

CITY'S OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

# MAPLEWOOD LIVING

September 2024



## Friday Night Fireworks

Friday September 20th

Hazelwood Park

Event: 5 p.m. Fireworks: 8 p.m.

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



## General Election November 5, 2024

Two councilmember positions (four-year terms)

### CANDIDATES

Vote for two

- Rebecca Cave
- Stephen Fitze
- Alex Kline
- Nikki Villavicencio

Maplewood will host two forums on behalf of the League of Women Voters Roseville Area.

- **City Council Candidates:** September 11, 7-8:30 p.m.
- **County Board, District 7:** September 19, 7-8:30 p.m.

You can watch them live in Council Chambers, online at [vod.maplewoodmn.gov](http://vod.maplewoodmn.gov), or on Chanel 16 (in Maplewood only).

### Voting before Election Day

**In person:** September 20 – November 4

Maplewood City Hall (Maplewood residents only)  
Weekdays, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**Extended hours:** Saturday, October 26, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Tuesday, October 29, 8 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Saturday, November 2, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Sunday, November 3, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Monday, November 4, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

**Direct Balloting** (directly feeding your ballot in the vote counter, as on Election Day) begins October 18th.

**By Mail:** Submit absentee ballot application to Ramsey County Elections by mail, email or in-person.

### Voting on Election Day

You must vote at your assigned polling place. Check your polling place at [mnvotes.org](http://mnvotes.org). Polls are open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

November General Election and voting information is available on the City's website, Ramsey County's website and the Secretary of State's website.

**Interested in being an Election Judge?** Email your contact information to [elections@maplewoodmn.gov](mailto:elections@maplewoodmn.gov) or visit [maplewoodmn.gov/electionjudge](http://maplewoodmn.gov/electionjudge).

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# Maplewood

## 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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## Cardinal Pointe of Maplewood

Active senior cooperative living community 55+

Tours on October 17<sup>th</sup> 1:00 - 3:00 P.M.

Please call for additional information or to reserve a time slot.



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[joe.sheeran@maplewoodmn.gov](mailto:joe.sheeran@maplewoodmn.gov)

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## 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)

## Apply for Charitable Gambling Funds

This year priority will be given to Social Supports and Senior Services.

**Deadline:** September 30, 2024

**Apply:** [Maplewoodmn.gov/GamblingFunds](http://Maplewoodmn.gov/GamblingFunds)

Call Lois Knutson with any questions (651) 249-2051.

*In 2021, the City Council revised Maplewood's Charitable Gambling Policies to grant larger awards to make a more significant impact. A three-year rotating schedule was developed to earmark priority areas.*

*Next year we are accepting applications for Youth Programs and Community Engagement & Events followed by Environment & Natural Resources and Safety Programs*



## 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)



# Significant improvements coming to Harvest Park

- Pickleball courts
- Picnic shelters
- Bocce Ball and lawn games
- More multi-purpose space
- An area for a bike skills or skate park
- Additional parking

These are some of the exciting, amenity upgrades proposed in the Harvest Park Master Plan, City Council approved earlier this summer.

Actual implementation will take place in stages over the next five years.

Through a series of engagement sessions, the community made significant contributions to the plan’s design. It was initially headed for council action back in 2020, but the pandemic stalled progress. This summer we held one final engagement session to guide updates to the park’s south end.

The Parks and Natural Resources Department would like to thank everyone who contributed to the project. This was a true community effort.



## New Playground at Lower Sunset Ridge

New features:

- Two activity sets, one for 2 to 5-year-olds; the other for ages 5-12
- Accessible whirl

As with all city playgrounds, neighbors helped with the design, choosing from two concepts and four colors. One boy, who was part of the process, was so excited he told staff, it was his playground.

## Next summer

Kohlman Park is slated for a new playground. We’ll hold a similar design open house for neighbors.

These upgrades are part of the 2015 Parks Master Plan, which highlighted the importance of maintaining and improving current facilities.



Butterfly Essex Skipper



Dragonfly



Mushroom



Sandhill Crane

## Help Choose the 2024 Summer Photo Contest winner

We have received a number of high-quality photos. Our team has chosen the top four finalists. We're looking for you to choose the best photo.

Please vote at: [maplewoodmn.gov/photocontest](https://maplewoodmn.gov/photocontest) or scan the QR Code



Thanks to all who participated in the summer photo contest.

## BY THE NUMBERS



36

CITY PARKS

9

COUNTY & REGIONAL PARKS

15

PRESERVES AND OPEN SPACES

130+

MILES OF TRAILS

18%

OF CITY IS PARK OR OPEN SPACE. NEARLY ALL ARE WITHIN 1/2 MILE TO A PARK



## Buckthorn curbside pickup and disposal

Maplewood residents who remove enough buckthorn to fill a large pickup truck will receive free fall pickup. If you do not have enough, recruit your neighbors and we will include your block.

Pickup scheduled week of October 28th.

- Register by 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 22nd
- [carole.gernes@maplewoodmn.gov](mailto:carole.gernes@maplewoodmn.gov); or call (651) 249-2111
- Confirmation email includes stacking instructions and other info
- Only buckthorn will be picked up
- No early or late pick-ups

Ramsey County waste sites that accept brush will take buckthorn without roots: [RamseyRecycles.com/yard-waste](https://www.ramseyrecycles.com/yard-waste)

### Spotting Buckthorn:

- Unlike native shrubs, buckthorn retains green leaves late into the fall, long after other leaves have turned color or fallen.
- Fall is the best time for removal.

Visit Maplewood's Buckthorn Management page for more tips and information: [maplewoodmn.gov/1055](https://www.maplewoodmn.gov/1055).



## See the birds, bees and butterflies even easier at the Nature Center

Volunteers and staff have created a bird and pollinator viewing area at the Nature Center. Its more than 400 plants allow people to enjoy watching birds and pollinators without having to hike the trails, with views from inside the interpretative center and picnic grounds.

Maplewood worked with Friends of Maplewood Nature for a Saint Paul Audubon Society grant. The city purchased bird and pollinator-supporting native plants.

Separate funding allowed The Friends, with the help of Eagle Scouts, to install pavers around the birdfeeder. Pavers make it easier to cleanup fallen bird seed, preventing it from killing the wildflowers.

Additional bulbs, a viewing bench and another grant application are planned for the near future.

**Buckthorn Herbicide Coupon**



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**Help shape Maplewood's Climate Mitigation plan!**

- ☑ Take our Climate Action Survey [maplewoodmn.gov/climate](https://www.maplewoodmn.gov/climate)
- ☑ Attend the next Climate Mitigation plan input session

**Thursday, September 26, 2024**  
5:30 – 7 p.m.  
Wakefield Community Building  
(1860 Hazelwood St.)

# 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)

To Register: [Maplewood.Revsports.org](http://Maplewood.Revsports.org)  
RevSports Contact: [Info@RevSports.org](mailto:Info@RevSports.org) or (612) 234-7782

## 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

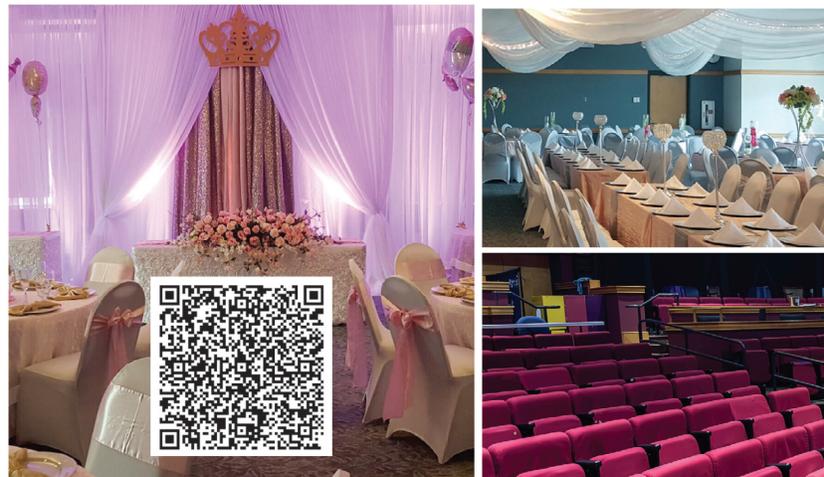
Session 9: September 12, 19, 26, October 3 (Skip 10/17, 10/31)  
Session 10: October 10, 24, November 7, 14 (Skip 10/17, 10/31)  
Session 11: November 21, December 5, 12, 19

## 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)



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June - September  
Sundays, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Maplewood Area Historical Society's  
Bruentrup Heritage Farm  
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**SEPTEMBER**  
**20**  
**Friday Night Fireworks**  
Hazelwood Park  
5:00 p.m., Fireworks @ 8 p.m.

**OCTOBER**  
**27**  
**Trunk or Treat**  
City Hall Parking Lot  
1 p.m. - 4 p.m.



**DECEMBER**  
**9**  
**Truth in Taxation Hearing**  
City Hall Council Chambers  
7 p.m.

**OCTOBER**  
**5**  
**Fire Department Open House**  
North Fire Station  
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**DECEMBER**  
**21**  
**Santa Parade**  
Citywide, Parade  
Route available soon