

CITY'S OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

MAPLEWOOD LIVING

August 2025



HOW IT WORKS

From street sweepers to an ultrasound for treating cardiac patients, Maplewood uses a variety of equipment and technology to help keep the city running.

Take a look at these devices and the people who operate them.



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Relief available for diseased and hazardous trees

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



Eligible Work:

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

Not Eligible Work:

- Stump grinding/removal
- Replanting
- Restoration

What you need to do:

1. Complete the application
 - Must be signed by the property owner
 - Property owners must obtain at least three quotes from City-licensed tree contractors
 - Property owners may finance up to \$3,000 via assessment (The city will not cover costs beyond the maximum)

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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

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Frequently Called Numbers

- City Hall (651) 249-2000
- Business Licenses (651) 249-2005
- City Clerk/Elections (651) 249-2002
- Community Development (651) 249-2300
- Includes: Building Permits, Code Enforcement, Housing, Health*
- Fire (651) 249-2800
- Maplewood YMCA Community Center (651) 747-0922
- Parks and Natural Resources (651) 249-2111
- Police Non-Emergency (651) 767-0640
- Public Works (651) 249-2400

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[Diseased trees continued from page 1]

2. Once approved, have your chosen contractor complete removal
3. 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
4. Once application is approved, the City pays the contractor
5. Property owner pays City via property tax over 5 years with interest

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



Unexpected discovery pauses Kohlman Park playground upgrades

While digging the footings for a new Kohlman Park Playground, crews uncovered unexpected materials, like a bowling pin, a newspaper from the 1930s, and other debris.

Further examining City archives confirmed part of the area was a dump site prior to its development as a park. The City of Maplewood acquired the property in phases during the 1960's.

The City does not believe there is any immediate cause for concern.

Staff is reviewing additional records and consulting with experts to better understand the site conditions and determine appropriate next steps.

Residents living in the park's immediate vicinity have been notified. We will update the community as we learn more.



High praise for City's financial management

Maplewood's independent auditor recently provided the City with a "clean" audit for 2024. This means the audit team found no discrepancies while combing through thousands of city transactions.

The auditor's report also shows the city has strong internal accounting controls to prevent fraud and abuse and is following the best practices in public financing.

In addition, the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) presented Maplewood with its Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for 2025, its highest recognition for governmental budgeting.

We are working diligently on the 2026 budget, which will be finalized in December.

Learn more about the 2026 budget and provide your feedback:



Community Partner Spotlight:

Community Dental Care Expands to Maplewood



Community Dental Care is expanding in Maplewood, recently opening a 40-chair facility in the old 3M Conference Center. The nonprofit oral health care provider already runs an office on Beam Avenue, diagonal from the transit center. Adding the south location made sense for several reasons:

- It's a cost-effective way to better serve the east metro.
- Need for care around this location is immense.
- City staff and Council have been excellent partners, especially with community connections. This includes an initiative to expand preventative dental education services with all seven ISD 622 elementary schools.

About Community Dental care

Mission: "Provide culturally sensitive community oral health care, preventive education, professional training, and to advocate for access for all."

- About 180 people work in the two Maplewood Clinics
- They serve all income groups and ages
- Their multicultural staff speaks more than 30 languages
- With three other locations, they serve patients from 72 of Minnesota's 87 counties.

*Community Partner Spotlight highlights non-profits, small businesses, educators or other organizations contributing to the wellbeing of our community.
Nominate an entity you think we should spotlight by emailing Joe.Sheeran@maplewoodMN.gov*

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New representation at Metropolitan Council

Metropolitan Council recently appointed Maplewood resident Mark Jenkins to represent District 12, covering the city's south leg and parts Washington and Dakota County.

Mark helped lead Maplewood's growth and business engagement for many years as chair of the City's Housing and Economic Development Commission. He's also led or has been a member of several other regional taskforces and committees.

Most of Maplewood (north of I-94 to I-694) is in District 13, which Chai Lee represents.

The Metropolitan Council is the Twin Cities' regional planning agency. It provides essential services, such as public transportation, and works to broaden economic growth.

Maplewood is served by Ramsey County Commissioner Kelly Miller.

Find out who represents you in the Minnesota Legislature and U.S. Congress.

gis.lcc.mn.gov/iMaps/districts/



Become a Recycling Ambassador

Recycling Ambassadors volunteer to encourage our community to reduce, reuse and recycle. The program includes a six-week training program (September 10 – Oct 15) to learn more about environmental health, waste systems and recycling.

Training topics include:

- General and food scraps recycling
- Climate change
- Environmental justice
- Household hazardous waste

Registration closes September 3.

Learn more and register at:

ramseycounty.us/RecyclingAmbassadors



Host your event or program at the Maplewood YMCA Community Center!

*Event Space Includes:
5,000 Sq feet of space, Ample parking,
Seating for 320 people*

Theater Space



Scan the QR code or call the Y for more (651) 747-0922.





Take a look at the photos

That is a spongy moth. It's been confirmed in Maplewood.

This highly invasive insect feeds on maple, ash, oak, birch, and hundreds of other trees, causing diseases and possible death.

Help us!

If you spot spongy moth, take pictures, record the location, and report it to the Minnesota Department of Agriculture at its Report a Pest site mda.state.mn.us/reportapest or call 1-888-545-6684.



You're invited!

Tuj Lub Courts Grand Reopening

Saturday, September 20, 10 a.m - 1 p.m.

Keller Regional Park | 2098 Maplewood Dr.
Maplewood, MN 55109



Ribbon cutting



Featured speakers



Activities and demonstrations



and more!

The program runs from 10 a.m. to noon, with the final hour for community connection. Attendees are encouraged to stay after noon, enjoy the courts, explore vendor booths, and chat with local organizations.



Free Family Event

CELEBRATE SUMMER

August 13th, 6 - 7:30 p.m.
Edgerton Park
2001 Edgerton St N



- INFLATABLES
- PETTING ZOO
- ACTIVITY STATIONS
- FREE BEEF HOTDOGS, CHIPS & WATER
- GIVEAWAYS AND INFO FROM OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Please consider bringing a non-perishable food item for a local food shelf



Free theatre at the Farm!

Thursday, Sept. 18, 7 p.m.

Maplewood Area Historical Society
2170 Co Rd D East, Maplewood
foxandbeggar.org



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

REVSORTS CONTACT:

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

Thursday Baseball TotStars (Ages 2-3)
PreStars (Ages 3-5)
KinderStars (Ages 4-6)

Session 7: August 14, 21, 28, September 4

Session 8: September 11, 18, 25, October 2

SATURDAY SOCCER TotStars (Ages 2-3)
KinderStars (Ages 4-6)
MightyStars (Ages 6-9)

Session 7: September 6, 13, 20, 27

Fall and Winter Sessions Coming Soon!



Escape the heat at the Y! Enjoy AC-cooled indoor workouts and refreshing pools. Plus, try our group fitness classes to keep your wellness routine strong all summer. Join today!

MAPLEWOOD YMCA

2100 White Bear Avenue, Maplewood, MN 55109
(P) 651-747-0922 (w) ymcanorth.org/maplewood

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Pickleball with Public Safety

Saturday, August 30th
1-3:30 p.m.
Vista Hills Park

No need to register, just come play and enjoy the day!

Even if you don't play Pickleball, feel free to come hang out with us at the park!

Refreshments will be served, courtesy of Maplewood Public Safety.

For information please contact Barb Johnson
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SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE COMMUNITY EVENTS!

AUGUST	Celebrate Summer
13	<p>Wednesday, 6 – 7:30 p.m. Edgerton Park (2001 Edgerton Street N.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free beef hotdogs and other refreshments • Petting Zoo • Inflatables • Activity stations <p>maplewoodmn.gov/2182</p>

AUGUST	Pickleball with Public Safety
30	<p>Saturday, 1 – 3:30 p.m. Vista Hills Park</p>

SEPTEMBER	Tuj Lub Courts Grand Re-Opening
20	<p>Saturday, 10 a.m. – Noon Keller Regional Park</p>

Join us for a Friday full of fun at Hazelwood Park!

Friday Fireworks

September 19

5 – 8 p.m.

- ★ Fireworks, 8 p.m.
- ★ Food Trucks
- ★ Petting Zoo
- ★ Inflatables
- ★ Touch a Truck
- ★ Giveaways and info from our community partners

