

City's Official *NEWSLETTER*

# MAPLEWOOD Living



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## Thank You

Maplewood City Council voted unanimously in support of the adoption of the Parks System Master Plan at their meeting last January. Thank you to all of the residents and business owners that participated in this two-year process. The plan will set forth a vision for the next twenty years by providing recommendations, strategies, and tools to assist the City, its stakeholders, and many partners to ensure that Maplewood's Parks System is "at the top of its game" well into the future. In April, there will be an insert in the Maplewood Living that discusses the plan.



## Update On State Performance Measures

The City has opted to participate in the State Performance Measurement Program the past three years. A survey was created which contained nine performance measures developed by the Council on Local Results and Innovation. The survey was made available to our residents during the month of November each of the last three years.

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## Multi-Cultural Business Networking Event

Join us on Thursday, February 26 from 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm at the Maplewood Community Center located at 2100 White Bear Avenue for an important multi-cultural event. The event is part of an ongoing initiative to build stronger connections, alliances and partnerships with multi-cultural businesses to support their success, facilitate cultural competency and foster economic growth.



The evening will include a panel of multi-cultural business experts who will share a few dos and don'ts of doing business with specific communities, complimentary appetizers, a cash bar, networking and valuable door prizes.

We are expecting an exceptionally large turnout for the event as it will provide a unique opportunity to learn more about, engage with and build productive relationships with business owners and professionals from the Latino, Hmong, Vietnamese, Somali and Arab communities.

This event is sponsored by the City of Maplewood, Ramsey County, White Bear Lake Chamber of Commerce, Minnesota Chamber and Grow Minnesota, East Side Area Business Association, LEDC, Latino Roundtable, AED as well as other business leaders from the Arab, Hmong, Somali and Vietnamese communities. This event is free to those who pre-register. To register for this event, visit [www.ci.maplewood.mn.us](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us).

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## Frequently Called Numbers

City Hall	(651) 249-2000
Maplewood Community Center	(651) 249-2230
Recreation	(651) 249-2120
Public Works	(651) 249-2400
Police Non-Emergency	(651) 767-0640

Visit the city website at [www.ci.maplewood.mn.us](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us) for the meeting schedule of the City Council, Commissions and Boards.

To advertise in this newsletter call (952) 212-7333 or email [heidi@careycommunications.org](mailto:heidi@careycommunications.org).

## Make a Difference in Maplewood

Have you ever wondered what you could do to help make the City of Maplewood a better place to live? The City Council is not the only place where citizens have an opportunity to become involved in City government. The City of Maplewood also has eight commissions and boards where citizens have a chance to get involved and be a part of the decision making process. Commissions include: Community Design Review Board, Environmental & Natural Resources Commission, Heritage Preservation Commission, Housing & Economic Development Commission, Human Rights Commission, Park & Recreation Commission, Planning Commission and Police Civil Service Commission.

The wide range of commissions offers residents the opportunity to apply to be a part of a group where they can put their interests, talents and strengths to use. There are currently openings on the following commissions and boards:

- **Heritage Preservation Commission (1 opening)**
- **Housing & Economic Development Commission (1 opening)**
- **Human Rights Commission. (2 openings)**
- **Parks & Recreation Commission (1 opening)**
- **Planning Commission (2 openings)**

These openings are due to terms expiring and resignations. The City Council will interview candidates that apply and will appoint individuals to fill these openings.

More information on the commissions can be found on the City's website [www.ci.maplewood.mn.us](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us) or by calling City Hall at (651) 249-2000.

Applications can be picked up at the City Hall reception desk or found online on the City's website. **The application deadline is February 16, 2015.** Completed applications should be submitted to the City Manager's Office at 1830 County Road B E, Maplewood, MN 55109.



New Century Neighborhood



Bergamot blooms in the prairie at the Priory Neighborhood Preserve.

# Maplewood Police and Prosecutor Partner with County Attorney in Domestic Violence Joint Prosecution Unit

At the December 5th, 2014, meeting of the Maplewood City Council, Ramsey County Attorney John Choi and members of his staff discussed the planned Ramsey County Joint Domestic Abuse Prosecution Enhancement Project, which officially began in January. The project goal is to collaboratively build a unique, interagency, cross-jurisdictional alliance to improve the overall ability to hold domestic violence offenders accountable and maximize victim safety. The project involves the assignment of an Assistant Ramsey County Attorney to be cross-deputized and co-located with the City prosecutors in Maplewood and White Bear Lake.

This new initiative is an offshoot of the successful Domestic Abuse Joint Prosecution Unit, in which the County Attorney's Office and St. Paul City Attorney collaborated on high risk domestic violence offenders. The local two-year project was made possible with support of the Ramsey County Commissioner Victoria Reinhardt and her colleagues on the Ramsey County Board who allocated funding and secured the necessary authorization to dedicate a County prosecutor to work in Maplewood and White Bear Lake.

The project is multi-faceted and includes: analysis of current investigation and prosecution outcomes, identification of areas for domestic violence response

improvement, and the development of a coordinated best-practice strategy to enhance justice and public safety outcomes in misdemeanor and gross misdemeanor domestic abuse cases. Key to the project is a high level focus on officers identifying and collecting a full array of admissible evidence that can help prosecutors in the court process. Prosecutors will use these advanced investigations in evidence-based prosecutions, which minimizes the need for dismissal when victims fear participation in the court process.

The project recognizes the long-term harm that domestic violence does to victims, children, families, and the community as a whole. The best practices model adopted by all project partners, including Tubman advocates, will create a sustained and systemic victim-centered intervention model that provides:

- Earlier intervention by victim advocates
- Increased full participation in domestic violence cases
- More timely and aggressive charging and court intervention
- Increased trial rates through evidence-based prosecution
- Increased services for other witnesses
- Improved quality of convictions by resolving cases for enhanceable offenses
- Development of new practices and protocols for victim advocacy, police responders, and prosecutors
- Staff training and professional development for police and prosecution.

In the end, we believe, this unique collaborative domestic violence response project will more effectively halt the pattern of trauma and abuse in families before it escalates and becomes more deeply entrenched in their lives and in our community.

If you, or someone you know, is in need of services because of domestic or family violence, know that help is available around the clock.

**Emergency – 9-1-1**

**Maplewood Police (non-emergency) – (651) 767-0640**

**Tubman Family & Crisis Services – (612) 825-0000**

**Website – [www.tubman.org](http://www.tubman.org)**

**Ramsey Co. Protection Order Officer – (651) 266-5130**



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Tubman is proud to partner with the schools, police and citizens of Maplewood.

**Tubman is here** for you and your family.

Safe shelter, mental health therapy, support groups & workshops for youth & adults, Harriet's Closet, and special help for seniors being abused are just a few of the ways we can help.

Call us or visit [tubman.org](http://tubman.org) to learn more.

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# COUNCIL CORNER

The Council Corner is a space that is rotated monthly between the Mayor and Council members. Editorial views expressed are those of the author and may not necessarily represent or reflect the views and opinions of the City of Maplewood.



Councilmembers Cardinal and Abrams, Mayor Slawik, Councilmembers Koppen and Juenemann



## Five Lessons I Learned In My First Year As An Elected City Council Member

By: Council member Marylee Abrams

I learned so many new things in my first year as an elected Maplewood City Council member. I had only enough space to highlight five of them for you.

### 1. City Council members read a lot and attend lots of meetings

City Council meetings are held the second and fourth Mondays of the month. In addition to those meetings, each Council member serves as the liaison on several City Commissions. I serve on the Ramsey Washington Cable Commission, the Parks and Recreation Commission, and the Planning and Review Commission. In addition, before the first Council meeting of the month, there is generally a Council Manager Workshop that explores topics in more depth. This year I have also attended the MCC 5k run, the spring clean-up event, MCC celebrations, the Grand Opening of Hobby Lobby, toured 3M, and attended more National Night Out celebrations than I thought humanly possible, to name just a few additional fun events. Council meeting packets take on average 2-3 hours to read and study. This year I learned a lot about the budgeting process, and the careful consideration necessary to make sure we can provide City services within our budget. I confess I like reading the packets and studying the decisions we will be making as a Council.

### 2. Nay sayers will always be present

It is much easier to be critical of the actions of elected officials, but it is not very constructive. It is much harder to study the issues, consider all of the available options, and then make the best decisions that will benefit our City, and our citizens. Oh, well! I would rather be helping

to make things better than standing on the sidelines hurling insults and complaints.

### 3. It takes a village of people to run a City

We have an amazing, dedicated staff. I marvel at how creative they are and how hard they work to find creative funding sources and grants for extra bonuses to supplement our basic city services. They quickly respond to my emails and the many questions I have when I am reviewing a Council packet and preparing for the next Council meeting. We are very fortunate to have such great employees.

### 4. Things move slower than I would like

When I ran for City Council, Mayor Slawik and I both said we were not very impressed with the Maplewood website, and that it was not very user friendly. Well, it has been a year and we still have the same old website. We have heard from citizens that you are frustrated as well. We are diligently working on it with staff and be assured our new website is under construction. I believe Maplewood has a great story to tell, and we need to get our message out to everyone. Look for a new and improved website in 2015.

### 5. Maplewood is changing

Our demographics are changing as a City, and I am pleased to say we are embracing the changes. Our population is becoming more diverse and like me, our citizens are aging. I attended our first Community Listening Session on Police Accountability and Public Safety in January, sponsored by our very own Human Rights Commission. We are also breaking new ground with the first ever Multi-Cultural Business event scheduled at our Community Center from 5:30 to 8:30 pm on February 26. We are partnering with local ethnic communities, business groups, and Chambers of Commerce to host a business networking event. We are also exploring partnerships and new creative ways to manage our Community Center and insure it's sustainability into the future. Maplewood is an amazing place to live, and I look forward to a New Year and new challenges.

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Though the response to the survey is not as high as we would like, it should be noted that on average the City is being rated as Good or Excellent over 70% of the time. A snapshot of the most recent responses and data from the previous two years is as follows:

Question – 2014 (49 responses)	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Don't Know
Appearance of the City	10%	65%	21%	4%	0%
Feeling of Safety	29%	57%	10%	2%	2%
Quality of Fire/EMS	42%	33%	6%	0%	19%
Condition of Streets	8%	39%	31%	22%	0%
Quality of Snowplowing	27%	47%	20%	6%	0%
Quality of Sewer	49%	33%	2%	2%	14%
Quality of Water	50%	38%	4%	4%	4%
Quality of Rec Programs/Parks	29%	57%	12%	0%	2%
Overall City Services	14%	66%	14%	2%	4%

Question – 2013 (56 responses)	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Don't Know
Appearance of the City	9%	57%	30%	2%	2%
Feeling of Safety	24%	65%	7%	4%	0%
Quality of Fire/EMS	29%	29%	9%	9%	24%
Condition of Streets	11%	43%	31%	13%	2%
Quality of Snowplowing	41%	28%	19%	9%	4%
Quality of Sewer	33%	37%	7%	2%	20%
Quality of Water	43%	44%	6%	0%	7%
Quality of Rec Programs/Parks	35%	48%	9%	2%	6%
Overall City Services	11%	62%	17%	9%	0%

Question – 2012 (96 responses)	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Don't Know
Appearance of the City	9%	65%	20%	6%	0%
Feeling of Safety	29%	55%	13%	1%	2%
Quality of Fire/EMS	24%	35%	11%	14%	16%
Condition of Streets	6%	49%	37%	8%	0%
Quality of Snowplowing	27%	51%	16%	6%	0%
Quality of Sewer	31%	52%	5%	0%	12%
Quality of Water	48%	45%	5%	0%	2%
Quality of Rec Programs/Parks	27%	54%	11%	5%	3%
Overall City Services	13%	60%	20%	6%	1%

The City welcomes feedback from citizens. There are numerous tools available on the City's website at [www.ci.maplewood.mn.us](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us) and comments on the City budget, operations or levy can be sent to [budget.ideas@ci.maplewood.mn.us](mailto:ideas@ci.maplewood.mn.us).

# PET licensing

**Pet License Renewal (JAN 1, 2015 - DEC 31, 2017)**

**Fees:**

- \$21 Female/Male                      \$19 Senior's Discount
- \$18 Spayed or Neutered            \$16 Senior's Discount

Don't forget to license your pet!



**ADD \$5 PENALTY FOR LICENSES PURCHASED AFTER DECEMBER 31, 2014. NEW PETS ARE EXEMPT FROM PENALTY. Applications can be obtained at City Hall or online at [www.ci.maplewood.mn.us](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us). Questions: (651) 249.2000**

# Maplewood BUSINESS HIGHLIGHT

## Maplewood Library Gets New Coffee Shop With A Thai Flair



A unique new coffee shop with a Thai flair, "Caféine" has opened in the Maplewood Library. Owners Navarat Poosansaard and Kumpon Boonwong moved to the United

States from Thailand to attend college. Navarat ran a family restaurant in Thailand and it had been a dream of hers and her husband's to open one in the United States.

The Maplewood Library location was the perfect fit for their business because it was the right size for the two of them to manage together. "We open an hour earlier so people come to Caféine, enjoy a coffee, and wait for the library to open," Navarat said.

Different from other coffee shops, Navarat and Kumpon specialize in customer service by waiting on their patrons. Their food and drinks are all prepared on site and made fresh that day. Navarat said "We have many regular customers who love our coffee."

In addition to coffee, the shop also sells food, including soup, fried rice, paninis, grilled cheese, edamame, chicken nuggets, and salad. One of their most popular items is the Chicken Rice Soup. Another

favorite soup the customers enjoy is the Tom Yum Soup with a spicy and sour flavor. Many of the recipes come from their home country of Thailand which makes them unique. They also include menu items geared towards kids, who often frequent the library with their family.



Caféine owners Navarat Poosansaard (left) and Kumpon Boonwong (right)

One of the challenges Navarat and Kumpon have experienced is that the coffee shop had been vacant for one year and some people forget that it's there. They want to get the word out to the community that they are open for business and welcome all to their shop.

Navarat and Kumpon are already thinking about the future of Caféine and would like to offer ice cream and a drive through.

Caféine is located at 3025 Southlawn Drive in Maplewood and is open Monday through Thursday 9:00 am to 9:00 pm and Friday through Sunday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.



For more information on Caféine, call (612) 999-4996 or visit them on facebook at CaféineMN.

## Need a US Passport Book or Card?

You can apply for your U.S. Passport Book or Card at Maplewood City Hall, 1830 County Road B East, Maplewood. We are open Monday-Friday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm with the last application being accepted at 4:00 pm. If you are renewing your passport, you must renew it by mail. To determine your eligibility, visit [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov).

A passport book can be used for air, land and sea travel. A Passport Card can ONLY be used for land and sea crossings between the U.S. and Canada, Mexico, Bermuda and the Caribbean. You will be able to apply for standard processing (4-6 weeks) or pay an additional \$60 for expedited processing (2-3 weeks). If you need a passport very quickly, contact the U.S. Department of State Passport Agency at 1-877-487-2778 to set up an appointment.



For more information call (651) 249.2020 or visit our website at [www.ci.maplewood.mn.us](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us) (Departments > Citizen Services > Passports).

## 2015 Trash and Yard Waste Collection Rates



The City's residential trash and yard waste collection contract with Republic Services allows for a rate adjustment annually based on changes to the Consumer Price Index, Indexed Diesel Prices, and tipping fee (fee charged to haulers to dispose of trash at the Resource Recovery Facility in Newport). The new rates are reviewed by the City Council in December and go into effect April 1 of each year. The 2015 trash collection rates will be adjusted as follows:

Cart Size/Collection	2014*	2015*	Amount of change (2014-2015)
20 gal (every other wk)	\$6.93	\$7.02	plus \$.09
20 gal (every wk)	\$9.42	\$9.53	plus \$.11
32 gal (every wk)	\$10.72	\$10.85	plus \$.13
65 gal (every wk)	\$11.98	\$12.16	plus \$.18
95 gal (every wk)	\$13.42	\$13.62	plus \$.20

\* Trash Hauling Rates (\$.75 cart fee & taxes - 9.75% county and 28% state)

Yearly yard waste subscription will be adjusted from \$79.50 to \$79.90 per year, an increase of \$.40.

**The new rates go into effect April 1, 2015.**

For more information contact Republic Services at (651) 455-8634 or visit the City's residential trash webpage at [www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/trash](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/trash).



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## Maplewood Community Center

### Aquatic News

The Maplewood Community Center Aquatic Center will be closed in May 2015 in order to replace the air handling unit. Specific dates of the closure will be advertised on the MCC website and at the admissions counter as May approaches.

MCC will be running a spring swim lesson session beginning in March. Class details including times, dates, course descriptions, and costs are available on the MCC website at: [www.maplewoodcommunitycenter.com](http://www.maplewoodcommunitycenter.com).

### MCC Specialty Fitness Classes

Looking for something new to keep you inspired and challenged for the next couple months? Try one of the MCC SPECIALTY FITNESS classes. More details are available online!

#### Session 2 classes run between March 1 – April 11.

Maplewood Community Center also offers small group classes taught by Certified Personal trainers. These innovative programs offer more accountability and motivation with personalized attention and support. Some of our popular classes are:

- TRX Suspension Training
- Boot Camp
- Hardstyle Kettlebell Training
- Tennis Ball Therapy
- 10 lbs Down
- Chronic Pain - Fighting Back!
- Momentum
- Cirque-It™ Aerialates

**Maplewood Community Center's**

## Family Membership Sale

No **Initial Fee** when you purchase a monthly or annual family membership!

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## Get Caught Recycling



Get Caught Recycling Winners  
Marcia Lindahl Kohn and Amelia

Over 92% of Maplewood residents participate in the City's recycling program. Recycling provides many benefits to our community including reducing waste, conserving natural resources, preventing pollution by reducing the need to collect new raw materials,

saving energy, and creating jobs.

To spotlight residents who recycle, one randomly selected household from each of Maplewood's five

recycling districts was "caught recycling" throughout the month of October 2014. That household was presented with a check for \$50 and fun skunk finger puppets (Tennis Sanitation's mascot) for children in the household. We would like to thank the following households for being recycling superstars and for getting "caught recycling!"

- Kao Vang, 1855 Summer Avenue East
- Marcia Lindahl Kohn and Amelia (pictured), 1369 Myrtle Street North
- Sou Vang, 1485 Viking Drive East
- Solange Huynh, 389 Skillman Avenue East
- Michael Monahan, 2320 Southcrest Avenue East

For more information contact Tennis Sanitation at (651) 459-1887 or visit the City's webpage at [www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/recycling](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/recycling).

Maplewood Community Center

# BRIDAL EXPO

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MARCH 2015

**SAVE THE DATE: MAPLEWOOD'S ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN UP - APRIL 18 AT ALDRICH ARENA**

*More details coming in the April issue - [www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/cleanups](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/cleanups)*

## What's Great in Maplewood Currently?

*Inside This Issue:  
Maplewood Seasons*

**By: Councilmember Kathleen Juenemann**

According to resident responses to the State Performance Measures Survey, overall City services, (Public Safety/ Police, Fire/EMS, Parks & Recreation, snowplowing, sewer and water services, etc.) were rated good/excellent at 80%. Such high ratings are the result, I believe, of quality services delivered to all of us by our professional, well trained, dedicated staff and management. We, the City Council, have set a goal of sustainability, financial, operational and environmental. Our City management team and staff work consistently and creatively, on our behalf, to ensure that we attain this goal.

### **What will make us better in 2015?**

We, the City Council, and City management team have already chosen an objective of increased and better communication this year. We are working for improved conversation and interaction among council members and with management/staff. Ultimately communication and connection with residents and stakeholders is an important part of our goal. To that end, management, community development staff and our HEDC (advisory commission) are working together to improve and expand relationships with our local businesses. Our marketing staff is concentrating focus on businesses with the Maplewood Business Highlight in our City newsletter and with the development of a cable show to focus on our local businesses.

City departments are already proactive in meeting the needs of stakeholders. In the past two weeks (as of February 18) our Parks Department have been meeting and planning with Ramsey County Parks to establish some great partnerships. Plans are in the works to build four

tuj lub (a traditional Hmong top spinning game) courts at Keller Park. This represents a three way partnership: 1/3 Maplewood, 1/3 Ramsey County, 1/3 tuj lub association. The Maplewood Ramsey County Parks partnership will also be co-operating on projects at Fish Creek and exploring having disc golf at Battle Creek Park.

Certainly partnership is the operative term in Public Safety, Police and Fire/EMS. Maplewood is one of two cities chosen to partner with the Ramsey County Attorney in the Domestic Violence Joint Prosecution Unit, an opportunity for our city and Police Department to be benefactors of increased knowledge, training and intervention for dealing proactively and appropriately with domestic violence situations. In addition, the Police and Fire Departments partnered in placing a police substation, which is now operational, in the newly built South Fire Station. The East Metro Public Safety (Fire) Training Facility, located in northeast Maplewood, represents a significant partnership of 13 Fire/EMS Departments. When fully operational in late summer 2015, this facility will mean FF/EMS personnel will be able to consistently train in a safe environment while training for live burns and rescue from burning buildings.

### **How can you contribute to making us better in 2015?**

You can offer your ideas/requests by e-mailing council members, the city manager or department heads; or you can sign on to Mind-Mixer on the city website. You can participate more fully by applying to be a member of one of our advisory commissions.

We welcome your input!

# Seasons

## The Greening of Maplewood

Spring 2015

### Getting Outdoors

By Oakley Biesanz, Naturalist

“Go Outside and Play!” is a phrase heard less and less in our modern society. Plugging kids into electronics is easy to do, and as a parent I am not immune to this temptation. But here’s a fact that made me sit up and pay attention: the Kaiser Family Foundation reported that kids ages 8-18 years old are connected to some form of electronic media for eight to twelve hours a day. In contrast, kids spend only an average of five minutes per day outdoors in unstructured play.

It turns out that time spent outdoors has great health benefits for kids and adults alike. Getting outside has been scientifically proven to have cognitive, physical, and social benefits.

Many studies have shown that physical activity can increase life span and lead to decreases in obesity, heart disease, stroke, and type 2 diabetes. Walking, hiking, and playing outdoors are great exercise! That slice of pizza you had for lunch will require about 80 minutes of walking, or 35 minutes of jogging, to burn off the calories.

Getting outdoors can also help improve mental health. Statistics from the Anxiety and Depression Association of America indicate 18% of the US population is affected by anxiety disorders, and depression affects 6.7% of Americans each year. Dozens of research studies show being outside in nature can help reduce stress, anxiety, and depression. For example, a study from the University of Essex found that 71% of people had a reduction in depression after going on an outdoor walk versus 45% of people who walked indoors.

You don’t have to trek to the wilderness to reap these rewards. Significant health benefits are to be had in natural settings in the back yard, on local trails, and exploring nearby parks. There are bountiful resources in Maplewood and the East Metro area for getting outdoors.

From canoeing Silver Lake, to picnicking at Applewood Park, the future is exciting for enjoying the outdoors in Maplewood. The City’s new Park Master Plan sets the stage for reinvesting in our parks over the next 20 years. The plan adds trails, improves existing

parks and preserves, and enhances gathering areas for people to get together and enjoy the outdoors. Health and wellness, the environment, recreational programming, and arts and culture are cornerstones of the plan as well. To view the Park Master Plan visit the City’s website at [www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/parkplan](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/parkplan).

The Outdoor Family Expo on Saturday, April 18, 2015, will give you lots of resources for getting outdoors this spring and summer and a chance to learn some new skills (see page 3). Whether you are a beginner or an experienced nature-nut, you will find lots of fun for the whole family.

Going outdoors is fun! E. E. Cummings said it very well “The world is mud-licious and puddle-wonderful.”



## Scientifically Proven Benefits of Getting Outdoors



Physical Health: Improved BMP, immune system, healing



Mental Health: Improved vitality, mood, sleep, creativity, decreased stress



Cognitive Function: Increased attention-span, memory, critical thinking



Social Interaction: Improved cooperation, generosity

## To Plug or Unplug Outdoors

Technology can be a great hook to entice the outdoor-adverse beyond the front door. A smart phone puts a host of information at your fingertips, when you need it, wherever you are. But keep in mind it's also important to have direct experience of the outdoors, especially for children who need to run and play. So enjoy the technology, but balance it with unplugged time outdoors.



With Geocaching the World Becomes a Treasure Hunt

Here are some favorite outdoor apps:

1. Cornell's Bird Website: [www.allaboutbirds.org/guide](http://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide). It's not an app, but this excellent guide to birdwatching is easy to use in the field.
2. BirdsEye: Keep your birding life list right on your cell phone.
3. Planets: Venture out into the night with this 3D guide to the solar system.
4. INaturalist: Log your wildlife and nature observations with photos and notes.
5. Magnification Tools: Hook up your smart phone to a spotting scope, binoculars, microscope, or telescope to get amazing close-up pictures.
6. Geocaching: The world becomes a treasure hunt when you head into the field with your cell phone or GPS unit. Download Minnesota cache sites at [www.mngca.org](http://www.mngca.org).
7. The Photographer's Ephemeris: Figure out in advance where and when the sun will rise or set to get that special landscape shot.

## Time To Get Outdoors

By Jan Hayman, Naturalist

Whether you have five minutes or five hours, there is much to do outdoors.



Make a Fort

### In The Yard

5-15 Min

### Out And About

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Soak up some sun</li> <li>• Listen to birds in the morning</li> <li>• Pull a handful of weeds</li> <li>• Find the big dipper in the night sky</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Take a short walk</li> <li>• See what's blooming on your block</li> <li>• Relax beneath a shade tree</li> <li>• Listen to frogs at twilight</li> </ul> |
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16-60 Min

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plant sunflower seeds for the bees &amp; birds</li> <li>• Run through the sprinkler</li> <li>• Play catch</li> <li>• Enjoy a picnic lunch</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Play at the neighborhood park</li> <li>• Ride your bike</li> <li>• Shoot some baskets</li> <li>• Fly a kite</li> </ul> |
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60+ Min

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make a fort</li> <li>• Play kick-the-can with neighborhood kids</li> <li>• Raise chickens in the backyard</li> <li>• Plant a garden of veggies and flowers</li> <li>• Pitch a tent and sleep under the stars</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Go fishing at Silver Lake</li> <li>• Walk the Keller Lake trail and view the eagle's nest</li> <li>• Explore a Neighborhood Preserve</li> <li>• Visit the farmer's market</li> </ul> |
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## Ten Essentials to Your Next Adventure

By Joe Ballandby,  
MN GreenCorps Member

There are countless amazing adventures waiting for you in the outdoors. When planning a quick trip to the neighborhood park with your family make sure to bring a water bottle, sunscreen, hat, and a snack. But once you leave the well-trodden paths of your usual neighborhood it is wise to take extra precautions. The Ten Essentials are survival items that will help you stay safe and be prepared for your longer treks.

1. Navigation: Map and compass to prevent getting lost.
2. Sun Protection: Sunglasses and sunscreen to protect your skin and eyes from UV rays.
3. Illumination: Headlamp or flashlight to help you see in the dark.
4. Hydration: One liter of water for every half day on the trail.
5. Nutrition: One day's worth of extra food.
6. Insulation: Extra layers for the coldest possible temperature.
7. First-Aid: Small bag with bandages and pain relievers.
8. Repair Kit: Multi-tool and tape to fix equipment.
9. Shelter: Emergency space blanket in case of emergencies.
10. Fire: Matches in a waterproof container or lighter.



These Ten Essentials Can Save Your Life



**Saturday, April 18**  
**10:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

# Outdoor Family *Expo*

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Make 2015 the year of the outdoors for your family! Start your journey at Maplewood's Outdoor Family Expo. Join the fun, learn new skills, talk to the experts, and find the resources you need to fully enjoy the outdoors. First 50 guests get a free goodie bag!

## EXPO Highlights

- **Live Animals:** Meet Spike, a real live porcupine! Get a close-up view of a raptor and other creatures that call Minnesota home.
- **Maplewood Parks:** Pick up a park map and recreation brochure. Talk to Maplewood parks staff and commissioners about parks, trails, picnic shelter rentals, programs, and the City's new Park Master Plan.
- **First-Aid:** Maplewood paramedics will be on hand to make sure your outdoor first aid skills are up to snuff. Learn how to protect yourself, what symptoms to watch for, and what to do for sunburn, heat exhaustion, dehydration, ticks, and more. Practice the new hands-only CPR technique.
- **Birding:** Try out a pair of binoculars and test your knowledge of Minnesota birds. Folks from the Audubon Society will answer your questions and help you identify local birds.
- **Weather:** Planning a picnic or an afternoon on the lake? Be sure to check the weather forecast. Stop by this station for a refresher on Minnesota weather, including reading an on-line weather radar map and reviewing what to do when severe storms or tornados hit.
- **Fishing:** Fishing is an age-old tradition in this land of 10,000 lakes. If you've never tried it, how about this year? Stop by the DNR's MinnAqua booth to see what's new or to learn how to get started.
- **Geocaching:** Geocaching can turn the most adverse young hiker into an avid outdoor fan. After a brief orientation, head out on the trail to find a hidden cache.
- **Gardening:** Gardening is a great way to enjoy the outdoors. From fruits and vegetables to rain gardens and native plants, skilled gardeners will spark your botanic curiosity and answer your questions.
- **Vendors:** Talk to the experts. Local vendors, health providers, and non-profits will wow you with the newest gear and techniques. Check out the latest in biking, learn the basic canoe paddle strokes, tie a fly for fly fishing, and more.
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# Maples Provide Early Spring Outdoor Fun! By Ann Hutchinson, Lead Naturalist

One idea for an early spring activity that is fascinating, gets you outdoors, and is FUN for the taste buds is Maple Syruping! I'll never forget my first taste of pure maple sugar - that burst of strong maple flavor on my nine-year-old tongue, so sweet I could only handle a small nibble. Many of us have a maple tree in our yard, and if you don't there are many sugar bushes (places that tap maple trees for syrup or sugar) that invite the public for tours and programs.

Only maples produce the sweet sap needed for boiling down to sugar. This includes sugar maples, silver maples, and box elder trees. So how do you know which tree is a maple? Looking closely at the buds will provide the answer: maple trees form bright red buds in late March and early April. The twigs grow opposite each other – a helpful identification feature. Weather plays an important role: for a good sap run, you need day time temperatures to be above 32 degrees F. and nights below 32 degrees F. This freeze-thaw cycle acts on the tree's cells to "pump" the sap up from the roots to the buds. To get maple syrup to its final 66% sugar content, it is necessary to boil the sap, which is a long outdoor process.

To learn more about how to tap a tree, and to get a list of Minnesota syrup producers, tours, and maple products, check out the Minnesota Maple Syrup Association's website at [www.mnmaple.org](http://www.mnmaple.org). Both Maplewood and Dodge Nature Centers offer maple syrup programs.

### Maplewood Nature Center

Sap Into Syrup  
 Saturday, March 21  
 10:00 - 11:30 AM  
 0-5 yrs old with adult, \$5 per child  
 To register, contact ECFE at  
 (651) 748-7280 or  
[www.isd622.org/page/6774](http://www.isd622.org/page/6774)



Sap Into Syrup

### Dodge Nature Center

It's Maple Syrup Time  
 Saturday, March 7, 14, and 28  
 1:00 - 2:30 PM  
 \$7 individual, \$20 per family  
 (651) 455-4555

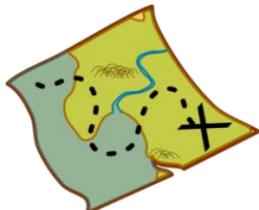


Maple Buds



## Get Outdoors Spring Bingo!

Do four out of eight activities to complete the Bingo.  
 Bring completed Bingo to the Outdoor Family Expo for a prize.

<p>Go for a night walk, look for the moon.</p> 	<p>Play in the playground.</p> 	<p>Climb a tree, or hug one!</p> 	<p>Play "Catch!"</p> 
<p>Make a treasure map and hide a secret treasure in your yard.</p> 	<p>Find some tree buds, or brand new leaves.</p> 	<p>Jump rope in your yard or driveway!!</p> 	<p>Jump in a puddle! Wear your rainboots!</p> 

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**Sunday, March 29th**  
**9:00 am -1:00 pm**

Adults - \$10 / Children 4 to 10 - \$8 / Kids 3 and under free  
**No reservations needed**

**Brunch includes:** pancakes, french toast stix w/syrup, scrambled eggs or made-to-order omelette's, sausage links, yogurt parfait, juice, milk, coffee, and Easter Egg Hunts in the barn at 10am and 12 noon included free for kids 7 and under, with a chance to win a tricycle, big wheel or bicycle!

*The Easter Bunny will be visiting the farm all day so remember to bring your camera!*

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April/May 2015

## Mike Funk Hired as Assistant City Manager and Director of Human Resources



In February the City was pleased to bring on Mike Funk as Assistant City Manager and Director of Human Resources. Mike joins the City with a wealth of experience in his 17 years as a City Administrator in Gibbon, Nebraska; Olivia, Minnesota; and Minnetrista, Minnesota.

After growing up on a farm in Rock Rapids, Iowa Mike attended college at Southwest State in Marshall, Minnesota graduating with a double major in Political Science and Sociology. Currently he is working to obtain his Masters degree in management.

Residing in Minnetonka, Mike and his wife Anne, have a blended family of four sons ranging from 11 to 14 years old. The boys, who are all involved in athletics, keep the family busy with football, baseball, basketball, and hockey games and practices. Mike is a coach for football and baseball; and also serves on the Chanhassen Athletic Association boards for both football and baseball, where he serves as Vice President of Baseball. When he isn't coaching or watching sports, Mike enjoys spending time at the family cabin, hunting, fishing, and riding his Harley Davidson.

After just six weeks, Funk has negotiated city labor contracts, become familiar with the various department goals and challenges and is delving into daily operations.

"I am extremely excited to be a part of the team at the City of Maplewood; and my new position is a good fit for my skills and work experience. The mayor/council and staff are very solid, with professional attitudes and have shared values to continuously improve the City. The community members are the real benefactors as their city representatives' are passionate about creating a sustainable future; and I look to contribute to that success, he said".

## 2015 Maplewood City Council Election

Eligible individuals desiring to become a candidate for Council Member are required to file an affidavit of candidacy with the City Clerk. Two four-year Council Member positions will be open for filing. The filing period opens on Tuesday, May 19, 2015 and will close on Tuesday, Jun 2, 2015.

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## Elected Officials

Nora Slawik: Mayor .....(651) 738-7099  
 nora.slawik@ci.maplewood.mn.us  
 Marylee Abrams: Councilmember .....(651) 249-2000  
 marylee.abrams@ci.maplewood.mn.us  
 Robert Cardinal: Councilmember .....(651) 765-8600  
 bob.cardinal@ci.maplewood.mn.us  
 Kathleen Juenemann: Councilmember .....(651) 771-3670  
 kathleen.juenemann@ci.maplewood.mn.us  
 Marvin Koppen: Councilmember .....(651) 770-5391  
 marvin.koppen@ci.maplewood.mn.us  
 Melinda Coleman: City Manager .....(651) 249-2055  
 melinda.coleman@ci.maplewood.mn.us

## Frequently Called Numbers

City Hall	(651) 249-2000
Maplewood Community Center	(651) 249-2230
Recreation	(651) 249-2120
Public Works	(651) 249-2400
Police Non-Emergency	(651) 767-0640

Visit the city website at [www.ci.maplewood.mn.us](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us) for the meeting schedule of the City Council, Commissions and Boards.

To advertise in this newsletter call (952) 212-7333 or email [heidi@careycommunications.org](mailto:heidi@careycommunications.org).

## Design Your Rain Garden

**Maplewood Nature Center, 2659 E. 7th Street**

**Thursday, May 14, 6:30 - 8:30 pm**

**Call Deb Barnes (651) 792-7959 at Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District to register. Please provide your name, email, address, phone number and the number of people attending.**

Learn how to design and build a rain garden with Ramsey Conservation District, Watershed District and Maplewood Nature Center experts. Tour the fun rainwater features at the Nature Center and discover what rain garden plants are popping up in mid-May. Identify soil types and determine how fast water soaks into your soil. Learn how to choose plants and get advice from technical staff and Master Gardeners in planning your rain garden design. Prior to the class you will be emailed or mailed a questionnaire and a worksheet to fill out including a drawing of your yard. Please complete these before the workshop and bring them with you to the class. At the workshop we will provide an aerial map of your site to use in planning your rain garden.

This free workshop is sponsored by Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District, Maplewood Nature Center, the City of Maplewood, Ramsey Conservation District and Blue Thumb. For more information about the class contact Sage Passi at (612) 598-9163.



Rain Garden on Bartelmy Living St. Project



Rain Garden on Hills and Dale St. Project

# YMCA Swim Academy Coming to Maplewood Community Center

Maplewood Community Center is proud to announce that we will be partnering with the YMCA to bring even more recreational programming options to our members and guests. Beginning in the summer of 2015, the YMCA, a leading nonprofit dedicated to strengthening communities through youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility, will offer the YMCA Swim Academy at Maplewood Community Center. With over 100 years of swim lesson experience, the Y will provide a safe environment for swimmers of all ages to develop water safety skills, build confidence, and discover the health benefits of swimming.

In addition to their role managing and administering swim lessons, the YMCA will also be providing an on-site program executive to collaboratively lead the day-to-day activities of the Maplewood Community Center with other City authorities.

"We are very excited about this partnership and what it will mean for the children and families we serve," says DuWayne Konewko, City of Maplewood Parks and Recreation Director. "The YMCA has an impressive track record of creating powerful collaborative relationships with other cities, schools, and community organizations."

The City of Maplewood and the YMCA will explore additional partnership options in the future, including an expanded role for the YMCA in other areas of operation.



YMCA Swim Academy Lesson

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*The Maplewood Community Center Aquatic Center will be closed from Monday, May 4th thru Tuesday, June 2nd. We will be replacing the Aquatic Center's Air Handling Unit and completing a number of other projects during this time. MCC is currently working on scheduling alternative water activity space for lap swim and water fitness classes on a limited basis during this Aquatic Center closure. More details will be available soon. Please direct questions regarding this closure to Ron Horwath, MCC Operations Manager, at (651) 249-2206 or [ron.horwath@ci.maplewood.mn.us](mailto:ron.horwath@ci.maplewood.mn.us).*

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## 2015 MAPLEWOOD CITY COUNCIL ELECTION



A filing fee or petition in place of the filing fee must be filed with the affidavit of candidacy. The filing fee is \$5.00. Petitions in place of the filing fee must contain at least 500 signatures. Petitions may only be signed by persons eligible to vote for the candidate named on the petition. Affidavits of candidacy and petitions must be presented in person or by mail and are available at City Hall or on the city website. Faxed documents will not be accepted.

The office of City Clerk is located at Maplewood City Hall, 1830 County road B East. Affidavits will be accepted from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm on each day of the filing period except on Tuesday, June 2, when office hours will be 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

State Statute requires that if more than twice the number of individuals to be elected to a City office file for nomination for an available office, their names shall be placed upon the primary ballot for an election to be held August 11, 2015. If not, there will be no primary election. For additional information, please contact Karen Haag, Director of Citizen Services at (651) 249-2002 or via email at [karen.haag@ci.maplewood.mn.us](mailto:karen.haag@ci.maplewood.mn.us)

# COUNCIL CORNER

The Council Corner is a space that is rotated monthly between the Mayor and Council members. Editorial views expressed are those of the author and may not necessarily represent or reflect the views and opinions of the City of Maplewood.



Councilmembers Cardinal and Abrams, Mayor Slawik, Councilmembers Koppen and Juenemann



## Bruentrup Farm Honors Former Mayor, George Rossbach

By: Marv Koppen

Bob Jensen from Maplewood Area Historical Society (MAHS) filled me in on the story of the gazebo at Bruentrup Heritage farm.

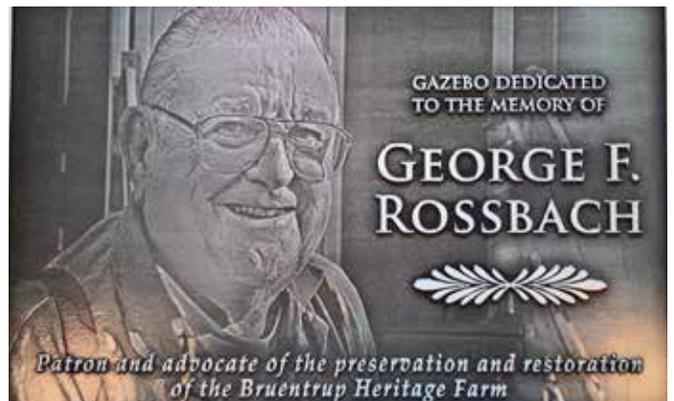
The Bruentrup Farm is one of Maplewood's treasures! A new addition to the farm is a gazebo that was proposed by the family of former Mayor George Rossbach as a memorial in his honor. George was Mayor of Maplewood in 1999 when the Bruentrup farm buildings were being saved and he was very instrumental in lobbying the state legislature for \$100,000 to move the Bruentrup farm buildings. He remained very active with the Society until his death in August, 2012 and was the unofficial architect for many of our building renovations and for designing the new machine shed to fit with the farm decor. Even on his last visit to the farm in July, 2012, he wanted to know what we were working on.

The family raised more than \$8,000 in donations to cover the cost of the gazebo which was purchased in kit form from the Amish Country Gazebo Company in Manheim, Pennsylvania. A concrete slab with a cobblestone pattern was poured by volunteers in the spring of 2013 and the gazebo was erected by the volunteers in time for a grand opening on June 15, 2013. The rooster weathervane on top was donated by Bill and Raydelle Bruentrup and a plaque was donated by the Rossbach family to honor George.

The gazebo is open at all times to the public and we frequently find visitors or MAHS volunteers enjoying a lunch or snack inside on summer days. Occasionally a bridal couple will say their vows within but it is too small for most wedding parties. For MAHS events, we use the gazebo for the musician or musical group.



Gazebo dedicated to the memory of George Rossbach



Plaque dedicated to the memory of George Rossbach

## COUNCIL CORNER CONTINUED...



### Dear Resident:

By: Bob Cardinal

This is a short note about our City Council – Staff Retreat held on Monday, March 16, 2015.

The City Council and senior management, yearly have a day retreat to discuss and plan what is ahead for the City of Maplewood. The list of staff and council that participated include the following: City Manager, Melinda Coleman; Finance Director, Gayle Bauman; Director of Parks & Recreation, DuWayne Konewko; Information Technology Director, Mychal Fowlds; Director of Citizen Services, Karen Haag; Fire Chief, Steve Lukin; Director of Public Works/City Engineer, Michael Thompson; Police Chief, Paul Schnell; Assistant City Manager/Human Resources Director, Michael Funk; City Attorney, Alan Kantrud; Mayor Nora Slawik; Councilmember, Marylee Abrams; Councilmember, Kathleen Juenemann; Councilmember, Marv Koppen and myself.

Some of what we talked about addressed: Carver -- effective Governance Roles and Responsibilities, Strengths-Based Leadership (using Tom Rath book of the Clifton StrengthsFinder 2.0), Identifying our Strategic Challenges and Goals, Determining our Priorities and Desired Outcomes. SWOT analysis. SWOT stands for Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats. Strengths and Weaknesses relate to the internal environment of the organization, Opportunities and Threats relate to the external environment. Retreat participants engaged in several brainstorming exercises. In the case of our city government, our responsibility is to provide services (as an organization), as well as help guide and shape quality of life and community will being (for the city generally) – and observe the situation outside of Maplewood with regard to future factors. Craig Rapp was the facilitator. This brief recap will give you something to talk about when you run in to any of the people mentioned above. Feel free to call me to discuss this activity or anything of interest and concern in Maplewood.

- Respectfully, Bob Cardinal Mobile (651) 398-1457

### Arbor Day History Mystery

Saturday, May 16, 11:00 am – 12:00 noon

At Keller Regional Park, Meet at Golfview Picnic Shelter, on Highway 61, 1/2 Mile North of Frost Avenue  
FREE! Fun for Families, History Buffs, Tree Lovers, and Wanna-Be Detectives

May 16th is Arbor Day in Maplewood and there's a tree history mystery brewing. The Case of the Missing Elm Grove-Who (or What) Done it? Come try to solve the mystery. Start at the Golview Picnic Shelter and walk the trail (about 1/3 mile) to the location of the long-gone grove. Along the way, gather clues, learn about trees, and discover the story of Maplewood's historic tree groves. At the old grove site participate in a brief ceremony at 11:30 am to rededicate the George Washington Memorial Grove plaque and plant a disease-resistant elm tree.

Stay after the ceremony to talk to a naturalist about trees and proper planting techniques, or enjoy the park and trail on your own. This event is sponsored by the City of Maplewood and Maplewood Area Historical Society. For the history behind the mystery, visit [www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/treemystery](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/treemystery). For more information, call (651) 249-2170.



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# Maplewood BUSINESS HIGHLIGHT

**“Device Pitstop” Laptop, Tablet, Smartphone Resale Chain Now Open in Maplewood - Buy, Sell, Trade, Service and Upgrade Laptops and Mobile Devices at A Low Cost**



Cathy and Joe Ferrazzo own the Device Pitstop laptop and mobile device store located at 2950 White Bear Avenue in Maplewood. Always living in the Twin Cities, Cathy was a purchasing agent, ran a small residential cleaning business then stayed home to raise their five children. Joe has spent the past 33 years in sales and marketing.

The Ferrazzo’s were looking for a family business. After reading a newspaper article about the Device Pitstop franchise, and knowing that their son and son-in-law were savvy with computers, technology and other devices, they were eager to learn more about the franchise. After visits to the Minnetonka store, they felt Device Pitstop would combine their skill sets and provide a future for the family.

Now, they have opened a Device Pitstop store in Maplewood and plan to open another store in



Cathy and Joe Ferrazzo own the Device Pitstop laptop and mobile device store in Maplewood. Standing behind them are store manager/son AJ Ferrazzo (left) and store manager/son-in-law Chris Horning.

Woodbury. Their son, AJ Ferrazzo, will eventually manage one store and their son-in law, Chris Horning, the other.

Device Pitstop carries a wealth of laptops, tablets, smartphones and accessories including Windows, Apple, and Android devices and parts. They sell products well below original prices, backed by a 90-day warranty. They buy for cash or trade in. They have expert on-site repairs (including smartphone screens) and upgrades. There’s a knowledgeable, friendly, value environment.

Most Importantly, Device Pitstop has a green philosophy tied to recycling used equipment, not sending them to the landfill. They bring non-working computers back to life or utilize good components in other repairs. They safely dispose of other items by recycling in an environmentally-responsible manner that follows stringent state requirements. According to store owners Cathy and Joe Ferrazzo, Device Pitstop – Maplewood is a friendly, neighborhood center for affordable computers, tablets, smartphones, accessories, repairs and upgrades.

Cathy and Joe Ferrazzo live in Mahtomedi and have five grown children and four grandchildren. They enjoy traveling, golf, bike riding, and entertaining family and friends.

For more information on Device Pitstop, call **(651) 493-7443** or visit them at [maplewoodmn@devicepitstop.com](mailto:maplewoodmn@devicepitstop.com).



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# Annual Maplewood ALL Parks Clean Up



## Saturday, April 25, 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

The Maplewood Parks and Recreation Commission invites you to participate in our annual spring clean up. Please consider donating a few hours to spruce up our parks while meeting other people in the community.

We will organize at the Maplewood Community Center. Cleanup materials along with coffee and snacks will be available from 8:00 - 10:30 am. Bags and gloves will be supplied. A complimentary lunch and beverage will be served at Wakefield Park in Maplewood from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm for all volunteers.

For further information contact Maplewood Parks Manager, Jim Taylor at (651) 249-2121 or [james.taylor@ci.maplewood.mn.us](mailto:james.taylor@ci.maplewood.mn.us)

# Franchise Fee For Street Repairs



The City is in the final stages of considering adoption of a franchise fee ordinance specifically dedicated to help fund additional City street repairs. The revenue would allow the City to repave an additional 2-miles of street each year.

The franchise fee is an alternative to increasing property taxes or special assessments. The fee would capture a broader and more accurate user base such as those that utilize the street system but are exempt from property taxes.

The proposed city fee, paid with your monthly gas utility bill, is \$2.50 per month for residential users and \$6.00 per month for the majority of non-residential users (e.g. businesses, churches, non-profits).

For more information or to comment, contact Public Works Director/City Engineer Michael Thompson at [michael.thompson@ci.maplewood.mn.us](mailto:michael.thompson@ci.maplewood.mn.us) or visit [www.ci.maplewood.mn.us](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us) and type in "franchise fee" in the search bar.

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Wednesday of the month at 1:00 pm. You can email, leave a phone message or self-addressed pre-stamped postcards could be provided for you to respond with your comments; i.e., working, not working, I wasn't home, etc.

1. 217 E. Roselawn Avenue
2. County Road B & Kenwood
3. Kohlman Lane & Keller Parkway

4. \*(not needed)
5. 1530 E. County Road C
6. McKnight Road. & Lydia Avenue
7. 1600 Myrtle Street
8. Sterling Street and 7th Street
9. 220 O'Day Street.
10. 2501 Londin Lane
11. 1200 South Sterling Street
12. County Road D (top of the hill behind Lexus) off Highway 61

\*We currently have a sufficient number of siren monitors for our siren #4 at 1965 Manton Street.

The outdoor warning siren system is intended to alert you and your neighbors. By volunteering as a siren monitor you can help ensure the system will work properly when our community needs it. Thank you for your consideration.

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# Living



*Maplewood Seasons Inside!*

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## NEW! FREE! WOW Events



AT WAKEFIELD PARK  
 Wednesdays 6:00 - 8:00 pm  
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**Fitness Is Fun!- June 24**  
**Around the World- July 29**  
**Art in the Park- August 26**

## Light It Up Maplewood On Saturday, July 4th at Hazelwood Park

Maplewood is a spectacular place to celebrate July 4th! Come to the 50-acre Hazelwood Park located at 1663 County Road C (near Maplewood Mall). The event will take place from 4:00 - 10:00 pm. Admission is FREE for everyone!

The Dog House Bar & Grill will be on site serving up refreshing adult beverages. Vendors will provide a mix of favorite foods: tacos and burritos, mini donuts, cheese curds, chicken fries, a variety of tator tot recipes, gyoza, egg rolls, corn on the cob, hot dogs, corn dogs, brats, hamburgers, pizza, ice cream sandwiches, ice cream on a stick, sno-cones, lamb & beef gyros, greek salad and more.

Live music will start at 6:30 pm by the Good For Gary Band - Twin Cities Hottest Top 40 Cover Band. The band's humor and enthusiasm shines through in their bar-rocking, stage-jumping performances. You will hear some Lady Gaga, Eminem, Usher, and Rihanna - don't miss it!



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### GOOD FOR GARY

Test your skills on the 60' or 38' Millennium Obstacle Course. Cool off on the "18' Hot Lava Water Slide" or jump in one of the giant inflatables. Wristbands are \$3.00 per person for unlimited rides. The featured entertainment will be the **brilliant fireworks show** at dusk. The show promises to be a breathtaking pyrotechnic display that will be the highlight of the holiday.

Many people arrive early to stake out a seat on the lawn and enjoy the fun activities taking place at the park. Bring your chairs and blankets, but **coolers will not be allowed in the park**. Come celebrate with your neighbors. **Visit [www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/july4th](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/july4th) for more details.**

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## Bingo Bash & Movie Night at the MCC- August 13, 5pm

Food trucks, bounce castle, music and more! Bingo follows at 6pm with proceeds going to the Youth Scholarship Fund. The movie (Brave) starts playing at dusk in the lower parking lot (inside if bad weather). Don't forget a chair and bug spray!

## Elected Officials

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 Marylee Abrams: Councilmember .....(651) 249-2000  
 marylee.abrams@ci.maplewood.mn.us  
 Robert Cardinal: Councilmember .....(651) 765-8600  
 bob.cardinal@ci.maplewood.mn.us  
 Kathleen Juenemann: Councilmember .....(651) 771-3670  
 kathleen.juenemann@ci.maplewood.mn.us  
 Marvin Koppen: Councilmember .....(651) 770-5391  
 marvin.koppen@ci.maplewood.mn.us  
 Melinda Coleman: City Manager .....(651) 249-2055  
 melinda.coleman@ci.maplewood.mn.us

## Municipal Primary Election: August 11, 2015

Two Councilmembers' offices will be on the ballot. To see a list of the candidates who are on the ballot and for additional information regarding the candidates and the election visit the city website at [www.ci.maplewood.mn.us](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us) and enter "election" in the search bar or contact Karen Haag, Director of Citizen Services at (651) 249-2002 or via email at [karen.haag@ci.maplewood.mn.us](mailto:karen.haag@ci.maplewood.mn.us).

*Watch for additional information in the next edition of the Maplewood Living.*

## Archeology Dig at Fish Creek

Residents have a special opportunity in July to participate in an archeological dig at Maplewood's Fish Creek Preserve! A 2005 study unearthed Native American artifacts at two locations within the preserve. This summer, the public can help follow-up on that initial study during two archeology field days, July 24 and 25, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm.

Archeologist Jeremy Nienow, PhD., RPA will lead the archeological survey. On Field Day 1, the group will do shovel testing to define the western boundary of one of the archeological sites. Field Day 2 will focus on excavating a 1-meter square test area to further understand the site's potential contribution to the archaeological record of the past. Participants will learn about archeology and the methods used to conducted archaeological work in the 21st century.

The program is open to adults and children ages 14 and over with an adult. This is very physical work and participants must be able to stoop and bend, use a shovel, and be outdoors for the full 5-hour session. You can sign up for one day or two days. Pre-registration is required and space is limited. The cost is \$15 per session. To register, visit [www.maplewoodnaturecenter.com](http://www.maplewoodnaturecenter.com) and click on the Register Online-Go! button, or call (651) 249-2170. *This program is presented by Maplewood Area Historical Society, Ramsey County Historical Society, and City of Maplewood.*



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# Maplewood Community Center News & Events

## YMCA Swim Academy Joins MCC



YMCA Swim Academy Lesson

The YMCA will launch 'YMCA Swim Academy' on June 15th, implementing its nationally-recognized curriculum to teach water safety skills and connect students with the health benefits of swimming! Additionally— through a

gracious grant contribution from the Hawkins Foundation and Abby's Hope Foundation—the YMCA will be able to offer free water safety classes for 250 youth; working with area schools and other non-profits to identify kids most in need of lessons.

## MCC Aquatics Center Contest

Celebrate summer pool season by entering the Maplewood Community Center's aquatics center contest. Simply count all of the fish on our poolside ocean mural and submit your answer at MCC customer service or admissions. All correct answers will be entered into a drawing to win a

\$25.00 MCC gift card. Complete this swimmingly fun task by August 1, 2015 to participate.

## Adding Value to your MCC Membership: Zumba, Zumba Gold, Zumba Toning, and Aqua Zumba - FREE!

We are pleased to announce that starting in August 2015, Zumba, Zumba Gold, Zumba Toning, and Aqua Zumba will be included as FREE classes for MCC members! These classes will also be open to anyone in the community for the regular MCC daily admission rates (\$8/Adult or \$6/senior or youth). That's right! After years of offering these classes as part of our Specialty Fitness Programs, we are shifting them onto our regular group fitness schedule. Led by certified Zumba instructors, the Maplewood Community Center's Zumba "parties" are a great way to get fit while having fun. Zumba combines dynamic music with high-energy dance moves to create a party atmosphere for participants of all fitness levels. Zumba Fitness classes are often called exercise in disguise – fun and effective! Child-care is available during most classes, (FREE with family memberships). Check out the Group Fitness Schedule online or at the Community Center for up to date class offerings.

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# 102<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL RAMSEY COUNTY FAIR

July 15-19, 2015 (Parade: July 15th, 7:00 pm)



County fairs have evolved with the changing times, adapting to the changing communities. The Ramsey County Fair, celebrating its 102nd year, has had its

changes, but also realizes the value of traditions and has striven to keep as many traditions as possible for families to pass along to future generations. While many County Fairs have had to start charging a fee for admission, Ramsey County remains one of the few FREE admission fairs, charging only a \$3.00 parking fee (if you should park in the lot). The Ramsey County Fair has also striven to keep affordable food vendors and amusement rides each year making it an affordable day for a family to come and celebrate with their neighbors.

There is something for everyone at the fair! Music, entertainment, food, rides, 4H displays, exhibits of food, art and crafts.

Do you have a family recipe that you love to make? Do you have something that you've sewn, quilted knitted, or painted? Submit it to the Fair and you may just win that prestigious County Fair Blue Ribbon! Do you have a special talent? Enter into the Amateur Talent contest, winners get to move on to the State Fair competition. Or maybe you would just enjoy sitting back and listening to music in the shade, with a lemonade in one hand and cotton candy in the other.



Kids - ever wanted to know what it's like to be a farmer? Check out the farmer for the day or the big tent on Saturday to enjoy activities presented by the folks from Gibbs Farm Museum of Pioneer and Dakotah Life. And, you can't beat the fun at our carnival and midway!

Visit the Ramsey County Fair website at [www.ramseycountyfair.com](http://www.ramseycountyfair.com) and we'll see you at the fair!



# COUNCIL CORNER

The Council Corner is a space that is rotated monthly between the Mayor and Council members. Editorial views expressed are those of the author and may not necessarily represent or reflect the views and opinions of the City of Maplewood.



Councilmembers Cardinal and Abrams, Mayor Slawik, Councilmembers Koppen and Juenemann

## July 2015 Column By: Mayor, Nora Slawik



I hope you are enjoying summertime in Maplewood! Walk around your neighborhood, bike the Gateway Trail, canoe, kayak, push a stroller, garden or barbecue and enjoy our long, warm days. I am hoping to see many of you at our annual Light It Up Maplewood event on July 4, 4:00-10:00 pm at Hazelwood Park.

I want to give you a summer update on our Strong Neighborhoods for A Strong Maplewood initiatives. Your City Council and staff have been working hard on a number of important ideas.

### Web Page Redesign and Rebranding:

The redesign of the City's website is moving full-speed ahead. The new site will have tools for residents to stay more connected with the City. We will have a Council Corner to highlight our elected officials and how residents can connect with them. We will have tools such as blogs, citizen engagement tools (MindMixer), social media feeds, mailing lists and alerts that will all allow citizens to sign-up and stay connected to City Hall. It will no longer be 1-way communication coming out of City Hall, we want to capture the power and ideas of our residents. In addition, we are working with employees, advisory boards and residents to create a new logo and new look for our web page and other city materials for a brand refresh.

### Community Policing Efforts:

The police department has been actively assigning identified neighborhood issues to officers for the purpose of problem solving. Officers are proactively focused on quality of life related issues, including: noise, loitering, property damage, and locations that generate a high volume of calls for service. Another key feature of the 2015 policing plan is increased traffic enforcement. The City is also partnering on a domestic violence project with

the Ramsey County Attorney's Office and the Tubman Organization. A recent report to the Council by our City Prosecutor shows that domestic violence related arrests and prosecutions are up over last year. Ramsey County Attorney John Choi along with Tubman and Maplewood Police Department staff will make a report to the Council in September to discuss project outcomes for the first six months of the two year project.

### Crumbling Road:

I heard loud and clear from many of you that our streets need attention, especially with the premature failures from faulty pavement placed in the late 80s and early 90s. The staff led an extensive outreach process with the public and worked with the city council to develop a long-term investment and commitment into these local street repairs. A franchise fee was unanimously adopted this year by the council which will allow the City to repair an additional two miles of street per year. The commencement of this 20 year program will focus on fixing the extensive pavement stripping (failures) in the south leg which is affecting quality of life. I am very excited about this additional investment on top of our base program and residents will start realizing this benefit in 2016. Contact Michael Thompson, Public Works Director/ City Engineer, at (651) 249-2403 for more information.

### Code Enforcement:

Code Enforcement staff and the Police Department are actively engaged in a variety of increased code enforcement efforts. To date the collaboration has identified and focused on numerous code enforcement issues – both large and small. By working together, code enforcement and police staff create a stronger – 24 hour a day – presence to monitor compliance with City code requirements and can more swiftly address non-compliance with enforcement action. The enforcement of City codes is an important part of our strong neighborhood strategy to ensure community and improve livability. Residents should know they have at their disposal staff from both

# Annual Inspections of Diseased Trees



The City will be inspecting trees on public and private lands in Maplewood for oak wilt, Dutch elm disease, and emerald ash borer (EAB). EAB has not yet been detected in Maplewood. Certified arborists from S&S Tree and Horticultural Specialists will do the

inspections. If you suspect your tree has one of these diseases or pests, call the Public Works Department at (651) 249-2400. Information on these diseases is available on the City's website at [www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/trees](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/trees). If you are planning on contracting out tree care, please note that Maplewood requires tree companies working in the City to be licensed with the City. A list of tree contractors licensed in Maplewood is on the City website.

## Plant a Tree This Year



The City of Maplewood is offering a purchase rebate to residential and commercial property owners for planting shade trees on landscaped property in Maplewood. The tree purchase rebate was established to encourage

planting shade trees on private property. It also helps property owners replace trees lost to disease. How does the program work? When you purchase a shade tree for your yard, the City will reimburse you 50% of the price of the tree up to \$100 per tree. For each household, up to four trees may be purchased, at a total maximum reimbursement of \$200. See the Tree Purchase Rebate Form for details before purchasing your tree, since there are some restrictions on species and a receipt is required. Forms are available at [www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/trees](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/trees) or call Maplewood Nature Center at (651) 249-2170.

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the police and code enforcement departments to address neighborhood code concerns or violations.

### The MCC and the YMCA Partnership:

Recently a new partnership was implemented between the Maplewood Community Center and the YMCA which involves the latter managing the aquatic programming and supporting staff in the overall management of the MCC. The framework for the partnership agreement between the City and the YMCA is as follows:

- YMCA will manage the MCC Aquatic Center;
- YMCA will manage the two City Beach contracts;
- YMCA will conduct swimming lessons, including sessions for our MCC summer day campers.

With the exception of the Aquatics Center, all other programs and services will remain with the Maplewood Community Center Staff.

We recognize that the Maplewood Community Center has long been a key community asset. However, in recent years the cost of maintaining this asset has placed a troubling burden on Maplewood residents, council and staff. Our hope is that by partnering with other civic-minded organizations and renewing our organizational focus, we can create a more sustainable business model – one that will allow this asset to flourish in our community for years to come

I hope to see you out and about this summer at our farmers markets, parks, lakes, trails, festivals and on July 4th. Wishing you a healthy, happy and relaxed summer.

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# 2015 Road Construction

Summer will soon be arriving and bringing with it sun, vacations and road construction! Road construction will be affecting travel in the City of Maplewood and in an effort to notify Maplewood residents and frequent visitors to our city we have compiled a list of impacted areas. The following streets will be impacted by projects that fall under the responsibility of several different agencies including the City of Maplewood, Ramsey County, MnDOT, and Saint Paul Regional Water Services:

## **Frost Avenue and English Street - (Gladstone Phase 2 Improvements)**

This City of Maplewood project includes Frost Avenue improvements, from Phalen Place to English Street, along with improvements to English Street from the Gateway Trail to Ripley Avenue. The general landscaping theme completed in Phase 1, between Highway 61 and East Shore Drive, will be continued in this phase. The project also includes the burial of existing overhead power lines, pavement rehabilitation, trails, sidewalks, and enhancements to the Gladstone Savanna.

## **County Road B - (Arkwright -Sunrise Area Improvements)**

The Arkwright-Sunrise Area project is a City of Maplewood street reconstruction project that was substantially completed in 2014. The remaining work left to be completed this summer includes the construction of a bituminous walk along the south side of County Road B between Mississippi Street and Edgerton Street.

## **County Road B – (Trail and Safety Improvements)**

The City of Maplewood will be constructing a new trail along County Road B as part of a Safe Routes to School project in partnership with Ramsey County. The project will complete a major segment of the County Road B corridor trail and will help provide a safe route for students walking or biking to John Glenn Middle School and Weaver Elementary School. Additionally, residents will be provided a safe route to walk or bike to the Maplewood Community Center, Keller Lake Regional Park, and the new boardwalk along Keller Lake. The new segment will connect the existing trail that leads to the Maplewood Community Center at Van Dyke Street to the existing trail at Birmingham Street. The project also includes the construction of a missing segment of sidewalk on the east side of White Bear Avenue, just south of County Road B, and the replacement of the existing traffic signal at the intersection of White Bear Avenue and County Road B.

## **White Bear Avenue – (Pipe Bursting Project)**

This summer Saint Paul Regional Water Services (SPRWS) plans to conduct a “Pipe Bursting Project” to replace the existing 6” water main with a new 8” water main under White Bear Avenue, from County Road B to Prosperity Road. “Pipe Bursting” is a trenchless method of replacing buried pipelines, such as water mains, without the need to dig a trench for the removal and replacement at the existing pipe. For more information or questions about the Pipe Bursting project this year, contact Rich Hibbard, project manager for SPRWS, at (651) 266-6268.

## **White Bear and Larpenteur Avenues – (Ramsey County Resurfacing Projects)**

Ramsey County is leading several construction and maintenance projects throughout the county this summer. One project that will affect traffic in the City of Maplewood is a pavement resurfacing project on White Bear Avenue generally from Frost Avenue to Radatz Avenue. A second project, also in the City of Maplewood, is a resurfacing project on Larpenteur Avenue from Edgerton Street to Parkway Drive. This includes the installation of a new traffic signal at the intersection of Larpenteur Avenue and Edgerton Street. Larpenteur Avenue will also be restriped from four lanes to three lanes, between DeSoto Street and Parkway Drive, creating a center left turn lane. For more information on these and other Ramsey County projects, contact the Ramsey County Public Works Department at (651) 266-7100 or visit [www.co.ramsey.mn.us/pw](http://www.co.ramsey.mn.us/pw).

## **I-35E – (MnPass Project)**

This is the second year of construction for MnDot’s MnPass project. This year construction includes bridge replacement, ramp construction, and lane construction. For more information on this project, see MnDOT’s I-35E Corridor Projects webpage ([www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/35estpaul/mnpass.html](http://www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/35estpaul/mnpass.html)).

For more information on City of Maplewood construction projects, see the “Projects” pull down tab located near the top of the City of Maplewood’s webpage ([www.ci.maplewood.mn.us](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us)) or contact the Public Works Department at (651) 249-2400.

It will be a busy road construction season here in Maplewood. If you travel on these roads please be patient if there are traffic delays and keep an eye out for the workers and project inspectors that are working on these projects.

# Maplewood BUSINESS HIGHLIGHT



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## Maplewood Has A New Thrift Store For Shoppers To Enjoy



Better Used Thrift Store owners, Hans and Melissa Lindstrom

Better Used Thrift Store opened its doors on May 26 at 1990 County Road D East.

The store is a branch under Piercing Hearts Ministry which is a 501c3 Non-Profit. Piercing Hearts Ministry ministers to the poor, homeless, and broken on the streets. They also help addicts get into a faith-based recovery

program by providing a partial or full scholarship. Once they are out of recovery, Piercing Hearts Ministry provides another partial or full scholarship for them to go to college or a ministry training program to help them in their walk with God.

Hans Lindstrom was previously bound up in drugs and drinking. He spent time in jail, drug treatment centers, halfway homes, four high schools, and many mental health clinics. He turned his life around but employers did not want to hire him. "I decided I needed to be the on-ramp for people with a rough background - to give them a chance at starting fresh. We don't judge people for

their past, we just want to be there for them." said Hans.

Hans had a vision for the thrift store. "I wanted customers to feel as though they are walking into their home," said Hans. "I knew in my heart that I wanted to open the Better Used Thrift Store. I was unsure how to make it happen financially, but God said to do it."

The thrift store puts most of the income, after expenses, back into the ministry. Donations are taken at the store during business hours.

The store sells new or gently used clothing, shoes, purses, jewelry, housewares, vehicles and much more.

Hours: Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri 10 am-7 pm, Thurs 10am-5pm, Sat 10am-6pm, Closed Sundays

For more information on Better Used Thrift Store, call (651) 748-2871 or visit them at [betterusedthrift.com](http://betterusedthrift.com).



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## Commission Openings

The City of Maplewood is now accepting applications to fill openings on the following commissions:

- Environmental & Natural Resources Commission (1 opening)
- Heritage Preservation Commission (1 opening)
- Housing & Economic Development Commission (1 opening)
- Parks & Recreation Commission (3 openings)
- Planning Commission (1 opening)

These openings are due to terms expiring and resignations. The City Council will interview candidates that apply and will appoint individuals to fill these openings.

More information on the commissions can be found on the City's website [www.ci.maplewood.mn.us](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us) or by calling City Hall at (651) 249-2000.

Applications can be picked up at the City Hall front desk or found on the City's website. Applications are accepted at any time. **However, in order to take part in the next scheduled interview session you must submit your application by July 6, 2015.** Completed applications should be submitted to the City Manager's Office at 1830 County Road B E, Maplewood, MN 55109.



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## 4<sup>TH</sup> of July Celebration Light It Up Maplewood A Huge Success!

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## 2015 Municipal Primary Election

The Municipal Primary Election will be held on August 11, 2015. There are two offices for councilmember that voters will have the opportunity to cast their vote for. The following individuals are on the ballot:

- Paul Babin – No email or website provided
- Bob Cardinal – Bobcardinal@comcast.net
- Diana Longrie – www.dianalongrie.com
- Bryan Smith - www.bryansmithformaplewood.com
- Tou Xiong - www.friendsfortou.com

To find your polling place, how to vote by absentee ballot, or additional information visit the City website at [www.ci.maplewood.mn.us](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us) and key in "election" in the search bar or call City Clerk Karen Haag at (651) 249-2000, or via email at [karen.haag@ci.maplewood.mn.us](mailto:karen.haag@ci.maplewood.mn.us).



## Upcoming Maplewood Events

### Bingo Bash & Movie Night

**Thursday, August 13, 5:00 pm at Maplewood Community Center**

Join Maplewood Parks & Recreation for an evening that's jam packed with fun for all ages! The fun begins at 5 pm with food trucks, bounce castle, music and more! Bingo follows at 6 pm with all proceeds going to the Youth Scholarship Fund. The movie (Brave) starts playing at dusk in the lower parking lot (inside if bad weather). Don't forget a chair and bug spray.

### NEW! FREE! WOW Event: Art In The Park

**Wednesday, August 26, 6:00 - 8:00 pm at Wakefield Park**

Entertainment for the whole family, including activity stations, games, jump castle, food and more! Explore your creative and artistic side. Hands-on kid friendly art activities, theater, and dance are just some of the fun to be had.

### Energize Your Business!

**Tuesday, September 15 at Maplewood Community Center**

You are invited to join a group of forward-thinking and energy-savvy Maplewood businesses for a complimentary breakfast to find out how you can take advantage of best practices, programs, and super-charged strategies to save substantial amounts of money while doing your part to sustain the environment! For details visit [www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/energy](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/energy). Event sponsored by Xcel Energy.

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If you have an interesting story or information that the community may be interested in and would like to submit that information for consideration for the Maplewood Living please contact Director of Citizen Services Karen Haag at (651) 249-2002 or via email at [karen.haag@ci.maplewood.mn.us](mailto:karen.haag@ci.maplewood.mn.us).



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# Buckthorn Curb Side Pick Up



Buckthorn piled for curb side pick-up

Maplewood residents who remove large volumes of buckthorn from their properties will qualify for free curbside pick up of buckthorn this fall (no other trees or shrubs will be picked up). This service is available to residents with enough buckthorn to fill more than one large pickup truck. This year, pickup will begin on October 26th and continue through the week for pre-registered households only.

If you do not have enough to fill a large pickup truck,

## Maplewood Buckthorn Herbicide Coupon

Join the City's effort to remove buckthorn from Maplewood. To help with this important community environmental issue, these businesses are offering Maplewood residents a discount on buckthorn herbicide products. Make sure to purchase Glyphosate products at a 25% or higher concentration. Triclopyr is effective at 8% or 8.8%. Use water-safe formulations for use within ten feet of water or storm drains.

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you can recruit your neighbors to participate in the program and we can include your block. To register, send your contact information (name, daytime phone, email and address) and that of any other interested households in your neighborhood to: Maplewood Nature Center, 2659 7th St. East, Maplewood, MN 55119, or email this information to Carole Gernes at [cgernes@ci.maplewood.mn.us](mailto:cgernes@ci.maplewood.mn.us). You will receive a confirmation email with stacking and other instructions.

Don't have enough buckthorn for a pick up and your neighbors aren't interested? Bring cut buckthorn to a Ramsey County Compost site. Not all compost sites accept brush. Shrubs with roots are not accepted. Ramsey County Yard Waste Site information is found here: [www.co.ramsey.mn.us/ph/rt/yard\\_waste\\_collection\\_sites.htm](http://www.co.ramsey.mn.us/ph/rt/yard_waste_collection_sites.htm).

Buckthorn is an aggressive, invasive European shrub that is taking over our native woodlands. We encourage residents to remove it from their properties. Unlike native shrubs, it retains green leaves late into the fall, long after other leaves have turned color or fallen. This is the easiest way to identify buckthorn and the best time for removal. To avoid accidental removal of beneficial dogwoods and cherries, we urge residents to wait until fall before removing their buckthorn.

Buckthorn prevents the growth of native tree, shrub, fern and wildflower species. Uncontrolled buckthorn growth may lead to the loss of our native woodlands. Tips for identifying buckthorn and effective removal are found in the Maplewood Buckthorn Management brochure, available online at [www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/documentcenter/view/205](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/documentcenter/view/205).



Common buckthorn leaves

# COUNCIL CORNER

The Council Corner is a space that is rotated monthly between the Mayor and Council members. Editorial views expressed are those of the author and may not necessarily represent or reflect the views and opinions of the City of Maplewood.



Councilmembers Cardinal and Abrams, Mayor Slawik, Councilmembers Koppen and Juenemann

## History

By: Councilmember Kathleen Juenemann



*history, n. – a story, a narrative of events, a chronological record of events in the development of a people, community, country. (Amer. Heritage Diction.)*

The Village (later the City) of Maplewood came into being in 1957. In our 58 years we have experienced many significant events. Many creative, generous, visionary, unique people have contributed to and participated in our development, our evolution, our history. How this community evolved/developed is important to our current status as a municipality. Those individuals who gave their time and creative talents, who worked to develop processes and services, who persisted through good and not so good times, have made us who we are as a community.

Does history “happen” or do we make choices and decisions that create history? Who makes history – leaders, elected officials, athletes, entertainers, ordinary people? Who has a history? Since history is a story, our story, we all make decisions that influence that story; we all contribute to our common history, and we each have a story, our own history.

The City of Maplewood, with 58 years of history, has a story. We owe our past residents and leaders a great deal of gratitude for their vision, dedication and hard work to build our city – public safety, infrastructure, parks, etc. Now the history is ours to make, to continue building on what our predecessors started, to be visionary, creative, dedicated to continue to make history, to tell our story.

Everyone has a role in making our history and building our future. We, your elected officials, and the staff remain

willing and devoted to maintaining high quality services and building a stable, sustainable, proactive community.

Our residents have opportunities to participate, contribute and communicate – to create our story. We need you to be active – apply for one of our commissions, be a volunteer, sponsor a Neighborhood Watch Group, etc. Or you may chose to be interactive – communicating with council members or the city manager, consulting the city website (updated by end of September), participate in Mind Mixer, Neighbor to Neighbor, etc.

Our history is ours to make and our story to share.

Kathleen Juenemann

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# Gladstone Redevelopment

This summer, Sherman Associates will begin construction on the first phase of the redevelopment of the 5.5 acre former Maplewood Bowl site located at 1955 English Street. This redevelopment project consists of a three-phased, mixed-use project which is called the Villages at Frost-English. Phase I is a four-story, multi-family building with 50 units. Phase II will be a 79-unit multi-family building rented exclusively to seniors and phase III will be a 6,000 square foot commercial retail building near Frost Avenue and English Street. Both underground and surface parking will be provided for the residential buildings. Phases II and III are expected to begin construction in 2016. The Maplewood Bowl has been shuttered for several years leaving the site abandoned.

The first phase – 50-unit apartment building – will have monthly rents ranging from \$726 to \$1,380. Of the 50 units, 10 units will be available at market rate rents while the other 40 units will have an income limit of 60 percent of the Twin Cities metro area median income. For a 4-person household, 60 percent of the metro area's median income is approximately \$50,000. The median rent of this new apartment building is \$913, while the median rent for this neighborhood is \$744 and \$912

city-wide. The 50-unit apartment building is also the City's first private building constructed using Maplewood's Green Building Program. Maplewood's Green Building Program is intended to safeguard the environment, public health, safety and general welfare through the establishment of requirements to reduce the negative impacts and increase the positive impacts of the built environment on the natural environment and building occupants.

In addition to the private redevelopment project, the City has already begun its work on Phase II of the Gladstone Public Improvements project. Phase II is a continuation of the work that was completed in 2012 between Highway 61 and Phalen Place. Phase II will bring the street improvements, sidewalks and trails and street lighting elements to the portion of Frost Avenue between Phalen Place and English Street. This work will be finished later this year in the fall. The redevelopment of the Maplewood Bowl site and the City's public improvement project received funding assistance from the Metropolitan Council, Ramsey County and the City of Maplewood.

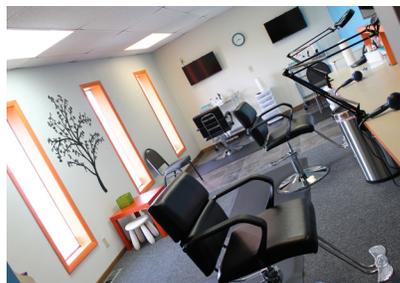


Villages at Frost-English - Phase I (view facing southwest)

# Maplewood BUSINESS HIGHLIGHT



## Itchy Head? A New Maplewood Business Can Help



A new business has just opened in Maplewood and they are ready to help you with the dreaded head lice.

Nitpickerz owner Tom McKay says "We get the question all the time,

"How did you decide to do this? The answer is simple, we were exposed to lice."

The parents first instinct is to overreact and they don't know where to begin. Nitpickerz policy is easy, first RELAX! Know that you are in this together until the end. They GUARANTEE it will be worth every lousy penny.

There is so much to know about lice and quite frankly, the whole process can be extremely overwhelming. Nitpickerz offers you peace of mind. They are a full service Head Lice Removal Center. They have been trained and certified using one of the most methodical, thorough, effective, safe and non toxic processes known as the "The

Shepard Method.™" It utilizes a strand by strand technique that ensures every hair has been examined and all lice evidence has been removed. It also incorporates many safety procedures to ensure that the hair has been checked and re-checked, allowing each individual to be treated effectively only one time, and to be monitored after that.



Did you know that evidence of nits (eggs) was found on the hair of Egyptian mummies and it was even a plague in the Bible? Lice still plagues us today. In the U.S. head lice affects approximately 12 million people annually and is second to the common cold. It is one of the number one reasons for children to miss school!

Estimated time for lice removal depends greatly on the length of hair and level of infestation. Treatment can be completed in as little as 45 minutes or up to 3 hours for someone with a severe infestation. They offer a variety of books to read and coloring books to pass the time, but feel free to bring a snack or your favorite DVD.

The cost for lice removal is determined by the length of the hair. Short hair, above the ear is \$10 and all other lengths is \$20. Head checks take about 20 minutes to complete. If evidence of lice is found, the head check fee will be waived upon a full lice removal treatment. After hours treatments are available for an additional charge.

Group head checks can be set up off-site at a school, camp, day care center, church retreat, etc. The cost for a group head check is \$1/head and must be scheduled in advance.

NitPickerz is located at 1714 Cope Ave. in Maplewood. (651) 236-8528 or [www.nitpickerzmn.com](http://www.nitpickerzmn.com)

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# MAPLEWOOD REC RUN 3K/5K

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**Saturday, September 26**  
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**10:00AM: Race Starts**  
**11:00AM: Race Awards**

**Race Fee: \$30.00**  
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- **Online** <https://activenet004.active.com/maplewoodmn/>
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## Maplewood Receives GreenStep Cities Step 4 Award



Councilmember Kathleen Juenemann accepts Maplewood's award for the Minnesota GreenStep Cities at the League of Minnesota Cities Conference

The City of Maplewood had the honor of being recognized as a Minnesota GreenStep City and received a certificate honoring exceptional efforts at the League of Minnesota Cities Conference on June 26th. Maplewood was recognized as a Step 4 Pilot City in the Minnesota GreenStep Cities program.

"This recognition shows community members and other cities across Minnesota that the City of Maplewood is taking great steps in the direction of energy and resource conservation and innovation," shared Shann Finwall, the Minnesota GreenStep Cities Coordinator for the City of Maplewood.

Minnesota GreenStep Cities is a challenge, assistance, and recognition program. As one of 83 participating cities, the City of Maplewood is helping to lead the way in sustainability across the state of Minnesota. The City of Maplewood has worked hard to implement best practices in order to fulfill their sustainability goals. Actions that are taken within the program focus on cost savings, energy use reduction, and the encouragement of civic innovation. You can learn more about Maplewood's efforts at [greenstep.pca.mn.us](http://greenstep.pca.mn.us).

"This award is a great achievement for Maplewood," said Mayor Nora Slawik of Maplewood. "And by being part of the program, Maplewood and our 82 peer cities are helping to secure Minnesota's natural beauty for the future while also helping our cities thrive economically and socially."

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In order to qualify an organization must be a non-profit corporation with an IRS 501(c) (3) designation serving the citizens of Maplewood. The first priority will be given to funding City of Maplewood organizations and second priority to organizations from outside the City proposing to meet the needs of Maplewood residents. In general, requests from organized athletic groups are not funded.

The City Council awarded a total of \$30,000 in Charitable Gambling Tax Funds in 2015. Funds went to the following groups: Ashland Productions, Boy Scout Troop 461, CHILD Inc., Dispute Resolution Center, District 622 Education Foundation, Ecumen Lakeview Commons,

Friends of Maplewood Nature, Gethsemane Lutheran School, Hmong American Education Fund, LENA Youth Connect, Maple Tree Monastery Childcare Center, Maplewood Area Historical Society, Maplewood Monarchs S.O. Team, Maplewood Police Reserves, Maplewood Youth Scholarship Fund, Mounds Park Academy, Ramsey County Fair, SRAA (Senior Royalty Alumni Association), St. Jerome's Catholic School, St. Paul Educational Foundation, Tubman Family Alliance, Weaver Elementary School, Webster Elementary School, and White Bear Area YMCA.

The funds are awarded by a vote of the Maplewood City Council. Applications are available on the city website [www.ci.maplewood.mn.us](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us) or by calling Lois Knutson at (651) 249-2051. **The application deadline is September 4, 2015.**



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## General Election - November 3, 2015

The Municipal General election will be held on November 3, 2015. The four candidates receiving the highest number of votes at the August 11, 2015 Primary Election will be on the General Election ballot vying for two councilmember seats. These are four year terms. Following are the results of the August 11, 2015 Primary Election:

Councilmember Candidates:

Paul Babin	272
Robert Cardinal	654
Diana Longrie	412
Bryan Smith	721
Tou Xiong	1,077

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## Getting Down to Business

Save the dates and join the City of Maplewood at the Maplewood Community Center (2100 White Bear Avenue) for upcoming business events.

### Community Engagement Breakfast – October 15, 2015 (7:00 - 10:00 am)

Gather with members of the community, local government officials, business leaders and educators to learn more about the state of Maplewood and what we can do together to ensure a bright and vibrant future for the city we share. A complimentary breakfast will be followed by a panel discussion moderated by Mayor Nora Slawik. This event, hosted by the City of Maplewood's Housing and Economic Development Commission, will showcase the City's vision for the future of Maplewood.

### Green Business Expo – October 27, 2015 (5:00 - 7:00 pm)

Maplewood and the White Bear Area Chamber of Commerce invite local businesses and professionals to network and discuss relevant environmental topics such as mandatory business recycling. Additional details on page 4.

### State of Maplewood Community Luncheon – January 14, 2016 (11:00 am - 1:00 pm)

Join us as we celebrate Maplewood's most notable achievements and reveal what City officials intend to accomplish in the future to ensure that Maplewood is a place where people are proud to live, work and play. Mayor Nora Slawik will share highlights and accomplishments from 2015 and lay out a vision for the future of Maplewood.

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# Ramsey County Library Has A New Teen Maker Space - The Brain Box at the Library In Maplewood

Maker spaces are places where people can come together to hang out, exchange ideas, learn and share technology skills, build projects and explore.



Makers Space From The Inside

"This is the place where we are supporting teens to become future leaders," says Amy Boese, teen librarian. "Any time you're expanding understanding of the world through hands-on experience, you are making. And now

we have a better space in which to do it."

When you visit The Brain Box you will find a flexible space on the north end of the teen room, semi-enclosed by a glass wall. You may see reading, gaming, 3D printing, sewing, making music, painting, coding or just hanging out.

Currently, Ramsey County Library is focused on teen maker spaces, but the library will incorporate adult and children's time in the future.

The Brain Box is operated by engaged volunteers, local community organizations and former teens who remain committed to the library. Since making is better through collaboration, these mentors and their expertise are key to an effective making space.

The Brain Box is a great way to use your library, in addition to finding books and movies, working, meeting friends and attending programs. It is all about learning through trial and error, through practical application, through hands-on experience, and doing it collaboratively. Making at the library means giving everyone access to tools that help them discover and innovate.

What will you create at The Brain Box?

The Maplewood Library is located at 3025 Southlawn Dr.

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Makers Sewing

# Fall Clean Up Campaign - Last 4 Weeks In October

## Bulky Item Collection 50% Off!

**What is the Fall Clean Up Campaign?** A campaign that focuses on curbside bulky item pick up and household item reuse and recycling. The main component of the campaign includes curbside collection of bulky items at 50% off the City's trash hauling contracted rate. **The event will take place Oct. 5-9, Oct. 12-16, Oct. 19-23, and Oct. 26-30.** All residents that have curbside recycling are eligible to schedule bulky item pick up during the event (including townhomes and manufactured homes that have not opted into the City's trash program). Residents who wish to use the service but are not included in the City-wide trash service (some townhomes and manufactured homes) must pre-pay via credit card. To schedule a pick up call Republic Services at (651) 455-8634.

### Bulky Items

Bulky Items	Price*
Bathtub (cast iron)	\$12.00
Bathtub (steel or fiberglass)	\$10.00
Bed (headboard/floorboard)	\$6.00
Bed Frame	\$5.00
Book Case	\$7.00
Couch	\$9.00
Couch w/ hide a bed	\$12.00
Desk	\$7.00
Dining Room Table	\$10.00
Dresser	\$7.50
End Table	\$5.00
Grill (charcoal)	\$5.00
Grill (gas - no propane tanks)	\$7.50
Hutch	\$10.00
Kitchen Chair	\$3.75
Kitchen Table	\$10.00

\*50% Event Price Reduction Shown

### Bulky Items

Bulky Items	Price*
Lawnmower or snow thrower (liquids must be drained)	\$12.00
Love Seat	\$10.00
Mattress or Box Spring (king size)	\$12.00
(queen size)	\$12.00
(twin size)	\$7.50
Office Chair	\$5.00
Recliner/ EZ Chair	\$7.50
Roll of Carpet (cut down so one person can handle it)	\$2.50
Tire	\$10.00
Tire with rim	\$12.00
Toilet	\$7.00
Appliances	\$15.00
Electronics	\$15.00

\*50% Event Price Reduction Shown



**Townhomes and Manufactured Homes** can opt into the City's trash plan at any time. Visit the City's trash webpage for information:  
[www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/trash](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/trash)



**Yard Waste** including leaves, grass clippings, trees and other types of plant waste are banned from the trash. **Republic offers curbside yard waste pick up** for \$79.90 a year (weekly pick up from April through November). You can also schedule one-time yard waste pick ups for \$3.50 per compostable or paper bag. Contact Republic at (651) 455-8634 for information. **Ramsey County's yard waste** sites accept yard waste from residents at no charge (RamseyRecycles.com or (651) 633-EASY (3279) answered 24/7.) **Back Yard Composting** is permitted in Maplewood. Compost bin or pile must be located in the rear or side yard, be at least 5 feet from the property line, and not pose a nuisance to the neighbors ([www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/compost](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/compost)).



**Electronics and Appliances** cannot be placed in the trash. **Republic** collects appliances and electronics curbside for a small fee (see above). **Retailers in the metro area** will take back appliances and electronics for free or for a small fee (RamseyRecycles.com or (651) 633-EASY (3279) answered 24/7.)



### Household Hazardous Waste

products contain harmful materials and should be disposed of properly (including products used to clean or maintain your home and car or control animals and insects). Ramsey County has a year-round collection site at 5 Empire Drive, St. Paul or a seasonal site at Aldrich Arena in Maplewood every Fri. & Sat. in Oct. (RamseyRecycles.com or (651) 633-EASY (3279) answered 24/7.)



### Ramsey County A to Z Guide

outlines reuse, recycling, and disposal methods for items from A to Z.



### Spring Clean Up

is scheduled for Saturday, April 23, 2016, at Aldrich Arena in Maplewood.

# COUNCIL CORNER

The Council Corner is a space that is rotated monthly between the Mayor and Council members. Editorial views expressed are those of the author and may not necessarily represent or reflect the views and opinions of the City of Maplewood.



Councilmembers Cardinal and Abrams, Mayor Slawik, Councilmembers Koppen and Juenemann

## By: Councilmember Marylee Abrams



Recycling and sustainability are watch words at the City of Maplewood. We have been recognized as a Step 4 Minnesota GreenStep City, which is a voluntary program to promote sustainable best business practices in municipalities. Our newest Fire Station was built with green building products, and in 2013 we adopted a green building code. Our citizens recycle at a very high rate in comparison to neighboring cities. City staff members participate on a Green Team, working together on environmental issues at a city operations level. They set goals and objectives and promote sustainable operating practices at work in City buildings.

Maplewood residents, it is your turn to get involved with our new *Energize Maplewood!* energy challenge. *Energize Maplewood!* is a six month challenge co-sponsored by the City and Xcel Energy. Through energy actions, tracking, and friendly competition, participants will work to be the "biggest loser" and reduce their energy footprint, and receive prizes for participating. Talk to your neighbors and create a team. More information is located on the City website at [www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/energychallenge](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/energychallenge) or you can call Environmental Planner Shann Finwall at (651) 249-2304 or via email at [shann.finwall@ci.maplewood.mn.us](mailto:shann.finwall@ci.maplewood.mn.us).

Business owners aren't left out on going green or implementing sustainable practices. A new law change effective January 1, 2016 requires certain businesses to recycle. Minn. Stat. 115A.151 requires commercial buildings with classified businesses that contract for four cubic yards or more of solid waste, to now recycle

paper, glass, plastic and metal. A qualified business that does not recycle will face fines. Maplewood is co-hosting a Green Business Expo with the White Bear Area Chamber of Commerce at the Maplewood Community Center on October 27, 2015 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Mandatory business recycling will be discussed, and there will be an opportunity for business owners to sign up for waste reduction audits and apply for grants of up to \$10,000.00 to assist them in complying with the new law. More information about the Green Business Expo is on our website at [www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/greenbusiness](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/greenbusiness) or you can call Tom Snell, White Bear Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director at (651) 429-8593 or via email at [tom@whitebearchamber.com](mailto:tom@whitebearchamber.com).

Maplewood is a leader in green practices and as you can see we truly walk the green walk, we don't just talk the green talk. We are proud of our green commitment and know it saves energy and money, leading to a brighter future for our residents.

Maylee Abrams

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# A Maplewood Garden Paradise For Fish and Flora



Pauline, Steve, and daughter Claire Danielson Standing In Front of Their Landscape Garden

Steve and Pauline Danielson are former music educators who moved to Maplewood 19 years ago. Steve has been designing and installing landscapes in the metro area for 25 years. They have been members of the Minnesota Water Garden Society since 2005. Pauline is the current co-chair of the annual MWGS Water Garden tour and Steve has spoken on Garden Design.

When they purchased their Maplewood home in 1996, the yard had seven large trees with little to no landscaping. The house was in a wonderful neighborhood but offered little privacy from the road, neighbors, and the cemetery behind them. That's when Steve put his many years of artistic and creative landscape background to work.

"Steve creates picturous views and has a vision for his projects. He thinks about how the water will sound when creating his water gardens." said Pauline



Water Garden That Includes A Running Fountain and Koi Fish

The residential setting displays a unique mixture of shrubs and evergreens combined with perennial gardens. There are four water features: a container water garden by the front door, a small pond in a perennial setting, a fountain in a small pond, and a large pond with a waterfall. Each feature

has its own purpose in the design of the landscape.

The water gardens are filled with koi, goldfish, and other aquatic wildlife. The fish remain in the ponds all year round and are dormant once the water

temperatures start to dip below 50°F. Steve said, "The fish are fun and are like our pets. They come to greet you when you feed them." Water gardens are also very beautiful in the winter as most of the pond freezes over and icicles form.

A highlight of the large pond area is a stucco wall which creates a garden room. The large pond has a small island, fish, and flagstone steps leading to the upper pond area where one can cross the waterfalls on stone steppers.



Large Stucco Wall that Outlines the Garden Room

Another feature of this residential landscape is the variety of plant material. They include several different magnolias, Japanese maple trees, unique evergreens, iris, lilies, daylilies, and a secluded room for the vegetable garden.

The Danielson's vegetable garden is a great option for people who don't have a large yard.

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- **Online** <https://activenet004.active.com/maplewoodmn/>
- **In-Person** MCC Customer Service 2100 White Bear Avenue
- **By Phone** (651) 249-2230 During MCC Customer Service Hours  
Monday 9am-7pm; Tuesday-Thursday 9am-5pm

**Session Begins September 14. CLASSES FILL QUICKLY. REGISTER TODAY!**



## Free! Maplewood Movie Night

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18: The Incredibles**

**Movie begins at 7:15 pm • Pre-movie games at 6:30 pm**

At Wakefield Park: 1590 Frost Ave.

Join us for a fun family night out. Concessions, activities and games before the movie. Don't forget to bring your chair, blanket, and bug spray.

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# MAPLEWOOD REC RUN 3K/5K

At the Maplewood Community Center  
Come run the Gateway Trail!

**Register by Sept. 14 for a shirt and child's award!**

**Saturday, September 26**  
**9:00AM-10:00AM:**

**Check-In/Pre-Race Activities**  
Fire Truck & Police Car Tours • Crazy Hair  
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Temporary Tattoos • Nature Crafts • Yard Games  
Stretches led by MCC Personal Trainer

**10:00AM: Race Starts**  
**11:00AM: Race Awards**

**Race Fee: \$30.00**  
One Adult & One Child (under 16 yrs.)

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**How to Register:**  
**Online:** <https://apm.activecommunities.com/maplewoodmn/Home>  
**Phone:** 651.249.2230 or 651.249.2120 • **In Person:** 2100 White Bear Avenue

# MUSIC IN THE BARN

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# City Redesigns Website

## Remodeled to Enhance Citizen and Government Communication

The City of Maplewood is pleased to announce that it is launching its re-designed website on October 5th, 2015.

Over the past four months staff has been redesigning the look and feel of the website along with how the site is organized. The new site will be more user friendly, allowing visitors to find what they're looking for in a much more intuitive manner. The site will also include a design that is mobile friendly to allow for easier viewing on your tablet and/or phone.

With the new platform the City of Maplewood will also be able to increase its community engagement and enhance the communication between residents and the local government by utilizing new tools. Tools to help you request services from the City, engage in discussions with the City and other residents and apply for City job postings online will all be part of the new website.

Along with the site re-design the City will also be updating our web address as part of the roll-out. When the new site goes live on October 5th you'll now be able to find us at [www.maplewoodmn.gov](http://www.maplewoodmn.gov). We're very excited



City of Maplewood's New Website  
(site design revisions still in progress)

about the new address as it's much easier to remember than the current [www.ci.maplewood.mn.us](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us).

Stay tuned for further details on the new site roll-out as we near the October 5th go-live date.



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## - Cont. From Pg 5: A Maplewood Garden



Entrance to the Vegetable Garden

Inside, this quaint area includes a straw bale garden, potatoes, tomatoes, peppers, and apple trees that are trained to grow against a garden shed wall. "When you don't have a lot of space you need to grow things up," Steve said

Other items that Steve likes to use in his gardens are rain chains and rain barrels for water conservation. The chain transports the rain downward and deposits it into the barrel.

Steve placed a wooden door on the stucco wall by the stone stairs that he says "leads to nowhere but we call it the stairway to heaven." On the other side of the door is the cemetery that used to be in full view.

The Danielson's yard was featured on the 2007 & 2009 MWGS Water Garden Tour. You can reach Steve via email at psdanielson@msn.com.



Herb Chair



Rain Barrel

Steve is always on the hunt for unique items that he can reclaim and use in his gardens. He modified a wooden chair that now serves as a herb chair for rosemary, basil, and oregano. He took a set of silver forks and made them into a wind chime. "As a collector you are always collecting and searching for that special item," said Steve.

**1 in 10** people in Minnesota is hungry. You can help.

**3 WAYS TO TAKE ACTION THIS HUNGER ACTION MONTH**

September is Hunger Action Month, a campaign to take action against hunger. Here's how you can get involved.

- VOLUNTEER**  
Volunteer and every hour will be matched with a \$5 donation from Bremer Bank, up to \$50,000.
- DONATE**  
Donations made in September will be matched by UnitedHealthcare, up to \$50,000.
- CREATE AWARENESS**  
Show support by wearing orange, attending an event, or hosting a virtual food drive.

Visit [2harvest.org/ham](http://2harvest.org/ham) for more information.

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## A Message From The Mayor



Mayor Nora Slawik

I hope you are enjoying our beautiful fall in Maplewood with the coming of cooler weather, sweaters, crisp apples and bonfires. Our schedules are busy with school back in session and the holidays just around the corner. The City Council has been working hard with City staff on numerous projects including many exciting changes within our business community.

One part I really enjoy about being Mayor is participating in ground breakings and ribbon cuttings for new businesses coming to Maplewood. These events have a feeling of excitement and I am happy to give a warm welcome to new businesses that are becoming a part of our community.

2015 has been a particularly exciting year for business development in our City. Each private business investment reinforces and demonstrates the strength and desirability of the Maplewood community while providing expanded choices for our residents.

CarMax recently opened its Maplewood store, which is its second Minnesota location. In August, PrairieCare broke ground on its new 14,000 square foot clinic located near Beam Avenue and White Bear Avenue. Another medical clinic, Minnesota Women's Care, is building an addition that will more than double the size of its existing building located at 2603 White Bear Avenue.



New CarMax Auto Superstore located in Maplewood off Beam Avenue

3M is nearing completion of its new 400,000 square foot research and development lab located on its campus near Conway Avenue and McKnight Road. This new building is beautifully designed and demonstrates a significant investment by 3M into Maplewood. In addition to this new building, 3M is remodeling an existing building on its campus to house an expanded, three-story design center. 3M's design center is part of the company's effort to put design at the front and center of all of its operations.

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## Fall Clean Up

**50% Off Bulky Item Pick Up!**  
October 5-9, 12-16, 19-23,  
and 26-30

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## Elected Officials

Nora Slawik: Mayor .....(651) 738-7099  
nora.slawik@ci.maplewood.mn.us  
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marylee.abrams@ci.maplewood.mn.us  
Robert Cardinal: Councilmember .....(651) 765-8600  
bob.cardinal@ci.maplewood.mn.us  
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kathleen.juenemann@ci.maplewood.mn.us  
Marvin Koppen: Councilmember ..... (651) 770-5391  
marvin.koppen@ci.maplewood.mn.us  
Melinda Coleman: City Manager .....(651) 249-2055  
melinda.coleman@ci.maplewood.mn.us

## Frequently Called Numbers

City Hall	(651) 249-2000
Maplewood Community Center	(651) 249-2230
Recreation	(651) 249-2120
Public Works	(651) 249-2400
Police Non-Emergency	(651) 767-0640

Visit the city website at [www.ci.maplewood.mn.us](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us) for the meeting schedule of the City Council, Commissions and Boards.

To advertise in this newsletter call (952) 212-7333 or email [heidi@careycommunications.org](mailto:heidi@careycommunications.org).

## City Working on 2016 Budget and Tax Levy



State law mandates that the maximum tax levy for 2016 be adopted and filed with the County by the end of September 2015. At the Council meeting held on September 14, 2015, the maximum tax levy for 2016 was set at \$19,751,270 (a 4% increase over 2015). The final 2016 tax levy and budget will be adopted in December 2015.

### The City's Budget

The budget is composed of a number of different funds, the largest of which is the General Fund. The General Fund is the primary operating fund of the City and includes services such as police, fire, public works, parks maintenance, community development, citizen services and administration. There are essentially two sources of revenue that fund the General Fund budget – the property tax levy and revenues from other sources, such as fees, licenses, permits, fines, charges for services, etc.

Department requests for 2016 in the General Fund are \$533,990 more than the 2015 budget. A majority of this increase (\$328,210) is in personnel services. Union contracts are one of the reasons for this increase. Other requests include additional full time staff for the Fire Department, additional overtime for the Police Department to provide more targeted policing services and to train officers as first responders, and the addition of a communications position. After taking all the department requests into consideration and calculating projections for 2016 revenues, the General Fund would require a tax levy increase of approximately \$689,100 to maintain its current fund balance level of 40% of operating revenues.

### Proposed Tax Levy

Based on requests made during the preparation of our Capital Improvement Plan, we continue to have a need for capital projects such as street improvements, parks, redevelopment and investment in city facilities. Over half of the City's tax levy increases during the past 8 years have been dedicated to debt service costs while only about 1/5th has been applied to General Fund operations. Tax levy increases have not been able to keep up with the growth in operational costs due to the need for infrastructure improvements and redevelopment.

New revenue sources are being explored for the Fire Department in the amount of \$22,500 and for the Ambulance Service Fund in the amount of \$58,750. This would involve charging for additional items such as auto extrications, lift assists, non-transport calls and gas line hits. With these additional revenues, property tax levies recommended in the 5 year Capital Improvement Plan and based on operational needs are as follows:

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FUND	2015 LEVY	2016 PROPOSED LEVY	\$ CHANGE	% CHANGE
Debt Service	\$4,792,820	\$4,792,820	\$0	0.0%
CIP Fund	140,000	75,000	(65,000)	-46.4%
PD Squad & Equip Fund	255,000	300,000	45,000	17.6%
Street Project Deficits	250,000	250,000	0	0.0%
Fire Truck Replacement	0	60,000	60,000	100.0%
Redevelopment Fund	0	25,000	25,000	100.0%
EDA Fund	89,270	89,270	0	0.0%
General Bldg Replacement	0	50,000	50,000	100.0%
Ambulance Service	335,000	310,000	(25,000)	-7.5%
Community Center	500,000	500,000	0	0.0%
Recreation Programs	160,000	200,000	40,000	25.0%
General Fund	12,469,520	13,099,180	629,660	5.0%
	\$18,991,610	\$19,751,270	\$759,660	4.0%

## Impacts on Median Valued Home

Based on information received from Ramsey County on August 13, 2015, a median valued home in Maplewood is estimated to increase in value by 1.9%, from \$187,300 to \$190,800. The annual impact of different levels of the City levy increase to a median valued home is as follows:

LEVY CHANGE	HOME VALUE		CITY TAX		\$ CHANGE IN CITY PROPERTY TAX	% CHANGE IN CITY PROPERTY TAX
	2015	2016	2015	2016		
0%	\$ 187,300	\$190,800	\$790	\$782	\$ (8)	-1.0%
1%				\$791	\$ 1	0.1%
2%				\$800	\$ 10	1.3%
3%				\$809	\$ 19	2.4%
4%				\$818	\$ 28	3.5%

## Next Steps

The City Manager, Finance staff, and department heads have been actively engaged in planning and preparing the 2016 budget, which funds all City operations and functions. Governmental units of all sizes and circumstances face challenges, but for largely developed and established communities like Maplewood, the challenges are somewhat unique. Maplewood has very few areas within its boundaries that offer tax generating development opportunities.

Department Heads, along with the City Manager and Finance Director have been focused on the following:

- The need to control and/or reduce costs
- Assessment and consideration of new sources of revenue
- Review of all existing City services for possible service delivery changes
- Analysis of inter-departmental and inter-governmental service and/or resource sharing
- Identification of critical needs in City-owned buildings and facilities

Department Heads are looking at methods of addressing structural budget challenges in a way that is sustainable and makes increases in the City property tax levy based upon need and responsible decision-making.

The City is making available tools on its website at [www.maplewoodmn.gov](http://www.maplewoodmn.gov) to assist our efforts as we work toward creating a sustainable budget. One is the creation of the email address [budget.ideas@ci.maplewood.mn.us](mailto:budget.ideas@ci.maplewood.mn.us) for use by members of the public with questions about the City's budget and/or services to get questions answered or provide input, feedback, or suggestions. A summary of the information received will be posted on our website and provided to the Council for the purposes of guiding and forming the City's budget development now and into the future. Another is an interactive tax calculator worksheet where residents can get an estimate of their 2016 City taxes based on their individual home values. Utilize these tools as well as other information on the City website at [www.maplewoodmn.gov](http://www.maplewoodmn.gov).

# Municipal General Election November 3, 2015

The Municipal General election will be held on November 3, 2015. The four candidates that received the highest number of votes at the August 11, 2015 Primary Election will be on the General Election ballot for two four-year councilmember seats. The candidates are: **Robert Cardinal**, **Diana Longrie**, **Bryan Smith** and **Tou Xiong**. Each candidate was given an opportunity to introduce themselves and provide a summary of why they are running for office.

***The candidate articles are not edited by city staff. Information provided does not necessarily reflect the position of the city and are the sole opinions, beliefs and viewpoints of the candidates.***

For additional information visit the city website at [www.ci.maplewood.mn.us](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us) and key in "election" in the search bar or call City Clerk Karen Haag at (65) 249-2000 or via email at [karen.haag@ci.maplewood.mn.us](mailto:karen.haag@ci.maplewood.mn.us).



## **Robert Cardinal, Running For Councilmember**

Bob Cardinal served on Maplewood Planning Commission from February 11, 1985 through December 31, 1991. Elected Mayor in November 1999 and Re-elected Mayor November 2001. Served as Mayor of Maplewood until December 31, 2005.

Elected to Maplewood City Council in November 2011.

Democracy is a test of a community's capacity to govern themselves in ways that serve the common good and the good of the individual citizen. As a Maplewood resident, we can seek courage to embrace our citizenship with justice to help build the Maplewood community. Every voice should matter and every vote should count. Every act of responsible citizenship is an activity of significant individual power. We exercise that power through generosity in ways that help others. We get the public officials we deserve. Good or lack of good is tolerance of judgment not only on the elected official, but on us. We hope as a Maplewood citizen that you look and see beyond party politics and analyze campaign rhetoric truthfully to choose political leaders according to principle, not party affiliation or self-interest. Democracy is not served by silence.

The League of Minnesota Cities, confirmed that the data is accurate stating Maplewood is the 7th highest taxed city in the metro area. This is based on the collective tax rates for the city, county, school district, and special taxing districts. The City of Maplewood has no control or influence on the other taxing jurisdictions included. To examine the city of Maplewood only the city's tax rate calculation based on tax levy utilizing the city's tax capacity. On a per capita basis the Office of State Auditor ranks Maplewood 80 out of 227 cities over 5,000. actually ranks 32 out of 84 metro cities. Tax rate, is a calculation based on tax levy utilizing the city's tax

capacity. On a per capita basis the Office of State Auditor ranks Maplewood 80 out of 227 cities over 5,000.

If you have any questions, call Bob Cardinal at home: (651) 765-8600 or cell: (651) 398-1457 ANYTIME. Can I Count On You? Thank you for your attention to this campaign.



## **Diana Longrie, Running For Councilmember**

HELLO MAPLEWOOD!

Many of you know me personally – Gladstone neighborhood attorney, Maplewood's first woman Mayor, homeowner, community activist. You know I bring understanding, preparation, and ability to this job. A positive, winning vote

for Diana Longrie will ensure you are heard at City Hall above developers. Serving and protecting you is job #1!

I have a proven record, delivering transparency, increasing citizen engagement, holding taxes/spending in check and opening the doors to City Hall (increasing accountability that works for ordinary residents).

We know Maplewood is a great place to call home. What sets Maplewood apart is our parks and park preserves. Some officials say we have too many. I will vote "no" to selling any of them for development. The record shows, in 2006, my leadership and vote, stopped the bulldozers from destroying Fish Creek Park Preserve. In 2009, I signed the City covenant, permanently protecting, Maplewood's Priory Park Preserve.

Like me, many put their roots down in Maplewood, purchased a home, raised a family, because Maplewood was a safe community. But with the recent crime spike, that reputation, once solid, is in doubt.

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Serving previously, I voted to add police officers, add paramedics and exposed insiders' plans to close fire stations (medical response delays). Quality public safety, increasing efforts to reduce neighborhood crime, cannot be handcuffed by City Hall's inattention. Additionally, Maplewood Seniors don't expect, or deserve, further occasions where life-saving, medical response policies are not followed (see: suspension of Maplewood Fire Chief – August 2015 reports in the press).

Maplewood's trail network is a gem. However, there are some that want to compromise the Vento Trail for the Rushline mass-transit route. The Vento Trail is the wrong route. Protecting our trail for fitness, reflection, wildlife habitat is right. City Hall's suggestion that economic development will occur along the Vento Trail, located in single family, residential neighborhoods is preposterous! If Maplewood is to benefit from the Rushline's promised "economic development," the correct route is along Hwy. 61. Hwy 61 is a commercial and transit corridor. Good paying jobs, sustainable jobs, develop in commercial corridors.

Vote Diana Longrie! dianalongrie.com (65) 214-0859



### **Bryan Smith, Running For Councilmember**

In my opinion you've made a great choice to make Maplewood your home. I love living here. Maplewood is an excellent city; centrally located, friendly, and filled with family and recreational activities. My wife Jennie, my seven year old son, my dogs and I have called Maplewood home for five years. We are so glad to be a part of this community.

I believe working together we can make Maplewood even more vibrant. I'm running for the Maplewood City Council because I believe continuing our trajectory of a sensible and reasonable approach to improving our city. My intent is to keep on the path of investing in our city wisely; fixing roads, protecting parks attracting new businesses, and making sure our fire, police, and other city departments have the resources to perform with both excellence and efficiency.

As a member of the City Council, I would focus on three key leadership themes:

- **Sensible Government:** Good leadership comes from a mix listening, learning, and then developing a vision and seeing it through with collaboration
- **Economic Development:** I believe the key to the economic future is aggressively attracting the right businesses that drive growth, jobs and further development

- **Quality of Life.** I believe the basics: streets, parks, transit, environmental stewardship, police, and fire, these are the essential building blocks of a community.

As a marketing professional for several leading Minnesota companies, I have learned how to successfully complete complex projects by building and inspiring teams get the job done. As a father and husband, I have learned that while I love my job, there is nothing more important to me than my family. When things get busy, I find joy, comfort, and adventure with my family. As a man of faith, I have learned that personal and spiritual growth is a life long journey whose promised reward is serenity and insight.

I am hopeful you will support me in bringing my breadth of experience – both successes and struggles, my perspective as a father and husband, and my spiritual core to help our city become its very best.



### **Tou Xiong, Running For Councilmember**

My name is Tou Xiong and I am running for Maplewood City Council. I believe I am the best choice for Maplewood City Council because I have the skills, perspective, and experience that can move our city forward, and I am

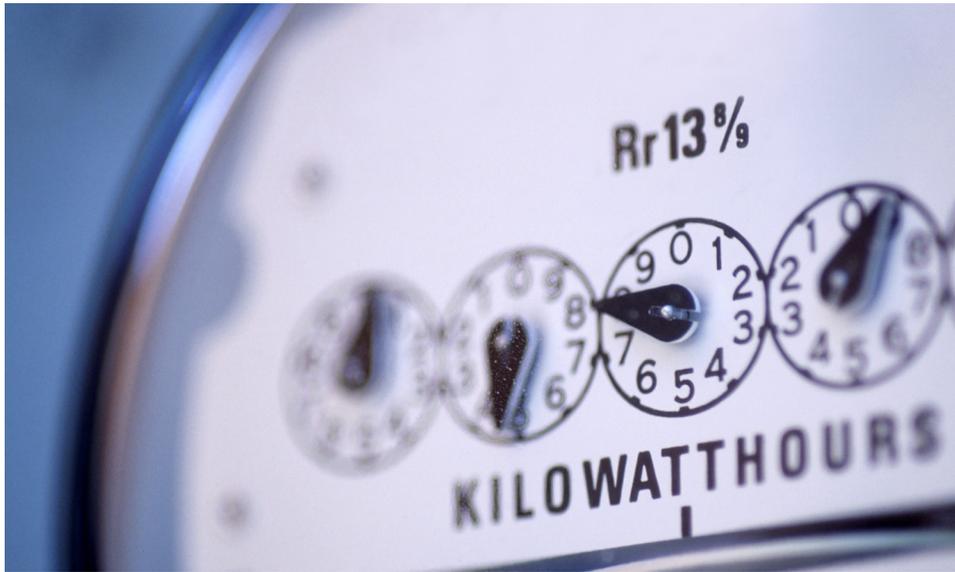
confident that I can champion your interests as the next Maplewood City Councilperson.

I am running for City Council because I want to help our community as a whole, in making Maplewood the best city to live in. I am delighted to bring youth, innovation, and diversity to expand public service for our city. I am dedicated to serving this city because it has given my family so much. I love Maplewood because it is the city where I was raised and where I watched my four younger brothers grow up in a safe and proud community.

I graduated from William Mitchell College of Law, and I believe I have the necessary and relevant skills to work towards a better Maplewood. I have a strong dedication to inclusiveness as demonstrated through my service on the Ramsey County Library Board, and I'm passionate about serving the city that allowed new Americans of my generation to live out and validate their parent's American Dream. I hope to make my Maplewood friends and neighbors proud of me too.

It is an exciting and fun campaign for city council this year, and I look forward to continue reaching out and meeting as many Maplewood friends and neighbors as possible. Thank You.

# USER FEES - UTILITIES



The City has a number of funds which account for services such as sewer, water, storm sewer, recycling and street lighting. To pay for these services, fees are assessed to the benefiting property owners on their utility bills. Each year the City analyzes each fund to ensure that the fees are set at a rate to sustain operations.

City staff is planning on making a recommendation to the Council in October regarding the rates for 2016. Initial analysis is showing the following:

**Sewer:** The largest expense within this fund is the sewage treatment charge from Metropolitan Council, which is increasing for 2016. This fund also covers the cost of replacing

sewer mains and other sewer infrastructure as streets are rebuilt. Even with these costs, it appears that no fee increase will be required for 2016. The last time the fees for sewer were increased was in 2013.

**Storm Sewer:** The demands of the storm water treatment program are significant. The City has had to delay street projects and bond for future revenues because the needs are much greater than the revenues being collected. Fees for this fund have doubled over the past 9 years. The City is looking at between a 0% - 3% increase in fees for this fund in 2016.

**Recycling:** The contract with our recycling vendor contains a rate increase in 2016. Because of this, fees for recycling will need to be increased

by 7.5% or \$0.69 per quarter to produce sufficient revenues for the fund.

**Water Surcharge:** The City maintains two water surcharge funds – one for residents on the North St. Paul water system and one for the residents on the St. Paul water system. These revenues are used to finance future water system improvements that cannot be financed by special assessments. The user fee for North St. Paul is not anticipated to increase and the user fee for St. Paul is anticipated to drop. With the decrease in the St. Paul fee, residents on both water system will be paying approximately the same amount per quarter.

**Street Lights:** An electric franchise fee was implemented back in 2005 to cover the costs of street light expenses. This fee is set by ordinance and will not be increasing for 2016.

**Street Revitalization:** A gas franchise fee is being implemented this year to cover the cost of preserving and repairing city streets. This fee is set by ordinance and is initially being set at \$2.50 per month per residential unit.

A table summarizing 2015 fees and the anticipated 2016 fees for an average home per quarter is shown below:

SERVICES	QUARTERLY CHARGE		CHANGE
	2015	2016	
Sewer	\$64.68	\$64.68	\$0.00
Storm Sewer	22.44	22.44 - 23.10	0.00 - 0.66
Recycling	9.09	9.78	0.69
Water Surcharge (St. Paul)	4.25	3.50	(9.75)
Street Lights	3.75	3.75	0.00
Street Revitalization	0.00	7.50	7.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$104.21</b>	<b>\$111.65 - \$112.31</b>	<b>\$7.44 - \$8.10</b>



# Maplewood BUSINESS HIGHLIGHT

## Triple L Dance Company Opens In Maplewood



Triple L Dance Company students at Spotlight Dance Cup at St Paul River Center

Triple L Dance Company recently opened its first studio located in Maplewood on Beam Avenue.

The studio offers Jazz, Tap, Ballet and Lyrical classes for students ages 2.5 to adult.

Owner Laura Linder said, "Triple L Dance Company's mission is to offer a place for students of all ages to dance in the community and feel a sense of belonging regardless of age, ability, dance experience, and financial means. Triple L Dance Company is a place for all people to develop love and passion for dance. We believe very strongly in modest and age appropriate costuming, music and choreography. You will never see a bare midriff on our stage!"

"I think that we are a unique company because of our low stress, low commitment classes and because of our modesty policy. In recent years, it has become standard for young children to be put in revealing costumes,



Triple L Dance Company students at Spotlight Dance Cup receive award for Best Lyrical Dance-Age 12 Category and a special award for Outstanding Technical Skill

and often dancing to songs and doing choreography that is much more mature than what is appropriate for them. As a new studio owner in the community of Maplewood, I want to set a new standard on what is fun, appropriate, and entertaining in the dance world, even if that means doing something different than what everyone else is doing!"

Laura chose Maplewood for the dance company location because she is currently a resident of Maplewood and has always loved the city. She grew up in the neighboring city of North St Paul and went to school in Maplewood. Now, that she lives here with her young family, she wanted

a place for her kids to dance in the community in an affordable and fun environment. Triple L Dance Company is always, first and foremost, fun. Dance is one of the greatest passions in Laura's life and she wants to share that with the children dancing at her studio. She believes she was put on this earth to teach dance and her biggest goal is to spread that passion and help children find a love for dance at any age.

Laura has been involved in the art of dance for more than 25 years. She has training in Tap, Jazz, Ballet, Lyrical and Hip Hop Dance. She has also competed with a group and as a soloist for five years, winning many top awards. She has been



First official competition team practice at Triple L, August 2015

a dance instructor for over 14 years, teaching all age groups and ability levels. Her choreography has won many awards at dance competitions all over the Midwest. Her patience and dedication to working with children not only comes from teaching in the studio but also from her experience working in child care for over ten years.

Bridget Franzmeier said, "Laura has taught my son to be an amazing dancer. But, more importantly, she taught him how to be a part of a team, a community, and something fun and exciting!"

Triple L Dance plans to open additional classes as needed and will begin to offer more specialized classes like hip hop, musical theater, and ballet as enrollment grows.

Registration is going on now. You can also arrange for a free trial class! To learn more visit their website at [www.tripleldance.weebly.com](http://www.tripleldance.weebly.com) or call (651) 329-8407.



# Archeologist Nienow to Present “The Fish Creek Dig”



Archeologist Nienow (left) and dig participant sift through soil

Maplewood’s community archeological investigation at Fish Creek this past July was fun, exciting, and very successful. Under the direction of Archeologist Jeremy Nienow, a group of citizen scientists found several pottery sherd pieces and flakes (chips from stone tools).

Most of the artifacts were very small -- nickel-size or less. The pieces are from the Woodland Culture, a time-frame that spans from 500BC - 1650 AD. One of the most interesting pieces was a pottery sherd with a piece of rim. The style of the rim can sometimes help to narrow down

the age of the piece. Some of the pottery sherds are carbonized on one side and carbon-dating to better pinpoint age is a possibility. In addition to Native American artifacts, items from more recent times were unearthed such as nails, glass, and a plastic doll’s arm.

Ramsey County Historical Society (RCHS) and Maplewood Area Historical Society were Maplewood’s partners on the dig, which was funded in part through a Legacy grant RCHS received for community archeology.

Maplewood Area Historical Society invites the public to a presentation by Nienow about the excavations and the artifacts found. This free event will be held Tuesday, November 17, 7:00 - 8:00 pm, at the Maplewood Library, 3025 Southlawn Drive in Maplewood. The presentation is made possible through funding from Minnesota’s Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

## PUBLIC ART IS COMING TO MAPLEWOOD!

Installation has begun on a unique public art play environment at Joy Park. Stay tuned for more details.



Maplewood Community Center

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## HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

At the Maplewood Community Center, 2100 White Bear Ave.

### Fall Splash Bash

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

### Holiday Fun Hour (Ages 4-8)

Thanksgiving Session

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19

6:15 pm - 7:15 pm

Join us and create fun, easy crafts that will put you in the holiday spirit! Music, stories, and snacks are all part of the fun. Grab your paint shirt and come have a great time. Cost is \$7.00 per child.

### Letters for Santa (Ages 2+)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Calling all boys and girls! Our elves will have everything that you need to write and decorate the perfect letter to Santa - we'll even mail it for you! Enjoy holiday stories and delicious treats while you create. Parents are welcome to stay. Children must be potty trained if parents choose to leave. Cost is \$5.00.

### Santa's Workshop Party (Ages 3+)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

9:30 am - 11:30 am

Hey kids, join us for breakfast treats while your parents are out holiday shopping or working out at the MCC. Join Santa and the gang for a razzle-dazzle good ol' time. We'll have a visit from Santa, games, music, movies, arts and crafts, holiday stories and much more! Bring an unwrapped gift for Toys for Tots and you'll receive a special prize. Cost is \$10.00 (\$7.00 for MCC members).

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In addition to the projects already mentioned, the businesses below have already made, or will be making in the near future, significant upgrades to their buildings and properties as they continue to invest in Maplewood:

- Health Partners, 2165 White Bear Avenue; exterior building and landscaping improvements
- Denny's, 255 Century Avenue North; new vestibule and exterior building improvements
- Harbor Freight, 2950 White Bear Avenue; new store to Maplewood with exterior building improvements
- Dairy Queen, 819 Century Avenue North; exterior building improvements
- Maplewood Import's Porsche, 2780 Maplewood Drive; new showroom addition with exterior building improvements
- Kline Volvo, 3040 Maplewood Drive; expanded showroom with exterior building improvements



Denny's restaurant off Century Avenue gets a makeover

One of my goals as Mayor is for the City to have a strong business engagement program. We have two upcoming events that I hope you will consider attending. The first is a Community Engagement Breakfast on October 15, from 7:00 - 10:00 am at the Maplewood Community Center (MCC). This event, hosted by the Housing and Economic Development Commission, will showcase the City's vision for the future of Maplewood and will give residents an opportunity to provide input to shape that vision. The second event will be our first ever State of Maplewood luncheon that I will be hosting. It will be held on January 14, 2016 from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm at the MCC. Join us to celebrate our most notable achievements from the past year and to talk about the future direction of the City.

Enjoy your fall and hope to see you around Maplewood!

## Citizen Survey - We Need Your Input!

In our ongoing efforts to identify ways to better serve our community, the City of Maplewood is conducting a Citizen Survey. The 2015 City of Maplewood Citizen Survey will be held October 19th through November 6, 2015.

The survey serves as an important evaluation tool that enables residents to rate city services and offer input on what the City of Maplewood does well and where it can make improvements. Results from this survey will assist the Maplewood City Council and the City Manager in setting priority focus areas for City services in the future.

Residents who would like to participate can complete the survey online October 19th through November 6, 2015 by visiting:

[www.surveymonkey.com/s/Maplewood\\_2015](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Maplewood_2015)

A hard copy of the 2015 City of Maplewood Citizen Survey can also be completed at Maplewood City Hall, 1830 County Road B East, Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.

Thank you in advance for taking part in the City of Maplewood Citizen Survey!

# Recreational Fires



This is the time of year when some of us like to enjoy an outdoor recreational fire. Following are the guidelines established by the City Council for outdoor burning:

Campfires and so-called “recreational” fires are defined by Minnesota Statute, § 88.171, as those that are no larger than 3 feet in diameter and 3 feet in height and used for pleasure, religious, ceremonial, cooking, warmth, or similar purposes.

Recreational fires should not be lit or maintained if the smoke from it unreasonably causes discomfort or a negative impact to neighboring properties. If a complaint is lodged and verified by a peace officer or fire fighter and in their opinion is creating a nuisance situation, the operator of the fire will be required to immediately extinguish the fire until conditions change or improve.

No permit is required for recreational fires and a copy of the recreational fire code section (§ 20-38) is available online at [www.ci.maplewood.mn.us](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us) or you can obtain a paper copy at the Maplewood City Hall information desk.

Following are the minimum requirements for camp/recreational fires:

- A recreational fire shall be limited to one location per property parcel/address at a time.
- Recreational fires must be at least 25 feet from all buildings or combustible materials. Combustible materials include, but are not limited to: wood, paper and plastics [MSFC (07) Section 307.4.2].
- Conditions which could cause a fire to spread within 25 feet of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition [MSFC (07) Section 307.4.2]
- Recreational fires must be constantly attended by an adult until the fire burns out completely or is extinguished [MSFC (07) Section 307.5].
- A minimum of one portable fire extinguisher complying with MSFC (07) Section 906, with a minimum 4-A rating, or other approved on-site fire extinguishing equipment such as dirt/sand

- (available for use as an extinguishing agent), or charged garden hose; such extinguishing equipment shall be readily available until the fire is extinguished.
- The only materials permitted in a recreational fire are wood from trees, small branches or charcoal.
- No person shall conduct, cause, or permit burning of rubber, plastics, chemically treated materials, or other materials which produce excessive or noxious smoke including, but not limited to, tires, railroad ties, composite shingles, tar paper, insulation, composition board, sheetrock, wiring, paint, paint filters, construction debris, garbage, waste materials, and vegetation of any sort, e.g., leaves and grass.
- Recreational fires must be immediately extinguished if they pose a fire safety risk, if they are not in compliance with the above, or when directed to do so by a police officer, firefighter, fire warden, or DNR officer [MSFC (07) Section 307.3].
- Recreational fires are only allowed from 10:00 am until 11:00 pm with winds less than 15 mph unless written permission for an exception is received from the fire chief or fire marshal.

(c). The owner of any property upon which a fire is started or originally ignited, in violation of this section, shall be responsible therefore and shall be subject to penalties provided in this chapter, unless such owner can adduce proof that such fire was started by a stranger or trespasser. (Repeals and replaces Ord. 838; Code § 20-38, 5/27/03)

A permit is required for outdoor fires that are not contained in a city-approved incinerator, at any time, unless authorized by the issuance of a permit as provided by the Department of Natural Resources for “open burning.” This permit can be obtained by calling (651) 249-2804 or online at the City website at [www.ci.maplewood.mn.us](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us).



The White Bear Area Chamber of Commerce  
Invites you to attend

**Green Business Expo**

**Tuesday, October 27**

**5-7pm**

**Maplewood Community Center**

*This FREE event will offer your business a wide array of unique money saving opportunities. Businesses and organizations on display will represent a wide variety of venues dedicated to save you money by using effective recycling and water resources more efficiently. This is also a great networking opportunity for you to connect with other business people. Appetizers, a cash bar, and targeted networking. **RSVP required.** Register online at [www.whitebearchamber.com](http://www.whitebearchamber.com) or email [info@whitebearchamber.com](mailto:info@whitebearchamber.com).*

# Sanitary Sewer Backup Prevention

As a resident, you can play a key role in preventing sanitary sewer backups. To help prevent backups, please dispose of the following items properly, not by dumping in a drain or flushing down the toilet:

- Diapers
- Sanitary napkins
- Rags or shop towels
- Garage waste products such as oil, grease, gasoline, antifreeze
- Household waste such as ashes, grease, corrosives, glass, metals, paint, poisons, or solvents
- Yard waste such as sand, soil, or mud

Inflow and infiltration (I&I) is also a potential cause of sewer backups. I&I refers to clear water getting into the sanitary sewer system. This might occur through cracks or leaks in sewer pipes and manholes or from sump pumps incorrectly connected to the sanitary sewer system. Particularly during large rain events, I&I can cause the sanitary sewer system to overflow resulting in sewer backups.

Because of the potential for I&I to create system issues, City ordinance prohibits property owners from disposing of clear water into the sanitary sewer system. This includes water from any roof, surface or ground sump pump, or foundation drain, for example.

Sanitary sewer problems should be reported to the City of Maplewood's Public Works Department. The City will work with you to identify the cause of the problem. If there is a blockage in one of the City's main sewer lines, the City will attempt to clear the blockage.

The sewer line from your home, business or other property to the City sewer main is your responsibility. That means that you as the property owner are responsible for clearing any blockages. Property owners must schedule service and pay the cost of clearing any blockage located in the individual sewer line on their property. It is important that your plumber notify the City prior to service cleaning so the mains can be monitored to ensure roots or other debris that may be pushed out of your service do not backup the main.

If you have questions regarding the City's sanitary sewer maintenance program, sewer backup response or a specific incident, contact the Public Works Department at (651) 249-2400 Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. Outside regular business hours, sewer backup calls can be reported to the Police Department's non-emergency number at (651) 767-0640.

## Native Shrubs For Wildlife & Seasonal Interest

AT MAPLEWOOD NATURE CENTER  
2659 7th St. East, Maplewood  
Saturday, October 17, 1:00 - 2:30 pm



Find out which native shrubs provide multiple seasonal benefits, from food and shelter for wildlife to fall color and winter interest. Some shrub favorites include red-berried winterberry, late flowering witch hazel, and shrubs with edible fruits for people and birds alike: hazelnuts, serviceberry and nannyberry.

Master Gardener Jane Klein will lead this overview of the many choices of interesting shrubs for your yard. FREE! Register by October 16th at [www.maplewoodnaturecenter.com](http://www.maplewoodnaturecenter.com) and click RegisterOnline-Go button, or call (651) 249-2170.



## Pollinator Policy Forum

**Thursday, October 22, 6:30 pm**  
**Maplewood Community Center**  
**2100 White Bear Avenue**  
**FREE EVENT!**

**Rep. Lillie Hosts Pollinator Policy Forum**  
**Moderated by Representative Rick Hansen**

Speakers from Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources, Minnesota Zoo, University of Minnesota, Maplewood Nature Center, and local beekeepers.

For more information, contact  
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Are you looking for a great way to spend those non-school days? We have the answer for you! From 9:00 am - 4:00 pm kids are invited for action packed days full of sports, swimming, crafts and more. Don't miss out on our great field trips. Bring your tennis shoes,

swimsuit, lunch and towel. Cost is \$38.00 per child for field trip days and \$28.00 per child for all other days. Register for *five or more days* and each day (including field trips) are only \$28.00. Before Care (7:00 am - 9:00 am) or After Care (4:00 pm - 5:30 pm) is \$5.00 per

child per day. Both Before and After Care is \$7.00 per child per day. Registration deadline is one week before program date. Sign up today - dates may be cancelled due to low enrollment.

### School's Out Dates

Oct. 15 (Field Trip Day)	March 21
Oct. 16	March 22 (Field Trip Day)
Dec. 28	March 23
Dec. 29 (Field Trip Day)	March 24 (Field Trip Day)
Dec. 30	March 25
Dec. 31*	

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## Public Hearing

A Public Hearing for the 2016 tax levy and budget will be held in City Hall Council Chambers on December 14, 2015 at 7 pm. For more details, call Finance Director Gayle Bauman at (651) 249-2902

## Fish Creek Open House

Wednesday, December 2, 6-8 pm  
Battle Creek Recreation Center  
75 Winthrop Street S, St. Paul

Join us for an open house/public input session on the installation of trails in the Fish Creek Preserve. Residents will get to see and weigh in on what the trail alignment will look like.

## Two New Councilmember Elected at the November 3, 2015 Municipal Election

Councilmember Elect Bryan Smith, a marketing manager at Tennant Company, hopes to focus on marketing the City to business owners and developers, improving code enforcement and maintaining a path of reasonable government.

Councilmember Elect Tou Xiong, an urban planning organizer for Harrison Neighborhood Association, stated that he will be turning his attention towards more civic engagement, building the local economy and addressing infrastructure needs throughout the city.

A swearing in ceremony will be held in City Hall Council Chambers located at 1830 County Road B at 6:00 pm on January 11, 2016. Congratulatory cake and coffee will be served. The public is invited.

For additional information visit the City website at [www.maplewoodmn.gov](http://www.maplewoodmn.gov) and key in "election" in the search bar or call Director of Citizen Services, Karen Haag, at (651) 249-2000 or via email at [karen.haag@maplewoodmn.gov](mailto:karen.haag@maplewoodmn.gov).



Bryan Smith



Tou Xiong

## Year End Report from City Manager Coleman- 2015 Highlights



Maplewood City Hall

This has been a year of many accomplishments in the City of Maplewood. As I complete my first year in the City Manager position, I would like to thank the Mayor and Council for entrusting me with the stewardship of our City resources. I would also like to thank our resident volunteers that serve on our advisory boards and commissions. Together with City staff we have accomplished much this year. Following is a summary from our senior management team.

In March, the City Council and the Senior Management Team met to establish strategic priorities for the next three years.

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## Frequently Called Numbers

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Recreation	(651) 249-2120
Public Works	(651) 249-2400
Police Non-Emergency	(651) 767-0640

Visit the City website at [www.maplewoodmn.gov](http://www.maplewoodmn.gov) for the meeting schedule of the City Council, Commissions and Boards.

To advertise in this newsletter call Heidi Carey at (952) 212-7333 or email [heidi@careycommunications.org](mailto:heidi@careycommunications.org).



### HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS AT THE MAPLEWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER



**Letters for Santa (Ages 2+)**  
 Tuesday, December 8, 6:00 - 7:00 pm  
 Our elves will have everything that you need to write and decorate the perfect letter to Santa! Enjoy holiday stories and delicious treats while you create. Parents are welcome to stay. Children must be potty trained if parents choose to leave. Cost is \$5.

**Santa's Workshop Party (Ages 3+)**  
 Saturday, December 12, 9:30 - 11:30 am  
 Join us for treats while your parents are out shopping or working out at the MCC. We'll have a visit from Santa, games, music, movies, crafts, holiday stories and more! Bring an unwrapped gift for Toys for Tots and receive a prize. Cost is \$10 (\$7 MCC members).  
*Children must be potty trained - Parents this is a kid only party.*



## STATE OF Maplewood LUNCHEON



**THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 11:00AM – 1:00PM**  
 AT MAPLEWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER

Mayor Slawik will share highlights and accomplishments from 2015, discuss development and redevelopment projects, and lay out a vision for a better Maplewood! Following the Mayoral Address, Melinda Coleman, Maplewood City Manager, will introduce members of City Council and City Department Heads

**PLUS - PRESENTATION OF MAPLEWOOD BUSINESS AWARDS!**

Cost: \$15.00/person • Pre-register by January 7 • Limited to the first 75 participants

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# Snow Plowing Safety Reminders



With winter quickly approaching, it won't be long until your snowplow drivers will once again be out in full force clearing snow and ice, making the roads drivable. Your snowplow drivers would like to remind you:

- Keep a safe distance from the snowplow. Stay back at least 70 feet (four car lengths) from the plow so the driver can see you.
- Don't assume plow drivers see you. Visibility can be reduced by blowing snow.
- Do not shovel or blow snow into the street. It is against the law.
- Do not allow children to make tunnels in snow piles on the boulevard.
- Trash cans and recycling bins should be placed in your driveway, not in the street where they will interfere with plowing operations.
- The City attempts to remove snow as close to the curb

as possible to allow access to the mailbox by the postal department. It is not always possible to remove all of the snow in front of the mailbox. It is your responsibility to keep the area in front of the mailbox open to ensure mail delivery.

The City of Maplewood has established a goal of plowing all streets within eight hours after the snow quits falling for a typical three inch snowfall. The sidewalk and trail system will be cleared within 48 hours after completion of the street plowing operations. The City has established parking ordinances that, when adhered to, result in faster, more thorough service, and provide safer driving conditions. Parking is banned year round on City streets between 2:00 am and 6:00 am. Parking for more than 30 minutes during a snowfall and during the plowing of snow is prohibited. Parking on bridge approaches or on boulevards or medians is also prohibited.

For the complete snow plowing policy and City ordinances, visit the City website at [www.maplewoodmn.gov](http://www.maplewoodmn.gov) under City Departments, Public Works division, or call the Public Works Department at (651) 249-2400.



Date: December 21st  
Time: 6:00 p.m.  
Where: MCC - Banquet rm.

Presenters:  
Ryan Maxwell  
Nasm-CPT,CES  
Abby Ludwig, RDN, LD  
Registered Licensed Dietitian



## Maplewood Community Center

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The Council identified the following key Strategic Objectives:

- Coordinated Communication
- Effective Governance
- Targeted Redevelopment
- Operational Effectiveness
- Financial Sustainability

These Objectives have been embraced by staff and the Council has recently approved the 5 Strategies as well as key outcome indicators, targets and measures for success. The entire Strategic Plan can be found on the City Web Page at [www.maplewoodmn.gov](http://www.maplewoodmn.gov).

The objectives will also be tied to our 2016 Budget in each department's budget request. The Preliminary Budget is also available to view on the City web page. The Public Hearing on our Budget will be held on December 14th in the City Council Chambers at 7:00 pm. Following is a list by Departments of our more significant accomplishments:

**Citizen Services:** Annually, this department serves over 70,000 customers that need business licenses, permits, motor vehicle registration, driver's licenses and passports. In addition, they have created an on-line business registration program and created an on-line business directory that identifies 750 Maplewood businesses. This department is also responsible for organizing the July 4th Taste of Maplewood city-wide event. Approximately 10,000 people attended the 2015 event which boasts some of the best fireworks in the Metro area.

**Karen Haag, Department Head (651) 249-2002**  
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**Environmental and Economic Development:** A major event for the department was handling the inspections for the 500,000 square foot Research and Development Building at 3M. In addition, this department shepherded the Villages at Frost and English, in Gladstone. This project involved many partners, including Ramsey County and the Metropolitan Council to assist with the de-construction of the Maplewood Bowl site to make way for new housing and a small commercial area. This is an example of private/public partnership to continue the redevelopment of the Gladstone Neighborhood. This new housing is also being constructed under the Green Building Code.

**Nick Carver, Interim Department Head (651) 249-2321**  
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**Finance Department:** This department is responsible for producing the City's three major financial documents- the Budget, the Capital Improvement Plan and the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. This year, with the Finance Department's help, the City adopted a new policy regarding the City Building Replacement needs.



We continue to look for revenue sources to help fund building maintenance needs. The Department is incorporating changes into the budget document so that it reflects the Strategic Planning Objectives. They are also changing the format to make it easier for residents to read and understand.

**Gayle Bauman, Department Head (651) 249-2902**  
[gayle.bauman@maplewoodmn.gov](mailto:gayle.bauman@maplewoodmn.gov)

**Fire Department:** In June, the Fire Department went live with the new County-wide Computer Aided Dispatch System (CAD). With the addition of CAD, we are able to get real time information delivered to computers in our fire trucks and ambulances. This includes GPS that allows staff to see maps and directions in the vehicle providing the best response route to the call. The City's new Fire Training Center is open and allows neighboring communities to receive training on all types of fire incidents. The department is also working with Council Member Abrams to launch the Heart Safe Community Program. This program trains thousands in Hands Only CPR and looks to locate at least 48 public access points to AED's.



**Steve Lukin, Department Head (651) 249-2802**  
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**Human Resources:** The department implemented a new online recruitment tool called NEOGOV. This has made the recruiting process more efficient and increased the quantity and quality of applicants. We also added an on-line process for registering for health and other employee benefits. HR was responsible, along with the City Manager, for successfully negotiating our seven union contracts. The HR Director also assisted with the development and adoption of the City's Strategic Plan.



**Mike Funk, Department Head (651) 249-2053**  
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**Information Technology:** There were four major initiatives



for the IT Department: the redesign of the City's webpage, increased coordination of the City's social media presence, the implementation of the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) for the Police and Fire Departments and the implementation of the Records Management System for the

Police Department. All of these projects support the City's Strategic Objectives and particularly important, support our Public Safety staff.

**Mychal Fowlds, Department Head (651) 249-2923**  
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**Parks:** The City Council approved the Parks and



Recreation Master Plan in January which sets the stage for prioritizing and planning for Parks improvements and initiatives. The YMCA came in as a partner to manage the Aquatics Center and swim program. Other projects included the groundbreaking for the very first Tuj Lub Courts at Keller Park,

partnering with the Safe Routes to School for a new trail connecting the City campus with John Glenn and Weaver Schools and Keller Lake Park. Work also continues at Fish Creek Preserve and the Gladstone Savanna. We were successful in obtaining grant funds to start our Kid City Program. The City will collaborate with Z Puppets Rosenschnoz and a multicultural artist team to design and implement Kid City: afterschool and summer arts workshops that bring youth from diverse backgrounds together to laugh, learn, play and create a stronger cross-cultural, family community in Maplewood.

**Duwayne Konewko, Department Head (651) 249-2330**  
[duwayne.konewko@maplewoodmn.gov](mailto:duwayne.konewko@maplewoodmn.gov)

**Police:** The major accomplishments for the Police



Department include the expanded role of our Community Service Personnel in our Animal Control Program in lieu of using an outside contractor, and expanding department diversity through targeted recruitment and hiring. Our Chief was recently promoted to Public Safety Director where

he will oversee and lead on Strategic Planning for the Fire Department. He is also a leader on the State-wide effort to seek temporary data classification on body worn camera video and actively participates in the domestic violence joint prosecution project.

**Paul Schnell, Department Head (651) 775-1520**  
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**Public Works:** Through stakeholder input revenues were diversified to allow for an additional \$1 million/year investment into fixing deteriorating pavement on local neighborhood streets. The second phase of the Gladstone Redevelopment was completed on Frost Avenue, which leveraged over \$2 million in grant funds. Also, a Safe Routes to School

grant allowed construction of the County Rd B Trail, which now extends from Highway 61 to White Bear Avenue. Lastly, we were recognized by the St. Paul Area Chamber of Commerce for "Excellence in Operations."

**Michael Thompson, Department Head (651) 249-2403**  
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**City Manager:** As City Manager it is my responsibility to make sure the Council goals and objectives are met. This article was meant to highlight our success in accomplishing several goals. The Council goal, Coordinated Communication, is one I take seriously. It is important that we communicate with our residents and our partners. We do this

through this magazine, social media, newspaper articles and our City Web Page. Please take some time and check out the redesigned page. The new updates make it easier to find information as we have added several new pages including how to notify us with code violations, areas in need of repair or feedback on community topics and projects. Please feel free to contact any of the department heads or me if there is anything that we can assist you with at anytime.

**Melinda Coleman, City Manager (651) 249-2055**  
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## School's Out! (Grades K-6)

At MAPLEWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER

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[www.maplewoodmn.gov](http://www.maplewoodmn.gov)

**Dates:** Dec. 28, 29, 30, 31, Mar. 21, 22, 23, 24, 25

# Resolve to Make a Difference in Maplewood in 2016



As 2015 draws to a close and you begin to think about your possible resolutions for 2016, ask yourself if there is anything that you can do to make a difference in your community. The City of Maplewood has eight commissions and boards where citizens have a chance to get involved and be a part of the decision making process. Commissions include: Community Design Review Board, Environmental & Natural Resources Commission, Heritage Preservation Commission, Housing & Economic Development Commission, Human Rights Commission, Parks & Recreation Commission, Planning Commission and Police Civil Service Commission.

The wide range of commissions offers residents the opportunity to apply to be a part of a group where they can put their interests, talents and strengths to use. There are currently openings on the following commissions and boards:

- Environmental & Natural Resources Commission (1 opening)
- Heritage Preservation Commission (1 opening)
- Housing & Economic Development Commission (1 opening)
- Human Rights Commission (1 opening)
- Parks & Recreation Commission (1 opening)
- Planning Commission (1 opening)

These openings are due to terms expiring and resignations. The City Council will interview candidates that apply and will appoint individuals to fill these openings.

More information on the commissions can be found on the City's website [www.maplewoodmn.gov](http://www.maplewoodmn.gov) or by calling City Hall at (651) 249-2000. Applications can be picked up at the City Hall reception desk or found online on the City's website. Applications are accepted at any time and interviews are held multiple times throughout the year. Completed applications should be submitted to the City Manager's Office at 1830 County Road B E, Maplewood, MN 55109.

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# Maplewood BUSINESS HIGHLIGHTS

## Harbor Freight Tools Opens Store In Maplewood

"We're thrilled to open our sixth Harbor Freight Tools store in Minnesota and we are very pleased by the warm welcome we've received in Maplewood" said Eric Smidt, President of Harbor Freight Tools. "At Harbor Freight, we're all about delivering high quality tools at ridiculously low prices. We do it by manufacturing our tools at the same factories as the expensive brands, but we cut out the middle man and pass the savings on to our customers. We've also invested millions of dollars to build and operate our own state-of-the-art quality test labs to ensure that we're constantly driving quality at the lowest possible price. We invite everyone in the Maplewood area to visit our new store at 2950 White Bear Ave. N and see why if you buy tools anywhere else, you're throwing your money away."

Founded in North Hollywood, CA in 1977 and now based in Calabasas, Harbor Freight Tools is the leading discount

tool retailer in the U.S. selling high quality tools at low prices in over 600 stores nationwide and online. Harbor Freight Tools stocks over 7,000 items including automotive, air and power tools, shop equipment, and hand tools. With a commitment to quality and a lifetime guarantee on all hand tools, Harbor Freight Tools is a favorite of automotive and truck repair shops, government agencies, schools, manufacturers, contractors, and tool enthusiasts who want top-quality, great selection, and value. They serve over 20 million customers nationwide. Additional information about Harbor Freight Tools and online sales can be found at [harborfreight.com](http://harborfreight.com), on Facebook at [facebook.com/harbor.f.tools](https://facebook.com/harbor.f.tools) and on Twitter at [twitter.com/harborfreight](https://twitter.com/harborfreight). To reach the Maplewood location call (651) 777-0713.



Harbor Freight Tools in Maplewood

## CarMax Opens In Maplewood



Maplewood CarMax Team

The nation's largest retailer of used cars officially opened its second location in the Twin Cities, located at 1325 Beam Avenue East in Maplewood. The store is more than 20,000 square-feet, occupies more than seven acres, and stocks more than 300 used vehicles. CarMax opened a store in Brooklyn Park in March, which was the first in the state of Minnesota.

In celebration of the Maplewood store opening, CarMax donated \$5,000 to the White Bear Area YMCA. This donation came at the recommendation of Maplewood CarMax associates who also spent a day volunteering

with the organization to help transform a non-utilized skateboard park into a community garden. It is complete with compost bins, and is designed to teach gardening skills to area children.

"CarMax associates love to volunteer and build strong relationships with community partners where they live and work," said John Hutt, location general manager of the Maplewood CarMax. "With the opening of our second location in the Twin Cities, we look forward to providing more customers with the easy, no-haggle experience they've come to expect from CarMax and that sets us apart from other dealers."

CarMax was founded more than 20 years ago to fundamentally change the way car buying is done. They make the process more ethical, fair, and transparent by offering a no-haggle, no-hassle experience. They stand behind their vehicles with a 5-day money-back guarantee and a limited 30-day warranty. CarMax also takes the hassle out of selling your car by offering fast, commitment free appraisals – they'll buy your car, even if you don't buy theirs.

For more details, call (651) 765-6099  
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## Energize Maplewood! Team Energy Challenge

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The Challenge will begin January 2016 and run through June 2016. Look for opportunities to win smaller prizes, attend exclusive events, and learn ways to make your

home more comfortable and healthy, all while saving energy and money.

Now is the time to register your home, join a team, and volunteer to lead! Visit the Energy Challenge webpage at [www.maplewoodmn.gov/energychallenge](http://www.maplewoodmn.gov/energychallenge) to sign up. For questions, contact [cindy.ojczyk@maplewoodmn.gov](mailto:cindy.ojczyk@maplewoodmn.gov) or (651) 249-2306.

(The Energy Challenge is sponsored by the City of Maplewood and Xcel Energy. While it targets Maplewood residents, anyone that is an Xcel Energy electric and natural gas customer is eligible to participate.)



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