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Working hard to keep neighborhoods tidy

Maplewood averages more than 250 code complaints every year.

While these violations frustrate neighbors, private property owners have due process rights. Our code enforcement team follows city and state law in cleaning up these issues.

[Before]

[After]

Timeline to address typical complaints (exceptions apply)

A complaint is filed:

Within about a day, the city contacts the person who filed the complaint

In 3-5 days (many times even sooner):

- City inspects problem property
    - Property owner sent a letter outlining the problem
- They have 14 days to fix it

14 days later:

The property is re-inspected:

- About 85-90 percent of complaints are resolved by this point without a fine or citation.
- If there is no progress, city warns a fine is coming and gives owner 14 more days to address the issue.
- After about 28 days, the city issues fines.

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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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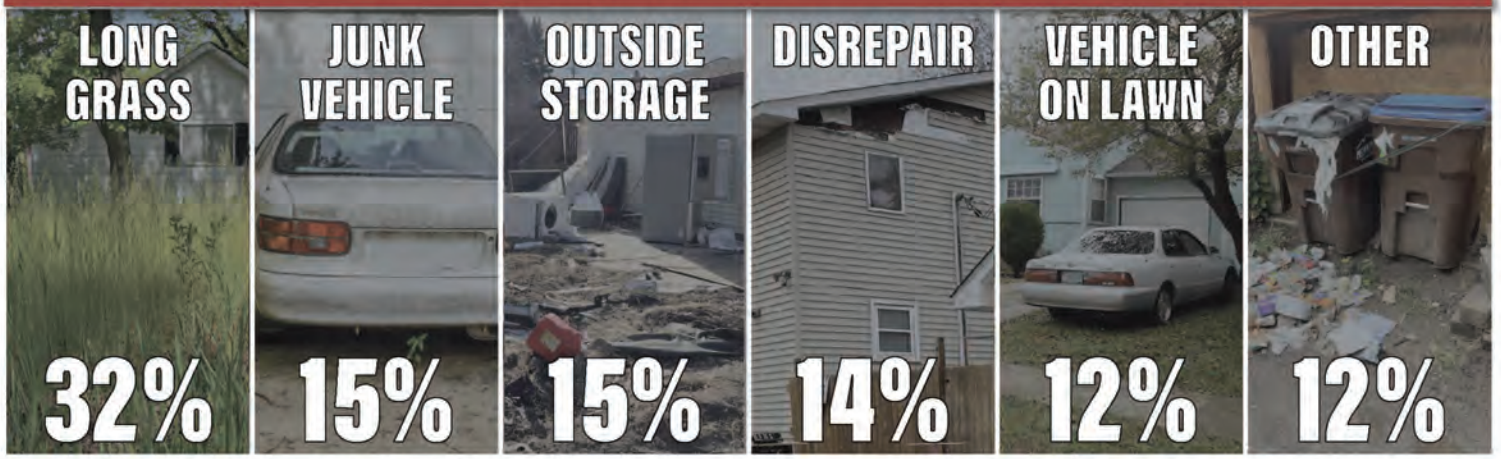
The most common complaints:



[**Tidy Neighborhoods** continued from page 1]

**Stats do not include potholes or other city infrastructure.*

If problem persists:

- City starts creating its own clean up plan
- Attempts to include the homeowner in the action plan
- City staff obtains approval from City Council and the courts to move ahead with the plan
- The city fixes the problem and bills the property owner
    - Usually repaid via property taxes or the home's sale.

Exception for long grass and garbage

The city gives the homeowners with long grass and garbage a short, but reasonable amount of time to address it. Then, Maplewood sends its own crew and charges the property owner.

Your priorities for the 2026 Budget

Maplewood is inviting all community members to weigh in on the 2026 budget process.

Learn and give your feedback at:

- Workshops
- Community events
- Budget survey

For more on the budget, visit
Maplewoodmn.gov/budget

No dumping on public land!

There are a number of yard waste sites for shrubs, leaves and lawn clippings. Republic Services also hauls bulky items.

Visit:

- RamseyRecycles.com for yard waste
- Maplewoodmn.gov/1017 for bulky item pick up

We'll be targeting known dumping areas this summer. Have some respect for folks living where you are thinking of dumping.

Violators will face fines

Battle Creek Waterworks underging major renovations

The popular waterpark will be closed for the 2025 season as Ramsey County makes significant upgrades, that enhance:

- Safety
- Accessibility
- Energy Efficiency

New features:

- Shaded seating areas
- Non-water play spaces

Welcome Pan-Asian Center to the Maplewood Mall

Several hundred community members celebrated the Pan-Asian Center's grand opening in May. They currently have a variety of local businesses set up in the former Macy's, with plans to expand. The group also owns the former Sears site. Those involved in the venture hope "to create an inclusive space where cultural heritage thrives, small businesses flourish, and communities come together to connect, celebrate, and grow," according to their website.

Learn more at panasiancenter.com

Unsheltered Outreach

With warmer temperatures, we wanted to provide an update on our unsheltered population outreach. Maplewood maintains a pro-active approach to provide assistance and services to those in need.

Successes so far:

- Better collaboration with Ramsey County Support Services
- Team approach involving:
  - public safety
  - public works
  - parks staff
  - embedded social worker

Summer priorities:

- Support health, safety and housing needs while maintaining a high quality of life for all residents, businesses and visitors
- Proactively identify and monitor a variety of locations to prevent encampments
- Connect with unsheltered people in 24 hours of being notified to offer assistance with the appropriate social supports

We're also aided with the newly remodeled, Ramsey County service center located at the Maplewood Mall.

Learn more about our outreach and resources at: maplewoodmn.gov/unsheltered.

Maplewood PD completes elite leadership training

After four years of hard work, the Maplewood Police Department's command staff proudly received the FBI-LEEDA Agency Trilogy Award at the organization's annual conference in New Orleans. This national honor recognizes agencies whose entire command staff has completed the rigorous Trilogy Leadership Series, with courses in supervisory, command, and executive leadership.

Maplewood is one of the few, if not the only, agencies in the state to achieve this distinction, reflecting our deep commitment to and investment in ethical, accountable, and community-focused policing. Chief Bierdeman, Deputy Chief Busack, and Lts. Steiner, Hoemke, and Dugas represented the department in receiving the award.

New tool to treat opioid addiction in Maplewood

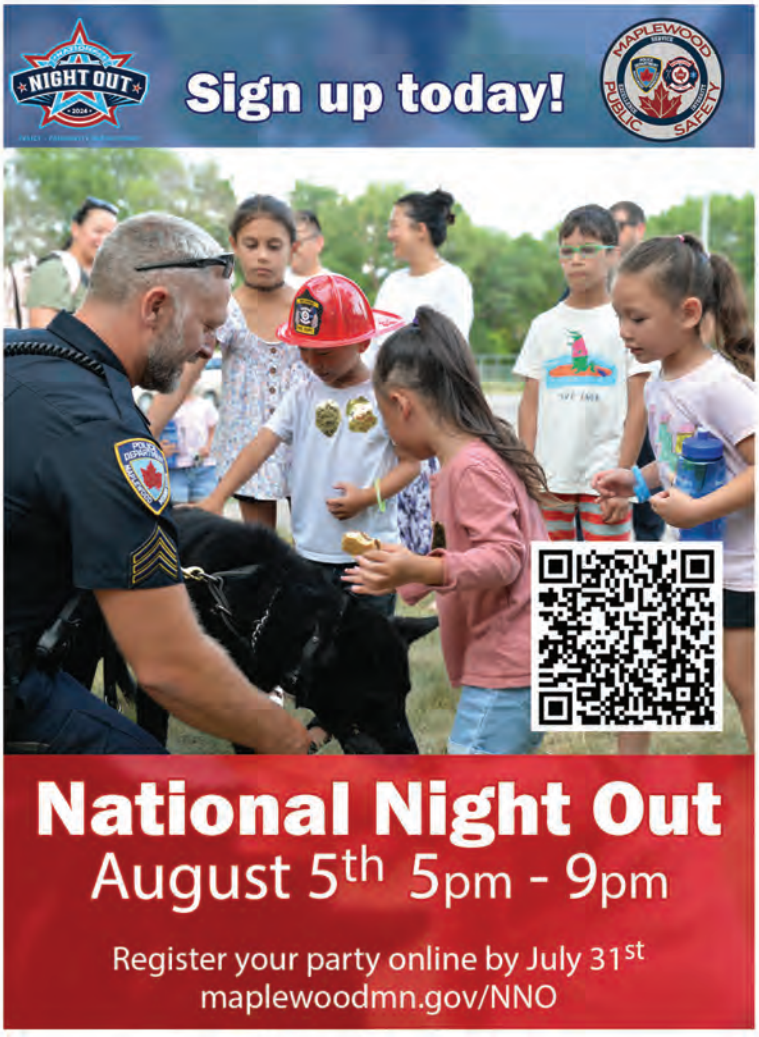
By Brad McGee, Fire Captain – Paramedic

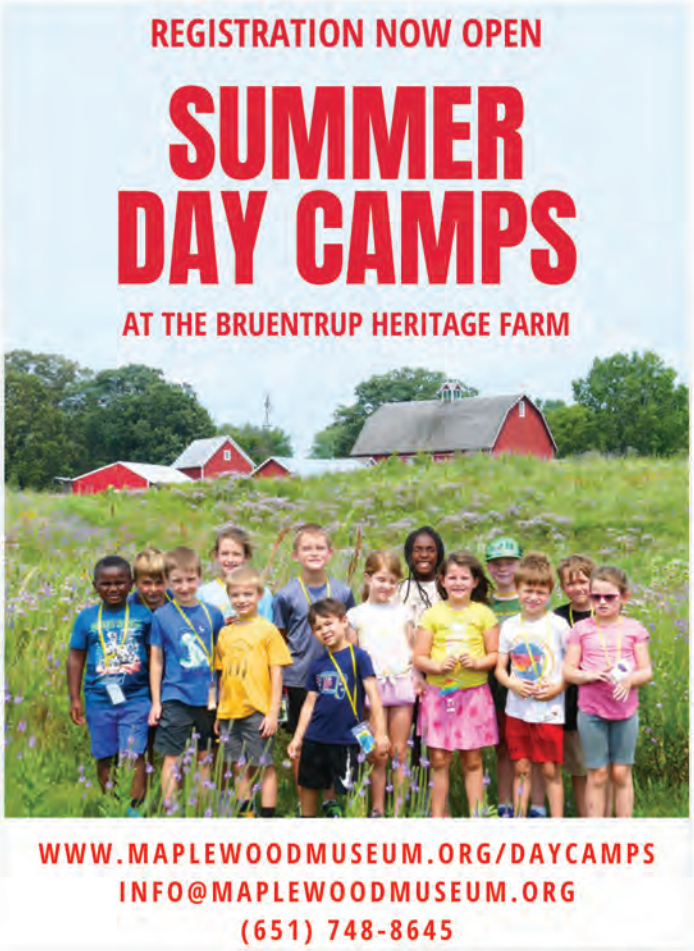
This month, Maplewood will be one of the first Fire-EMS departments in Minnesota to administer Suboxone to treat opioid withdrawals.

Suboxone is typically administered after someone is given naloxone for an overdose. It is a bridge to recovery because it subdues the painful opioid withdrawals symptoms that tend to keep people using.

"Even one opioid overdose is too many," said Fire-EMS Chief Michael Mondor. "We see about one a week, which is deeply concerning and highlights the importance of continued community awareness and intervention."

Getting people the help they need is critical to saving lives and ensuring overall community health.





This is Maplewood Living's Community Partner Spotlight, where we highlight non-profits, small business, 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

Community Partner Spotlight:

Maplewood North Lions Club connected to global good

You see Lions' members helping at City events, raising money and building comradery.

World's largest service club	• 1.4 million members • 49,000 clubs • 206 countries
Dedicated to a variety of causes	• Childhood cancer research • Diabetes research • Fighting world hunger • Environmental protection • Helping the deaf and those with hearing issues
Service to Maplewood	• Joy Preserve clean up • Help staff major City-run events • Host unique fundraisers • Donated to the Police Memorial Fund • Purchased hearing aids for a local resident on a fixed income

Learn more, get involved: Contact: Jason DeMoe, President jvdemoe@gmail.com or (651) 331-8076

Event Change

Maplewood is transitioning its annual 4th of July event to a September Friday Fireworks event.

Because 4th of July was rained out last year, we re-scheduled it to September, and it was a major success.

Mark your calendar for the Friday Fireworks

Friday, September 19
5 – 8p.m.

Touch-a-truck ★ Food Trucks
Inflatables ★ Other games and activities

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

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

Session 5: June 5, 12, 26, July 10 (Skip Jun 19 & Jul 3)
Session 6: July 17, 24, 31, August 7
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 5: Jun 14, 21, 28, Jul 12 (*Skip Jul 5*)
Session 6: Jul 26, Aug 2, 9, 16
Session 7: September 6, 13, 20, 27

UNLEASH YOUR FULL POTENTIAL AT THE Y.

Join in June, pay $0 enrollment, and unlock $235 in FREE Wellbeing Consultations, including fitness assessments, health coaching, and nutrition.

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SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE COMMUNITY EVENTS!

JUNE 14

Golden Frisbee Treasure Hunt

Saturday, 8 a.m.
Hidden at a Maplewood Park
See add on page 7

JUNE 24

Youth Safety Camp

9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Wakefield Park
Open to children going into 3rd – 5th grade
Register at maplewoodmn.gov/YS

JULY 1–31

Summer Photo Contest

Snap a nature photo at any Maplewood park or open space. Send it in for a prize.
Information at Maplewoodmn.gov/1156

JULY 4

Maplewood's July 4 event has been changed

It's now the September 19 Friday Fireworks.
Please see the ad on page 6

JULY 16

Celebrate Summer

6 – 7:30 p.m.
Afton Heights Park (63 Sterling Street N.)
Free family events, with games, food and activities
maplewoodmn.gov/1614

JULY 17

Fishing With Friends

4 – 7 p.m.
Spoon Lake (2395 Keller Pkwy)

JULY 19

Tuj Lub Courts Grand Re-Opening

Saturday, 10 a.m. – Noon
Keller Regional Park

August 5

National Night Out

Various times and locations

Register your party:
maplewoodmn.gov/nno

August 13

Celebrate Summer

6 – 7:30 p.m.
Edgerton Park (2001 Edgerton Street N.)
Free family events, with games, food and activities
maplewoodmn.gov/2182