classes](http://maplewoodmn.gov/2068/RevSports-Classes)

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

### Thursdays

Session 3: Mar 21, 28, Apr 4, 11

Session 4: Apr 11, 18, May 2, 9 (Skip Apr 25)

### Saturdays

Session 3: Apr 6, 13, 20, 27

#### Volleyball: Session 3

5:30 - 6:10pm MightyStars (Ages 6-9)

6:15 - 6:55pm SkillStars 1 (Ages 8-11)

7:00 - 7:40pm SkillStars 2 (Ages 10-14)

#### Baseball: Session 4

5:30 - 5:55pm TotStars (Ages 2-3)

6:00 - 6:40pm PreStars (Ages 3-5)

6:45 - 7:25pm KinderStars (Ages 4-6)

7:30 - 8:10pm MightyStars (Ages 6-9)

#### Soccer: Session 3

9:15 - 9:40am TotStars (Ages 2-3)

9:45 - 10:25am PreStars (Ages 3-5)

10:30 - 11:10am KinderStars (Ages 4-6)

11:15 - 11:55am MightyStars (Ages 6-9)

#### Ninja Warrior Fitness: Session 3

9:15 - 9:40am TotStars (Ages 2-3)

9:45 - 10:25am PreStars (Ages 3-5)

10:30 - 11:10am MiniStars (Ages 5-8)

11:15 - 11:55am MightyStars (Ages 6-9)

## RevSports Summer Camps 2024!

For full camp descriptions and more information visit: [maplewoodmn.gov/2068/RevSports-Classes](http://maplewoodmn.gov/2068/RevSports-Classes)

Location: Sessions take place at Edgerton Gym or Edgerton Park

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

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#### Basketball: Jun 24-27

Ages 4-6: 9:30am-11:30am \$119

Ages 7-11: 9:30am-11:30am \$119



#### Flag Football: Jul 29-Aug 1

Ages 4-6: 1pm-3pm \$119

Ages 7-11: 1pm-3pm \$119



#### Archery: Aug 5-8

Ages 4-6: 1pm-3pm \$149

Ages 7-11: 1pm-3pm \$149



## Upcoming events and classes at the Maplewood Nature Center

Register at: [Maplewoodmn.gov/971](http://Maplewoodmn.gov/971)



### Spring Migration Walk

Wednesday, March 6

8:00 - 10:00am

\$15/person

By March, birds have begun their long journeys north, some already claiming their nesting territories. This family-friendly walk will explore a variety of habitats to see what “early birds” are passing through or setting up their home base for the season. Dress for the weather, as classes will be held outside.



### Tree & Shrub Care and Pruning Basics

Friday, March 22

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Free

Discover the basics of tree care from choosing the correct species, planting correctly to pruning for health and structural strength. Learn how to prune native shrubs in your rain garden for natural attractive form, plant health and flower / fruit production. Recommended for those replacing ash trees lost to EAB, maintaining rain gardens or planting for pollinators. Class includes indoor presentations and outside pruning practice. Dress for the weather; wear sturdy shoes for a short hike. Bring your own garden gloves and favorite sharp pruners. Meet at Maplewood Nature Center, 2659 7th St E, 55119. Presentation may be recorded.

Register at: [Maplewoodmn.gov/971](http://Maplewoodmn.gov/971)



### Frog Monitor Training for Volunteers

Friday, April 5

6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Free

Frogs are our “canaries in the coal mine”, whose presence indicate health of our waters. Three times per year, Maplewood Frog Monitors drive a 10-stop route, listening for frogs for 5 minutes each stop. This is a late-night activity, perfect for night owls.

Register at: [Maplewoodmn.gov/971](http://Maplewoodmn.gov/971)

If you're not already an official city volunteer, please fill out an application ahead of time: [maplewoodmn.gov/2090](http://maplewoodmn.gov/2090)



### Community Science: Invasive Plant Patrol Training

Friday, April 12, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Free

Use smart phone apps to report invasive species for management! Learn how to take photos and what information is essential for land managers to confirm, locate and manage your findings. Learn identifying characteristics of species of concern and practice submitting a report outdoors. Dress for the weather and hiking.

Register at: [Maplewoodmn.gov/971](http://Maplewoodmn.gov/971). Please provide your email for directions to download the app ahead of time.

If you have questions about any of the programs in this section, please contact Natural Resources Coordinator Carole Gernes; [carole.gernes@maplewoodmn.gov](mailto:carole.gernes@maplewoodmn.gov).



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- Recess Camp \* Naturalist Camp
- Creative Writing Camp
- Little House on the Prairie Camp

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