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Firefighter-Paramedics awarded for saving two children and family dog

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Firefighter-EMT Keng Chang training on fire hose deployment

Mentorship, hands-on experience key to fire cadet success

By Rebecca Cave, Council Member

One of the most rewarding parts of my role as council member is seeing our public safety staff sworn in.

Maplewood has attracted people from all walks of life to the law enforcement and fire-EMS professions. That range of experience serves our community well.

In 2019, the Fire-EMS department started the cadet program. It's similar to the police Community Service Officer position, which has been successful for years.

It attracts hardworking people interested in exploring a career as a firefighter-paramedic. It's been highly successful, especially in drawing in people from backgrounds historically underrepresented in the profession. Maplewood's cadet program has become a model for other communities.

Firefighter-EMT Keng Chang is the most recent of four cadets to be promoted through the program. Two other cadets have been hired full-time by neighboring agencies.

"The cadet program was the best experience I could have gotten," says Chang. "With a mentor, I was able to observe, learn and work on my EMS skills."

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Maplewood

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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Emma Johnson

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During a November 2024 fire in Vadnais Heights, Maplewood Fire-EMS was the first fire engine on scene.

With heavy, black smoke pushing out of the townhome's front door, the fire crew quickly began searching for people reported to be trapped inside. Captain Brad McGee and Firefighter/Paramedics Emma Johnson, Nick Cook and Wendy Mainka heroically saved a 3-year-old and 14-month-old and the family dog.

Ryan Hang is also a former cadet who is now a full time firefighter

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[**The Cadet Experience** continued from page 1]

The cadet program provided Chang the foundation and confidence to learn more advanced EMS and firefighting procedures. Mentorship, camaraderie and hands-on experience are key pillars of the program.

"Every firefighter I've met in Maplewood has been supportive and a role model for me to better myself," says Chang. "Maplewood Fire-EMS is an amazing family."

In a time where there's a lot of discussion about workforce development, I would encourage people to consider a career in public safety. While difficult and potentially dangerous, it's an extremely rewarding way to serve your community, while earning a sustainable living.

This month, our fire-EMS department is expected to hire our next three cadets. I'm looking forward to seeing them successfully advance through training and get sworn in as full-time members of the public safety team.

Help us solve crimes in your community

Maplewood Police recently launched a voluntary camera registration program. If you have a door security camera and would be willing to share recordings, let us know.

We're hoping this initiative helps investigators by ensuring that time-sensitive video evidence is obtained before it is deleted. Additionally, by understanding video retention times, officers can prioritize contacts and avoid unnecessary outreach to cameras that no longer have relevant footage.

By registering for this program, you are not granting police access to any cameras, nor does it collect usernames, passwords, or other camera credentials. Also know that even if you are registered, participation remains entirely optional. Registrants may decline any request for footage.

This is a recent example of private camera image that helped lead to the arrest of a suspect wanted for multiple vehicle thefts in Maplewood.

Moose Lodge to be demolished

In recent years, the building had fallen into disrepair. To make way for redevelopment, the city council accepted a demolition bid at its February 10th meeting.

Recognizing the importance of the location, Maplewood purchased the Moose Lodge building in 2018. It is in the heart of the Gladstone corridor, an area that's seeing new housing.

Demolition will be completed by the end of May.

Gold Line BRT starts running late March

The Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) line connecting Maplewood to Woodbury and downtown St. Paul is expected to start running March 22, 2025.

One Gold Line station is in Maplewood, with two others serving our community. They provide a 10-15-minute ride to downtown St. Paul destinations.

Maplewood Station: between McKnight and Century

Sun Ray Shopping Center: between McKnight and Ruth (Park and Ride Lot)

Hazel: west of Ruth

The Gold Line is on time and within budget. In 2027 an extension to downtown Minneapolis is expected to begin operating.

These are important steps as Maplewood works with partners to find a variety of transit options that best fill our community needs.

Upcoming Events

Thursday, April 24
Open House
6 to 8 p.m.

Saturday, April 26
Fix-It Clinic
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

County making it easier to reuse and recycle

Ramsey County's new Environmental Center (EC) opens April 1

1700 Kent St, Roseville

Features include:

- A household hazardous waste drop off.
- Electronics, food scraps and general recycling.
- A free product reuse room.

Open year-round (except holidays)

Tuesday – Friday, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Saturday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Mobile HHW sites will no longer be available. The facility at Bay West in Saint Paul will remain open until EC services begin.

Learn more at ramseycounty.us/EC

Spring Clean Up

Saturday, May 3
8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Aldrich Arena Parking Lot
1850 White Bear Avenue

This is an opportunity for Maplewood residents to dispose or recycle bulky items, such as:

- Electronics
- Appliances
- Mattresses and Box Springs

Fees per vehicle start at $25 and rise depending on vehicle size.

For more information, fees, and items collected visit: maplewoodmn.gov/cleanups.

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Saturday, May 3, 2025
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- Cov Cuab Yeej Siv (Appliances)
- Cov Txaj thiab Daim Txheem Txaj Tuaj Hauv Qab (Box Springs)

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Limpieza de primavera Sábado

3 de mayo de 2025
8 a.m. a 1 p.m.

Estacionamiento de Aldrich Arena (1850 White Bear Avenue)

Es una oportunidad para que los residentes de Maplewood reciclen o se deshagan de cosas grandes como:

- Productos electrónicos
- Electrodomésticos
- Colchones y bases de colchones

Las tarifas por vehículo comienzan en $25 y suben dependiendo del tamaño del vehículo. Lo nuevo de este año: hay una fila rápida gratis para la trituración de documentos.

Para obtener más información, tarifas y artículos que se recolectan visite: maplewoodmn.gov/cleanups.

Improve recycling in your building

For those living in multi-family buildings with no recycling services, consider Ramsey County's BizRecycling program. It offers a free site evaluation visit.

Your building owner may be eligible for a $20,000 grant to start or improve recycling.

Grants can help cover costs for dumpster enclosures, recycling containers, and educational signage.

Visit bizrecycling.com/apartment-buildings.

Summer Conservation Internships

Urban Roots is hiring Maplewood interns ages 14-18.

The nine-week program requires at least ten hours of work a week. It pays $13.50 an hour.

Jobs include:

- Removing displaced plant species and planting native plants
- Tending to the Harvest Park Native Seed Garden
- Helping conduct bee surveys and monitor water quality
- Developing and leading outreach for communities to connect with and learn about the environment

Program eligibility reserved for students who qualify for free or reduced-price lunch or have a barrier to employment.

Learn more and apply by e-mailing David Woods, Conservation Program Director with Urban Roots, dwoods@urbanrootsmn.org

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

SUMMER DAY CAMPS

AT THE BRUENTRUP HERITAGE FARM

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

Edgerton Garden Registration Open

- Returning gardeners – Exclusive registration now through Sunday, March 16, midnight
- New gardeners – Wednesday, March 19, 8 a.m.

Resident: Raised Bed Garden - $30
In-Ground Garden - $35

Non-resident: Raised Bed 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, Sustainability Coordinator, (651) 249-2304, **shann.finwall@maplewoodmn.gov**

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

THURSDAYS

Session 3:	April 10, 17, 24, May 1
Session 4:	May 8, 15, 22, 29

Volleyball: Session 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

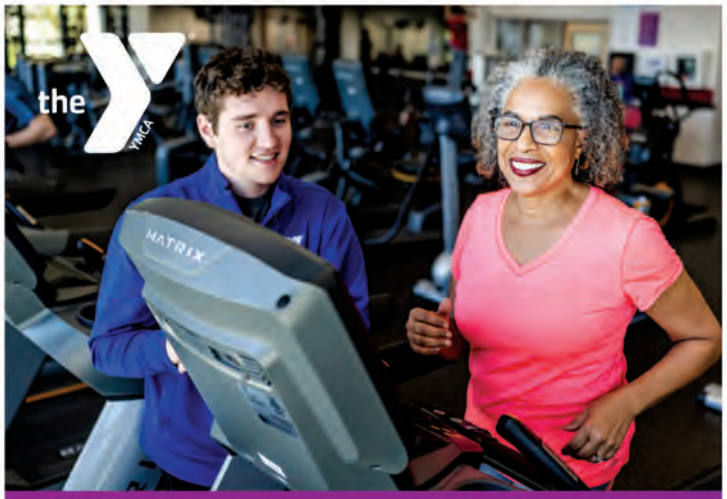
Session 3:	April 5, 12, 26, May 3 (Skip April 19)
Session 4:	May 10, 17, 31, Jun 7 (Skip May 24)
Session 5:	Jun 14, 21, 28, Jul 12 (Skip Jul 5)
Session 6:	Jul 26, Aug 2, 9, 16

Basketball: Session 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)
10:00 AM-10:40 AM	KinderStars (Ages 4-6)
10:45 AM-11:25 AM	MightyStars (Ages 6-9)



DISCOVER YOUR BEST SELF AT THE Y THIS SPRING!

Save $50 on membership when you join by March 31, 2025

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(P) 651-747-0922 (w) ymcanorth.org/maplewood

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SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE COMMUNITY EVENTS!

YMCA of the North

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OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday
March 12
Noon – 3 p.m.
2100 White Bear Ave.

MARCH 14

4H Pi Day Camp

9 a.m. – noon
Make small hand pies using unique ingredients to learn about the number Pi!

$10/participant
Register at maplewoodmn.gov/971

MARCH 19

State of Maplewood

9- 10:30 a.m.
Maplewood YMCA Community Center

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

FREE
Space is limited
Registration Required

Easter Egg Hunt

April 19th

Edgerton Community Gym
Hunt 1: 9:30 am – 10 am
Hunt 2: 10:30 am – 11 am
Register at Maplewoodmn.gov/egghunt

Event features:
Breakfast treats
Coloring area and games
Visit from the Easter Bunny
Ages 3-8

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