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September 2025

Diversity in Maplewood

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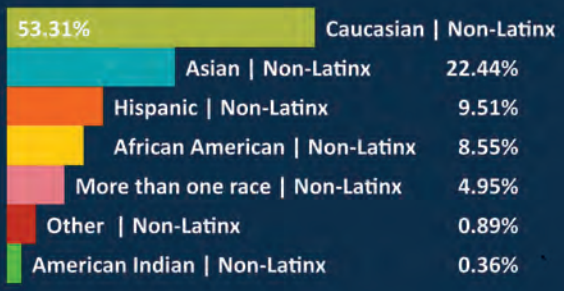

According to the U.S. Census Data.

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Maplewood's Greatest Strength: Diversity

by Chonburi Lee, Maplewood Councilmember

Did you know that in 1990, Maplewood consisted of 93% white residents compared to 53% in 2020? Today, nearly half of Maplewood is made up of residents who identify as Asian, Black, Hispanic/Latinx, Indigenous, or multi-racial. Not only have Maplewood streets and buildings gotten a facelift over the past three decades, but its most important building block – its residents – has transformed.

Maplewood's unique ecosystem is due, in part, to the differing voices, traditions, and experiences of the people living here. Like a puzzle, these unique cultural characteristics link to form the community we proudly call ours.

Take Char Wasiluk, who chose the Gladstone neighborhood three generations ago to build her family. Today, her daughter, Sandy Dicke—a third-generation Belarusian—still lives in Gladstone welcoming new families to join her in calling their neighborhood home.

Across town, stories of newer roots add richness to Maplewood's tapestry. Danvas Bosire, a first-generation Kenyan American, has called Maplewood home for over 20 years. He and Sandy remind us that Maplewood residents have shared values despite differences in how we look, live, think, and believe.

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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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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
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Cardinal Pointe of Maplewood

TOUR DAY

Active senior cooperative living community 55+

Tours on October 16th 1:00 - 3:00 P.M.

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

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Resident Sandy Dicke with Councilmember Chonburi Lee

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Residential demographic changes have enabled a cascade of other changes like the introduction of new approaches to solving problems, new flavor palettes, and a new trajectory for Maplewood. Our diversity attracts visitors, strengthens our economy, and builds pride.

As Maplewood continues to evolve, we can continue to thrive by leveraging the diversity that enables our city to be linguistically, socioeconomically, and culturally vibrant. Every resident has a chapter in the history book of Maplewood. Whether your family has lived here for generations or you are planting roots today, you are part of what makes Maplewood vibrant.

Together, let's continue building a community where every voice is considered, every culture is valued, and every person feels like they belong.

Strong Neighborhoods, Safe Communities, Exceptional Service

An independent survey shows people overwhelmingly enjoy living in Maplewood, with 92% rating the City's Quality of Life as good or excellent. Ninety-six percent of people feel valued and welcomed in the City.

While there are some concerns about traffic issues and street lighting, 93% of respondents generally feel safe.

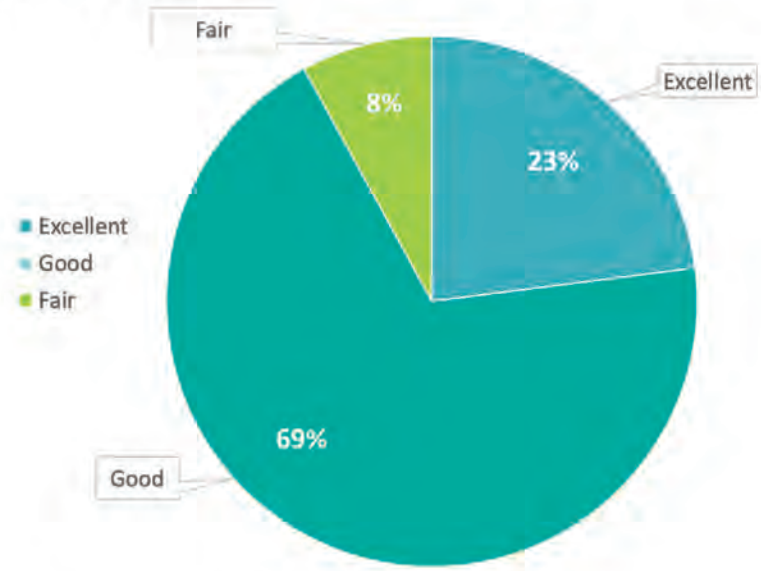
The survey goes in-depth on a number of issues such as:

- Schools
- Quality of parks and potential improvements
- Importance of cultural assets (YMCA Community Center, Nature Center and Bruentrup Farm)
- Redevelopment
- Housing quality and affordability
- Taxation
- Road quality and infrastructure
- Communicating with the community

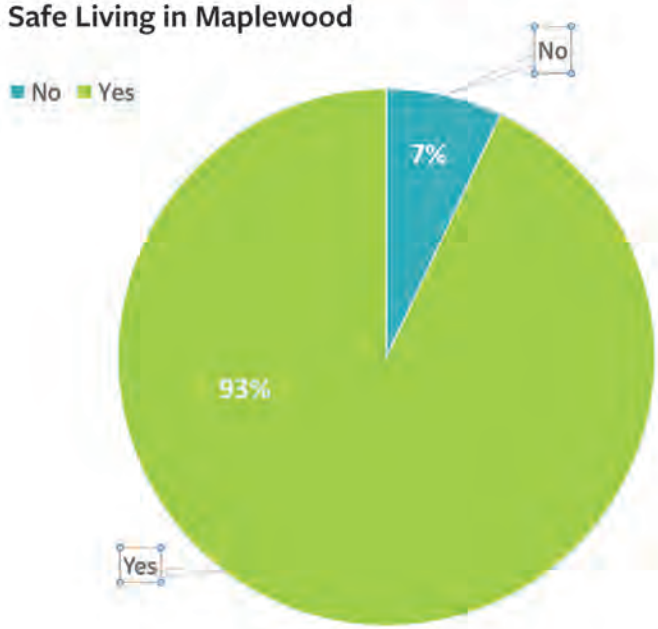
The Morris Leatherman Company conducted the live phone survey at the end of July with 400 randomly sampled Maplewood residents that accurately represent the city's demographics. Thanks to those who took the survey. Your feedback will help shape how the city delivers important services and amenities.

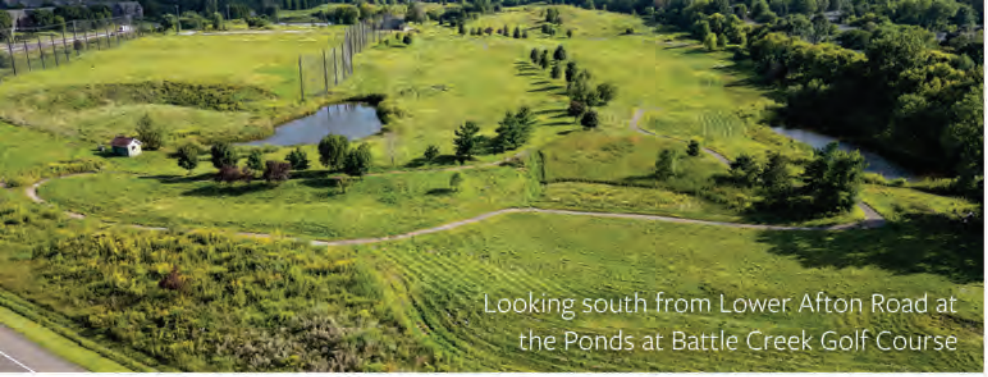
Please dive into the survey at:
Maplewoodmn.gov/survey2025

Quality of Life



Feel Safe Living in Maplewood





Looking south from Lower Afton Road at the Ponds at Battle Creek Golf Course

Maplewood is one step closer to building its first new neighborhood in a generation

DR Horton submitted an application to build a mix of single-family and town homes at the former Ponds at Battle Creek Golf Course (just south of Lower Afton Road along Century Avenue).

The concept plan includes a little more than 200 homesites and a park.

The layout incorporates existing natural features, with a focus on preserving:

- wetlands
- natural areas
- vegetated buffering

Where feasible, the former cart path will be repurposed into a trail system to enhance open space access.

The developer has held a number of community meetings and had already made some adjustments based on feedback. The City is also reviewing the environmental aspects of the project.

Over the next several months:

- Staff will review the plan and work with the developer to ensure it meets standards for density, stormwater, utility connections, traffic, and other requirements.
- Several City commissions will review the plan.
- City Council will consider the commissions' recommendations. It may have further feedback before making a final decision.

Bold Vision to Shape a Stronger Maplewood Economy

Maplewood's Economic Development Authority recently adopted a Mission, Vision and a set Goals that will help ensure Maplewood's economy thrives by:

- Aligning resources
- Attracting investments
- Supporting small businesses
- Fostering equitable development that reflects community values

Some of the short-term actions (1-3 years) in the nine-strategy plan include:

- Establishing a revolving loan fund for rehab projects
- Pursuing redevelopment grants from the state, county and other partners
- Connecting with developers and landowners to maximize opportunities in the Maplewood Mall area
- Maximize development opportunities on vacant properties.

Over the past few years, city staff have been working to secure financing, partnerships, and resources to take Maplewood to the next level.

Please take time to review Maplewood's economic strategy. MaplewoodMN/gov

CALL TO SCHEDULE A TOUR & ASK ABOUT OUR MOVE-IN SPECIALS!

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Area School District Leading the Way in Sustainability

School District 622 is making strides toward a cleaner, more sustainable future—starting with solar power.

Rooftop solar

$670,000 Minnesota Department of Commerce rooftop solar grant for arrays at:

- Carver Elementary
- Justice Page Elementary
- Richardson Elementary

Xcel Energy's Solar Rewards Program to add solar panels at 10 more buildings over the next three years.

Castle and Eagle Point Elementary Schools already produce renewable energy.

John Glenn is in the process of getting solar panels installed.

Solar power:

- Lowers energy costs
- Provides hands-on learning about clean energy careers
- Supports local jobs
- Reduces greenhouse gas emissions

Electrifying student transportation

$1.1 million (Minnesota Department of Commerce grant) to purchase three electric school buses and build a charging infrastructure.

Electric buses:

- produce zero tailpipe emissions
- improve air quality
- reduce noise
- lower maintenance costs

Other sustainability initiatives:

- Energy efficiency: Low-E windows, LED lighting, occupancy sensors, electric Zambonis
- Green operations: Efficient boilers, battery-powered cleaning, pollinator gardens, green cleaning products
- Resource stewardship: Water-saving kitchens, responsible asset disposal

The district has also won school waste reduction and recycling awards from both Ramsey and Washington Counties. By combining clean energy, sustainable transportation, and resource-conscious operations, District 622 is proving that environmental stewardship and fiscal responsibility can go hand-in-hand—benefiting both schools and the Maplewood community.

Now Accepting Applications for 2026 Charitable Gambling Funds

Applications due September 30.

Charitable gambling funds will be awarded to non-profit organizations that serve Maplewood residents.

Priority is given to Maplewood-based groups, and funds are distributed equally across three categories:

- Social supports and senior services
- Youth programs and community engagement
- Environment, natural resources, and safety projects

Organizations may receive up to $7,500 annually, with an anticipated total of $50,000 available in 2026.

Final awards will be determined by the Maplewood City Council in October.

For additional information and to apply, visit: maplewoodmn.gov/gamblingFunds or contact Lois Knutson (651) 249-2051, Lois.Knutson@maplewoodmn.gov

VOTE

November 4 Levy Referendum

District 622 residents will be voting on two questions on the November ballot. One question will increase our operating levy. The other question supports technology for security and learning.

Learn more about the ballot questions at **isd622.org/levy2025**.

Fall Clean Up Campaign

20% off bulky item collection in October

Contact Republic Services (651) 455-8634 to schedule the pickup. For more information visit maplewoodmn.gov/cleanups.

Free Mattress Collection in October

- About 95% of your mattress can be recycled. Don't throw it in the trash!
- Collections every Tuesday and Thursday.
- Sign ups start September 22 at secondchancerecyclingmn.com

Click the "**Curbside Recycling Program**" button.

Thanks, Ramsey/Washington Recycling & Energy for creating this opportunity with Second Chance Recycling.

Fix-It Clinic

Get free assistance from volunteers skilled in disassembling, troubleshooting and fixing items, such as small household appliances, clothing, electronics and more.

Saturday, September 27, 2025

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. (last items accepted at 12:30 p.m.)

Ramsey County Environmental Center,
Community Room 103, 1700 Kent St., Roseville

There is a three-item limit. For more information, visit: RamseyRecycles.com, click "Reuse" at the top of the page.

Learn how to Effectively Remove Buckthorn

Tuesday September 30
5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Wakefield Park Community Building
(1860 Hazelwood Street)

In this hand-on class, DNR forestry experts teach how to identify and remove the invasive plant. Since buckthorn retains its leaves longer than most native lookalikes, fall is the best time for spotting and removal. Please dress for the conditions.

Contact Katelyn Bergstrom (651) 249-2416 or katelyn.bergstrom@maplewoodmn.gov.

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Nature Photo finalists

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RevSports Class Sessions!

LOCATION: Edgerton Gym or Edgerton Park

Cost: $69/Session

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

See classes and REGISTER: Maplewood.Revsports.org

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

Thursday Evening Basketball

TotStars (Ages 2-3)
PreStars (Ages 3-5)
MightyStars (Ages 6-9)

Oct 9, 23, 30, Nov 6 (Skip Nov 16)
Nov 13, 20, Dec 4, 11 (Skip Nov 27

Saturday Morning Flag Football

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

Oct 11, 25, Nov 1, 8 (Skip Oct 18)

Saturday Morning Floor Hockey

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

Oct 11, 25, Nov 1, 8 (Skip Oct 18)
Nov 15, 22, Dec 6, 13 (Skip Nov 29)

Crisp air, changing leaves, new routines. This fall, don't just change the calendar—change your health. The Y offers a variety of ways to move and connect, making it easy to prioritize your wellbeing. **JOIN TODAY!**

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SEPTEMBER 19 – 20

Garage Sale

9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Summerhill of Maplewood
935 Ferndale St. North

Featuring household items, decor, clothing

SEPTEMBER 19

Friday Night Fireworks

Starts at 5 p.m. Fireworks at 8 p.m.
Hazelwood Park

Event features:
Touch a truck, Food Trucks, Inflatables and more!

SEPTEMBER 20

Tuj Lub Courts Grand Re-Opening

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

TRUNK OR TREAT

PLENTY OF CANDY
ACTIVITIES
VEHICLE DECORATING CONTEST

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

CITY HALL PARKING LOT 1 - 4:00 P.M.