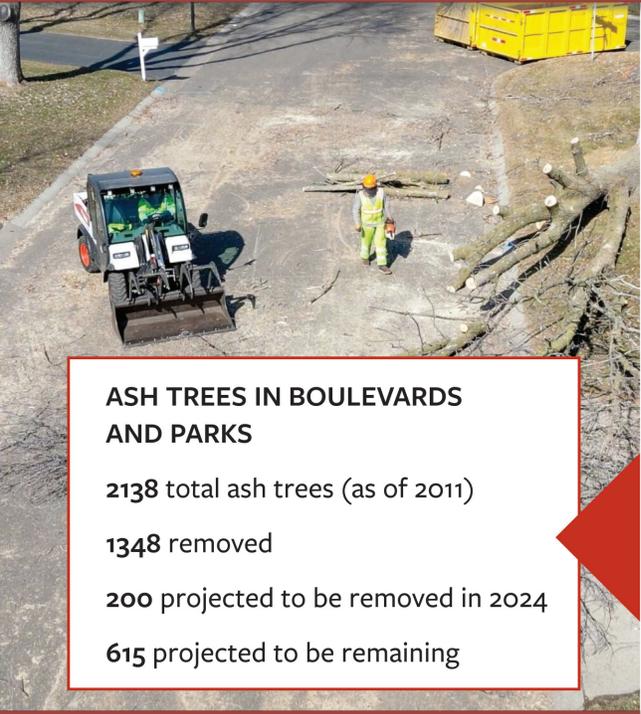




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MAPLEWOOD LIVING

June 2024



ASH TREES IN BOULEVARDS AND PARKS

2138 total ash trees (as of 2011)

1348 removed

200 projected to be removed in 2024

615 projected to be remaining

Relief for dying ash trees on private property

By Marylee Abrams, Maplewood Mayor

“My ash tree is dying; can the city help?”

This is one of the main questions I’ve been getting this year from community members. I’m excited some relief is on the way.



At the May 28th Workshop, the council discussed several options. There was an overwhelming consensus the City’s best path forward was to use \$150,000 of EAB relief money to help homeowners remove trees now. A program will be developed for homeowners to take down the tree(s) and pay back over time as part of their property tax assessment. This allows us to quickly tackle problems that come with brittle ash trees becoming a fall hazard and provides a sustainable funding path for long-term EAB issues. In addition, it lessens the immediate financial impact homeowners face with high tree removal costs. A detailed plan will come to council for an official vote later this summer.

Background on EAB Removal

Since 2011, Maplewood has been having these proactive discussions around Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) infestation. Our first tactic was to assess ash trees in parks and City right-of-way, that public strip of land along sidewalks or roadways along resident’s front yards.

Public Ash Tree Removal

We’ve identified more than 2,100 ash trees in the public right-of-way and parks. Through grants and other funding, we’ve removed about half of these trees before they became significantly diseased, preventing impact to people, houses, or other property. A recent \$450,000 DNR grant should help us bring the total public ash tree count to roughly 600.

Tree Replacement

In addition to eliminating hazards, our goal is to restore Maplewood’s tree canopy, replacing every tree cut down with a diversity of climate resilient regional native species.



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Visit with the Mayor & Council

We've made it even easier to visit with Mayor Marylee Abrams or any of our City Council Members, to discuss concerns or to share ideas for Maplewood.

The Mayor and Council set their own meeting calendars. You're encouraged to reach them directly through the contacts below.

If you are unable to reach them, contact Lois Knutson at (651) 249-2051 or Lois.Knutson@maplewoodmn.gov

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nikki.villavicencio@maplewoodmn.gov

City Manager

Michael Sable, City Manager (651) 249-2055
michael.sable@maplewoodmn.gov

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



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[Ash Trees continued]

So far, we've replaced more than 420 trees in the public right-of-way and parks, and we'll replant an additional 200 through the recent DNR Grant.

On private property, 900 trees have been planted through our annual tree sale. Property owners can buy trees at discounts of up to 70% thanks to a partnership with Tree Trust.



Replanting trees

- 421 Boulevard and parks trees
- 200+ Boulevard and parks trees by 2027
- 885 on private property

Like many issues we face in Maplewood, getting ahead of the EAB problem and replanting new trees is a team approach. Almost everyone in public works is involved – from those cutting trees to mechanics maintaining equipment. Natural resources staff has been on the forefront obtaining grants, coordinating plantings and sales and educating the community, with the communications department's help. Finance helps make funding available and oversees grant money. City Council have provided leadership and support to ensure the tree-lined streets that make Maplewood a beautiful place to live.



Tree problems = energy solutions

Thanks to a collaboration with Ever-Green Energy, Ash trees cut down this winter because of EAB were ground up and used as biomass to power the community.

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Engaging the Business Community

By Danette Parr, Community Development Director

There's a notion that businesses just want government out of the way. However, through my career in community planning and economic development, businesses have taught me that what they really want is for their local government to be predictable, transparent, and a reliable partner.

Continuing a decade-long tradition, City of Maplewood leaders are heading out into the community to hold one on one meet and greet discussions with our businesses. They're giants like 3M, legacy organizations such as St. Johns, medium sized firms and smaller family-owned establishments. We want to hear from a diverse spectrum of businesses in terms of industry, culture and ownership.

With our St Paul Area Chamber of Commerce partners, we're out expressing our appreciation to businesses for their investments in Maplewood, while also looking to find how we can help their business thrive. Topics include:

- Identifying resources that can help them grow.
- Determining changes that would impact their need for city services.
- Anticipating workforce trends or major business shifts in the next year.
- Alerting them to City projects for better planning.

I'm looking forward to connecting with our business leaders and learning about their operations. We'll be releasing a report sharing trends and recommendations later in 2024.

Help us save you when seconds count

Knowing where pets, bedrooms, and potential hazards might be is critical during an emergency.

Maplewood Fire-EMS is rolling out Community Connect. We're asking people to log-on, create an account and provide us important information to maximize our effectiveness.

It's free and your information is secure.



Scan the QR code or visit

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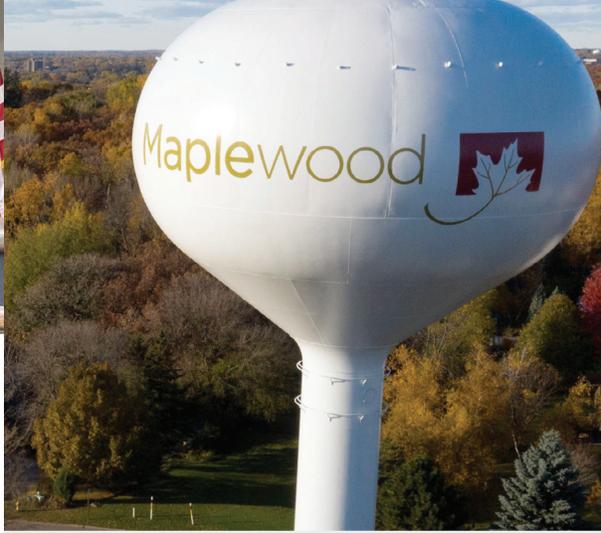
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Giving young people a voice in parks planning

Adults don't always know best. Sometimes they need to hear from the teenagers they're working hard to serve. It's why our Parks and Recreation Commission decided to create a student commissioner position.

For the last two months, four North High School students have been active at Commission meetings and outreach events.

"Student commissioners provide new generational ideas, values, motivations and solutions," says Commissioner Mark Harris. "We are early in this process and hope our student commissioners will benefit with improved academic performance, civic understanding and a strong connection to the community."

One of the City's priorities is to diversify membership on our boards and commissions to ensure our policy debates feature a wider perspective. The Parks and Recreation Commission served as a good place to invite young people because they use our parks, trails and open spaces and can inform the debate immediately.

Openings for the following commissions

- Heritage Preservation Commission
- Environmental and Natural Resources Commission
- Planning Commission

If you are looking to serve the community, consider applying at:

MaplewoodMN.gov/commissions

**2024
LIGHT IT UP MAPLEWOOD!**
JULY 4TH 4-10^{P.M.}
HAZELWOOD PARK
1663 COUNTY ROAD C

FOOD TRUCKS
FAMILY GAMES/ACTIVITIES
INFLATABLES, \$5/PERSON: 4-8:30PM
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National Night Out
August 6th 5pm - 9pm

Register your party online by July 28th
maplewoodmn.gov/NNO



Outdoor Classes at the Nature Center

Register at Maplewoodmn.gov/971

Nature Trail Scavenger Hunt NEW!

Thursday, Jun 27 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
\$10/participant, caregivers are free

Explore the trail with a bingo card of nature items. Find four in a row to win a prize! Join friends for fresh air and exercise! This course is designed for adults with cognitive disabilities.

Birding (Mostly) By Ear

Wed, Jun 26 8:00–10:00 a.m.
\$15/person; \$5/child

Birds are more difficult to spot when the trees have full leaves. During this walk, we will help you identify birds through their singing and calling and teach you techniques to remember them.

Fall Migration

Sun, Aug 25 7:00–9:00 a.m.
\$15/person; \$5/child

It's still summertime for humans, but it's already time for birds to migrate to their winter homes. You may notice that some of these birds will look different from a few months ago, making identifying them a fun challenge. Moreover, the species passing through can change daily, so seeing who's here today is exciting!



Volunteers needed on two Nature Center projects

Friday, June 21, 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

Help plant pollinator-supporting native plants

Thanks Friends of Maplewood Nature for supplying the plants through a St. Paul Audubon grant.

Set up and monitor a station to naturally eradicate an invasive plant (purple loosestrife), which takes over wetlands, harming aquatic habitats.

Questions? Contact natural resources Coordinator Carole Gernes: carole.gernes@maplewoodmn.gov or (651) 249-2416.



BIG RED BARN

— Farmers Market —

June - September
Sundays, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Maplewood Area Historical Society's
Bruentrup Heritage Farm
2170 Co Rd D E, Maplewood MN

- June 2: First Market & Dairy Appreciation Day
- June 9: Dog Adoption Day
- June 16: Public Safety Day
- June 23: Pride Fest
- June 30: Music Fest

Youth Sport Classes with RevSports



Location: Edgerton Gym or Edgerton Park
\$67/Session; \$79/Ninja Warrior

To Register: Maplewood.Revsports.org
RevSports Contact: Info@Revsports.org
or (612) 234-7782

Thursday Sessions

Baseball: Sessions 6, 7, 8
Available for ages 2 - 9

Flag Football: Sessions 8, 9
Available for ages 4 - 11

Ninja Warrior Fitness: Session 9
Available for ages 2-9

Volleyball: Session 10, 11
Available for ages 6-14

Dates:

Session 6: June 13, 20, 27, July 11
(Skip July 4)

Session 7: July 18, 25, August 1, 8

Session 8: August 15, 22, 29,
September 5

Saturday Sessions

Soccer: 6, 7, 8, 9
Available for ages 2-9

Basketball: Session 8, 9, 10
Available for ages 2-9

Dates

Session 6: June 15, 22, 29, July 13
(Skip July 6)

Session 7: July 27, August 3, 10, 17

Session 8: September 7, 14, 21, 28

Session 9: October 12, 26,
November 2, 9 (Skip October 19)

Session 10: November 16, 23,
December 7, 14 (Skip November 30)

For details on classes, times
and scholarships visit:
maplewoodmn.gov/2068

RevSports Camps 2024!

Basketball: Jun 24-27

Ages 4-11 \$119

Flag Football: Jul 29-Aug 1

Ages 4-11 \$119

Archery: Aug 5-8

Ages 4-11 \$149



MAPLEWOOD PUBLIC SAFETY
YOUTH SAFETY CAMP
Tuesday, June 25th
9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.
Wakefield Park
rain or shine

Open to children going into 2nd – 4th grade.

Lunch/snacks provided. Children may also bring their own food.
Limited space available. Register early at maplewoodmn.gov/YSC

Questions: contact Barb Johnson – barb.johnson@maplewoodmn.gov



Maplewood YMCA Summer programming

Soccer

Flag football

Basketball

Aquatics

To see the full list of offerings, visit:
ymcanorth.org



Maplewood YMCA Community Center seeking Board Members

If you have any of the following qualifications consider the opportunity:

- Strong community relationships
- Looking to give back and support families in our community
- High school-age leader looking to be more involved

Contact: Alex Schmitz
(651)447-8044 or
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Save the date!

JUNE	Golden Frisbee Treasure Hunt
8	Look for clues at Maplewood Parks and Natural Resources Facebook Page, 8 a.m.
JUNE	Touch-a-Truck
12	YMCA lot - 2100 White Bear Ave 6 - 7:30 p.m.
JUNE	YMCA Backyard BBQ
14	2100 White Bear Ave 5 - 7 p.m.
JUNE	Public Safety Day at the Big Red Barn Farmer's Market
16	Bruentrup Heritage Farm, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
JUNE	Pickleball with Public Safety
29	Harvest Park, 1 - 4p.m. (No experience necessary)

JULY	Fourth of July Celebration
4	Hazelwood Park Festivities start 4 p.m., fireworks 10p.m.

JULY	Putt-Putt with Public Safety
11	July 11th - Goodrich Golf Dome 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

JULY	Pickleball with Public Safety
14	Sherwood Park, 2 - 7 p.m. (No experience necessary)



JULY	Fishing with Friends
17	Spoon Lake 4 - 7 p.m.

JULY	Celebrate Summer
24	Afton Heights Park 6 - 7:30 p.m.