CITY'S OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

MAPLEWOOD LIVING

July 2024

Mister Car Wash is replacing the old White Bear Avenue Denny's

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Frost Ave investments paying dividends

Gladstone Development

Over the last decade, Maplewood has invested more than $15 million improving the Frost Avenue Corridor, which included more than two miles of new roads for safer vehicle and pedestrian travel. It also reduced area flood risks and Wakefield Lake pollution.

This has led to more than $23 million in private development and another $65 million in approved housing in various stages of construction.

Here are the developments breaking ground in The Gladstone Area this summer.

American Cooperative at Lake Phalen (1875 East Shore Drive)

- Broke ground late May
- 62+ cooperative living community
- Modestly priced senior ownership
- Maintenance free living

The Juniper (1310 Frost Avenue East)

- Unique design fitting the needs of multi-generational living
- Mix of 65 one-, two-, three-, and four-bedroom apartments,
- Underground parking
- Groundbreaking anticipated late July

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Maplewood

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Police Non-Emergency	(651) 767-0640

To advertise in this newsletter please contact:
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[**Development** continued]

Oberon Multi-Family Apartments
(1136 Frost)

- Heated underground parking
- Clubroom and fitness room
- Outdoor pool
- Roof deck, dog run
- Site preparation started Spring

Other anticipated groundbreakings
Mister Car Wash – 3050 White Bear Avenue (The old Denny's site)

Medical Clinic – 1706 White Bear Ave N (Currently an empty parcel just north of Larpenteur)

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

Annual Interactions

Police	35,000
Fire/EMS	8,000
Reception desks: calls/walk-ins	15,000
Building inspections	8,570
Code Enforcement	350
Rental License Inspections	751
Health Inspections	382

How involved do you want to be?

Each week Maplewood employees directly interact and engage our community 1000's of times. They range from planned engagement and community outings to home remodel inspections to run ins with public safety.

Along with monitoring a variety of trends, these interactions inform how we deliver city services. Staff have altered projects, refined public safety policy and operations, and adapted our approach to licensing, zoning and regulatory issues.

We're committed to engagement and recently held a council workshop on the topic. We're using the guide below to frame the conversation.

IAP2 Spectrum of Public Participation

INCREASING IMPACT ON THE DECISION

INFORM CONSULT INVOLVE COLLABORATE EMPOWER

Our goal is to ensure no matter how much or how little you want to be involved in the City's direction everyone can easily access information. Along the way there will be opportunities to be involved, consult, collaborate and in some cases be empowered to make a final decision.

Here are some opportunities to get stay connected:

- Visit Maplewood Living, Maplewoodmn.gov, City's social media accounts
- Attend a community event or project discussion
- Reach out to staff or council about a concern
- Join a Commission. We currently have three open seats
- Invite us to your event
- Attend your local National Night Out event

Committed to Service & Safety through

Police and Fire-EMS professionals work in conjunction to ensure Maplewood maintains a high quality of life. They're driven by training, professional development and a strong commitment to community safety.

Interactive hands-on experience at the Citizens' Academy

With a 60lb jaws of life device in hand, Alex Schmitz, peeled away a steel car frame to rescue a crash victim. Ketzie Leake used all her upper body strength pushing blood through a body as part of a CPR lesson. These were just two of the many demonstrations at this spring's Public Safety Citizens' Academy.

"We wanted to replicate scenarios that were as close to the real experience as possible," says Barb Johnson, Maplewood Police Outreach Coordinator. "Our officers and firefighters have been excited to demonstrate our daily routines."

Judie Elbum, a community member was one of several class members to participate in a ride along. She watched a Maplewood Police Officer skillfully deescalate a situation where two intoxicated people were causing a scene in front of a bank.

"Just the care and compassion he took with these two individuals in trying to understand their situation. I would have been terrified," Elbum says. "See him so easy going, so natural and wanting to help, there was a level of care and compassion there."

This academy gives our community a chance to see what being a police officer or fire-EMS professional is really like. Thanks to the participants; we look forward to next year's academy.

Community Outreach

100+ annual events

More than 3300 engagement hours

Extra eye on the roads

Our new traffic safety officer has been seeing some interesting interpretation of driving laws.

- Rolling stop signs and red lights at turns
- No regard for pedestrians at cross walks
- Heads fully down using a phone
- And a wide variety of other distractions

Maplewood PD is using a state grant funded traffic safety officer in an extra effort to keep our roads safe.

Since taking the position over in January, Officer Weaver has made 44 of the department's 73 DWI arrests. This is a significant increase. One night alone, she arrested three separate impaired drivers, winning The Hat-Trick Award from the state's Office of Traffic Safety.

Innovation & Professional Development

Expanding community outreach with LGBTQ+ Liaison officer

With Maplewood's increasing diversity, our Public Safety Department has been proactively connecting with a variety of communities. The LGBTQ+ Liaison Officer will be working to build trust through more intentional outreach and increased awareness internally of LGBTQ+ issues.

Research shows crimes against members of this community tend to go unreported or under reported. To help reverse that trend, the LGBTQ+ Liaison will build capacity in the following areas.

- Better connect the Maplewood Police Department and the LGBTQ+ community.
- Coordinate appropriate outreach to the LGBTQ+ community, LGBTQ+ youth organizations, and businesses.
- Work with Maplewood officers, detectives, and command staff on training, issues and cases involving members of the LGBTQ+ community.
- Collaborate with community leaders, schools, businesses, and residents to design and implement community safety programs for members of the LGBTQ+ community and youth.

Please reach out to LGBTQ+ Liaison Officer Jammie Green at: lgbtqliaison@maplewoodmn.gov

Fire-EMS Chief graduates from national fire academy

Maplewood's Chief Mike Mondor learned how to best lead an agency and care for a community at the U.S. Fire Administration, Executive Fire Officer (EFO) Program. Working with Fire-EMS Chiefs from across the country, the two-year course was a mix of in-class and facilitated independent work. It focused on individual, organizational and community leadership and culminated with a thesis paper.

Chief Mondor's research focused on perceptions of the fire service in the Hmong community.

"I am extremely grateful to work for an organization that supports professional development," says Chief Mondor. "I believe this experience has provided me with tools to be a better leader along with a greater understanding of how we can more effectively connect with our community."

Crime analyst building regional connections

Maplewood's approach to public safety features two important aspects – community connections and data-driven decisions. Since January, the police department has enhanced the crime analyst position who works to identify data trends, alerting patrol and helping detectives. The position also works with neighboring agencies to ensure we're sharing information.

"Crime analyst, Julia Pipkin has been a valued addition," says Lt. Joe Steiner. "She helped create and co-leads an East Metro Analyst collaborative."

She's amazing at locating information, analyzing it, and presenting robust intelligence briefings.

Be a good neighbor

Maplewood's strength is built on vibrant, livable neighborhoods. So, it's important we respect each other and keep our property tidy.

- Cut your lawn and sweep up the clippings
- Clean up after yourself and pets in parks/shared spaces
- Don't park on lawns
- Store your waste receptacles properly

Recreational fire guidelines

- Keep fires 20 feet from structure
- Near a water supply
- Supervise at all times
- Use clean, dry wood, no trash or yard waste

You may use goats to manage Buckthorn

Maplewood residents may temporarily keep goats or sheep for invasive plant management. A permit is required. Property owners are responsible for ensuring animals do not escape, harm other properties or become hazards.

Keep in mind:

- Follow up grazing is necessary
- Goats will also eat beneficial native plants, hire the herd late fall to late winter

Learn more maplewoodmn.gov/1055

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

July 7:	Yankee American Culture Day
July 14:	Indigenous Dakota Culture Day
July 21:	German Immigrant Culture Day
July 28:	Hmong Refugee Culture Day

National Night Out

August 6th 5pm - 9pm

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

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 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 7: July 18, 25, August 1, 8

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

Saturday Sessions

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

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

Dates
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)

RevSports Camps 2024!

Flag Football: Jul 29-Aug 1
Ages 4-11 $119

Archery: Aug 5-8
Ages 4-11 $149

MAPLEWOOD YMCA COMMUNITY CENTER

Open House
July 28, 1 – 3 p.m.

Check out what the Y has to offer.
The event features free access to:

- The pool
- Exercise classes
- Gym equipment
- Indoor playground
- A bouncy castle
- Fitness assessments

A chance to win a free month of membership.

It's also the Minnesota Y's 160th anniversary.

For more information, contact Courtney Rambo: Courtney.Rambo@ymcanorth.org

Spots open for all day childcare

The Summer Power program also features field trips and swimming

Kindergarten – 5th grade.

Register at:
maplewoodmn.gov/ymca
On the Y's site, search "Summer Power Maplewood"

Maplewood YMCA Event Center

The space features:

- Seating for 320 people
- 5,000 Sq feet of space with multiple configurations
- 21-Foot bay window — perfect backdrop for a head table
- Includes a/v equipment and wireless internet
- Ample parking/centrally located

For more information, visit: Maplewoodmn.gov/ymca (Scroll to the "Host your wedding or event here" box)

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Summer Photo Contest

July 1 through July 31

Snap a nature shot at any Maplewood park or preserve for a chance to win a prize

*Now featuring a 12 and under category

For contest information and rules, visit **maplewoodmn.gov/Photo**

Save the date!

JULY 11	**Putt-Putt with Public Safety**	Goodrich Golf Dome 1 – 4 p.m.
JULY 14	**Pickleball with Public Safety**	Sherwood Park, 2 – 7 p.m. (No experience necessary)
JULY 17	**Fishing with Friends**	Spoon Lake 4 – 7 p.m.
JULY 24	**Celebrate Summer**	Afton Heights Park 6 – 7:30 p.m.
AUGUST 6	**National Night Out**	Various locations/times
AUGUST 16	**Cop on a Rooftop**	Dunkin County Road D & Hwy 61 6 – 11:30 a.m.
AUGUST 21	**Celebrate Summer**	Edgerton Park 6 – 7:30 p.m.