

# MAPLEWOOD LIVING

August 2024



## Primary Election Tuesday, August 13

Two at-large Maplewood city council seats on the ballot.

### Voting before Election Day?

Maplewood residents may vote at:  
Maplewood City Hall, 1830 County Rd B East

- Weekdays, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- Saturday, August 10, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Monday, August 12, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Ramsey County Library – Roseville or Shoreview

Ramsey County Elections – 90 Plato Blvd, St Paul

Visit [maplewoodmn.gov/651](http://maplewoodmn.gov/651) or call City Hall (651) 249-2000.

### Voting on Election Day?

You must vote in your assigned polling place on Election Day. Double check your polling place: [mnvotes.org](http://mnvotes.org).

The following candidates are on the ballot (vote for up to two):

Top four candidates advance to November's General Election.

- Rebecca Cave
- Alex Kline
- Stephen Fitze
- Cedric Mantovani
- Lynnaia Jacobsen
- Nikki Villavicencio

## Relief available for private ash tree removals

By Steve Love, Public Works Director

City Council recently adopted a program allowing Maplewood residential property owners to have their ash trees removed now and pay the city back through a special assessment.



### Eligible Work:

- Cutting down ash trees
- Removing fallen ash trees, trunks, branches, etc.

### Not Eligible Work:

- Stump grinding/removal
- Replanting
- Restoration

Scan QR for ash tree relief lottery or visit

[Maplewoodmn.gov/relief](http://Maplewoodmn.gov/relief)



### What you need to do:

1. Enter the online ash tree removal lottery before August 31st
  - Property owners chosen in the lottery, must obtain at least three quotes from City-licensed tree contractors
  - Property owners may finance a maximum of \$3000 via assessment (The city will not cover costs beyond the maximum)
2. Complete online Assessment application (with copies of the three quotes)
  - Must be signed by the property owner
3. Once approved, have your chosen contractor complete removal
4. Once work is finished, complete, and sign the online completion form
  - Must be signed by the property owner
  - Attach final invoice billed to City of Maplewood
5. Once approved, the City pays the contractor
6. Property owner pays city via property tax over 5 years with interest

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For full program details, visit [maplewoodmn.gov/relief](http://maplewoodmn.gov/relief). If you don't have internet access, please call Public works at: 651-249-2400.

## Elected Officials

- Marylee Abrams: Mayor (612) 322-1620  
[marylee.abrams@maplewoodmn.gov](mailto:marylee.abrams@maplewoodmn.gov)
- Rebecca Cave: Councilmember (651) 399-1779  
[rebecca.cave@maplewoodmn.gov](mailto:rebecca.cave@maplewoodmn.gov)
- Kathleen Juenemann: Councilmember (651) 771-3670  
[kathleen.juenemann@maplewoodmn.gov](mailto:kathleen.juenemann@maplewoodmn.gov)
- Chonburi Lee: Councilmember (651) 321-2299  
[chonburi.lee@maplewoodmn.gov](mailto:chonburi.lee@maplewoodmn.gov)
- Nikki Villavicencio: Councilmember (651) 558-7662  
[nikki.villavicencio@maplewoodmn.gov](mailto:nikki.villavicencio@maplewoodmn.gov)

## City Manager

Michael Sable, City Manager (651) 249-2055  
[michael.sable@maplewoodmn.gov](mailto: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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# Ayuda disponible para la remoción privada de fresnos

Por Steve Love, director de Obras Públicas

El Concejo Municipal recientemente adoptó un programa que permite que los propietarios de viviendas de Maplewood soliciten cortar ahora los fresnos que se están secando y que paguen el trabajo a la Ciudad mediante una contribución especial.

## Tareas elegibles:

- Remoción de fresnos que se están secando
- Retiro de los fresnos derribados, troncos, ramas, etcétera.

## Tareas no elegibles:

- Trituración/remoción del resto del árbol que queda en la tierra
- Sustitución
- Restauración

## Todo lo que necesita hacer:

1. Por ahora, debe ingresar al sorteo en línea de ayuda del fresno antes del 31 de agosto.
  - Los propietarios de viviendas elegidos mediante sorteo deben obtener, al menos, tres presupuestos de contratistas de árboles con licencia de la Ciudad.
  - Estos propietarios pueden financiar un máximo de \$3,000 mediante la contribución (la Ciudad no cubrirá los costos que excedan este máximo).
2. Complete la solicitud de la contribución en línea (adjunte las copias de los tres presupuestos).
  - Debe estar firmada por el propietario.
3. Cuando se apruebe, ordene a su contratista elegido que realice la remoción.
4. Cuando termine la remoción, complete y envíe el formulario de la finalización en línea.
  - Debe estar firmada por el propietario.
  - Adjunte la factura final facturada a la Ciudad de Maplewood.
5. Una vez aprobada, la Ciudad pagará al contratista.
6. El propietario de la vivienda paga a la Ciudad vía el impuesto sobre la propiedad inmobiliaria durante un periodo de cinco (5) años con intereses.

Para conocer todos los detalles del programa, visite [maplewoodmn.gov](http://maplewoodmn.gov).

Si no tiene acceso a internet, llame a Obras Públicas al: (651) 249-2400.



# Muaj kev pab txiav cov ntoo tshauv pov tseg (Relief available for private ash tree removals)

Los Ntawm Steve Love, Tus Tswj Cov Hauj Lwm Ua Rau Tsoom Pej Xeem (Public Works Director)

Tsis ntev los no City Council tau tsim muaj ib qho kev pab cuam pub rau cov tswv tsev/av nyob hauv Maplewood los muab lawv cov ntoo tshauv (ash trees) uas yuav tuag txiav pov tseg tam sim no es mam them nyiaj rov qab rau lub nroog los ntawm ib qhov kev ntaus nqi tshwj xeeb rau lub tsev/qhov av (special assessment).

## Txoj Hauj Lwm Yuav Them Nyiaj Rau:

- Tshem cov ntoo tshauv uas yuav tuag tawm
- Tshem cov ntoo tshauv uas vau lawm, yav cev ntoo, cov ceg ntoo, thiab lwm yam.

## Txoj Hauj Lwm Yuav Tsis Them Nyiaj Rau:

- Tshau lub hauv paus ntoo/tshem tawm
- Rov cog tus ntoo
- Tu los yog kho tus ntoo kom txhob tuag

## Yam Koj Yuav Tau Ua:

1. Rau tam sim no, rau npe rau hauv qhov pheej hmoo rho npe muaj yeej rau qhov pab txiav ntoo tshauv (Ash Relief lottery) online ua ntej lub Yim Hlis (August) tim 31.
  - Cov tswv tsev/av uas raug xaiv hauv qhov pheej hmoo rho npe muaj yeej (lottery), yuav tsum nrhiav cov neeg muaj ntawv cog lus ua hauj lwm (contractors) hauv cov tuam txhab txiav ntoo uas muaj lub Nroog daim ntawv tso cai tuaj ntsuas kom tau tsawg kawg peb tug nqi ntsuas tias yog txiav cov ntoo raug pes tsawg (quotes).
  - Cov tswv tsev/av yuav txais tau nyiaj qhov ntau tshaj txog \$3,000 uas yog siv qhov kev ntaus nqi rau lub tsev/av (assessment) (Lub Nroog yuav tsis them rau cov nqi uas ntau tshaj qhov ntsuas no)
2. Ua kom tiav qhov kev ntaus nqi rau lub tsev/av (assessment) daim ntawv thov online (muab cov ntawv luam tawm uas muaj peb tug nqi ntsuas (quotes) tau xa nrog)
  - Tus tswv tsev/av yuav tsum kos npe rau
3. Tom qab pom zoo lawm, kom lub tuam txhab uas koj xaiv ntawd tuaj tshem cov ntoo pov tseg kom tiav
4. Tom qab ua tiav txoj hauj lwm tshem ntoo tawm tas lawm, ua kom tiav daim foos ua tiav txoj hauj lwm (completion form) online thiab kos npe rau
  - Tus tswv tsev/av yuav tsum kos npe rau
  - Muab daim ntawv sau kom them nyiaj (invoice) daim kawg xa nrog mus rau lub Nroog Maplewood
5. Tom qab pom zoo lawm, lub Nroog mam li them nyiaj rau lub tuam txhab uas tuaj ua txoj hauj lwm txiav ntoo
6. Tus tswv tsev/av mam li them nyiaj rau lub nroog uas yog siv qhov nyiaj them se rau lub tsev/qhov av (property tax) mus txog tsib (5) xyoos nrog cov nyiaj paj (interest)

Yog xav paub qhov kev pab cuam no kom txhij txhua, mus saib [maplewoodmn.gov](http://maplewoodmn.gov)

Yog koj tsis muaj internet, thov hu rau Public Works ntawm: (651) 249-2400



Photo courtesy of Ryan S. Olsen

## Maplewood rolls out new ladder truck

The rig provides a number of advancements over our current truck, including:

- 500 gallons of water
- 30-gallon foam tank
- Seven additional ladders
- More equipment space
- Pre-connected hoselines for faster deployment

### Improved safety features:

- Wider windshield visibility
- Rollover protection
- Automatic seatbelt adjustment
- More sophisticated airbags to prevent head and neck injuries
- Cameras cover driver's blind spots

We appreciate your investments in the public safety resources to help us keep pace with community needs.



## Help Inform

### Maplewood's Senior Safety Plan

We're asking seniors what resources, information or other items would be valuable to you and your peers in times of emergency.

We'd also like to know what general practices are important to staying safe and healthy at home.

If you're interested in participating, come to our focus group.

**Tuesday, September 10**

**10:30 – 11:30 a.m.**

Maplewood YMCA Community Center

For additional information, please contact Barb Johnson, [barb.johnson@maplewoodmn.gov](mailto:barb.johnson@maplewoodmn.gov)

## 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 [communityconnect.io/info/mn-maplewood](http://communityconnect.io/info/mn-maplewood)



## Free Buckthorn Removal Training

Maplewood Nature Center

**Friday, September 6, 6:00 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.**

- Distinguish buckthorn vs. beneficial look-alikes
- Best practices for effective removal, disposal and herbicide safety

Registration required by Noon, Friday August 30:  
[Maplewoodmn.gov/971](http://Maplewoodmn.gov/971) or call (651) 249-2111.

### Buckthorn Herbicide Coupon



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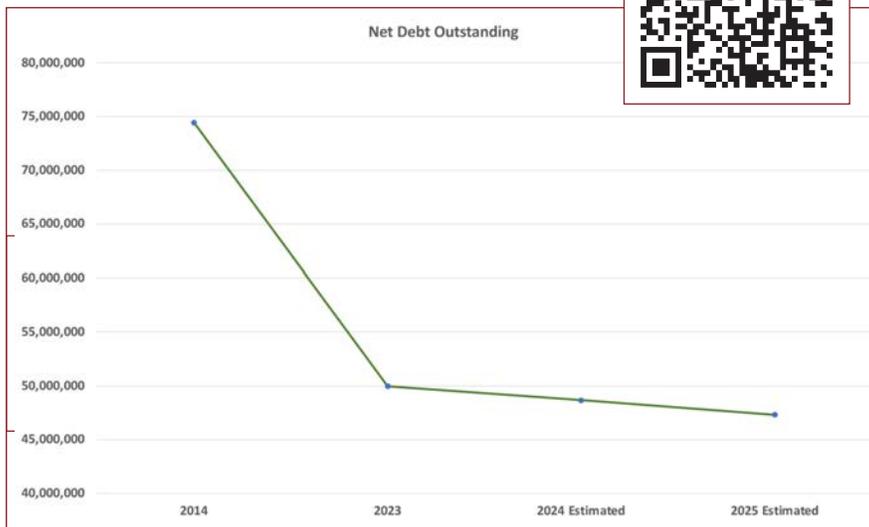
# Smart fiscal planning helped Maplewood dramatically reduce debt

Maplewood reduced the debt the City owes on past road repairs, emergency vehicles and other capital assets, by more than \$24 million over the past 10 years. We estimate an additional \$2.6 million reduction over the next two years. We will achieve this without shortchanging current and future needs.

Finance staff has done this by conservatively budgeting in some areas to allow the city to pay with cash on hand instead of borrowing on some big-ticket projects. We've also leveraged fees from utilities to pay for road repairs. During periods of low interest, we also restructured debt to take advantage of the lower rates.

According to S&P Global Ratings, which evaluates the city's fiscal health: Maplewood has had strong financial consistency, and because of its detailed long-term planning and widely upheld financial policies it's expected to stay that way.

Lower debt ensures the City better interest rates on necessary future borrowing.

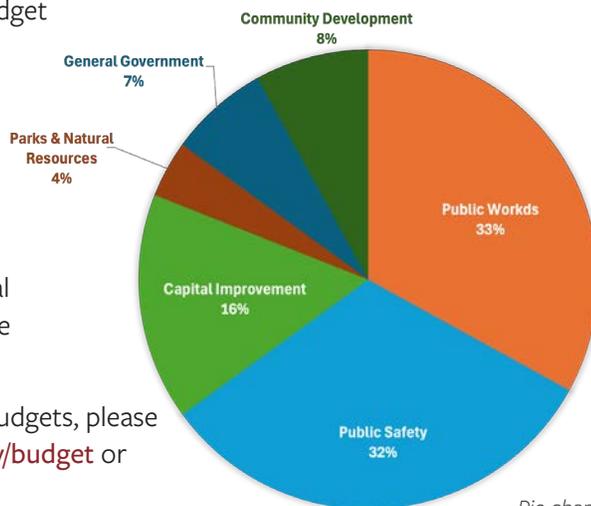


## 2025 Budget Conversation

Through August and September, the Finance Department and other key staff will be finalizing budget scenarios to present to council for the 2025 budget.

More details will be shared at council meetings. Stay tuned to our website and social media channels for these presentations.

For more on past City budgets, please visit: [maplewoodmn.gov/budget](http://maplewoodmn.gov/budget) or scan the QR Code.



*Pie chart represents generally where Maplewood spends*



## Make a difference join a city commission:

Environmental and Natural Resources

Share your time and talents promoting greater use and appreciation of the City's environmental assets.

### Recent ENR Commission work and achievements include:

- The food scrap recycling program
- Climate mitigation planning
- Updating building sustainability guidelines

The ENR Commission meets 7 p.m., the third Monday of each month.

### Planning Commission:

- Key advisory board
- Ensures development projects meet zoning and other requirements
- Meets 7 p.m., 3rd Tuesday of each month

### Heritage Preservation Commission

- Oversees historic preservation goals.
- Supports City's work preserving and protecting objects, structures, buildings, sites in the city.

Apply today for any commission at:

[MaplewoodMN.gov/Commissions](http://MaplewoodMN.gov/Commissions)

**BIG RED BARN**  
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**June - September**  
**Sundays, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

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



## Maplewood maintains top GreenStep Cities status

From 2022 to 2023, Maplewood improved in ten environmental sustainability measures to once again achieve Step 5 status, the highest in the GreenStep Cities' program.

### Key increases:

- Eighteen new private green certified buildings
- 160 net new trees planted
- About one percent more solid waste recycled or composted
- One new venue selling, serving or growing healthy/local foods

### Key reductions:

- 7,000 fewer tons of city-wide Greenhouse Gas travel and waste emissions
- 22,000 fewer miles traveled by Maplewood's diesel fleet
- Six public waterways no longer impaired

Maplewood is one of 148 cities and tribal nations participating in the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's 14-year-old challenge, assistance, and recognition program. For more information visit [maplewoodmn.gov/greenstep](http://maplewoodmn.gov/greenstep).



## Maplewood YMCA Event Center

Host your event or production at the Maplewood YMCA Community Center

### Event Space Includes:

- 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

*Scan the QR code for more information*

## Maplewood YMCA Theater

Theater Space is capable of hosting a variety of productions.

*Call the Y for more information (651) 747-0922.*



## Your voices help guide Maplewood's climate mitigation plan

*By Shann Finwall, Environmental Planner*

Maplewood is already seeing climate change's impacts, according to a study by our climate consultant. Over the last 30 years, the City has experienced increases in:

- Annual average temperature
- Days above 95 degrees
- Heavy rainstorms
- Winter days above 32 degrees F.

The City is preparing for these changes and working to reduce our climate impact by starting the next phase of our climate action work. We will be building on our 2021 Climate Adaptation Plan by creating a climate mitigation plan.

At the initial July workshop, more than 20 volunteers from the community, businesses and local organizations started the discussion with staff on how to cut Green House Gas (GHG) and other ways to mitigate climate issues.

### As a Climate Mitigation Planning team, we hope to:

- Analyze GHG emissions
- Recommend and forecast GHG reduction targets
- Gather community input
- Draft a Climate Mitigation Plan

We'll bring a comprehensive set of proposals to the City Council in early 2025.

### We want to hear from you!

- Take the multi-lingual survey
- Attend the community workshop on Thursday, September 26th, 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Wakefield Community Building (1860 Hazelwood Street)

For access to the survey and more information, visit [maplewoodmn.gov/climate](http://maplewoodmn.gov/climate) or scan the QR code above.

# Youth Sport Classes with RevSports



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

For details on classes, times and scholarships visit: [maplewoodmn.gov/2068](http://maplewoodmn.gov/2068) or (612) 234-7782

To Register: [Maplewood.Revsports.org](http://Maplewood.Revsports.org)  
RevSports Contact: [Info@RevSports.org](mailto:Info@RevSports.org)

## Thursday Sessions

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

## Saturday Sessions

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

### Dates

**Session 8:** September 7, 14, 21, 28

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

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



MAPLEWOOD YMCA COMMUNITY CENTER

**August 23, 5 – 7 p.m.**  
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For details, contact Courtney Rambo:

[Courtney.Rambo@ymcanorth.org](mailto:Courtney.Rambo@ymcanorth.org)

### Y membership comes with free perks:

- 60-minute fitness assessment
- 20-minute nutritional consultation
- 20-minute wellness consultation
- Virtual Y membership -- [virtual.ymcanorth.org](http://virtual.ymcanorth.org)
- Access to all YMCA of the North locations

Personal Pricing Plans available: [ymcanorth.org](http://ymcanorth.org)

Click "Join", then look for the Maplewood box

For membership information contact

Kudu Jaafaru: (651) 435-6711 or

[Kudu.Jaafaru@ymcanorth.org](mailto:Kudu.Jaafaru@ymcanorth.org)



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## Fall Migration Walk

Sun, Aug 25 | 7-9am

\$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! Register at [maplewoodmn.gov/971](http://maplewoodmn.gov/971)



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**August 21**

Edgerton Park | 6 – 7:30 p.m.

**Free Family Event**

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**Friday Night  
Fireworks**

**Friday September 20**

Hazelwood Park | Event: 5 p.m. Fireworks: 8 p.m.

- Touch-A-Truck
- Inflatables
- Petting Zoo
- Food Trucks



<b>OCTOBER</b>	<b>Fire Department Open House</b>
<b>5</b>	North Fire Station 11 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

<b>OCTOBER</b>	<b>Trunk or Treat</b>
<b>27</b>	City Hall Parking Lot 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

<b>DECEMBER</b>	<b>Santa Parade</b>
<b>21</b>	Citywide, Parade Route TBA