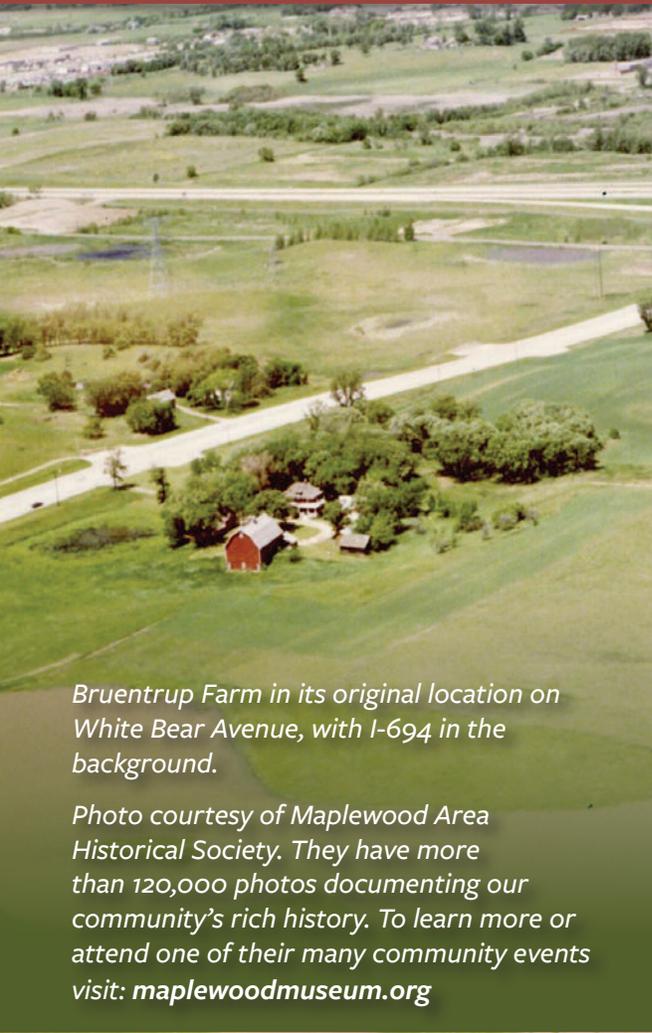


CITY'S OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

MAPLEWOOD LIVING

February 2025



Bruentrup Farm in its original location on White Bear Avenue, with I-694 in the background.

Photo courtesy of Maplewood Area Historical Society. They have more than 120,000 photos documenting our community's rich history. To learn more or attend one of their many community events visit: maplewoodmuseum.org

Setting the foundation for Maplewood's next generation of growth

Thanks to Facebook you can "scroll" down memory lane to a time when farms and pastures hugged White Bear Avenue.

Now, nearly all of Maplewood is developed.

But demand for housing and economic opportunity continues, driving the need for creative redevelopment.

In the next several months, Maplewood's Economic Development Authority (EDA)* will explore opportunities to welcome a new generation of families, visitors and businesses. At the same time, we'll adapt our community to meet current residents' needs.

Desired next steps:

- Examine recent successes
 - More than 300 housing units coming to market
 - New buildings at Birch Run
- Inventory available land and under-used sites
- Identify funding streams
- Establish economic development tools
- Explore small business needs
- Partner with potential developers

Long-term outcomes:

- Housing options that fit a variety of needs
- Diversify the tax base to stabilize property taxes (For example, recent re-development on three specific under-used properties increased their total taxable property value from \$7 million to \$60 million. That additional funding will help taxpayers city wide)

** The EDA is comprised of city council and staff and has the statutory authority to establish and implement economic development policy. Its meetings are public and held periodically prior to council meetings.*



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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

Elected Officials

Marylee Abrams: Mayor (612) 322-1620
marylee.abrams@maplewoodmn.gov

Rebecca Cave: Councilmember (651) 399-1779
rebecca.cave@maplewoodmn.gov

Kathleen Juenemann: Councilmember (651) 771-3670
kathleen.juenemann@maplewoodmn.gov

Chonburi Lee: Councilmember (651) 321-2299
chonburi.lee@maplewoodmn.gov

Nikki Villavicencio: Councilmember (651) 558-7662
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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Oberon apartment construction
1300 block Frost Ave.

Original land 2023



Partial Construction, October 2024



Full exterior build out, January 2025

- Maplewood is the east metro destination
 - Recreation
 - Unique retail
 - Health care
 - Living
 - Jobs

Three development opportunities currently in progress are helping guide how we reimagine economic development for the next generation.

- St. John's will add new space and services
- DR Horton has a plan to build a new neighborhood at Century and Lower Afton (the old Ponds at Battle Creek golf course)
- Local entrepreneurs are interested in bringing unique food and culture experiences to the Maplewood Mall area.



St. John's Hospital



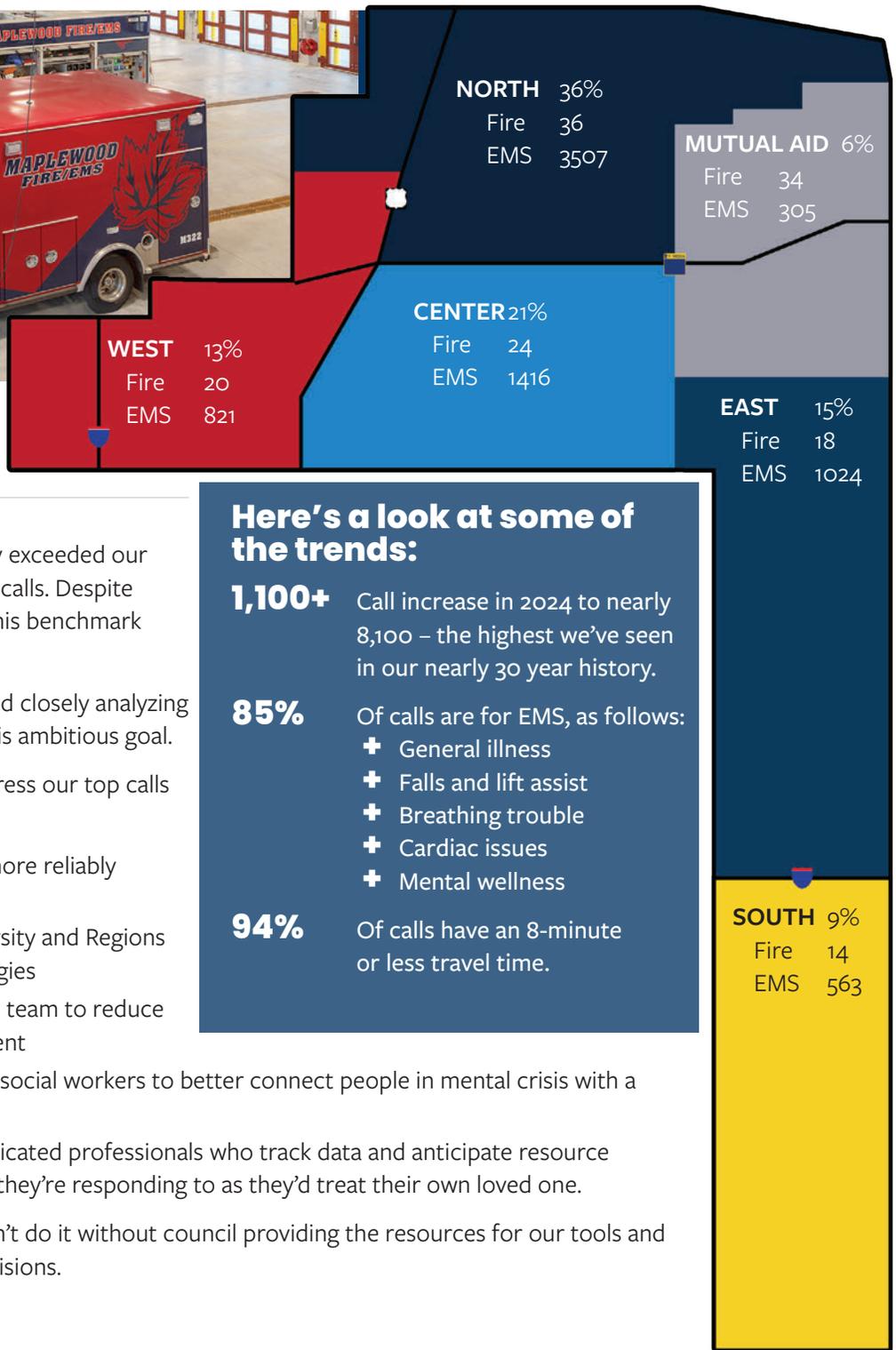
Nominate someone for the Maplewood Heritage Award

Help us recognize an individual who has significantly contributed to preservation of Maplewood history or historic sites through research, preservation, or education and outreach.

Apply at:

maplewoodmn.gov/HeritageAward or contact Joe Sheeran, HPC Liaison
joe.sheeran@maplewoodmn.gov

Not eligible: elected city officials, current Heritage Preservation Commission members, current City staff members. Recipient does not have to be a Maplewood resident.



Data drives reliable EMS response

By Michael Mondor, Fire-EMS Chief

In 2024, Maplewood Fire-EMS significantly exceeded our goal of an 8-minute travel time to 90% of calls. Despite higher call volume, the department met this benchmark 94% of the time.

Increased staffing, additional resources and closely analyzing a variety of data points helped us meet this ambitious goal.

We've employed several strategies to address our top calls for service.

- Deployed ultrasound technology to more reliably diagnose cardiac issues
- Partnered with The Ohio State University and Regions Hospital to study fall reduction strategies
- Invested in the community paramedic team to reduce re-occurring calls from the same patient
- Partnered with police and embedded social workers to better connect people in mental crisis with a social support

I'm proud of our team's work. They're dedicated professionals who track data and anticipate resource needs. Additionally, they treat the people they're responding to as they'd treat their own loved one.

While we carry out the mission, we couldn't do it without council providing the resources for our tools and training and you for supporting those decisions.

Here's a look at some of the trends:

1,100+ Call increase in 2024 to nearly 8,100 – the highest we've seen in our nearly 30 year history.

85% Of calls are for EMS, as follows:

- + General illness
- + Falls and lift assist
- + Breathing trouble
- + Cardiac issues
- + Mental wellness

94% Of calls have an 8-minute or less travel time.



State of Maplewood

March 19, 2025

Maplewood YMCA Community Center
2100 White Bear Avenue
Maplewood, MN
Register: [Maplewoodmn.gov/state](https://www.maplewoodmn.gov/state)





Plot registration opens soon at Edgerton Community Garden

Season runs April 25 to October 15

- Returning gardeners – Friday, February 28, 8 a.m. -- Sunday, March 16, midnight
- New gardeners – Wednesday, March 19, 8 a.m.

Resident:	Non-resident:
Raised Bed Garden - \$30	Raised Bed Garden - \$35
In-Ground Garden - \$35	In-Ground Garden - \$40

Reduced rate for verified low-income households, \$15
Garden plots include 12' x 15' in ground, 4' x 8' raised beds, 3' x 5' ADA raised beds

For information or to register visit maplewoodmn.gov/communitygarden or contact Shann Finwall, Environmental Planner, (651) 249-2304, shann.finwall@maplewoodmn.gov

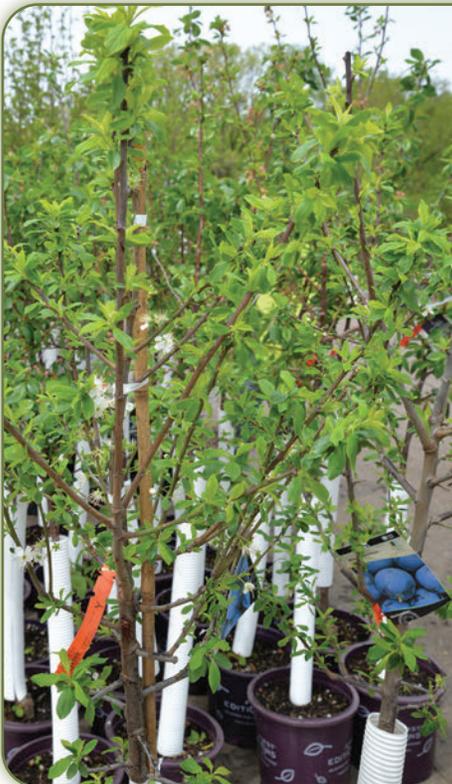
REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

SUMMER DAY CAMPS

AT THE BRUENTRUP HERITAGE FARM



MAPLEWOODMUSEUM.ORG/DAYCAMPS
INFO@MAPLEWOODMUSEUM.ORG
(651) 748-8645



Arbor Day tree sale starts March 3

- Sale details:** \$40/tree
4'-8' tall
A variety of species, including at least one fruit tree
Residents may order up to 2 trees

Maplewood is teaming up with Tree Trust, a local non-profit, to sell discounted trees for City residents to plant on Maplewood properties.

Order on-line: maplewoodmn.gov/treesale

- View trees at any time
- Purchasing window open 8 a.m. March 3 through May 2, or until sold out
- Order early for best selection

Order via mail: Forms now available at City Hall or Maplewood Nature Center
Forms are due to **Tree Trust** by 4:00 p.m. February 24.

Tree pick up: **Saturday, May 17** (9:00 a.m. - noon) or **Monday, May 19** (5-7 p.m.)
If unable to pick up on these dates, arrange for someone to pick up for you.

Trees not picked up will be forfeited and planted in public spaces. For details and ordering link visit: maplewoodmn.gov/treesale





2025 RevSports class sessions!



LOCATION: Edgerton Gym or Edgerton Park
Cost: \$67/Session

VISIT: maplewoodmn.gov/2068/RevSports-Classes
for details on classes, times and scholarships

TO REGISTER: Maplewood.Revsports.org

REVSports CONTACT: Info@RevSports.org or
(612) 234-7782



Volleyball
Baseball
Basketball
Soccer

THURSDAYS

Session 2: February 6, 13, 20, 27
Session 3: April 10, 17, 24, May 1
Session 4: May 8, 15, 22, 29

Volleyball: Session 2, 3

5:30 PM-6:10 PM MightyStars (Ages 6-9)
6:15 PM-6:55 PM SkillStars 1 (Ages 8-11)
7:00 PM-7:40 PM SkillStars 2 (Ages 10-14)

Baseball: Session 4

5:30 PM-5:55 PM TotStars (Ages 2-3)
6:00 PM-6:45 PM PreStars (Ages 3-5)
6:45 PM-7:25 PM KinderStars (Ages 4-6)

SATURDAYS

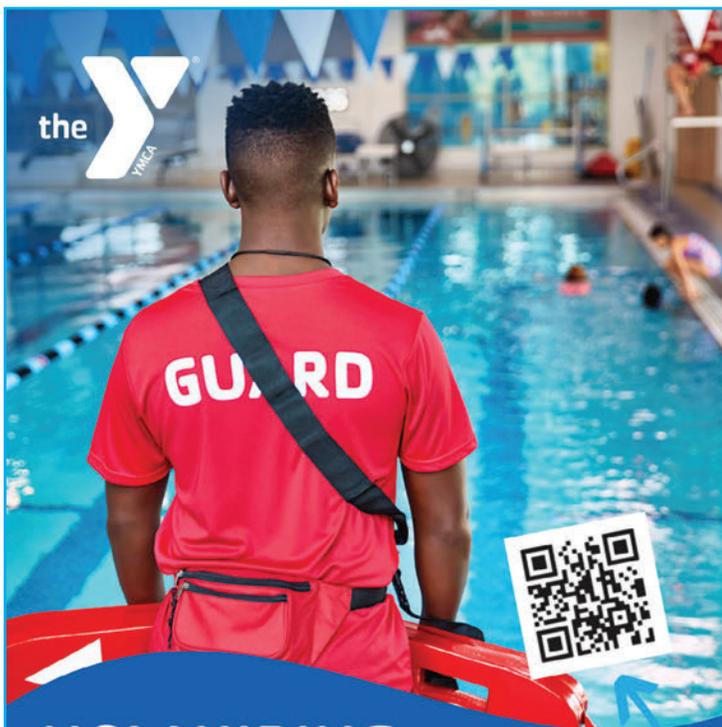
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Session 3: April 5, 12, 26, May 3 (Skip April 19)
Session 4: May 10, 17, 31, Jun 7 (Skip May 24)
Session 5: Jun 14, 21, 28, Jul 12 (Skip Jul 5)
Session 6: Jul 26, Aug 2, 9, 16

Basketball: Session 2, 3

9:30 AM-9:55 AM TotStars (Ages 2-3)
10:00 AM-10:40 AM KinderStars (Ages 4-6)
10:45 AM-11:25 AM MightyStars (Ages 6-9)

Soccer: Session 4, 5, 6

9:30 AM-9:55 AM TotStars (Ages 2-3)
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SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE COMMUNITY EVENTS!

FEBRUARY 15
Skate with Public Safety



Wakefield Park
12 - 3 p.m.

Skates will be available thanks to Strauss Skate and Bicycle.

FEBRUARY 22 - MARCH 2
Winter Gnome Challenge



Maplewood Nature Center
Dawn to Dusk

Sponsored in memory of Shawn Phillips. Take a picture of your favorite gnome and submit it to maplewoodnature@gmail.com for a prize drawing! Open to all ages; people don't need to be in the photos; please don't disturb gnomes.

FEBRUARY 21
Bluebird Monitor Training



Maplewood Nature Center
6 - 8 p.m.

Monitoring is a weekly commitment from March - September. It's a great fit for families or friends to do together. Register at (651) 249 - 2111.

FEBRUARY 29
4H Winter Food & Drink Extravaganza

Maplewood Nature Center
9 a.m. - Noon

Geared for K-5, \$10/person. For more information and registration visit Maplewoodmn.gov/971

FEBRUARY 22
Tree & Shrub Care and Pruning Basics



Maplewood Nature Center
10 a.m. - Noon

Learn how to prune native shrubs in your rain garden. Dress for the weather and a short hike; bring your own gloves and favorite sharp pruners. Register at maplewoodmn.gov/971

Snowshoeing at the Nature Center
Monday through Friday
9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.



March 19 State of Maplewood
Maplewood YMCA Community Center
9 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.

Free event, but registration is requested at Maplewoodmn.gov/state