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January 2014

Happy New Year! By: Mayor, Nora Slawik

One thing I love about a new year is the opportunity to reflect on past twelve months and then commit to do better in the future. As I look back on the past year one highlight was meeting so many of you, our wonderful residents, while out walking our neighborhoods. Your commitment to do what is best for our residents, parks, schools and community is very motivating. It is very clear to me that we all love living in a City that offers such a high quality of life.

Many of us make resolutions this time of year to do better whether it to lose a few pounds or to get to bed thirty minutes earlier. I am hoping to do both of those! I also resolve to work very hard as your Mayor and to provide leadership with civility and success.

Newly elected council member Marylee Abrams and I have been learning about the inner workings of the City through our recent orientation session with the City Manager and department head team and by observing the current council. We met briefly with each department head to learn about their goals and budgets for the coming year. I am learning the complexities of City finances while hearing City staff leaders very thoughtfully articulate their priorities in police, fire, community development, public works, finance, parks and recreation and other areas.

As elected leaders we must respect the day-to-day workings of our talented city staff while driving a vision on the policy decisions to steer the City towards prosperity. I will continue to support issues such as creating jobs and working to vitalize the business community; strengthening safety services of police, fire and emergency response from north to west to south; and preserving and protecting our parks and open spaces.

I want to give a special thanks to Mayor Will Rossbach and Council Member Rebecca Cave for their service to Maplewood. I have big shoes to follow in the footsteps of Will and appreciate the time and effort he put into getting our City back on track the past four years.

Finally, I thank you the voters for electing me to the office of Mayor of our great City. I am honored and humbled by your confidence in me to lead the City forward. I also want to extend my thanks to the election judges and City staff for their hard work in conducting the election.

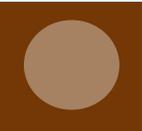
Share a joint resolution with me to continue the good work in the City of Maplewood - together we can accomplish great things!



Mayor Nora Slawik

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From the Desk of City Manager Ahl - 2013 Highlights



Some big changes occurred during 2013; from a personal standpoint, we wished our City Manager Jim Antonen all the best and thanked him for four years of service to Maplewood when he retired in June 2013. The City Council honored me by appointing me to the position of City Manager to succeed Jim. Following is a summary of progress that our team made during the year of the City Council's goals.

A Recap of 2013

In March 2012, the City Council and Department Heads met for a one-day session to discuss and establish goals for the City and operations for 2012 – 2014. A follow-up retreat to this goal session was held in March 2013 reaffirming the goals for the remainder of 2013. The Council will meet again in 2014 to review the goals and modify them as projects and goals are complete. Following are the goals and progress that has been made to obtain them.

Goal 1 Public Safety – (Tied for first place with Economic Development) Complete the plan for rebuilding and relocating fire stations, from five to three, including securing the 3M site. Develop and commit to a plan for meeting the space needs of the police department.

Fire Chief Lukin states that the new fire station being built on land donated on 3M property is well on its way with the goal of having the station open and operational by November 1, 2014.

Significant progress has been and continues to be made to the public safety facility upgrades, enhancements, and expansion. Police Chief Schnell adds that the fire and police departments are completing plans for the South Maplewood Police Substation which will be located in the fire department facility on the 3M campus. Council and staff are working diligently on this unique opportunity

that will better meet the needs of south Maplewood residents and businesses.

Goal 1 Economic Development - (Tied for first place with Public Safety) Make a concerted effort to define and develop a plan that will ensure new economic development in the city with a particular focus on re-development. Commit to re-development (including housing) for the City through prioritizing and updating the Master Plan. Determine staffing needs for this effort with adequate resources and working with the Business and Economic Development Committee.

Assistant City Manager Melinda Coleman, hired in August 2013, has been busy working on new development opportunities in the Gladstone area. A grant application appears likely from the Metropolitan Council and a purchase agreement has been signed for the Maplewood Bowl property where a developer is proposing a \$20+ million investment into the area with additional investments to follow. The major economic development focus of 2013 was working with Springsted and Briggs-Morgan to develop the necessary Tax Increment Financing package to retain 700+ jobs on the 3M Campus that includes a new \$150-million plus research and development facility.

Coleman further reports that additional efforts for economic development in 2014 will be to work with the Business and Economic Development Commission during the next 4-8 months on the sale of fire stations, marketing additional City parcels, expansion of development in Gladstone and a renewed focus on the Rush Line Corridor Transit plan.

Goal 2 Financial Stability/Sustainability - Continue to provide quality, efficient services to our citizens while equalizing expenditures and revenues every year. Make budgeting decisions that comport with the principals of sustainability.

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Finance Manager Gayle Bauman reports that City staff made presentations to Council this past year regarding a long range plan for Debt Management. The plan to apply new LGA (Local Government Aid) funds to short term initiatives or specific projects and not use it for operations demonstrates the City's efforts toward maintaining stability/sustainability. Based on recent history, reliance on the State LGA funds for operational support does not speak to sustainability. Staff is also working to put together an Infrastructure Replacement Policy to facilitate the financial planning necessary to accommodate the timely replacement of assets. The Council and Department Heads are updated monthly on the status of the City's General Fund, which is the main operating fund for the City. Having up-to-date information available assists greatly with the decision making process. The City's General Fund balance is being maintained at 40% of general fund revenues, which is well within the guidelines provided by the State Auditor and helps the City maintain its high bond rating. This effort allowed the City to proceed into 2014 with a 0% tax levy increase!

Goal 3 Parks and Recreation - Continue to determine how to resolve the Community Center's funding and programming issues. Explore a possible joint venture with neighboring communities and a referendum on a sustainable Parks system. Develop a comprehensive plan about our parks.

Parks and Recreation Director Dewey Konewko reports that MCC staff is working diligently to implement a five to seven year sustainable budget plan with the goal of eliminating the negative cash balance in the Community Center Operations Fund. Staff continues to look at opportunities to reduce expenditures as well as increasing revenue streams at the MCC.

The Park System Task Force was created to assist staff in the development of a comprehensive Master Plan for the City's parks, trails, and open spaces. The Park System Task Force works very closely with the Park Commission and ultimately the City Council. One of the outcomes of the Park Master Plan is to identify options for future funding, which may include a city-wide referendum for improvements/enhancements to Maplewood's parks, trails, and open spaces.

Goal 4 Consolidation of Services/Shared Services - All departments will work collaboratively with other cities in an effort to provide more cost-effective services where possible. Consolidate or share city services where it makes sense from a sustainability standpoint.

City staff works diligently with multiple jurisdictions to consolidate and share services. A list of over two dozen of these efforts can be found on the city website.

Communication – During the retreat, communication was an underlying theme that related back to the council priorities and goals. In July 2013, I appointed Director of Citizen Services Karen Guilfoile as Director of Communications to assist with this council directive.

Guilfoile stated, "With increased efforts in communication we have begun to take a different approach in writing articles for the City Newsletter so that we not only inform the public, but we also tell the story of what it takes to get things done in the city. In May of this year, we introduced "Business Highlights" in the City Newsletter interviewing owner/managers writing articles with accompanying pictures giving our businesses an opportunity to tell their story. This has been met with great success.

We have utilized our opportunities at GTN in a broader way by inviting GTN staff to record different events so that we can incorporate visuals in our monthly broadcasts so that residents can be aware of them. In addition, we are working with GTN staff to record on-site happenings that will be incorporated into a new "newsy" type of program that will be incorporated into 30 – 60 second clips that will be posted on the website to keep our residents informed.

2013 was a remarkable year of accomplishment for the city. We were recognized by numerous organizations for our efforts in various areas. A few of the awards follow:

- Step Three Green Step Cities Award in June by the MPCA and League of Minnesota Cities
- National Sustainability Practices Award by the American Public Works Association
- Innovation in Government Award for our Living Streets Project by the Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District
- Award from 10,000 Lake Chapter ICC
- Distinguished Budget Presentation Award (2013 Budget)
- National Sustainability Practices Award (from the American Public Works Association)
- Innovation in Governmental Award for the Bartelmy-Meyer Neighborhood Living Streets Project (from Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District)
- Maplewood EMS for Participation in the Immediate Trial EMS Study Regions Hospital

As we move forward in 2014, city staff will work closely and diligently with our elected officials to carry forth their goals for our community. We also, wish you our citizens, a healthy and prosperous year!

No Increase in the City's Total Property Tax Levy for 2014

On Monday, December 9, 2013, the city council approved the 2014 Budget for the City of Maplewood and also resolved to set the 2014 tax levy payable at the same amount as the 2013 levy – no increase!

State law requires cities to certify a proposed property tax levy to the county auditor by September 15th each year. On September 9, 2013, the City Council approved a maximum increase of 2% over the 2013 levy amount for 2014, or a \$370,570 increase. A workshop on the budget was held in October where staff provided information on many items including legislative actions, debt service, General Fund activity, and capital project options. Based on information reviewed at this workshop, staff recommended a 0% levy increase for 2014, which

Council approved in December. Information received from Ramsey County in November shows that over 43% of residential properties within the City of Maplewood should see a decrease in their total 2014 property tax bill. The effect of the 2014 City levy on a median value home in Maplewood is as follows:

Estimated Impact of 2014 City Levy on Median Value Home

	PAY 2013	2014-2018	% Change	\$ Change
Median Value Home	\$160,700	\$157,000	-2.30%	
Homestead Mkt Value Excl.	(\$22,800)	(\$23,100)	1.32%	
Taxable Market Value	\$137,900	\$133,900	-2.90%	
Tax Capacity	\$1,379	\$1,339	-2.90%	
City Tax Rate	48.659%	48.308%	-0.72%	
Market Value Tax Rate	0.02227%	0.01963%	-11.85%	
CITY TAX	\$706.79	\$677.67	-4.12%	(\$29.12)

Home market values do not increase or decrease by the same percentage for all properties.

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Maplewood Honors Veterans

Over the last year the city council and city staff have made efforts to honor those who have or are currently serving in the military. As a City, we support Beyond the Yellow Ribbon which is a community of volunteers who are devoted to honoring and supporting service members and their families. To further show our support we have attempted to recognize our veterans at council meetings and write feature articles for the Maplewood Monthly highlighting those who have given so much.

Recently I had the opportunity to spend a bit of time with individuals who served in the 1950's and 1960's in an environment that they are comfortable in; an American Legion Post located in the middle of California's desert. They are a community; a family that has bound together to support each other, to have a place to congregate, to share meals and for some a place to go where others understand that, while their years of service were over decades ago, they are still soldiers.

I recall one gentleman, weathered face and hunched shoulders telling me a story about digging a foxhole (a shallow pit dug by a soldier in combat for immediate refuge against enemy fire) as he and his fellow soldiers could hear enemy fire approaching. He was 19 years old at the time. It was apparent to me that whatever time has passed since his military service, time has not erased the pain of his experience.

Recently I approached someone that served in Vietnam and asked if he would share his story. His response brought me to tears and helped me to understand the reluctance that some have in sharing, and ultimately reliving their experience.

If this effort to highlight our military in the Maplewood Living monthly does not achieve what we had hoped, we will continue to encourage our community to be cognizant of the sacrifices made by those who served and those who remained at home.

For them we are grateful.

"The willingness of America's veterans to sacrifice for our country has earned them our lasting gratitude."
—Jeff Miller



Karen Guilfoile, Citizen Services/
Communications Director

Early Childhood Resource Fair



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Saturday, January 25, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
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Come learn about resources available for you and your family at Maplewood Community Center's Early Childhood Resource Fair. Over 30 community organizations will be providing information and access to a variety of services for young children in the Twin Cities area. Learn about the latest educational tools and local resources designed to help your child reach their full potential. Visit with a wide variety of educational institutions and learn how one program differs from another.

While parents are learning about area education offerings children can enjoy free face painting, crafts, and other activities. Don't miss live entertainment from the Teddy Bear Band – consistently recognized as the "best children's music artist" without exception. Bring your teddy bear along and get in on the fun. For more details visit www.maplewoodcommunitycenter.com or call 651.249.2103.

Sasha Meyer Joins MCC As the New Banquet and Events Coordinator



Sasha is a 2004 graduate of Southwest State University with a Bachelors Degree in Speech Communications. She most recently worked at Treasure Island Resort and Casino as the Entertainment and Promotions Manager. While at Treasure Island she worked with a variety

of national entertainers such as Bill Cosby, Randy Travis, and the band Chicago.

Sasha oversees the MCC banquet facilities, Maplewood Performing Arts Theatre, and the MCC Childcare. As a recent bride herself, Sasha is excited to help newly engaged couples experience a memorable day at the Maplewood Community Center. She helps reduce the stress of planning and organizing any special event from a corporate conference to a wedding reception to a company holiday party. She can assist with planning any event you can dream up. To plan your event at MCC, contact Sasha at (651) 249-2103 or sasha.meyer@ci.maplewood.mn.us.

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The following articles highlight businesses licensed with the City. If you are interested in having your business highlighted contact Karen Guilfoile at 651.249.2002 or email karen.guilfoile@ci.maplewood.mn.us.

Revolutionizing Urban Farming



Dave Roeser, owner of Garden Fresh Farms

Dave Roeser discovered a new business opportunity and a use for his vacant 20,000 square foot Maplewood warehouse in 2010. Roeser partnered with his wife, DJ, and his biologist son Bryan to start Garden Fresh Farms - an eco-focused urban farming and aquaponics business.

Their goal was to grow greener and faster produce indoors. They grow a bounty of crops year-round and get rid of the environmental and financial costs of trucking in fresh food from other areas.

They also incorporate fish into their growing cycle. Their team designed and patented equipment that grows herbs and vegetables without natural light, pesticides, herbicides, or extra fertilizer. Wastewater from the rainbow trout and tilapia contain nitrogen and when mixed with bacteria, it becomes fertilizer for the plants.

Using Garden Fresh Farm's process, there is continual harvest of 1,100 lettuce plants and 40 pounds of basil per

day, five days a week. The system uses about 95 percent less water than a traditional farm and far less energy than a greenhouse because of the efficient lighting system, says Roeser.

This is definitely not your traditional Minnesota farm. Lettuce grows vertically on the walls and basil grows in large cylinders that rotate around light. In one year, Garden Fresh Farms grows a whopping 538,000 plants and can raise 60,000 fish! It sells its product to restaurants and CSA customers.

Garden Fresh Farms has won multiple awards including: Sept 2013 - Minnesota Cup Clean Tech Water & Energy divisional winner, Oct. 2013 - Midwest Regional CleanTech Open Sustainability Award winner, Nov. 2013 - CleanTech Open Global Forum, National Sustainability winner.

Roeser plans to expand Garden Fresh Farms. For consumers this signifies high-quality produce, grown locally. They are all about environmental conservationism. The entire process will always be recycle, reuse, and reduce.

Call (612) 886-6631 or visit the website to learn more.
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Maplewood Mall Gets A Face-lift and New Retail Stores



Maplewood Mall welcomes millions of visitors every year and is a staple of the community. It's anchored by J.C. Penny, Kohl's, Macy's, Sears, and Barnes & Noble with over 130 other specialty stores. One of the main goals for the renovation of Maplewood Mall was to create an upbeat and inviting atmosphere to attract shoppers and make the mall a destination.

The updates to the mall have been mostly cosmetic and were complete April 2012. The mall now has a remodeled food court, five redesigned main entrances, new flooring energy-efficient lighting, and carpeted soft seating areas throughout the common area. The Ramsey-Metro Watershed District designed and installed rain gardens, tree trenches, and a cistern at the mall in an effort to eliminate run-off. The Children's Play Area has also been updated with new soft pathway design carpeting and fun activities for children.

Maplewood Mall has added new retailers including: Shoe Dept. Encore, Body Central, rue21, H & M, and Wireless Toy Box, with even more exciting retailers coming in 2014! Customers can follow the mall on Facebook and Twitter for new retailer announcements. Call (651) 770-3863 or visit the website to learn more.
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Therefore, the estimated city tax amount may be higher for some, particularly if there have been improvements that add value. Similarly, a larger decrease in value could cause a larger decrease in taxes.

Providing a Good Value

Under the proposed city budget, the median value homeowner receives police and fire protection; snow plowing and street maintenance; park development and maintenance; recreational programs and facilities; and many other services for about \$56.47 per month.

Summary

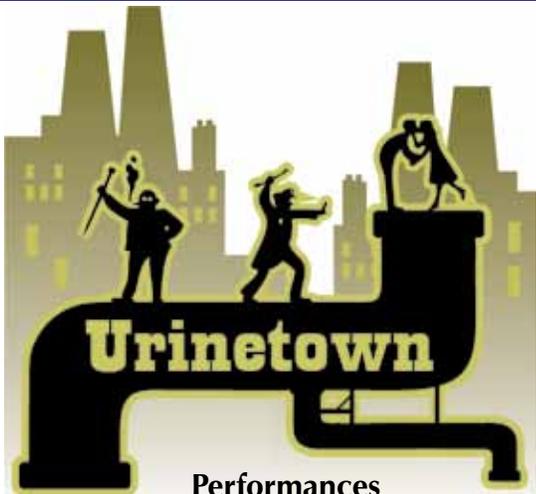
The adopted levy (no increase over 2013) will provide sufficient resources for the continuation of city services in 2014. General Fund expenditures are set to increase by 1.4% with the property tax levy being the main source of revenue for the General Fund. More information about the 2014 city budget is available on the City website at www.ci.maplewood.mn.us. Comments on the City budget or levy can be sent to gayle.bauman@ci.maplewood.mn.us or chuck.ahl@ci.maplewood.mn.us.

Breakdown of the Monthly Levy by Department:

Citizen Services	\$2.45
Community Development	2.86
Executive	1.82
Finance	1.57
Fire	5.24
Building Maintenance	1.15
Legislative	0.31
Parks & Recreation	3.56
Police	16.92
Public Works	6.39
Debt Service (applies to multiple depts.)	14.20



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Mayor Slawik Appointed to the Transportation Advisory Board

Mayor Slawik was recently appointed to the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB). This appointment is a much coveted position in the Metro area. Interested candidates apply through a lengthy application process and board members are selected by the Metro Cities Association. The TAB works through the Metropolitan Council and allocates federal transportation dollars to our region. In previous years these allocations totaled in excess of \$95 million per year on a two-year cycle. Maplewood recently used over \$8.0 million of funds that were allocated by TAB for the Highway 36 - English Street Interchange project. Congratulations Mayor Slawik!



Mayor Nora Slawik

Maplewood Welcomes Five New Police Officers To The Force

In January, five new Maplewood police officers were sworn in along with the Mayor and Councilmembers. The process of selecting new police officers is comprehensive. It includes a panel review, background investigations, and peer association histories.

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Pictured left to right: Police Chief Paul Schnell at the podium, Officer Ben Slater, Officer Zac Schoen, Officer Parker Olding, Officer Maria Mulvihill, Officer Mike Hoemke

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2014 Maplewood Trash Rates

Based on changes in the Consumer Price Index and Fuel Index there will be a slight increase in the City's 2014 trash hauling rates (per the City's trash hauling contract with Allied Waste/Republic Services).

Beginning April 1, 2014, trash hauling rates are as follows:



Rates listed include \$.75 cart fee and taxes (28% county and 9.75% state)

20 gallon cart (every other week)	\$6.93
20 gallon cart (every week)	\$9.42
32 gallon cart (every week)	\$10.72
65 gallon cart (every week)	\$11.98
95 gallon cart (every week)	\$13.42

For additional information, visit the City's trash webpage at www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/trash or contact Allied at (651) 455-8634.

Historic Context Study

Maplewood's Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC) invites the community to participate in the Historic Context Study for the City. This type of study organizes history based on cultural themes and their geographical and chronological limits. For example, one historic context for the state of Minnesota is Early Agriculture and River Settlement (1840-1870). The context study focuses on broad themes that the City can use to organize and evaluate resources, creating a foundation for future preservation planning and projects.

Join commissioners and consultants from Thomas Zahn and Associates to help discuss themes in Maplewood's history at the February 13, 2014 meeting, 7:00 pm, in the Council Chambers at Maplewood City Hall.

The historic context study is funded by a grant from the State of Minnesota, from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund through the Minnesota Historical Society. For questions, contact Ginny Gaynor, (651) 249-2416.

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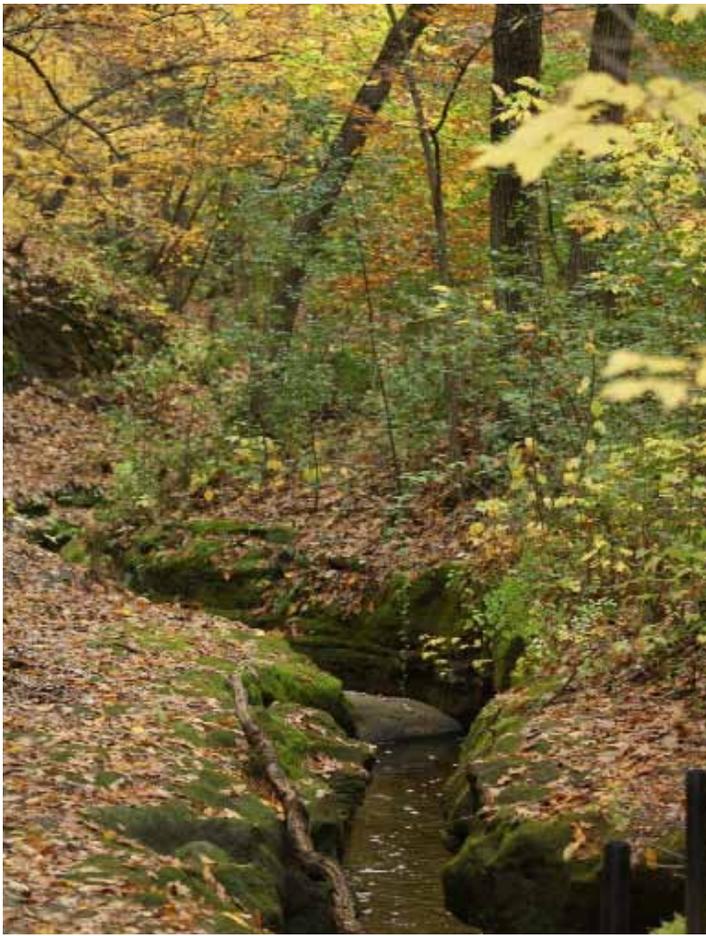
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MAPLEWOOD ACQUIRES 70-ACRE FISH CREEK SITE

For over 25 years the dream of preserving open space south of Carver Road has been gathering momentum. In December 2013, Maplewood acquired the 70-acre Fish Creek property. The City thanks the many partners and residents who worked to make this dream come true!

The Conservation Fund purchased the site in 2011 and agreed to hold it for two years to give the City and its key partners, Ramsey County and Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District, time to raise the \$2.2 million needed. Generous donations from the Maplewood-based

3M Foundation, Friends of the Mississippi River and individual donors were provided. A Natural and Scenic Area grant from the Department of Natural Resources as well as a grant from the Minnesota Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund also made this conservation achievement possible.

The scenic site, located north of the Highway 61 and Highway 494 junction, features a mix of natural landscapes, including open rolling hills, prairie grassland, wetlands, woodlands and scenic bluff-top views of the Mississippi River floodplain. Adjacent to Ramsey County's

130-acre Fish Creek Open Space, this conservation purchase will allow the City and County to one day develop the Fish Creek Hiking Trail, which will connect Point Douglas Road in St. Paul to Carver Lake Park in Woodbury along picturesque Fish Creek.

Twenty acres of the newly acquired parcel will be deeded to Ramsey County. The City and County plan to jointly manage the new Fish Creek property, including developing additional nature trails throughout the site. Great River Greening and the Friends of the Mississippi River will continue working with the City and County to restore the property's natural forested and grassland habitats to benefit a variety

of wildlife species. Enough funds were raised to permanently protect 62 acres of the site. If additional funding is secured, the City will be able to keep and preserve the eight acres along Carver Road.

"This has been a true collaborative effort," DuWayne Konewko, Parks and Recreation Director for Maplewood explained. "Without the strong leadership of Maplewood City Council, The Conservation Fund, our partners and residents this project would not be possible."



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From The Desk Of The City Manager



City Manager
Chuck Ahl

As this edition of our monthly newsletter arrives in your home or business, it is late January or early in February. I recently read an article about a study that found 50% of us set resolutions to begin our new year. Unfortunately, the study found that 88% of those resolutions are broken within two months.

The study went on to suggest that resolutions likely to fail were those that were not specific, such as "lose weight"; while the ones most likely to succeed were more specific. The author suggests that instead of "lose weight", we should make goals such as "I will take a brisk walk for 30 minutes at noon on Monday, Wednesday and Friday". In Maplewood, we hope you take that walk on our City trails or as a member at Maplewood Community Center!

I share this thought because it is time for our City staff to begin the goal setting process for our City Departments. As we set the goals for the City with two new members joining our City Council, I would like to share a few thoughts on the direction that I hope that we can take in the next few years. I shared a quote by John Baldoni with our Management Team the other morning: "Encourage people to view change as a breath of fresh air that can invigorate old thinking and open the windows to new thought". I think that captures the view from our Management Team. I also love the quote from the new Mayor of New York, Bill De Blasio, who stated that he wants a City that is safer, cleaner, nicer, healthier, and friendlier". Again, taking from Mayor De Blasio, I hope that in Maplewood our mission will be that we, as your City employees, can deliver to you an urgent style of governance, where we get things done with brisk efficiency.

The Maplewood Department Heads recently went through a visioning process and I was so proud to be a member of that team. Each of the Department Heads talked about taking a fresh look at operations. The goal is to be certain that we are efficient in what we currently do before we tackle new projects. However, new approaches and new directions are part of their goals for 2014.

As we begin our second month of 2014, I shared the following with all of our Maplewood employees: There are four words that provide the guidance for me each day. I certainly did not develop this, as I heard a presenter at a conference state it, but, I try to convey

this as a daily reminder as I hope our organization moves forward. The four words are: Purpose, Passion, Pride and Privilege. Briefly, I look at this as meaning that whatever our role at Maplewood, we need a Purpose. What are we doing and how is it part of our mission and goal as a department and City? This is our visioning process. Second is Passion. Have a Passion for whatever it is that you do. Third, take Pride in your work. It is important and vital. Finally, I believe and thank God every day that I have a job in Maplewood; and, I think it is an absolute Privilege to have that job. In my case, I have the greatest Privilege to serve as your City Manager, and, what a Privilege it is that our City Council provides us with the Privilege to give them a recommendation on many of the items that the five Council members face as they set policies for the operation of their City of Maplewood. I take that extremely seriously and hope to meet all your expectations in 2014 and beyond.

As our Department Heads finalize their vision and share that vision with the City Council in February and March, I believe the final outcome will mean many exciting changes for our departments as our leaders look for ways to do things better. I do not foresee that Maplewood will grow by adding numerous sources of new revenue or significantly higher taxes, but, I challenged our department heads to do many new things by prioritizing and doing away with things that don't work and are not effective. That might mean doing things different and ending some long standing programs that need to be replaced with more efficient services. In some cases, change can be disrupting and scary. Our team resolves to use our guiding principles to find our Purpose; we will do our jobs with a Passion; we will take Pride in what we do, and recognize the Privilege that we enjoy. I hope that you will join in this exciting journey so that we make our resolutions a success for 2014 and beyond.



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RECYCLING CART ROLL OUT

In December the City Council authorized a four-year recycling contract with Tennis Sanitation, LLC. The contract began January 1, 2014 and ends December 31, 2017. Tennis has been the City's recycling contractor for the last three years, with single sort recycling collected in the City-supplied recycling bins. The new contract requires that Tennis supply recycling carts for the City's recycling program. The roll out of recycling carts is planned as follows:

- 65 gallon recycling carts delivered to all single family properties.
- 32 gallon recycling carts delivered to all townhomes and manufactured homes with curbside recycling.
- Residents are asked to try out the standard size for three months prior to requesting a change.
- Carts to be rolled out in March 2014.
- Existing recycling bins can be retained by the property owner, or tipped upside down and left at the curb on recycling day. The recycling bins will then be collected by Tennis and recycled.

For up to date information on the cart roll out visit the City's recycling webpage at www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/recycling or contact Tennis at (651) 459-1887.

Maplewood Police Department *Establishes* 2014 Priorities

Based on feedback received through the recent online Community Safety Survey, and a review of crime and call for service data, the Maplewood Police Department has established the policing priorities for 2014. The list of suggested focus areas provided by survey respondents was quite comprehensive. The top community concerns included: drug and alcohol crimes, theft, domestic and family violence, drunk driving, vandalism, and gang problems.

The following priorities and preliminary strategies were established:

Domestic and Family Violence Strategies:

- Continued zero tolerance enforcement of domestic violence offenders.
- Identification of a top 10 offender list.
- Proactive "Order for Protection" and "Domestic Abuse No Contact Order" (restraining orders) compliance checks.
- Strengthened partnership and collaboration with local domestic violence advocacy services.

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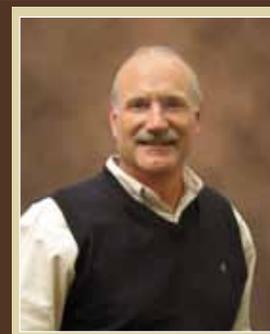
William (Will) R. Rossbach

City of Maplewood

City Council Member 2004 – 2009

Mayor 2010 – 2013

The City Council and city staff would like to thank former Mayor Will Rossbach for his 24+ years of service to the city and wish him and his wife Beth well as he retires from elected service.



In his personal life Will is a remodeling contractor and co-owner of Rossbach Construction where he has been employed for 35 years. During his 24+ year tenure as an elected council member and Mayor, Will served and/or was involved in the following:

Additional Government Related Involvement:

- Rush Line Corridor Task Force member (8 years)
- Past President of the Ramsey County League of Local Government (8 years)
- NEST (North East Suburban Transit) Commission Member (6 years)
- LOCATE Task Force alternate (1 year)
- Water Commissioner St. Paul Regional Water Service (6 years)
- Gateway Corridor (2-3 years)
- Transportation Advisory Board (2-3 years)
- Municipal Legislative Commission (On and off for 4 years)
- League of Minnesota Policy Committee (3 years)
- Tartan Ice Arena Joint Powers Board (as needed)
- Firefighters Relief Association Board (4 years)
- Planning Commission Liaison (6 years)
- Parks and Recreation Commission Liaison (2 years)
- Maplewood Historical Society (10 years)

Will plans on spending some of his free time devoted to his construction business and with family. Will enjoys outdoor activities particularly hunting, fishing, hiking and enjoying time at cabin property in northwest Wisconsin. Will has been married to wife Beth, 33 years; they have three daughters and three grandchildren.

Thank you again Will for your 20+ years of service – we wish you well.

A Valentine's Day Celebration

FEBRUARY 14, 7:30PM

at Maplewood Community Center

Looking for a fun and festive adult night out on the town? Pop into the Maplewood Community Center for a Pop Up Valentine's Day Event. Start the night off by hitting our tasty dessert bar. Then, head into the theater for a great performance of, "Pop Up Musical." Inspired by VH1's Pop Up Video series, and with a nod to Mystery Science Theater 3000, Pop Up Musical provides a fresh twist on the live musical revue. Pop Up Musical features four vocalists and a flip chart in an energetic variety show of Broadway musical hits interspersed with informative "pop ups" throughout each number. You'll hear gems like "Luck Be A Lady," "Edelweiss," "Seasons of Love" and more, augmented by fun facts and some snarky commentary. Purchase tickets for this fun night out at www.maplewoodarts.com.



Bridal Expo

FEBRUARY 15, 12:00 - 3:00PM

at Maplewood Community Center

Wedding woes? Worry no more! The Maplewood Community Center's semi-annual Bridal Expo will provide you with everything you need to plan your special day. Meet with dozens of Minnesota's top wedding professionals and learn about everything from cake and catering to flowers and photos. Offering a comprehensive collection of vendors including event planners, photographers, florists, DJs and transportation specialists, the 2014 Winter Bridal Expo is your one-stop wedding planning resource. Bring your family, your friends, and of course, your wedding party for a day of fun, food, and fashion. Whether you have just started your wedding planning or are putting the finishing touches on your event, this Bridal Expo will offer something for everyone. To purchase your tickets, call (651) 249-2230. Admission is free with pre-registration or \$5.00 at the door.



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Maplewood BUSINESS HIGHLIGHT

“Nesting Too” Fine Consignment & Boutique Opens In Maplewood



After eight years in business in Downtown White Bear Lake, sisters Deb Walczak and CoCo Millage of Nesting, Inc. Fine Consignments & Boutique have opened a second location in Maplewood. With customers travelling across the Twin Cities, the Maplewood location offers a closer destination in addition to a whole new source of fine home furnishings, consignments, and enhanced product selection.

Deb & CoCo are supported by their two sisters, Dawne & Jules, to help round out their suite of services that range from interior design and color consultation to contracted original works of art and complete painting & refinishing services. The popular Creative re-Design, Model, and For-Sale Staging services have been a great asset to both Nesting and their customers. With a never ending supply of new items weekly, it pays to stop in often or check the website (www.nestinginc.com) for updates on new products in each location. Additionally, they offer on-line shopping through the Legacy Line featuring high-end and unique pieces.



Nesting Too is located at 1705 Cope Avenue E just off of the Hwy 36 and White Bear Avenue exchange and is open every Friday & Saturday from 10:00am - 6:00pm. No appointment is necessary to bring in your home furnishing and accessories consignments. Call (651) 493.3558 or visit the website to learn more. www.nestinginc.com

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Drug and Alcohol Crimes Strategies:

- Increased drug intelligence gathering, investigation, and interdiction.
- Encourage use of text message based tip system for providing drug, weapon, and general crime tips.
- Expand capability and use of K-9 resources for narcotics interdiction.
- Monitoring of DWI blood alcohol levels as a possible indicator of over-service issues.

Theft and Theft-related Crime Strategies:

- Increased crime prevention education and hot spot target hardening through increased presence.
- Employ use of portable wireless video cameras to target theft from vehicle hot spots (parks, parking lots, etc.).
- Re-implement assignment of retail crime officers to increase deterrence, provide rapid response, and coordinate with neighboring jurisdictions regarding organized retail crime groups.
- Explore regular public release of surveillance photographs of theft and/or credit card fraud suspects to increase potential for identification.
- Deployment of multiple Automatic License Plate Reader (LPR) technology to quickly and efficiently identify stolen vehicles and/or stolen license plates.

Traffic Safety Strategies:

- Increased on-duty targeted traffic enforcement around high crash areas.
- Enhancement of stop sign and stop light violation enforcement efforts
- Periodic publicized enforcement efforts to address distracted driving, seat belt use, speeding, and impaired driving.
- Increased speed enforcement and use of the department speed radar trailer.
- Continued involvement and participation in the interagency Ramsey County Traffic Safety Collaborative.



While the department has these targeted priorities for 2014, there continues to be a general commitment to provide responsive service through proactive patrol and easy access. Know that your police department is committed to effective problem identification and encourages residents to report any and all suspicious activity. If you have a suggestion to include in our 2014 strategies, call (651) 249-2602 or email Chief Schnell at paul.schnell@ci.maplewood.mn.us.

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The department then presented its recommendation to the City Manager, who extended conditional offers of employment to our candidates.

The selection process is based on the fact that police officers have a unique role in a democratic society. While officers are granted immense authority in accordance with the law, they are at the same time expected to exercise equally high levels of restraint in the use of that authority. The Maplewood Police Department expects officers to be ethically just, courageous, and empathetic in the performance of their duties. It is also expected that our officers will be tenacious in their pursuit of those who harm the safety and quality of life for those who live, work, and visit this great City.

In the end, officers have a three-fold responsibility:

1. Promote community peace,
2. Maintain order, and
3. Enforce the laws

During the swearing in ceremony, the new officers were reminded that the Oath of Office is their promise to provide public service to this community as peace officers.

We welcome our new police officers and extend wishes for a long and safe career in service to the people of Maplewood.

The new officers are (pictured on cover page):

- Officer Michael Hoemke
- Officer Maria Mulvihill
- Officer Parker Olding
- Officer Zachary Schoen
- Officer Benjamin Slater



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More details coming in the April issue - www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/cleanups

*Maplewood
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Maplewood Baseball Sign-up

Baseball registration for grades 2 through high school seniors is now open. To register or for more information go to www.maplewoodbaseball.org. Visit the web page "Board of Directors" and call or email with any questions.



Project Planners Want Your Input On The Gateway Corridor Project

Bus Rapid Transit and Light Rail Transit are currently under consideration in the Gateway Corridor, a proposed transitway near Interstate 94 from Union Depot in downtown Saint Paul to Manning Avenue. The Gateway Corridor will connect downtown Saint Paul with its east side neighborhoods and the suburban cities of Maplewood, Landfall, Oakdale, Lake Elmo, and Woodbury.

The Gateway Corridor project is beginning preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), which will provide decision-makers and the public with a full discussion of the environmental impacts associated with constructing and operating each of the transit alternatives under consideration in the Corridor.

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Wakefield Lake Water Quality Issues

Wakefield Lake is under the spotlight. In 2002, Wakefield Lake was listed as having impaired water quality, with high levels of phosphorus above the State of Minnesota water quality standards. Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District has been working with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency to perform a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) study of Wakefield Lake to better understand what has contributed to the water quality problems. As part of the study, the District has also been identifying potential opportunities to improve the lake's water quality to meet the state water quality standards.

On Monday, March 17 from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm, the community is invited to attend a public meeting to hear the results of the water quality study and learn about potential water quality improvement opportunities in Wakefield Lake and its surrounding sub-watershed. The meeting will be held in Maplewood's City Hall Council chambers at 1830 County Road B East in Maplewood. Visit www.rwmwd.org (upcoming events) for more information.



Wakefield Lake located upstream of Lake Phalen, is under the spotlight

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Commission Openings

Apply Today! There are 3 vacancies on the Human Rights Commission. For more details or to download an application, visit www.ci.maplewood.mn.us or call City Hall at 651.249.2000. The application deadline is March 28, 2014.

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.ci.maplewood.mn.us for the meeting schedule of the City Council, Commissions and Boards.

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NEW RECYCLING *Carts*



Tennis will roll out their standard 65 and 35 gallon carts in March for the City's recycling program.

In March the City will be converting its recycling program to the collection of recyclables in carts. The carts are being supplied by Tennis Sanitation, the City's recycling contractor, in two sizes: 65 gallon cart for single family homes and 35 gallon cart for

townhomes and manufactured homes. Residents are asked to try out the standard cart size delivered to them for three months prior to requesting a change. After the initial three months, residents can request a cart size change (35 or 65 gallon cart); with up to two free changes per property. Subsequent changes will be charged a \$25 fee by Tennis. The sale or transfer of property will result in the new owner being provided up to two cart changes.

Tennis will deliver the carts on scheduled recycling pick up days throughout the month of March. Once carts are delivered residents can begin using them right away. Feel free to keep your existing recycling bins for your own storage needs, or recycle them by placing them upside down at the curb on your recycling day.

For up to date recycling cart information, visit the City's recycling webpage at www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/recyclingcarts.

Tennis Sanitation Customer Service: (651) 459-1887

TRASH HAULING NEWS



Allied Waste Is Now Republic Services

Allied has updated their company name to the name they are known by nationally - Republic Services. They are the same company with the same staff providing service to our community.

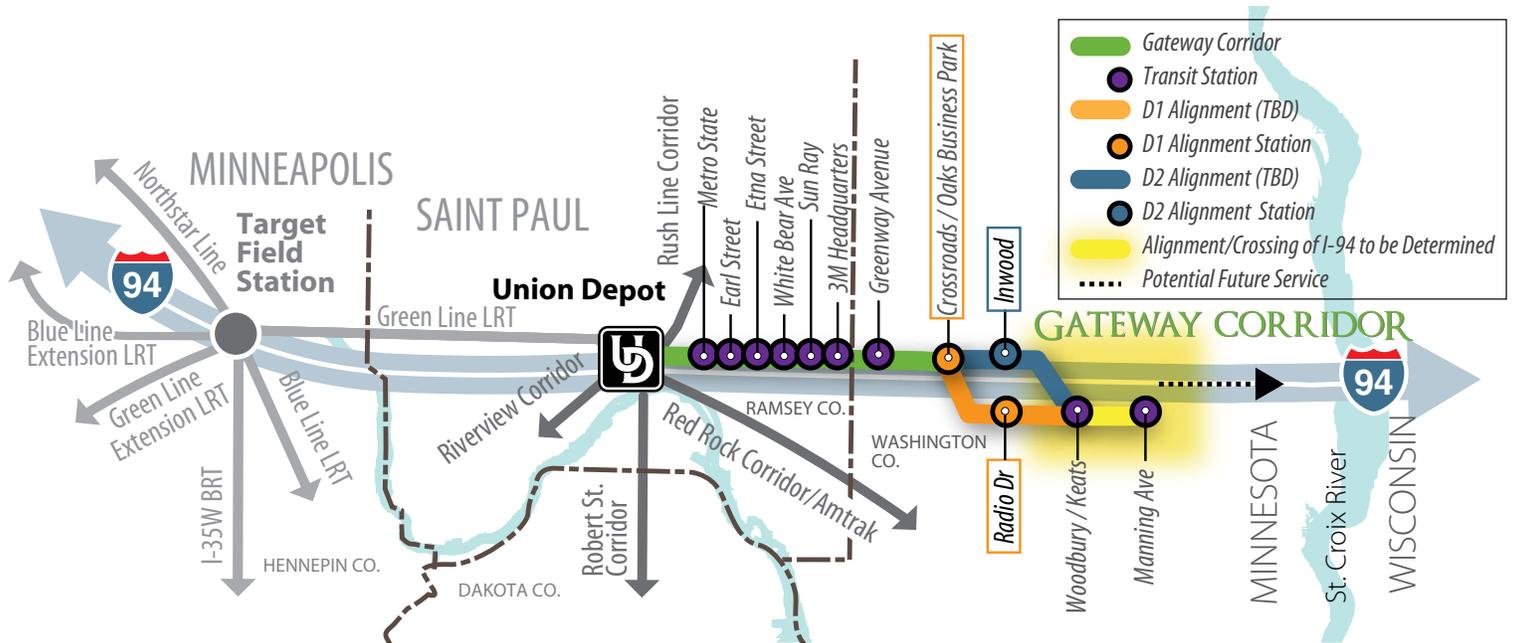
2014 Trash Hauling Rates: Beginning April 1, 2014 the MONTHLY trash hauling rates are as follows (rates quoted include all taxes and fees):

<u>Container Size</u>	<u>Service Level</u>	<u>Monthly Rate</u>
20 gallon	every other week pick up	\$6.93
20 gallon	every week pick up	\$9.42
32 gallon	every week pick up	\$10.72
65 gallon	every week pick up	\$11.98
95 gallon	every week pick up	\$13.42

Republic Services Customer Service: (651) 455-8634



GATEWAY CORRIDOR



Gateway Corridor Project Planners Seek Your Input

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The process of preparing a Draft EIS begins with Scoping, a process of determining which transit alternatives and issues will be evaluated and assessed in the Draft EIS. If you are interested in the Gateway Corridor project, you are encouraged to take part in the Scoping process. Project planners are especially interested in your input on:

- The purpose and need for the project
- The alternatives proposed for study
- Project impacts or benefits that should be evaluated

There are several ways to participate: visit the Gateway Corridor website www.thegatewaycorridor.com to learn more about the project; attend a meeting to learn about the Scoping process and share your thoughts; or submit comments on the project by email to gatewaycorridor@co.washington.mn.us or mail Andy Gitzlaff, Project Manager, Washington County Public Works Department, 11660 Myeron Road North, Stillwater, MN 55082.

**THE SCOPING PERIOD CLOSES ON APRIL 16, 2014.
ALL COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THAT DATE.**

Scoping Meetings

Formal public Scoping meetings are scheduled for the following dates and locations:

Scoping Open House #1

Monday, March 24, 4:30-6:30 PM
Guardian Angels Church
8260 4th Street N, Oakdale, MN 55128

Scoping Open House #2

Tuesday, March 25, 4:30-6:30 PM
Conway Recreation Center
2090 Conway Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55119

Policy Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday, April 10, 2:00 PM
Woodbury City Hall
8301 Valley Creek Rd, Woodbury, MN 55125

The PAC will be hearing comments and accepting comments at their April 10th Meeting.

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 Kathleen Juenemann



It's 2014: Maplewood is "on the map", recognized by local, regional and national organizations as a leader in environmental, operational and fiscal sustainability. Such accomplishments and recognition are not accidental or incidental. In 2012 and 2013, a great deal of effort and energy was directed to brainstorming, planning and initiating goals, projects and visions for our future. Moving into 2014, our ultimate goal as a city is to create innovative efficiencies while providing current or improved levels of services - sustainability.

There are significant, exciting projects moving forward in public safety. The facilities expansion and technology upgrades in the Police Department are now in phase 3, which includes expansion and remodeling of the current department facility to include adequate locker and garage facilities in order to accommodate technology and electronic needs and help reduce the carbon footprint created by police vehicles; completion of these improvements and associated organizational changes is anticipated by late August.

Construction of the East Metro Public Safety/Fire Training Facility is progressing toward completion at the intersection of Highway 5 and Century Avenue. This complex will be a regional public safety asset, serving at least 12 participating departments/municipalities, with a target operational date of June 1, 2014. Also of high importance is the construction of the new fire station located on property donated by 3M near McKnight Road, planned to be "up and running" by November 1, 2014. This project represents a new concept for our city with the location of a Maplewood Police Substation in this building.

Another principal council and staff goal in 2014 is

increased effort and focus on economic development. As of this writing, there are two major projects "in the works". 3M Company has begun construction of a new \$150+ million research and development facility, a significant investment in our community. It seems likely that there will be a \$20+ million redevelopment project on Maplewood Bowl site in Gladstone.

In addition, Melinda Coleman, our Assistant City Manager/ Environmental and Economic Development Director will be using her expertise, experience and land use knowledge to focus on redevelopment (commercial and residential) and will be working with our Housing and Economic Development Commission (HEDC) to work on property marketing and business development.

One more high priority goal continues to be improvements to our parks and management of open spaces. Significant progress has been made on a comprehensive Parks Plan to lay out the best approach for revitalizing, managing and finding a sustainable system for our parks and open spaces. The final plan, due to Council by December, should be a well-founded, reliable document, thanks to the efforts of staff, Parks and Recreation Commission, Parks Planning Task Force, an experienced consultant and a citizen survey.

Maplewood has been recognized many times for our outstanding, progressive environmental policies and natural resources protection. Thanks to the work of our Environmental & Natural Resources Commission, environmental, parks and public works staff, and a willing City Council, we are known as leaders in open space, natural resources and water quality protections, alternative energy policies, organized trash collection, green building standards and much more.

This is an exciting and promising time to be a Maplewood resident and an elected official. I am grateful for my re-election to the City Council and I pledge to continue to work hard and to be creative and cooperative in visioning for our future. It is my hope that you are proud, glad and enthused to be residents of the great City of Maplewood!

From The Desk Of The City Manager



City Manager
Chuck Ahl

The City of Maplewood operates on a calendar basis from a planning and budgetary standpoint. That means that early in the year, while our finance staff are “closing the books” and preparing for the audit of 2013 operations, the management staff begin the planning process for 2015 and beyond. The Council and staff

meet in a session called a Retreat during the first week of March. The goals for 2012 – 2014 were Public Safety Infrastructure Improvements, Economic Development Initiatives, Financial Sustainability, Analysis of Park and Recreation Investments, and Consideration of Consolidation and Coordination of City Services. We have reported about the investment in our Public Safety facilities over the past months, our budget reports have described the efforts to make the City’s financial systems sustainable, a number of articles have been published about our Parks Task Force and a recent report identified 36 cooperative efforts that our staff implement to share municipal services. The one area that the staff is still working to implement significant progress on is the Economic Development initiative. Certainly the new \$156 million Research and Development Facility at 3M is one of the top economic development within the state.

The City has been attempting to begin redevelopment in a number of areas of our City. One of those areas is in the Gladstone neighborhood. The City recently was approved for a \$1.9 million grant to begin the

redevelopment of the Maplewood Bowl property, which closed during the early months of 2013 and the building has been boarded up. The grant will help the City partner with a developer to add housing and a commercial component to the property. The City approach is to provide as little as possible in public funds to make a project that meets the overall goals of the original area plan, as well as a project that continues future projects in the area. At the Maplewood Bowl site, the building and parking lot need to be cleared to make the project equitable to the developer in comparison to vacant property in outer suburbs. Subsidies will also be considered because a market study has found that market rate rents would be too high to attract enough residents to make the project successful for a developer. The facts are that because the City is providing funding in partnership with the developer, the type of housing is part of an agreement that requires work-force housing. Studies show that the new rents will still be nearly \$100 per month higher than current rents in the area. The proposal requires hearings and evaluation throughout the next 4-6 months prior to a final project being considered for approval. Information on the proposal and hearings will be posted on the Maplewood webpage under our Environment and Economic Development Department webpage. We also will continue to share information about our economic development efforts in other areas of our City in future articles in our Maplewood Living publication.

To provide comments about this article, please contact Chuck Ahl at Chuck.ahl@ci.maplewood.mn.us.

MnPASS Construction Improves Traffic Flow

This month the Minnesota Department of Transportation will begin the Interstate 35E MnPASS construction project between Maryland Avenue and Little Canada Road in St. Paul, Maplewood and Little Canada. The beginning of construction will be marked with a weekend closure of I-35E between Highway 36 and I-94 on March 7-10. During the closure crews will remove the Wheelock Parkway and Arlington Avenue bridges spanning the interstate. The two-year project also includes replacing the Larpenteur Avenue Bridge and the I-35E bridges spanning Roselawn Avenue, County Road B and Highway 36; improving the pavement on I-35E; and constructing MnPASS Express Lanes on both directions of I-35E between Little Canada Road and Cayuga Street.

During the 2014 and 2015 construction season, there will be some long-term lane restrictions and ramp closures on I-35E and some periodic night work. When the project is complete, motorists should notice improvements in the flow of traffic and pedestrians will notice some accessibility upgrades. Residents and motorists can access the latest construction information and sign up for e-mail notifications at www.mndot.gov/metro/projects/35estpaul/index.html.



SAVE THE DATE: MAPLEWOOD SENIOR WELLNESS EXPO

THURSDAY, APRIL 10 (10:00 am – 2:00 pm)

Maplewood's Senior Expo is back for another exciting day packed full of information, giveaways, demonstrations, presentations, and more!



The wellness expo will be held on Thursday, April 10 from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm at the Maplewood Community Center located at 2100 White Bear Avenue. Save the date today and plan to participate in a full line-up of activities designed to keep you entertained, educated, and informed. Watch for more details in the April issue.

Community Garden Plots Available

Grow Your Own Local Organic Food! The City will till the garden, stake the plots, and provide a water tank. Renters agree to plant, maintain, and harvest their plots using organic (chemical-free) methods. Fee: \$25/plot for the full 2014 season; Plots are 12' x 15' - Register in person at Edgerton Community Gym, March 24 from 5-7 pm. General registration begins March 25. General Registration by mail/phone begins March 25: Call (651) 249-2170 or visit www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/communitygarden.



SPRING SWIM REGISTRATION GOING ON NOW!



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private organizations. Our goal is to teach children that water is not something to be feared, but rather respected. By giving them the skills they need to enjoy water safely and helping them to understand their limits, we'll teach your children to swim, splash, and play in a safe way.

Maplewood Community Center offers over 500 swim lesson options. The zero-depth entry leisure pool is kept at a comfortable 86 degrees. Course descriptions may be found on our website at www.maplewoodcommunitycenter.com. All full spring sessions include eight lessons and cost \$73.00 (\$58.00 for MCC members).

To register, stop by the Maplewood Community Center customer service desk (Monday 9:00 am - 7:00 pm, Tuesday - Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm). Online registration is also available at www.ci.maplewood.mn.us. Or register by phone at (651) 249-2230.

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Maplewood BUSINESS HIGHLIGHTS

Entira Family Clinics - Maplewood/Battle Creek Clinic Celebrates 50 years!



The Entira Family Clinics-Maplewood/Battle Creek location has been treating local families for 50 years.

On July 1, 1963, the Entira Family

Clinics- Maplewood Battle Creek Clinic location opened as the Johnson Clinic by Drs. Guy Johnson (35 years) and Robert Johnson (25 years and not related). Throughout their long tenure at the Maplewood location, they delivered hundreds of babies and delivered the children of many of those babies as well. There are many four generation families that still come to Maplewood/Battle Creek for their care. They both felt it was a privilege to be involved in family medicine and the wide variety of patients it serves.

Some things have changed in family practice, but have

not changed at Entira Family Clinics including: Most family practice doctors stopped making home visits, but at the Maplewood location, they still make a few home visits.

Today, there are currently five family physicians (four with over 20 years of experience) and a physician's assistant. Entira Family Clinics-Maplewood/Battle Creek see a wide range of ages from the youngest patient at one month old to the oldest patient at 101 years old. It has been a small neighborhood clinic that has many long term employees that know patients by name. They consider it a privilege to be part of the medical community caring for a wide variety of patients.

To learn more, call (651) 739-5050 or visit the website at www.entirafamilyclinics.com.



Back row L to R: Edwin Burrell, MD; Mark Steinhauser, MD; John Dickhudt, MD
Front row L to R: Cameron Mc Connell, MD; Alicia Turenne, MD; Deborah Sepeta, PA-C



Miller Tax Service Can Do What The Big Guys Do For Much Less

Tax season is here and you don't want to miss the April 15th deadline. The professionals at Miller Tax are already working hard for their clients to make sure every deduction is accounted for, every return is prepared with care and attention to detail, and every refund for their clients is on its way.

After more than 35 years, Greg Miller and his team are pros at taking the stress out of any kind of return, and he does mean any kind of return. Nearly all the associates in his family business have ten years or more of experience with everything from partnerships, S corporations, small business accounts, and individual returns, both federal and state. They have even added Quickbooks Pro's to their resume.

Miller Tax can guide clients through the red tape of establishing businesses and corporations, and take payroll operations out of clients' hands while they're at it. If that sounds like all the capabilities of the huge national names to you, you're right, except the experts at Miller

Tax Service pride themselves on doing it better, and for less. "We do what the big guys do- everything they do- for less" says Greg.

Greg started his business in his home after graduating from the University of Minnesota 37 years ago, and through positive referrals from his clients, now oversees an office of ten accountants throughout tax season, many of whom are both colleagues and family.

As for Miller Tax Service clientele, they come from all over the state and beyond, as snowbirds living in southern climates rely on a hometown staple to keep their IRS affairs in order. "Once clients find us, they stay with us" says Greg. The Miller Tax Service team works hard to make professional tax preparation easy and stress-free.

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Maplewood Police Department Seeks Volunteers

The Maplewood Police Department is recruiting volunteers to carry out support functions to maximize efficiencies. Volunteers can work regularly scheduled hours or serve in a flexible on-call capacity. The volunteer positions available are for **Police Fleet Support** and **Office Support**.

Police Fleet Support Volunteer:

The Police Fleet Support Volunteer will assist the department by providing shuttle services of both marked and unmarked police vehicles requiring regular maintenance and/or service. Police Fleet Support Volunteers will also be trained to inspect and monitor supplies and equipment routinely carried in police vehicles. This position is primarily a daytime function and should not exceed four hours per week depending upon the number of interested volunteers.

Requirements: Police Fleet Support Volunteers must have a valid Minnesota driver's license and clean driving record. A criminal history review and standard police volunteer background investigation is required.

Office Support Volunteer:

The Office Support Volunteer will assist the department by: Weekly supply inventory, document scanning, data entry, phone answering, standardized letter preparation and mailing, etc. The Office Support Volunteer position is a daytime function and will not exceed four hours per week.

Requirements: Office Support Volunteers should have at least minimal keyboarding/computer skills. A basic background investigation in accordance with Minnesota rules will also be required.

For information about the volunteer opportunities or obtain an application, call the Maplewood Police Department at (651) 249-2602 or email us at paul.schnell@ci.maplewood.mn.us.



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Rainbarrel And Compost Bin Sale

Products are available to purchase online and then pick up in person at the Roseville City Hall (2660 Civic Center Drive) on Friday, April 25 from noon to 6:00 pm. Available products and cost:

- Rainbarrels \$69
- Compost Bins \$55
- Compost Turner \$15
- Stainless Steel ½ Gallon Kitchen Compost Pail \$25
- Plastic Kitchen Compost Pail \$14

For more details, visit the City's website at www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/rainbarrels or www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/composting. To purchase a bin online visit RAM's website at RecycleMinnesota.org.

Maplewood Spring Clean Up

Saturday, April 19, 8:00 am to 1:00 pm at Aldrich Arena, 1850 White Bear Ave. Maplewood will be having their annual Spring Clean Up event where residents can dispose of miscellaneous junk, construction debris, bulky metals, tires, appliances, electronics, furniture (including mattresses), carpet, bicycles, car seats, and other assorted items for free or a small fee (see fee schedule on page 2). Payment can be made via cash or check.

Items Not Accepted: Leaves, branches, and other yard waste will not be accepted at the event. Contact Republic Services, the City's contracted trash and yard waste hauler, at (651) 455.8634 to set up yard waste service, or go to www.ramseyatoz.com for disposal of yard waste at Ramsey County compost sites.

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Police Department Switching to Utility Vehicles

You may have noticed that Maplewood Police Department along with many law enforcement agencies have started to transition to the Ford Police Interceptor Utility, which is based on the standard Explorer model. The utility model was ultimately selected as it offers more room for the ever growing list of first aid, safety, and crime scene processing equipment and supplies being carried by officers. Importantly, the new 6-cylinder Police Interceptor Utility offers improved fuel economy over the Crown Victoria, which had an 8-cylinder motor. It is expected that gas mileage will improve as much as 5 to 8 miles per gallon. For many years, the Ford Crown Victoria was the common squad car used by most law enforcement agencies, including Maplewood. In 2012 Ford discontinued the Crown Victoria and began offering all wheel drive Police Interceptor sedan and utility models.



New Ford Police Interceptor Utility



Storage In The New Vehicle

Elected Officials

Nora Slawik: Mayor	651.738.7099
nora.slawik@ci.maplewood.mn.us	
Marylee Abrams: Councilmember	651.249.2000
maryleeabrams@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	
Chuck Ahl: City Manager	651.249.2050
chuck.ahl@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 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.



TEXT MESSAGE TIP SYSTEM

Anyone with a cell phone can send an anonymous tip to the Maplewood Police Department by texting the word Maplewood and the tip information to 847411 (tip411). To learn more, visit the City's Police webpage at www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/police and look for "Text a Tip."

CONTINUED FROM COVER - **SPRING CLEAN UP**

Household Hazardous Waste: Ramsey County will be collecting household hazardous waste (HHW) like paint, chemicals, oil, and other household items free of charge at the event. For more information on items collected and additional HHW hours and drop off sites visit www.ramseyatoz.com.

Unwanted Medicine: Residents can dispose of medicine for free at the event. The Maplewood Police Department will be in attendance to collect items such as pills, capsules, gel packs, IVs, inhalers, creams, and other items. Used needles, syringes, or lancets will not be accepted at the event but can be disposed of at the Ramsey County Sheriff's year round drop off site. For a complete list of medicine accepted and information on the drop off sites visit www.ramseyatoz.com.

Second Harvest Heartland Food Drive: Residents are encouraged to make a nonperishable food or cash donation at the entry gate to the event. These donations support Second Harvest Heartland, a local food shelf (www.2harvest.org).

Type of Load and Fee

• Vehicle Loads	
Pick-Up Truck	\$10.00
4' x 8' Trailer	\$20.00
Car	\$10.00
Mini Van	\$15.00
• Bulky Items	
Appliances*	\$15.00
Electronics	\$5.00
Car Tires	\$5.00
Furniture Which Cannot Be Reused (couches, mattresses**, chairs)	\$10.00

Additional Materials Collected at No Charge

- Furniture Which Can Be Reused (lightly used) – Disabled American Veterans (www.dav.org)
- Bicycles (any condition) - Re-Cycle (www.re-cycle.com)
- Carpet (dry carpet and foam padding, maximum 6-foot wide roll) – Bro-TEX (www.brotex.com/carpetrecycling)
- Small Engines (lawn mower, snow blower, etc., any condition) – Small Engine Doctors
- Household Hazardous Waste – Ramsey County (www.ramseyatoz.com)

* Appliances with ammonia subject to increased charge.

** Mattresses will be recycled by Project for Pride in Living (www.ppl-inc.org)

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Chris Swanson, Environmental Technician: (651) 249.2305 or chris.swanson@ci.maplewood.mn.us or www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/cleanups

Social Media and Privacy Concerns

Guest Article By Tubman

Social media offers us countless opportunities to connect and interact with our friends and family. However, as we spend more and more of our lives online, it is important to recognize and respond to the safety and privacy concerns some online interactions can raise.

abusive partner may still be able to view shared posts and pictures through mutual friends or family. **If you are concerned that a person who has behaved abusively can view or access your account, you may want to consider deleting the account entirely.**



The National Network to End Domestic Violence, in partnership with Facebook, has created a unique and helpful guide for survivors of abuse so that you can use Facebook while maintaining safety and control over your information. A link to this guide can be found at www.tubman.org.

If you would like help in developing a personalized safety plan, contact Tubman. We offer countless ways to help, providing guidance and support as you navigate your way to safety and security - both online and off.

Privacy and safety are the biggest concerns for survivors of domestic violence, dating abuse, stalking and teen dating violence. The most dangerous time for a victim can be when they are preparing to leave or are leaving an abusive partner. Many people who are abusive use Facebook (and other social networking sites) to harass and stalk their victims.

We believe that survivors have the right to experience and live their lives safely. Below are a few tips for maintaining safety and privacy online:

- **Set your account to "Friends-Only."**
As a Facebook user, you can choose who sees your account activity by setting a default privacy setting or by customizing your audience with each post.
- **Block the abusive person from your account.**
You may either remove him/her from your friends list or block him/her entirely.
- **If unwanted contact happens, keep it as evidence.**
Take a screenshot or photo of the interaction. It may be helpful in building evidence for your case.
- **Nothing is 100% private.**
When information is posted online, regardless of the settings and controls in place, there is no way to guarantee complete privacy. For example, an

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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

Business and Church Recycling



By: Councilmember Marv Koppen

As you may know, I am a small business owner. I own Party Time Liquor on Larpenteur Avenue. Like all business owners I am always looking for ways to save money and increase my profits. Recently I discovered a great way to save money, and help the environment – recycling! The state and county tax your trash service, but not recycling. So the more you can divert from your trash by recycling, the more money you can save.

Tennis Sanitation has been the City's residential recycling contractor since 2011. The City Council just approved a new four-year contract with Tennis which has the option for small businesses and churches to opt into the recycling program for as little as \$2.94 per month. Tennis will supply your business or church with one or more 95 gallon recycling carts. Just place all of your recyclables into the cart and Tennis will collect it weekly.

Tennis is finding a market for more and more products to recycle. Did you know that you can recycle shrink wrap? That is something I have been doing at my business. The

boxes that are delivered to me are covered in huge sheets of plastic. I simply roll up the plastic sheets into a ball and place it into my recycling bin. Tennis has been working with a company called Rationale Energies who takes the plastic and converts it into diesel fuel.

There are other ways for small businesses and churches to save money. Waste Wise is sponsored by the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce. They offer free on site sustainability consultations for all organizations located in Ramsey County. They specialize in helping your organization reduce waste, increase recycling and improve energy efficiency.

Maplewood is committed to supporting our businesses and protecting our environment. For more information on how to save money and reduce waste at your business or church, refer to the contact information below.

Tennis Sanitation

www.tennissanitation.com or 651.459.1887

Waste Wise

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From The Desk Of The City Manager



City Manager
Chuck Ahl

On March 5, the City Council dedicated an entire day of their time to meet with the senior management staff to determine the general goals, values and direction of the City for 2015-2017; and beyond. These directives are the focus areas that our staff will operate and our citizens can understand and have input in how

their taxes and fees are used. As I have stated many times, there are certain functions of the City that will always occur; such as responding to 9-1-1 calls with fire and police protections, snow removal, pothole repair (although this time of year there is never enough of that!), parks services, as well as licensing and support services too numerous to list. While our goal is to be extremely efficient in those areas and deliver top quality service, we do not set a vision to do the things that are standard municipal services. The area that we focus on is those new or re-emphasized areas that need an improved or expanded effort. Following are those focus areas:

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT / REDEVELOPMENT

The Council agreed unanimously to expand and reinforce their efforts for Economic Development and Redevelopment in our City. This effort will fall under the direction of Assistant City Manager Melinda Coleman. Melinda talked to the Council about reinventing and re-prioritizing the Community Development Department to expand these efforts. The key discussion and immediate focus will be on the redevelopment of the Gladstone area. While Gladstone will be our immediate focus, other areas to be explored in the next 2-3 years will be an effort in the Mall area; look at our commerce corridors for redevelopment along Rice Street, Century Avenue, 36/English, and White Bear Avenue; begin planning for transit-oriented development along the Gateway and Rush Line transit routes that will eventually provide service to Maplewood; re-visit the Hillcrest Redevelopment initiatives at Larpenteur and White Bear Avenue; and explore an annual program for Housing upgrades through the Housing and Economic Development Commission.

FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY

A key word for each department in their presentations to the Council was efficient operations. As a City, every program is undergoing an evaluation as to whether the service is provided at an appropriate level, is a priority service, and is being done in the most effective manner. Finance Director Gayle Bauman highlighted the financial strength of Maplewood. She will be leading our future

efforts to maintain our high bond rating (in the top 12% of all agencies in the state]) beginning to evaluate our assets for replacement and planning replacement funds; continuing efforts to shore up the financial status of the Maplewood Community Center and Ambulance Funds; and maintaining service levels with no major tax levy increases during the next few years, if economic conditions remain consistent.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Police Chief Paul Schnell and Fire Chief Steve Lukin provided excellent presentations on maintaining our excellent public safety service levels. In addition, we will be exploring areas of Youth Development Initiatives, completion of new facilities for Police at City Hall and a new Fire Station on the 3M Campus as well as new training facilities at East Metro Public Safety Training Facility; and exploration of a Community Paramedic program to partner with our Medical Director, Dr. Tanghe, from Health East, to better service high risk patients in their Maplewood homes.

PARK AND RECREATION

Park and Recreation Director Dewey Konewko focused on the key issue for Maplewood of finding a dedicated funding source for our top-notch Maplewood park system. Dewey talked about the jewel that Maplewood residents have with our parks and open space areas; however, they need to be maintained appropriately and enhanced to meet the needs of the new and changing Maplewood residents. A Parks Task Force is working on that vision. The other department heads provided emphasis areas that will help support these key areas as well as continuing quality services.

To provide comments about this article, please contact Chuck Ahl at Chuck.ahl@ci.maplewood.mn.us.

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Maplewood Senior Wellness Expo

Thursday, April 10 at the Maplewood Community Center - FREE Admission For All!

Maplewood's Senior Fair is back for another exciting day packed full of information, giveaways, demonstrations, presentations, and snacks. This FREE event will be held at the Maplewood Community Center located at 2100 White Bear Avenue. Meet the experts who can make your life healthier and happier. Learn hundreds of ways to improve your health and extend your life. Make sure to stop at each information booth and also attend the life-enhancing seminars. Participate in a full line-up of activities to keep you entertained, educated and informed.

Join us for 30 minute presentations on a variety of topics ranging from health and wellness to finance to planning for your afterlife. Presentations will be held in the Motion Zone and are free to attend. Seating will be limited.

Presentation Line-Up:

- 10:00 - 10:30 am Sandberg Funeral Home
- 10:40 - 11:10 am Second Harvest Heartland
- 11:20 - 11:50 am Eye Care Clinic
- 12:00 - 12:30 pm Thrivent Financial
- 12:40 - 1:10 pm DHS TED Program
- 1:20 - 1:50 pm Benedictine Health System

No pre-registration required. Call 651.249.2230 for more information.

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Calling All Families, Students, Scouts... Annual Maplewood ALL PARK CLEAN UP Saturday, April 26, 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. We will organize at the Maplewood Community Center. Cleanup materials, 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. More details: (651) 249-2121 or james.taylor@ci.maplewood.mn.us



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Maplewood BUSINESS HIGHLIGHT

David Grupa Portrait Teams Up With Fieldstone Portraits

David Grupa has been capturing images for clients throughout the region since 1976. He owns and operates David Grupa Portrait in Maplewood. Also a Maplewood resident, David built a studio on his property that houses multiple backdrops, props, and unique settings for his clients.

David married Kirsten Holscher of Fieldstone Portraits two years ago and they recently became parents of twin girls (Kathryn and Sylvia). The two have decided to join their photography businesses to offer their clients more services.

They are two of only 50 Certified Professional Photographers in Minnesota. This certification means they have been tested on their technical expertise and submitted their images to a rigorous review and evaluation panel.

David's photography experience is extensive. He has been a member of the Professional Photographers of America since 1977 and has won numerous awards. His high-energy approach makes him a natural for high school senior portrait photography, wedding parties, and family portraits.

Kirsten specializes in high school senior portraits as well

as family portraits; her relaxed approach behind the camera has become her signature style. She has been capturing images since 2003.



Kirsten and David Grupa

David says "People constantly make excuses as to why they don't want to have a family portrait photographed. We hear things like 'I need to lose ten pounds', or 'We don't like how we look in photographs.' When you work with a professional, you are working with a photographer who knows how to pose you and help you choose the best clothing for the portrait. Our goal is to make you look your best so that you love your portraits. Sure, you can put it off another year, but that's one more year of your life without a record of your family at that point in time. You can't ever go back and take those photographs again."

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The Dog Scoop

Keep Your Dog On A Leash

Dogs must be on a leash anytime they are off of their owner's property, with the exception of designated off-leash dog areas. This includes neighborhoods, trails, city parks, school grounds or public places.

Pick Up After Your Dog

Any person walking a dog is responsible for cleaning up after the animal and disposing of the waste in a sanitary manner.

Responsible residents report violation

Responsible dog owners obey the rules, keep their dogs on leash and at their side when others are near. Most owners also have the courtesy to clean up after their dogs. Violation of the rules should be reported. If you see an ordinance offense, the Maplewood Police Department encourages you to report the offense by contacting Ramsey County Dispatch at (651) 767-0640

or submit a message from your cell phone or the City's website.

Cell Phone Set Up For Tip411 Is Easy

1. Under 'Contacts' on your cell phone, establish a new group titled "847411" and save.
2. Now go to your text messaging as you would to send a text message to someone.
3. In the "To" block (who you're sending it to), type in "847411".
4. Drop to your text box; once in text box type in the word Maplewood followed by a space. Letters are not case sensitive.
5. Then type in your crime tip and push send once your crime tip is complete.

You may also submit a tip via the City of Maplewood website at ci.maplewood.mn.us. Click on Departments → Police → Crime Information → tip411 then click on "submit a tip" at the bottom of the page.



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New!

Residents can now view videos and publications on the City website by clicking the link under "Action Center" ci.maplewood.mn.us

 **MAPLEWOOD LIVING**
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Get Engaged! Help Shape the Future of Maplewood Parks

Over the past year, City staff along with members of the Maplewood Parks System Plan Task Force, Parks and Recreation Commission, and City Council, has worked to engage residents and businesses in the community. The goal being to generate ideas and ignite conversations regarding the future of Maplewood's parks system. Thank you to our residents that have participated in the process thus far! For those that have not had an opportunity to comment, there will be more opportunities in the future to participate in the process. The Maplewood City Council is committed to creating a Parks System Master Plan that directly reflects and supports the ideas that are generated from this community engagement process.

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Neighborhood Preserve System Turns 20

Mink, coyote, eagles... yes, you are in Maplewood! Our City abounds with natural areas and wildlife. This legacy exists in part thanks to a group of visionary residents that saw the need for preserving land, supportive city councils, and Maplewood taxpayers.

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Bergamot blooms in the prairie at the Priory Neighborhood Preserve.

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Create Your Own Community Garden

For your Townhome, Church, Business, Organization, School, Or On Your Private Property

Monday, May 12, 6:00 - 7:00 pm at the Maplewood Nature Center

Learn about the benefits of creating and implementing Community Gardens, related city ordinances, and existing resources. Meet the Maple Hills Community Garden coordinator who will highlight successes of their townhome association garden and show inspirational photos of their experience with individual and community plots. There will be a discussion by participants, sharing possible new sites and dreams, and identifying challenges.

We want to encourage more community garden creation in the area! If you are in the process of planning a community garden, are interested in starting the process, have experience and want to share your knowledge, or just want to plug into someone else's garden project, ALL are welcome to attend this informational forum. Contact Oakley at (651) 249-2173, or oakley.biesanz@ci.maplewood.mn.us, to express your interest in creating more community gardens in Maplewood and the surrounding area.

What's the Buzz? Pollinators!

Learn what you can do for pollinators by creating a pollinator-friendly garden habitat. Heather Holm, author of *Pollinators of Native Plants*, will do a presentation about native pollinators that visit our gardens and how we can foster all parts of their life cycles, including providing food, water and nesting habitat. Join us Monday, May 19, 7:00 - 8:30 pm, at First Evangelical Free Church, 2696 Hazelwood St, Maplewood. For more details: (651) 249-2170.

Garden Programs For All:

Learn how to compost your kitchen and yard waste, where to get low-cost seeds, organic gardening demonstrations, and more! Visit www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/nc or call (651) 249-2170.



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The call for preserving open space started in the late 1980's when concerned residents, alarmed by the fast pace of development, approached Maplewood City Council. In 1987, the Council appointed an Open Space Committee to study the issue. Four years later, the committee was charged with identifying potential sites for preservation. These hardworking volunteers developed an evaluation and rating system and spent countless summer evenings visiting and ranking parcels.

In November 1993, Maplewood voters made history when they went to the polls and voted 54:46 in support of a \$5 million bonding referendum to preserve open space. Maplewood was the first City in the region to pass such a referendum.

Armed with the open space committee's site rankings, the City began purchasing land in 1994. Over the next several years, sixteen parcels were acquired. Some of these were adjacent parcels and combined into a single site. The purchased sites, along with three other city-owned sites,

became the Maplewood Neighborhood Preserve system.

Today, there are fourteen Neighborhood Preserves, ranging in size from the 5-acre Jim's Prairie to the 46-acre Priory site. The preserves are sanctuaries from the hustle and bustle of urban life. Tucked into City neighborhoods, they are places for plants, animals, and people.

Providing opportunities for people to experience nature and make an emotional connection to nature is one of the guiding principles for Maplewood's preserve program. To help accomplish this, the City maintains rustic or asphalt trails at eight of the sites. Future plans call for adding trails to three more sites. At sites with no maintained trails, the adventurous can bushwhack or follow deer routes through the woods and grasslands.

Stewardship is a second guiding principle for the preserve program. As small, isolated sites, the preserves can't function as intact ecosystems without a bit of help. Restoration and

management efforts include a range of activities from controlling invasive species to prescribed burns to complete "start-from-scratch" prairie restorations. During the past fifteen years, nine preserves have undergone buckthorn removal and four preserves have been, or are in the process of being restored to native prairie and oak savanna.

Over the span of twenty years, Maplewood's understanding of the preserves and its approach to access and management has evolved. The Parks and Recreation Commission and former Open Space Advisory Task Force shaped our open space policies thirteen years ago. This year, as the Maplewood Parks System Master Plan is developed we will review those guidelines. Join us in this adventure. Enjoy this legacy and visit a neighborhood preserve.

For more information:
www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/preserves

Annual Inspections of Elm, Oak and Ash

The City will be inspecting trees on public and private lands in Maplewood for three diseases or pests this year: Dutch elm disease, oak wilt, 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, 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. If you are planning on contracting out tree care, note that Maplewood requires tree companies working in the City to be licensed with the City. A list of licensed tree contractors 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. Visit www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/trees or call (651) 249-2170 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

Dear Resident



**By: Councilmember Bob Cardinal
You May Know Someone Who Lives In
Maplewood That Is Illiterate.**

Federal statistics several years ago stated that more than 32 million adults in The U.S., or about 14 percent of population, have very low literacy skills. Functional illiteracy is defined by Literacy Volunteers of America as "the inability of an individual to use reading, writing, and computational skills in everyday life."

Today, there are more than 40 million functionally illiterate adults in the U.S. who cannot fill out a job application, write checks on their own, read a magazine, follow written instructions, or read to their children. Illiteracy is not a problem for just a select group of people. According to the National Education Association, 41% of illiterates are white, 22% are English-speaking African Americans, 22% are Spanish speaking, and 15% are other non-English speaking peoples. Forty percent of these adults are between the ages of 20 to 39, showing that illiteracy is a problem that is not going away.

ProLiteracy is an international organization that supports the people and programs that help adults learn to read and write. Being the largest adult literacy and basic education membership organization in the nation, believes that a safer, stronger, and more sustainable society starts with an educated adult population. For more than 50 years, the organization has been working with people and organizations across the globe to build that society and to create a world where every person can read and write. ProLiteracy has 1,000 programs in all 50 states and the District of Columbia and works with 52 non-governmental organizations in 34 developing countries.

ProLiteracy estimates: 63 percent of prison inmates can't read.

If parents can't read, there's a good chance children will be poor readers as well. In spite of major gains in all areas of education, illiteracy still remains a big problem in many U.S. communities. If you cannot read or write, this is a disability. Illiteracy is a major U.S. problem.

Maplewood's Poverty Estimate: Over 11%

Some of those who have lived in poverty have said:

1. "No one cares."
2. "There is no one to help."
3. "There is no hope."
4. "I have no power."
5. "I should not trust."

The number of people in the United States living in poverty is estimated at 49 million. One out of seven people in the USA are living in poverty. In 2012, 46.5 million people were living in poverty in the United States, the largest number in the 54 years the Census has measured poverty. The poverty rate remains high: 15% for all Americans and 21.8% for children under age 18. The United States Bureau of the Census measures poverty by comparing household income to the poverty threshold for a household of a given size. The poverty threshold is adjusted each year to take account of changes in the cost-of-living. In 2012, the weighted average poverty threshold for a household of four was \$23,492.

Maplewood Police Department

Believe me, the Maplewood Police officers are good guys, not bad guys. When you meet one, say "hello." For that matter, this holds true for any police officer.

Bob Cardinal

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P.S. Help somebody learn to read. This is one single volunteer activity that we can all do to make Maplewood a great community. This would help Maplewood become an opportunity City. Please mentor someone.

Continued from cover...

Shape The Future of Maplewood Parks

In addition to the community engagement, Maplewood City Council hired ETC/Leisure Vision to administer a city-wide survey focusing on the outcomes from our conversations with residents and businesses in the community. The surveys were randomly sent out to Maplewood residents with a goal of obtaining a total of 600 completed surveys. City staff received 626 completed surveys providing us with a 95% level of confidence.

Highlights From The Survey Include

- 74% of Maplewood residents have visited parks or preserves in the City of Maplewood in the last 12 months;
- Trails and neighborhood parks are most important to our residents;
- The vast majority of households visit parks and preserves with walking, hiking and biking trails most often used;
- Opportunities exist to improve the conditions of parks and preserves;
- The Maplewood Community Center is the most used facility in the parks system;
- A wide range of unmet needs exist at parks, preserves and facilities;
- Walking and biking trails and neighborhood parks are the most important features and connectivity within the system is a very high priority.

The next phase in the development of the Parks System Master Plan involves hiring a Parks Planning Consultant. This consultant will compile data and begin

drafting the plan. To that end, City Council contracted with the Hoisington Koepler Group (HKGi) to assist staff in the development of the plan. HKGi is a firm of talented planners, landscape architects, and urban designers with more than 30 years of experience creating and designing park master plans. The most important criteria for the selection of a consulting firm was articulating a clear vision and demonstrating an ability to work directly with the community in the planning process. One of the goals of staff was to ensure that the information gathered from the community meetings and outreach activities were "not lost" in the transition. The interview selection committee, comprised of city staff and community stakeholders, agreed that HKGi was best suited to provide the resources and tools for the City and its residents to create and implement a plan that will guide the future of our parks system. The Parks System Plan is being developed to ensure the residents expectations of its parks are realized- a City Council goal.

In addition, the City of Maplewood's intent is to become certified by the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA) by December 2016. The development of the Maplewood Parks System Master Plan will help to achieve the standards that are required to receive this accreditation. However, to be successful, this plan needs to reflect the input received from the residents of Maplewood. The City of Maplewood looks forward to hearing from you. Get Engaged!

City Council Proclaims May 10th Arbor Day!

Saturday, May 10 is Arbor Day in Maplewood! Come join the festivities at Maplewood Nature Center located at 2659 East 7th Street. From 1:30-2:30 pm, there will be a tree identification walk for families and individuals. If you don't know a bur oak from a pin oak, or a silver maple from an ash, this tree hike is for you. From 2:30-4:00 pm there will be tree crafts and activities for families. The event is free! To register or for more details, call (651) 249-2170. National Arbor Day is the last Friday of April, but states and communities vary the date to coincide with planting times and community activities.



Maplewood Community Center

MAPLEWOOD JOB FAIR AND VOLUNTEER EXPO

TUESDAY, MAY 20 (11:00 am - 3:00 pm)

- FREE ADMISSION •

Looking for a summer job, internship, or volunteer opportunity to add to your resume? Join us for our first annual Job Fair and Volunteer Expo. This event offers you the chance to network with employers and explore a position or organization that you had not previously considered. A variety of non-profit organizations will also be on-hand to share information on volunteerism and volunteer opportunities in the Twin Cities area. No pre-registration required. Call (651) 249.2230 for more information. This event is sponsored by Century College.

SUMMER SWIM LESSON REGISTRATION GOING ON NOW!

Help your child prepare for safe fun in the sun with swim lessons at Maplewood Community Center. All Maplewood Community Center aquatic instructors are Red Cross Certified and are committed to helping your child become comfortable and safe in the water. With an emphasis on fun, education, and water safety, our instructors are pros at making sure each participant is reaching their full potential. And, in the land of 10,000

lakes, nothing is more important than your child's safety. That is why we not only teach each participant how to swim, we also teach them to respect water and know their limits.

Course descriptions may be found on our website at www.maplewoodcommunitycenter.com. All full summer sessions include eight lessons and cost \$73.00 (\$58.00 for MCC members). To register, stop by the Maplewood Community Center Customer Service Desk (Monday 9:00AM - 7:00PM, Tuesday - Friday 9:00AM - 5:00PM). Online registration is also available at www.ci.maplewood.mn.us. Or register by phone at (651) 249-2230.

SAVE THE DATE: KIDS FEST

SATURDAY, JUNE 21, 11:00AM - 2:00PM

- FREE ADMISSION •

Join us for our first annual Kidsfest at the Maplewood Community Center. We will have a variety of kid friendly activities such as the bounce castle and face painters. Local businesses will be on hand to let you know about all the fun activities for you and your family to experience this summer. Bring the family to see all that the Maplewood Community Center has to offer!

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Maplewood BUSINESS HIGHLIGHT

Nations Oldest Hocky And Bicycle Shop Celebrate 127 Years In Business



German immigrant John E. Strauss began his business in the 1880's as a safe and lock company. Soon rumors of his skills as a master of steel spread and he began taking requests to both repair bicycles and manufacture light-weight steel racing bikes. One day, a Minneapolis boy said "Mr. Strauss, why don't you begin making skates?"

Strauss said, "This set me to thinking. The bicycle fad was dying out and it kept me busy only during the summer, so I decided to try my hand at wooden-top skates." It was a natural fit as Strauss applied techniques he learned while making swords at an arsenal in Naples, Italy. In 1887, Strauss Skate Shop was founded and became known throughout the world. In 1914 Strauss revolutionized skating when he invented the first closed toe blade made from a single piece of steel making skates stronger and lighter in weight. Sonja Henie won Olympic Gold on Strauss's blades and wrote in a letter to him "I would not even dream of going into the championships unless I was wearing your skates" dated 11-8-1935. Other customers included the Queen of Spain, Olympic speed skaters and hockey teams such as the Chicago Blackhawks, the New York Rangers, the Boston Bruins and the old St. Paul Fighting Saints.

Liz Charbonneau and her husband, Richard, purchased Strauss Skates & Bicycles in 1983 along with their business partner Don Eynck, grandson of founder John E. Strauss.

True to its roots, Strauss Skates & Bicycles remains a local bicycle shop carrying top quality bicycles at prices that are in line with big box retailers, but with the level of service that comes with small business and dedicated employees who want their customers to leave with the right bicycle for their type of riding and a smile on their face. Strauss also specializes in customized bicycles and tricycles for disabled veterans and both adults and children with special needs.



From left to right- Liz Charbonneau, owner; Bill Rhody, Sales Manager; Steven 'Moose' Younghans, Shaun Hastings, Purchasing Manager; Jenelle Hastings, Owner. And the dog Boogaard who can be found at the store most anytime of any day

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Authentic Mexican Food Truck Back Is In Business



Roberto and his family

Roberto Sanchez started his food business in 1997 in the City of Miami, Florida in a wooden trailer. After a year, he was able to open a restaurant called "La Poblanita" in the City of Homestead, Florida.

After the twin towers collapse in 2001 Roberto's business was struggling. Roberto sold the restaurant and moved to Minnesota. In 2002, he started working at a construction company so he could save money to get back into the food business - which is what he loved. With lots of hard work he was able to open his trailer again in May of 2013 in Maplewood. His business is called "Camila's Taqueria" and they serve authentic Mexican food.

Last summer, they served food to 75 kids in the "Youth Farm" summer program located in St. Paul. "We enjoy helping out the community in any way we can. We also have been serving complimentary food at the Sherwood Park neighborhood party for the past three years. This past year we went to 29 Pines and to Maplewood apartments to serve complimentary food." said Roberto. You will find them at the Maplewood July 4th event this summer as well.

"Camila's Taqueria" is a family business you can reach them at (651) 797-8156.



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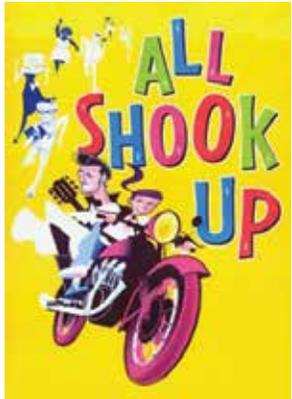
Group Fitness Classes at the Maplewood Community Center are a fun way to stay motivated. There are fun classes offered for every fitness level. Instructors are inspiring, friendly, and professional. Most importantly they strive to make your visit a great part of your day. MCC group fitness classes are included with your Maplewood Community Center membership, but if you aren't a member, drop-in anytime at the low daily admission rate. Shauna Maloney is one of the instructors you might see when you visit the MCC, here's her story.

Hi- I'm Shauna Maloney and I have been a member at MCC since 2008. I come to MCC almost every day, to work at my building attendant job, to work out on the exercise equipment, or to participate in a group fitness class, especially my favorite spin, step, and interval classes. Spinning has always been my favorite class.

While learning is sometimes hard for me due to my cognitive disabilities, I worked hard, and I earned my spin instructor certification from Mad Dogg in 2011. I got the opportunity to lead my first spin class at MCC in October, 2012. Since early 2013, I have led the evening spin class on Tuesday evenings, and I've really liked the relationships that I've built with the MCC members who attend my class. Also in 2013, I earned my group fitness instructor certification from NETA. I love to help all people to be fit, healthy and happy. I hope that I can meet more people in my spin classes. (Thanks mom, for helping me write this)



Shauna Maloney

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More event details coming in an early edition of the July Maplewood Living!



Community Center Staff Save A Life

Brittany Buckley was working at the Maplewood Community Center admissions counter when she was informed of a man having a medical emergency in the cardio center. Arriving on the scene, she found that Jim Zielinski had fallen from an elliptical machine and was tangled in a machine next to it. Buckley recognized that he was having a cardiac emergency and got help from patrons to untangle him from the machine and clear the space. She found no pulse and he was not breathing. She began chest compressions and asked a patron to bring her the defibrillator (AED).

Danika Amundson, another community center employee, arrived from the aquatic center and continued compressions while Buckley hooked up the AED and delivered a shock to Zielinski. Shortly thereafter, his pulse returned and he began breathing on his own. Maplewood EMS arrived on the scene, stabilized Zielinski, and transported him for additional care.



Danika Amundson, MCC Head Lifeguard and Water Safety Instructor; Jim Zielinski, MCC member; and Brittany Buckley, Head Lifeguard and Customer Service Assistant/MOD

The fact that community center staff acted so quickly in recognizing the cardiac event, initiating CPR, and performing rapid defibrillation were key factors in such a positive outcome and very likely saved Jim Zielinski's life.

Detective Metry Honored For Service



We are proud to announce that on May 7, 2014, the Minnesota Association of Women Police (MAWP) presented Maplewood Police Detective Alesia Metry the Officer of the Year Award. Detective Metry was honored for her long history of exceptional service to the people of Maplewood and the policing profession. Detective Metry is well regarded for her thorough investigations and high levels of empathy shown to crime victims. We couldn't agree more with the MAWP Awards Committee.

We are very proud of Detective Metry and grateful for her committed service.

Save The Date!

Primary Election August 12th

Precinct boundaries and locations have changed. Visit the City website at www.ci.maplewood.mn.us for additional information.

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Independent Audit Gives City Clean Opinion

On Monday, May 12, 2014, the Maplewood City Council received a report from the independent audit firm Kern, DeWenter, Viere, Ltd. regarding their audit of the financial statements of the City's governmental and business-type activities. The audit is a review of the City's financial statements which are published in a document called the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report or CAFR. The CAFR, which is the responsibility of the City's management to issue, contains a summary of all financial activities and balances within various funds relating to all activities conducted by the City for the year ended December 31, 2013. A copy of the CAFR is available on the City's webpage.

The audit firm's conclusion was that the City's financial statements receive an unmodified or clean opinion on their status. They also stated that there were no compliance findings and no internal control findings to report. The City's books are maintained using proper accounting principles and all financial data has been made public through issuance of the CAFR.

The CAFR has three major parts:

1. Introduction – provides general information on the government's structure, services and environment.
2. Financial – contains the basic financial statements, notes to the financial statements, any additional required supplementary information and information on individual funds.
3. Statistical – presents detailed information as a context

for understanding what the information in the financial statements, note disclosures, and required supplementary information says about the City's overall financial health. The statistical section includes financial trends, revenue capacity, debt capacity, demographic and economic information and operating information.

Further information on the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and the City Audit can be found on the City's webpage. Comments or questions should be directed to the City's Finance Director, Gayle Bauman at gayle.bauman@ci.maplewood.mn.us.

Silver Lake Beach Splash Fundraiser Event

Sunday, July 20 from 1:00 - 5:00 pm at the Beach

Join us to raise money to keep the lifeguards on the stands. There will be a silent auction, float toys, a live band from 1-3:00 pm, food vendors, kids games, dunk tanks and live demonstrations



from Dragon Kung Fu and the Early Bird String academy. Raffle tickets will be for sale along with a live drawing at 4:45 pm and so much more. Volunteers are needed to help. For more details email marykvaal@gmail.com.

City Manager Ahl Retires – Melinda Coleman Appointed as Interim

After 29 years of public service City Manager Ahl retired on May 30, 2014.

Chuck served the City as the Assistant City Engineer in 1983 through 1987 and returned in 2001 as the Director of Public Works and City Engineer. Between the years of 1987 and his return back to the City of Maplewood in 2001, Chuck worked as the Director of Public Works and City Engineer for the City of Shoreview (1987 – 1992), as an Engineer for TKDA (1992 – 1994), and as a City Engineer for the City of Burnsville (1994 – 2001).

Since 2001, Chuck has served the City as the City Manager, the Assistant City Manager, Community Development Director, Finance Director, Public Works Director and City Engineer. In addition, Chuck served Maplewood as interim City Manager in 2008 – 2009.

Chuck, the City Manager since June of 2013, states, "My years with the City of Maplewood have been very rewarding both professionally and personally. I leave the City in good and capable hands with Assistant City Manager Coleman appointed as the Interim Manager. With Melinda at the helm along with the Management Team staff and city employees the City will continue to provide the services that our citizens are accustomed to."

Chuck and his wife Betsy will continue to live in Minnesota but spend winters at their Fort Myers, Florida home. Chuck will spend time golfing there and watching spring training baseball, with the Minnesota Twins training facility located not too far away.

Interim City Manager Coleman steps into the role effortlessly with experience in previous positions. Melinda worked as the Planning Director for the City of Anoka



City Manager Chuck Ahl and Appointed Interim City Manager Melinda Coleman

from 1986 to 1995. In 1995 she was hired as the Community Development Director for the City of Maplewood and then promoted to Assistant City Manager (also Community Development Director) in 2000.

In June of 2006 she began employment with the Target Corporation as a Senior Development Manager where she remained until 2009. Then her passion for local government led her to the City Administrator position for the City of North Oaks where she remained until being hired in August of 2013 as Maplewood's Assistant City Manager and the Economic and Environmental Development Director. Her vast experience in Planning and Economic Development with previous cities and with Target Corporation gives her the insight and experience needed as the city moves forward with the Gladstone area redevelopment and the sale and development of previous fire station property.

Good luck, Melinda!



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By: Councilmember Marylee Abrams



I want to hold out for a few more weeks to declare spring's arrival. After all, we used snow blowers last year in May. I do see perennials and spring bulbs popping up, and even a few pansy bowls set out on front steps in my neighborhood.

You should have already started to see some exciting new developments around Maplewood. I have responded to a number of calls and emails about the heavy equipment moving dirt up at the northeast corner of Beam and Highway 61. CarMax Superstore is finally building a retail store, after purchasing the property and obtaining permits several years ago. Watch for big remodeling changes at the Plaza 3000 mall across from the Maplewood Mall on White Bear Avenue, as they prepare space for Hobby Lobby expected to open in the fall.

Internal upgrades and remodels will also be happening at the Maplewood Mall. Kohl's will be doing both an exterior and interior upgrade to the upper level entrance. Other stores upgrading include Clare's, Champs Sports, The Buckle, Francesca's Boutique, Macy's, the Footlocker, and Goldy's Locker Room. We also welcome Herberger's Outlet at Birch Run Station, across from the Maplewood Mall.

Each year the City reinvigorates a neighborhood through street reconstruction. This year it's the Arkwright/Sunrise neighborhood that is scheduled for new streets, upgraded utilities, new sidewalks and trails along County Road B and Edgerton, in line with our Living Streets approach. You can read more about the project in this newsletter.

The East Metro public safety training center is set to be operational by the end of June. We are partnering with Century College to provide quality training in a realistic



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

and safe environment. Construction on the new South Fire Station is underway just south of the Wells Fargo bank on McKnight. Excess dirt is being removed and the site is being graded along with the installation of footings and utilities. Watch for the fire station to be operational by November of 2014.

There will be a playground replacement project at Timber Park this summer. The old wooden structure was installed 20 years ago and will be replaced. Staff will also be resurfacing several park trails. Work is proposed at both Robinhood and Wakefield parks to address the damage caused by years of heavy use. Future park projects to watch for include Lower Sunset, Harvest, Hazelwood, and Playcrest.

The City will be selling several properties with the assistance of a commercial realtor. Look for activity at three of our former fire stations located at 2001 McMenemy Street, 1177 Century Avenue and 2501 Londin Lane. The City also acquired property at Highway 61 and County Road B during the recent Highway 36 and English Street improvements. For Sale signs will be going up to attract buyers interested in redeveloping the properties.

The much needed remodeling of our Police Station at City Hall will be completed by early fall this year, making more room for our hard-working police officers. The space had grown so cramped since City Hall was built in 85-86, that it did not accommodate the growth in staff or the needs of the department. You should also watch the Gladstone area as the new proposed residential and retail project give a boost to that neighborhood.

I am excited that spring is in the air and so is new development in Maplewood! Be sure to check out the City website for information as these and other projects take off this spring and summer.

- Councilmember Marylee Abrams

Revitalizing Neighborhoods One Year at a Time

Maplewood's reconstruction program represents a continued investment into local neighborhoods to improve and protect streets, utilities, stormwater, and ultimately the quality of life for the community.

Intense planning and preparation goes into the yearly street reconstruction program. It begins with visual inspection of streets to understand areas of the city that have the most need for pavement improvement. The visual inspections along with known history of drainage and utility problems help identify neighborhoods that need this investment.

The neighborhoods are then grouped and ranked in order of greatest need. A 5-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) is adopted by the City each year to help prioritize prospective projects over that period and maintain fiscal constraints. A number of areas in the City that have poor pavement conditions are not yet on the 5-year plan, however the intent is with a one-neighborhood per year approach the entire City will be reconstructed and revitalized using a systematic and fair approach.

For this construction season the Arkwright-Sunrise Neighborhood already started a dramatic revitalization. Located just south of Highway 36, between Interstate 35E and Edgerton Street, construction includes new pavement and curbs, upgrading water and sewer utilities, installation of rain gardens and boulevard trees, in addition to new sidewalk and trails along County Road B and Edgerton Street. This work will greatly enhance circulation of pedestrians and bicycles throughout the neighborhood and provide safe areas for travel along County Road B

and Edgerton Street which currently lack pedestrian facilities.

The project was designed using the vision of Maplewood's Living Streets Policy adopted in 2013 after a stakeholder process in addition to extensive resident feedback. It aims to enhance biking and walking conditions, enhance safety and security of streets, calm traffic, create livable

neighborhoods, improve stormwater quality, enhance the urban forest, reduce life cycle costs, and improve neighborhood aesthetics.

If you are unsure about where your neighborhood street falls within this process please call us in the Public Works Department at (651) 249-2400 or email the Director at michael.thompson@ci.maplewood.mn.us.



Bartelmy-Meyer Neighborhood - Before



Bartelmy-Meyer Neighborhood - After

Mayor Slawik Visits Local Childcare Center

The staff and children of Maple Tree Monastery Childcare Center welcomed Mayor Nora Slawik for a visit on April 7. The mayor came to help celebrate the nationally recognized Week of the Young Child. Director, Jennie Schlauch, gave the mayor a tour and shared some background regarding the history of the center, which was started by the Sisters of St. Benedict. The visit concluded with Mayor Slawik reading stories to the preschoolers. This event was a wonderful kick-off to a week of activities including Community Helper Day, School Spirit Day, Child Appreciation Day, Parent Appreciation Day, and Teacher Appreciation Day. Though young children are celebrated daily at Maple Tree, the festive Week of the Young Child is a featured highlight each year.



Maplewood Community Center

KIDS' FEST

Saturday, June 21 · 11:00AM – 2:00PM

FREE ADMISSION!

Join us for our first annual Kids' Fest at the Maplewood Community Center. Designed to be a day of entertainment and education for families, parents, and caretakers alike, this fair will offer something for the whole family, including kid-friendly entertainment, games and activities, face painting, bounce castle fun, and much more. Looking for fun summer recreation options? Our resource fair will get you up to speed on all the exciting activities you and your family can enjoy this summer. Bring the family to see all that the Maplewood Community Center has to offer!

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Dege Garden Center Passes The Business On After More Than A Century

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Owners Katie Rhein-Dege and George Dege in front of the original antique seed bins from 1906

Dege Garden Center first started in downtown St. Paul by George's grandfather who sold vegetables and grower supplies to homeowners. The business continued to flourish under his father's management and today is a well-known establishment in Maplewood.

After more than 100 years, Dege Garden Center is up for sale and George and Katie hope to pass the business on to new perspective owners. Dege said "I am willing to mentor the new owners if they would like." The building and land totals more than 1.06 acres at 831 Century Ave.

It's a bittersweet goodbye for Dege and his family. They have built long-term relationships with their customers.

George was dubbed "Mr. Lawn" by the Pioneer Press and has lectured across the country. Katie has grown the seed business to over 500 different variety of seeds. "Customers drive from many other states to come here to buy their seeds" says Katie.



Dege said he is still meeting with current lawn customers by appointment. Many customers are stocking up on seeds and lawn necessities for next year already. Dege Garden Center has eight full-time and eight part-time employees ready to help you with your lawn needs.

Dege Garden Center will be running monthly discounts including specials on pots, tools, garden decor and more.

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New customers are amazed at the wide variety of equipment they rent. It's important to them to continually expand their inventory to meet the demands of their homeowner and commercial customers. They have been part of Maplewood's growth for the past 60 years and plan to continue to be a resource for the residents and businesses of Maplewood for the coming years!



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Get Outdoors Day – At Fish Creek



Saturday June 14 is National Get Outdoors Day and Maplewood is celebrating with a hike at Fish Creek, from 9:30-11:30 am. The goal for this national initiative is to reach currently

underserved populations and first-time visitors to public lands and to reconnect youth to the great outdoors.

This is an opportunity to hike the county open space and the city's new Fish Creek parcel with a naturalist. Explore

several plant communities along the creek's riparian zone, then hike one steep hill, through forest edge, to the grasslands. Discover the City's newly acquired open space, see the restoration in progress, and find out about plans for future trails. For those who like to linger, bring a bag lunch and enjoy the grand views.

This FREE program is great for adults and families with children 8 years and older. Registration is required by June 13. Call Maplewood Nature Center at (651) 249-2170 or email info@maplewoodnaturecenter.com. Wear sturdy boots and long pants appropriate for primitive trails and tall grasses. Bring a hat, water bottle, and bug repellent. Meet at Henry Lane south of Carver Avenue; a shuttle will be provided down to our starting point at Oakwood Church.



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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!

Test your skills on the 65' rock climbing wall. Cool off on the "18' Super Rapids 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 friends and neighbors. See you there!

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July Events!

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**26th Free Tree ID &
Disease Workshop**
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By: Mayor Nora Slawik

Summertime in Minnesota! It's my favorite time of the year with long warm days and plenty of opportunities in Maplewood for walking and biking on trails, backyard barbeques, swimming, fishing, baseball, softball and enjoying conversations with our neighbors at the park.

As we are all loving our very short summer it is good to know our Maplewood police officers are on patrol serving, protecting and fighting crime. Recently I went for a police ride along with Officer Brad Rezny on a busy Saturday night patrolling on White Bear Avenue and in the Maplewood Mall area. Seeing the effectiveness of the automatic license plate recognition surveillance triggering numerous pull overs was very informative to me as a policy maker.

The highlight was an eye-opening event when several officers quickly planned and executed a warrant arrest at one of our licensed establishments. Officer Rezny and I transported the suspect to the Ramsey County jail for booking. This was an experience I will not soon forget. I want to thank all of our Maplewood officers who risk their

lives to keep us safe. I am very proud of the hard work and dedication of our Police Officers.

A few weeks ago our neighborhood met about daytime burglaries occurring in our area and how we can make sure our homes and neighborhoods are safe. You are invited on Tuesday, August 5th, to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the "31st Annual National Night Out" (NNO) crime and drug prevention event.

NNO is designed to: (1) Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; (2) Generate support for, and participation in local anticrime efforts;

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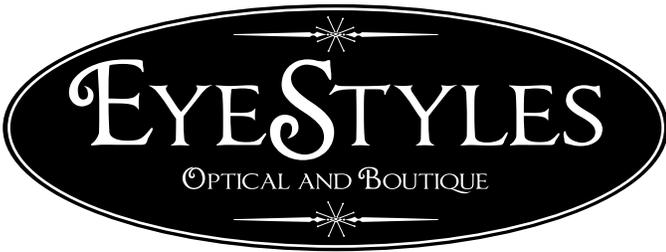
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For additional information and to find your polling site see the City website at www.ci.maplewood.mn.us and key in "precinct locations" in the search bar to see if your polling place has changed. You may also call (651) 249-2000.

July is National Parks & Recreation Month

Park and Recreation Department is hosting its first Photo Scavenger Hunt. People of all ages are invited to visit at least ten parks, preserves and open spaces throughout Maplewood. Contest details and registration can be found at www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/recreation



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(3) Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police community partnerships; and (4) Send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Our neighborhood holds a potluck at our park and many neighborhoods will be hosting a variety of events such as block parties, cookouts, mini carnivals with visits from our Maplewood Police and Fire personnel. The Maplewood Police Department invites all communities, neighborhoods, churches and businesses to organize a block party and register for this year's 2014 National Night Out event. To register online enter National Night Out in the website search bar or by phone at (651) 249-2700.

In June our City Council passed a resolution supporting a new youth initiative called Maplewood's "Rule of 5", our Integrative Youth Development Initiative. Many of you have told me how disconnected you sometimes feel with the

geographic challenges and the growing financial disparities that create a divide impacting our economic growth and community connectivity. We are the second biggest city in Ramsey County which is the most densely populated and diverse county in our state. Look for more information on this exciting new program in the August Maplewood Living.

I hope to see you out on our park trails, or at one of our many fantastic events coming up, including the fantastic Hazelwood Park for the July 4th Light It Up event; the White Bear Avenue Parade on July 9th at 7:00 pm; MidSummer Bingo Bash & Meat Raffle at the MCC on July 24th, 5:30 to 8:30 pm; the MCC Job Fair on August 12 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm or Music in the Barn, September 5th at Bruentrup Farm starting at 5:30 pm.

Enjoy the wonderful, warm long days of summer as they unfold in our fantastic city!



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- Wakefield Park
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 - Carver Elementary
Friday, Oct. 3: Finding Nemo
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Maplewood Girl Dines at White House Thanks to Winning Recipe



Sophie Bollin of Maplewood went to the White House recently for lunch with first lady Michelle Obama as the Minnesota winner of the Healthy Lunchtime Challenge.

Judges selected the 12-year-old's quinoa and black beans recipe as the top Minnesota entry. The contest invited a parent or guardian to work with their child to whip up a healthy and affordable lunchtime recipe.

Entries had to represent each of the food groups, with fruits and vegetables making up roughly half the recipe.

Opting against a hot dish, Sophie teamed up with her mother Deborah Webster on the award-winning meal, which also has a vegan option.

Sophie and her mother visited Washington, D.C., on July 16th. As part of the festivities, the students visited Julia Child's kitchen at the Smithsonian National Museum of American History.

Winners from each state and U.S. territories will celebrate at the Kids' "State Dinner" with the first lady and representatives from Epicurious magazine, which sponsors the annual contest in an effort to promote healthy eating.



President Barack Obama greets guests of the second annual White House "Kids' State Dinner" in the East Room of the White House in Washington on Tuesday, July 9, 2013. First lady Michelle Obama welcomed 54 children to the White House for creating winning recipes as part of a healthy lunch contest. (AP Photo/Susan Walsh)

Sophie will enter the seventh grade this fall at the Minnesota Math and Science Academy in Woodbury. She said her schoolmates reminded her to take plenty of pictures at the White House.

Sophie's recipe was selected from more than 1,500 entries.

Credit: Mitchell, Corey. "Minnesota girl to dine at White House with First Lady Michelle Obama." Star Tribune July 16, 2014

New! Boutique Style Fitness Offerings At MCC

by: **Lori Resendiz, Fitness Supervisor**

If the perfect workout existed, what would it consist of? For those at the Maplewood Community Center the answer may be found by trying out some new sleek contraptions that work wonders on the human body. How about a low impact, high intensity, sweat producing, calorie burning, transformational fitness workout combining the basics of traditional Pilates with other fitness components, such as aerial arts, strength training or cardio intervals? Whether you are starting from scratch, at a highly trained level, or somewhere in between, these exciting new offerings can be done by virtually anyone, but will challenge you at your level.

Aerialates® Suspension Training

New at the MCC this fall is Aerialates® suspension training. Aerialates® is described as a dynamic exercise that combines the aerial arts with Pilates, challenging and inspiring the body and spirit. This artistic movement incorporates Pilates techniques while suspended, using trapeze or fabric for support.

Pilates Reformer Training

Also coming this fall, is Pilates Reformer training. A Pilates Reformer is elegant, spring-based resistance equipment that allows one to work very precisely, developing strength and flexibility. There is an emphasis on proper breathing and correct body alignment and quality of movement is valued over quantity of repetitions. These movements create a sleek toned body while simultaneously alleviating pain and reducing stress.

Achieve a healthier life through these mindful movements. See our next issue of Maplewood Living or visit www.maplewoodcommunitycenter.com to learn more about these and other new programs we will be offering this fall.



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

Public Safety Projects Update

By: Councilmember Kathleen Juenemann



East Metro Public Safety Training Facility

The East Metro Public Safety Training Facility, located at Hwy 5 and Century Ave, is nearly completed, and training sessions have already begun at the site. At this time 18 local area departments will be training

at this much needed regional facility.

South Fire Station 1

Our new South Fire Station 1, located on McKnight Road, north of 3M Center, is well under way, with opening for operation scheduled for early November. In addition to being the first city building constructed according to Maplewood green building standards, there will be a major public safety innovation with an actual police substation operating at this location. This new police site will likely improve police presence and response time to sections of the city south of Minnehaha Avenue.



New Fire Station 1, Located on McKnight Road

Police Department Expansion

Another very exciting project is the expansion of the Police Department facilities at our own City Hall site. The purposes of this project are to upgrade the facility and technology to meet current, changing needs, and plan for future needs of the department. It has been the goal of Police Department Command Personnel, City Council and staff to provide sufficient, appropriate space, improve efficiencies, maximize police capabilities and reduce operational costs.

Practicality and modernization of policing operations are the major reasons for this project. Additional office space, need for storage, decent training facilities, and increased locker room space to accommodate the increased amount of equipment for each officer are obvious reasons to expand/renovate.

Two other major components of this expansion project are more significant to modern police operation. Indoor parking for squad cars is an efficient, progressive element of this plan. Modern patrol cars contain considerable equipment necessary to a mobile office and public safety needs. Technology equipment, including dispatch computer systems, require a warm environment, accomplished only by significant vehicle idling outside in cold weather, and resulting in wear and tear on equipment and increased fuel use and cost. In addition to the apparent advantages, this will also be a good step in reducing our city's carbon footprint.

The second significant factor of this remodel expansion is the creation of a separate, more secure investigation area which includes a special secured computer forensics lab and a private conference room for investigative interviews. Such an area is an important, basic need in maintaining privacy and security in processing criminal cases. Completion of this project is expected in September.

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Beyond building improvements, there are some changes in focus in Police Department goals as well. Basic to the data driven focus on solving community problems with the use of technology will be the implementation of new computer aided dispatch (CAD) and mobile (squad car) computing technology in early 2015. These capabilities will be implemented through Ramsey County Communication Center for CAD and Ramsey County Sheriff's Office for an improved records management system.

I believe perhaps the most notable change in the Police Department is philosophical, a new concept in youth development and community continuity. In 2013 the decision was made to discontinue the DARE Program, a program that served well for several years, but doesn't seem sufficient to the needs of the adolescent population any longer. The Police Department management staff and we, the City Council, resolved to initiate "Maplewood's Rule of 5" = Integrative Youth

Development. The goal of this program is to enrich and support our young people. The entire community-youth, parents, neighborhoods, businesses, faith communities, schools, all of us-will play a role in their development of self-image, educational achievement, positive relationships, and future successes. Our intention is for each child/young person in Maplewood to be able to identify and relate with 5 connected, caring adults in his/her life.

I am proud and thrilled to be sharing the progress of these Public Safety projects/improvements with you. We are so fortunate to have our own high quality Police Department and Fire-EMS services. We all need to thank our Public Safety men and women for their commitment, dedication, creativity and day-to-day service to all of us. These duties are proof that we can offer essential services that are of the highest quality and sustainable.

- Councilmember Kathleen Juenemann

Special Events

Music in the Barn

at the Bruentrup Farm (2170 County Road D East)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Gates Open at 5:30 pm • Music Begins at 7:00 pm

Stroll the historic grounds of the Bruentrup Farm while enjoying delicious refreshments (additional fee) then enjoy live music in the beautifully restored barn. Don't miss this perfect fall outing for music lovers of all kind. Space is limited and you must have a ticket to participate in this event. Cost is \$5.00 presale (\$10.00 day of event-unless sold-out). To register call (651) 249.2120 or visit <https://apm.activecommunities.com/maplewoodmn/Home>

1st Annual Maplewood Recreation Run 5k

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

at Maplewood Community Center (2100 White Bear Ave)

Race Check-In at 9:00 am • Race Begins at 10:00 am

Benefiting Maplewood Parks & Recreation Youth Scholarship Fund

Maplewood P & R is excited to host our first annual Rec Run 2.5/5k. This event is for all skill levels from a serious runner to a family looking for a fun fall event. The race has a 2.5K option for younger runners/families or a full 5K. Each registration comes with FREE entry to the Maplewood Community Center after the race. Kids are encouraged to dress as their favorite superhero or cartoon character. Entry fee is \$25.00 per person (youth run free with a paid adult).



Johnny Appleseed Day
Hosted by the Maplewood Area Historical Society
At the Bruentrup Heritage Farm

Saturday, August 23 11:00 am - 3:00 pm
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Admission is \$4 for adults and \$3 for children.

Parking for disabled and performers at parking lot East of the farm. Public parking available at Harbor Point on County Road D West of the Farm. Follow the path to the farm from there.

For more information, call Raydelle at (651) 426-4718

Visit us online at www.maplewoodhistoricalsociety.org to learn more about the Farm and what we do

Maplewood Community Center



FALL SWIM REGISTRATION GOING ON NOW!

In the land of 10,000 lakes learning how to swim is especially important! Which is why, here at the Maplewood Community Center, we are celebrating 20 years of providing high quality community swim lessons at a fraction of the price of private organizations. Our goal is to teach children that water is not something to be feared, but rather respected. By giving them the skills they need to enjoy water safely and helping them to understand their limits, we'll teach your children to swim, splash, and play in a safe way.

Our environment is another one of our keys to success. Our fun and interactive zero-depth leisure pool provides the perfect water environment for beginning swimmers. Kept at a comfortable temperature of 86-degrees and with a maximum depth of just four-feet, our versatile leisure pool allows instructors to safely challenge beginning swimmers. Take advantage of our experience today and register for one of our more than 100 class offerings.

Course descriptions may be found on our website at www.maplewoodcommunitycenter.com. All fall sessions include eight lessons and cost \$73.00 (\$58.00 for MCC members).

To Register:

Visit the Maplewood Community Center Customer Service Desk (Mon. and Thurs. 9:00 am - 7:00 pm or Tues., Wed., and Fri. 9:00 am - 5:00 pm). Online registration is also available at www.ci.maplewood.mn.us. Or register by phone at (651) 249-2230.

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Maplewood BUSINESS HIGHLIGHT

Cool off with a Splash at Battle Creek Waterworks

As the temperatures rise and the dog days of summer arrive, many Maplewood residents with young children head to Battle Creek Waterworks to cool off, take in the sun and celebrate the season. Tucked away in Battle Creek Regional Park, the facility is



located at 2401 Upper Afton Road in Maplewood and is operated by Ramsey County Parks and Recreation.

Waterworks offers a zero-depth entry shallow pool with interactive play equipment, an activity pool with a lily pad walk, swim area and three-story twisting waterslide, a sand play area, plenty of deck space and lounge chairs, and a concession stand for meals and snacks. Birthday parties and group reservations are also available and can be made by contacting the Parks and Recreation office at (651) 748-2500.

New for the 2014 season are special Tot Tuesday sessions, where the heated zero-depth entry pool with water play structure is open early every Tuesday from 9:30 to 10:30 am for kids ages 5 and under with guardians. Tot Tuesdays allow preschoolers and their guardians the opportunity to enjoy the water park without the chaos of large groups or older kids getting in the way.



Waterworks is open daily from 11:00 am to 8:00 pm. The facility will remain open for the season through at least Sunday, August 17 and may be open later into the month depending on weather conditions. For more information and updates on when the park will close for the season, visit <https://parks.co.ramsey.mn.us>.



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Maplewood Dental Associates Creating Smiles For 41 Years



Dr. William Johnson, founder of Maplewood Dental Associates did a study in 1973 looking for a central location that would be convenient for patients. He had a vision of starting a group practice so that many patients could be served. Cope Avenue in Maplewood was the location he selected. Now, 41 years later, Dr. Scott Kajer, Dr. Michael Splett, Dr. Annika Simon and the team of 25 caring, dedicated staff members are still providing comprehensive dental care in Maplewood.

The doctors and staff at Maplewood Dental Associates are highly skilled in many areas of dentistry, including sedation dentistry, same-day porcelain crowns, implants, cosmetic dentistry, preventive services, periodontal maintenance and endodontic treatment. They are family oriented, and serve everyone – from small children to seniors.

Dr. Annika Simon says “We are proud of the trust and strong relationships that we have built with our patients by always putting them and their dental health first. Our patients are like family, and we value them greatly. They are our best source of new patient referrals, and we are proud of the feedback that we receive from them.”

Maplewood Dental Associates enjoys being involved in the community and participating in events. One of the events they take part in is Give Kids a Smile Day. Maplewood Dental Associates and other clinics around the country volunteer their time and services to provide treatments to underserved children throughout the United States.

Maplewood Dental Associates continues to grow and focus on education so that they can provide the most current advancements in treatment, techniques and equipment to their patients. During the past several years they have implemented digital x-rays, the office has gone completely “chartless”, and they now offer technology where they can produce high quality porcelain crowns in just one visit.

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City of Maplewood Now Accepting Applications for 2015 Charitable Gambling Funds

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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 \$32,000 in Charitable Gambling Tax Funds in 2014. Funds went to the following groups: Boy Scout Troop 461, Boy Scout Troop 197, CHLD Inc., Dispute Resolution Center, District 622

Education Foundation, Gethsemane Lutheran School, Hmong American Education Fund, Maplewood Area Historical Society, Maplewood Fire Fighters Flower Fund, Maplewood Monarchs S.O. Team, Maplewood Police Explorers, Maplewood Police Reserves, Maplewood Youth Scholarship Fund, Ramsey County Fair, Second Chance Animal Rescue, Simon Youth Foundation – Maplewood Mall, St. Jerome's Catholic School, St. Mary's Health Clinics, The Salvation Army, Tubman Family Alliance, 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 or by calling Lois Knutson at 651.249.2051. **The deadline is August 29, 2014.**

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Maplewood Police Dept. Open House

Saturday, September 13,
4:00 - 6:00 pm at
Maplewood City Hall

Stop by to explore the newly renovated police department, look around the inside of a squad car, try on police gear and see a K-9 demonstration. Stay for a Q & A session with the police officers. There will also be child ID kits, tours of the police department, bicycle safety and a CPR station.
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Maplewood Recognized for Environmental Sustainability Efforts

The City of Maplewood had the honor of being recognized as a Minnesota GreenStep City and received a certificate at the League of Minnesota Cities Conference on June 20. Minnesota GreenStep Cities is a challenge, assistance, and recognition program.

Maplewood has worked hard to implement best practices in order to fulfill our sustainability goals. Actions that are taken within the program focus on cost savings, energy use reduction, and the encouragement of civic innovation. For more information on the best practices the City has completed visit www.MnGreenStep.org, click on "see all cities" next to the map, and click on the City's name.

"This award is a great achievement for the City of Maplewood," said Mayor Nora Slawik. "By being part of the program, the City of Maplewood and our 70 peer cities are helping to secure Minnesota's natural beauty for the future while also helping our cities thrive economically and socially."



Councilmember Marylee Abrams accepts Maplewood's award for the Minnesota GreenStep Cities at the League of Minnesota Cities Conference

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City Working On 2015 Budget, Council Seeks Input

The maximum tax levy for 2015 needs to be adopted and filed with the County by the end of September 2014. The final 2015 tax levy and budget will be adopted in December 2014. The City Manager, Finance staff, and department heads have been actively engaged in planning and preparing the 2015 budget, which funds all City operations and functions. Like most units of local government, Maplewood is facing very challenging budget circumstances. Some may wonder why budgets would be tight now given the generally positive economic recovery overall. Maplewood, like many largely developed communities, faces some unique circumstances. Maplewood has very few areas within its boundaries that offer tax generating development opportunities. In fact, the City's emphasis on economic development is really an effort at redevelopment.

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. The overall budget for the City of Maplewood's General Fund in 2014 is \$18.6 million dollars. Over the last six years, the City's General Fund budget went from \$16.9 million in 2009 to \$18.6 million in 2014, an increase of 1.7 million dollars. The biggest growth in expenditures during this period came from personnel costs (\$1.3 million dollars) even with the number of full

time employees dropping by 10 from 164 to 154.

A little over 50% of the increase was due to benefits (insurance, retirement, etc.).

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. The following represents a snap shot of City revenues OTHER THAN property taxes (fees, licenses, permits, fines, charges for services, etc.):

2009 - \$5.8 million
2010 - \$5.9 million
2011 - \$6.2 million
2012 - \$6.4 million
2013 - \$6.4 million
2014 - \$6.0 million (Budgeted)
2015 - \$5.8 million (Projected)

As you can see, revenues generated from sources other than the City's property tax levy are generally flat. It can be quickly realized from this trend data that non-tax revenues from other sources are not increasing commensurate with increases in City expenditures. This shows that our General Fund is reliant on property tax increases to fund any growth in the operating budget which limits the amount of tax revenue available for debt and capital projects.



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Study Looks At Transit Options In Rush Line Corridor Including Through Maplewood

The Rush Line Corridor is a transitway corridor extending 80 miles between Hinckley and Union Depot in downtown St. Paul. This past spring, a new study began to explore and evaluate transit options within the corridor between Forest Lake and Union Depot. This study builds upon work completed in 2009 that recommended two possible transit route alternatives: I-35E/I-35 from Union Depot to Forest Lake and the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority (RCRRA) right-of-way from Union Depot to White Bear Lake. The RCRRA right-of-way runs along the abandoned Burlington Northern railroad corridor just east of Highway 61 through the east side of St. Paul, Maplewood and into White Bear Lake. The goal of the current study, known as a pre-project development study, aims to identify one mode and alignment for adoption as the corridor's locally preferred alternative. The study is a joint local and regional planning effort conducted by the Rush Line Corridor Task Force and led by RCRRA. The study is expected to be completed in summer 2015.

Public input on the alternatives is being collected throughout the study process and is an important consideration during the selection of the locally preferred alternative. Residents and businesses in the corridor study area are encouraged to get involved and provide feedback. Public meetings where project staff will be available to provide updates and answer questions are being planned for this fall; dates and locations will be posted to the project website by early fall. For more information about the Rush Line Corridor and the study, or for project updates and opportunities to give feedback, visit www.rushline.org. Follow the project on [facebook.com/rushline](https://www.facebook.com/rushline) or on Twitter @RushLineTransit.



Rush Line Corridor Map

Commission Openings

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

- Environmental & Natural Resources Commission (2 opening)
- Housing and Economic Development Commission (2 openings)
- Human Rights Commission (1 opening)

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

More information can be found on the City's website www.ci.maplewood.mn.us or by calling City Hall at (651) 249-2000. Applications can be picked up at the City Hall or found online on the City's website. The application deadline is September 12, 2014.

Completed applications should be submitted to the City Manager's Office at 1830 County Road B E, Maplewood, MN 55109.

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

By: Councilmember Marylee Abrams



Labor Day is the official start of fall for me. The State Fair is over, students are back in school, and it won't be long before the fall colors arrive. Watch for some fun family activities this fall season including:

Maplewood Movie Nights- Come early for games and relays and don't forget to bring your chair, and bug spray.

- Friday, September 19 at Wakefield Park – "The Little Mermaid" (Games begin at 6:00 pm and movie starts at 6:45 pm.)
- Friday, October 3 at Carver Elementary – "Finding Nemo" (Games begin at 6:00 pm and movie starts at 6:45 pm.)

1st Annual Maplewood Rec Run 5K Sat., September 27 at 9:00 am at the Maplewood Community Center

Maplewood Parks and Recreation is hosting their first annual Rec Run 3k/5k. All skill levels are encouraged to participate from serious runners to a family looking for a fun fall event.

Kids are encouraged to dress as their favorite super hero or cartoon character, as David Grupa Portraits will be on site to take photos of families wanting a keepsake of this special event. Each registration comes with FREE entry to the Maplewood Community Center after the race. Stick around after the race for a Flotation Fun event in the MCC pool. There will also be fun nature crafts and (weather permitting) kids can interact with some cool native animals.

All event proceeds go to the Maplewood Youth Scholarship Fund helping those less fortunate to cover fees for recreation programs.

There are lots of development and redevelopment projects to watch this fall.

- CarMax, a pre-owned automobile dealership has been working on site preparation for a 40,796-square foot automobile sales facility. CarMax will be located on the east side of Highway 61 between Beam Avenue and County Road D near Costco.
- 3M Company's new five-story, 400,000-square foot lab and office building is under construction at the northeast corner of Conway Avenue and McKnight Road.
- The City of Maplewood is building a new fire station that will serve south Maplewood. This building will also include space for a police substation.
- On July 28, 2014, the City Council approved plans for the conversion of the Days Inn near Maplewood Mall into 115 units of senior housing. The proposed facility will provide assisted-living housing and memory-care housing, and get another business back into our tax base.

• On June 9, 2014, the City Council approved plans for a new Holiday fuel station/convenience store along English Street between Highway 36 and Cope Ave. The existing building will be removed and the Baby Zone Child Day Care Center, currently in that building will be relocated to the former vacant Hostess Bakery Store at the corner of White Bear Avenue and County Road B. That building is currently being remodeled for the Baby Zone.



Former Hostess Bakery store being remodeled for the Baby Zone with space available for a future tenant

- The East Metro Public Safety Training Center is near completion on Century Avenue, south of Holloway Avenue. This facility will be used by several public safety enforcement jurisdictions in the area.

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The project will be completed in phases. Phase I will include a burn building; a training and tactical building for prop storage, simulations and setup; hydrant/hose relay facilities and a fire equipment driver training area. Future phases of the Training Center improvements will include a classroom training building; and a training and burn tower that can also be used for rappelling and burn training.

- The City Council recently approved a purchase agreement with LCS Lawn Service to sell the former fire station located at 1177 Century Avenue North. LCS Lawn Services is currently located in Oakdale and has been in business for 20 years. No major changes are planned for the exterior of the building but the company does plan to install a screening fence to the west of the building to make sure none of their equipment is visible to adjacent neighbors.

Finally, with the fall season comes our annual budget process. We need to adopt our 2015 tax levy and file it with Ramsey County by the end of September 2014. Because we are largely a developed suburb, we are facing a very challenging budget.

Our revenues have remained flat since 2009, yet prices continue to rise. Maplewood has very few areas that offer

tax generating development opportunities. This means our General Fund which includes the cost of police, fire, public works, park maintenance, community development and citizen services, and administration, is reliant on property tax increases to fund any increases in our operating budget. This means revenues are not available for debt or capital projects, creating a challenging budget process.

Finance Director Gayle Bauman made an excellent presentation on the Maplewood City budget during our August 11th Council workshop. Visit the City website for the August 11, 2015 Council Manager Workshop to view the workshop packet.

We have a lot of work to do before we adopt a final budget in December, 2014. Priorities must be established. Choices will need to be made, such as do we fund services at premium levels, or set the lowest possible levy with the need for significant cuts in services? Or do we adopt a budget something in between? Let us know what you are thinking. A new website has been set up for you to communicate to the Council and staff about our budget. Visit www.budget.ideas@ci.maplewood.mn.us and give us your suggestions. Help us this fall to set the budget that is best for our City.

- Councilmember Marylee Abrahms

Maplewood Buckthorn Herbicide Coupon

Join the City's effort to remove buckthorn from Maplewood. To help with this 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. Water-safe formulation must be used within 10 feet of water or storm drains.

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Mu Daiko Drumming

SEPTEMBER 13 (7:30PM)

\$10.00/ADVANCE, \$15.00 DAY OF SHOW

Mu Daiko has attracted a loyal and expanding audience with its annual concerts and has been instrumental in bringing nationally-renowned taiko artists to the Twin Cities. Mu Daiko members have performed with the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra, the Chamber Music Society of Minnesota, around the state, and across the country. Mu Daiko performs a variety of traditional and contemporary works, ranging from traditional taiko repertoire to original pieces composed by its members.

Ring Of Kerry

SEPTEMBER 27 (7:30PM)

\$15.00/ADVANCE, \$20.00 DAY OF SHOW

Ring of Kerry is a bursting-with-energy Irish music group that captures the hearts of listeners. All five of its engaging musicians sing and play several instruments. With sounds that range from the thunder of the Irish bodhran drum to the sparkle of the hammered dulcimer; from the lilt and rhythm of fiddle and guitar to the haunting wails of flutes and pennywhistles, the band has developed a blend that is animated, ruggedly beautiful and fun.

Al Bahira Dance Theater

OCTOBER 4 (7:30PM)

\$10.00/ADVANCE, \$15.00 DAY OF SHOW

Al-Bahira blends authentic Middle Eastern dance with modern ethno-fusion and theatrical works to create beautiful and exciting dance works. Al-Bahira Dance Theater is dedicated to high-quality presentation, preservation, and education about the dances and music of the Middle East and surrounding regions, and celebrating these ever-evolving art forms, as relevant today in the U.S. as in their historical lands of origin. Employing creative storytelling and theatrical dance elements, Al-Bahira's unique approach is contemporary yet deeply respectful of the rich traditions and cultural context of the original forms. The stories, humor, drama and beautiful dances are enjoyed by fans of all ages.

East African Women Storytellers

DECEMBER 6 (7:30PM)

\$10.00/ADVANCE, \$15.00 DAY OF SHOW

Join us for an evening of stories from our East African Women neighbors. In exploring tales of struggles and triumphs of womanhood and family, we see a glimpse of the east African culture in our Minnesota community.



Next month MCC will celebrate it's 20th anniversary! More details in the next issue.

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The Heritage Preservation Commission invites you to attend the consultants' presentation of their work at a City Council workshop on Monday, September 8 at 5:00 pm, at Maplewood City Hall. The presentation will highlight several aspects of Maplewood history and provide recommendations for preservation of historic resources. If you have an older home or are interested in history, don't miss this opportunity.

The historic context study is funded by a grant from the State of Minnesota from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund through the Minnesota Historical Society. For more details, contact Ginny Gaynor at (651) 249-2416.



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City Working On 2015 Budget

Bonding Debt

As part of the City's effort toward redevelopment and the desire to maintain infrastructure, such as roads, and sewer systems, Maplewood invested heavily in bonded improvement projects over the past 7 years. This was a strategic decision to buy needed infrastructure improvements during a time of economic downturn, when the City could benefit from getting more for the investment because of the competitive environment in construction.

In addition, because Maplewood has an excellent bond rating, the City has been able to borrow money at very favorable interest rates. At present, Maplewood has bonded debt of slightly more than \$80 million, an increase of about \$20 million since 2006. A current priority is the reduction of debt over the next 5 years, but in the meantime, the

annual property tax levy needed to pay annual debt service costs has increased from \$3.1 million in 2007 to \$4.6 million in 2014.

Tax Levy

The property tax levy for the City has increased by \$3.0 million since 2007, from \$15.5 million in 2007 to \$18.5 million in 2014. This is a 19.2% increase over 7 years or about 2.7% per year. Half of that increase has been dedicated to debt service costs while only \$1.0 million 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. 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.

Fund Balance/Reserves

In keeping with City Council established priorities, Maplewood maintains a healthy fund balance of 40% or approximately \$7.5 million. This level of a fund balance is crucial to the economic health and viability of local units of government. A City's bond rating is, in part, based on the fund balance or reserves. The fund balance also helps a City manage cash flow and emergency needs. The City receives tax settlements from the County twice a year (June/July and November/December). The year end fund balance of 40% is necessary to pay the bills from January through June, until the next payment is received. This cycle repeats itself for the payment of bills from July through November.

Budget Planning

Based on the above data, 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

The City Manager has directed Department Heads

to prepare and refine both operational and capital budgets in a balanced manner using the philosophy of:

1. Responsible stewardship of the public's resources
2. Providing services and programs that will reflect a commitment to excellence; and
3. Recognizing and valuing the high quality of service and innovation of city employees through fair and equitable compensation.

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 tax levy increase needed to fund initial departmental requests for 2015 was between 9%-10%. Staff is still actively engaged in the budget planning process and has already agreed on some reductions in operating expenditures, changes to capital requests, and further deferment of building maintenance issues. As we continue to look for program efficiencies prior to the adoption of the final budget in December, input is needed on what the ultimate objective is. Do we fund based on business case or set the lowest possible levy with the potential need for significant cuts in services?

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Governmental units of all sizes and circumstances face serious challenges, but for largely developed and established communities like Maplewood, the challenges are somewhat unique. Maplewood is in a solid economic position

overall, but to ensure the future will require bold leadership to face the on-going challenges. We believe innovation presents opportunity.

City staff at every level is being directed to become engaged in an effort to make the City of Maplewood a local and regional center for innovation in government

service delivery and effective stewardship of public resources.

Also, the City Council has directed the establishment of a series of mechanisms and opportunities for members of the public with questions about the City's budget and/or services to get questions answered or provide input, feedback, or suggestions. One such item is the creation of a new email address budget.ideas@ci.maplewood.mn.us which will be regularly monitored. Information received from Maplewood residents, business owners, and staff shall be summarized and provided to the Council for the purposes of guiding and informing the City's budget development now and into the immediate future. Please feel free to utilize this tool to assist our efforts as we work toward creating a sustainable budget.

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Get Caught Recycling

Throughout the month of October you could win \$50! Simply place your recyclables in your recycling cart, place your recycling cart at the curb by 6:00 am on your recycling pick up day, and Get Caught Recycling.

Share your thoughts on Maplewood's trash and recycling programs. Take the survey at www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/solidwastesurvey. Each completed survey will be entered into a drawing for \$50.

Maplewood Community Center- Celebrating 20 Years of Community Enrichment

A family-friendly retreat, an exercise center, a splashy pool reprieve on a hot day, or host to a cultural performance – at one time serving each and every one of these roles, the Maplewood Community Center has worn many hats over the years. And, this month, the Center celebrates its 20th anniversary!



First opened on Saturday, October 15, 1994, the Maplewood Community Center was created to help fulfill the Maplewood Park and Recreation Department's mission to provide a community environment for all citizens to participate in and enjoy cultural and recreational activities on an equitable basis. Originally consisting of gymnasiums, an aquatics center, aerobic room, weight room, fitness track, banquet room, theater, and drop-in child care center, the Maplewood Community Center offered something for every member of the family.

Today the Community Center continues to play a vital role in contributing to our thriving City. "It was really designed to be a community amenity and over the years the facility and the programming offered within its walls has continued to evolve to meet the changing needs of our City," explains DuWayne Konewko, Maplewood Park & Recreation Director.

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Splash Trax Activity System

Friendly Reminder:

Trash carts are to be stored in your garage or screen them from view of the road (on the side of the garage, behind a screening fence, or landscaping). Let's keep our neighborhoods beautiful!

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	
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Melinda Coleman: Interim City Manager	651.249.2055
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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 for the meeting schedule of the City Council, Commissions and Boards.

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SPOOKY SPLASH

AT MAPLEWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 5:00 – 8:00 pm

Looking for a “spooky, not scary,” family-friendly event?

Join us at the Maplewood Community Center for our annual Spooky Splash. The aquatic center is transformed into a “spooky environment” with only underwater lights and dimmed overhead lights providing illumination. Those looking for a drier Halloween experience can stop by the gym to participate in a costume contest, bob in the spooky pond, hop in the bounce castle, or take part in a coloring contest. No pre-registration required. This event is free for members and the cost of daily admission for non-members.

www.maplewoodcommunitycenter.com

FALL BUCKTHORN CURBSIDE 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 shrubs will be picked up). This service is available to residents with enough buckthorn to fill a pickup truck. Pickup will be on designated days in late October for registered households only.

If you do not have enough to fill a pickup truck, 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 Street East, Maplewood, MN 55119; or email this information to Carole Gernes at cgermes@ci.maplewood.mn.us. Staff will confirm your registration and email instructions for piling and pick-up. If you have questions, contact Carole at the above email or call (651) 249-2170.

Check for identification, effective herbicide concentrations and removal instructions in the Maplewood Buckthorn Management brochure, available online at:

www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/documentcenter/view/205.

Residential Property Values on the Rise

Good news! Residential property values in the City of Maplewood are on the rise. Per information received from Ramsey County in August 2014, the estimated value of a median valued home in Maplewood is increasing from \$157,000 to \$187,300, or 19.3%. In fact, Maplewood is shown to have the greatest average increase over any other City in Ramsey County. Property values are based on market values that fluctuate with general market conditions such as recent sale prices, supply and demand, demographic changes, and changes in tax laws. Also, physical changes made to your property can affect your market value.

Bad news – property taxes on residential homes will rise because of this. If a certain type of property, such as apartment buildings, gains value faster than your own, that property type is now a larger share of the total pie and has to pay accordingly. Over the past few years, they have seen healthier value increases than residential markets. Because of this, a bigger share of the taxes were ‘shifted’ to these markets so even though Maplewood had a levy increase of 3.8% in 2013 and 0.0% in 2014, most residential properties in the City saw a City tax decrease both years. The following shows the impact of the 2013 and 2014 levy amounts to a median valued home:

PAY YEAR	MEDIAN VALUED HOME	ANNUAL CITY TAX	\$ CHANGE	% CHANGE
2012	\$182,900	\$752		
2013	\$160,700	\$707	(\$45)	-6.0%
2014	\$157,000	\$679	(\$28)	-4.0%

Current value changes are reversing recent trends and taxes are beginning to ‘shift’ back on to homes. What this means is that even with no levy increase in 2015, most homes will see a tax increase.

Based on information received from Ramsey County, the annual impact of different levels of a 2015 City levy increase to a median valued home in Maplewood is as follows:

LEVY CHANGE	HOME VALUED		CITY TAX		\$ CHANGE	% CHANGE
	2014	2015	2014	2015		
0%	\$157,000	\$187,300	\$679	\$767	\$88	\$13.0%
1%	\$776	\$97	\$14.3%
2%	\$785	\$106	\$15.6%
3%	\$793	\$114	\$16.9%
4%	\$802	\$123	\$18.2%
5%	\$811	\$132	\$19.5%

More homeowners will be eligible for a State Property Tax Refund in 2015 and many will also be eligible for larger refunds. Minnesota has two property tax refund programs for homeowners. You may be eligible for one or both, depending on your income and the size of your property tax bill.

- The regular property tax refund, sometimes called the “circuit breaker”, is based on your household income and the amount of property tax you pay on your principal place of residence.
- The special or “targeting” property tax refund requires your net property tax to have increased by at least 12% and \$100. The special property tax refund is not based on income.

The maximum 2015 tax levy amount will be adopted at the September 22, 2014 Council Meeting. The final 2015 Budget and tax levy will be adopted in December 2014. The City Council has directed the establishment of a series of mechanisms and opportunities for members of the public with questions about the City’s budget and/or services to get questions answered or provide input, feedback, or suggestions. One such item is the creation of a new email address budget.ideas@ci.maplewood.mn.us which will be regularly monitored. Information received from Maplewood residents, business owners, and staff shall be summarized and provided to the Council for the purposes of guiding and informing the City’s budget development now and into the future. Please feel free to utilize this tool as well as information on the City website, www.ci.maplewood.mn.us, to assist our efforts as we work toward creating a sustainable budget.





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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

By: Councilmember Bob Cardinal



We have exciting activity in our City this month, starting with the Park and Recreation System Master Plan. We are now half way through a three year process. This is the first time Maplewood has taken on such an exhaustive study of our parks. Citizens have indicated what is wanted in way of Parks, Trails, Natural Areas, Greenways, Arts & Culture, Facilities, Programs and Sustainability. All surviving recommendations will be presented to the Park & Recreation Commission and then to the City Council. For more details on the DRAFT plan, visit the city website: www.ci.maplewood.mn.us.

The Budget Review will be addressed from now until December when the 2015 Operating Budget will be accepted. You still have an opportunity to add your input by attending a council meeting and or letting the City Council know if something is not right with the DRAFT coming to conclusion. At this time, the proposed tax levy is 3.4% (\$19,161,210) above the 2014 Levy (\$18,528,400). Visit the city website for more information. Our Maplewood Community Center (MCC) continues to be an expense that needs a solution. We are addressing the deficit that could mean reducing the fund balance in a new way. Residents can also send in their ideas on the budget to this email address: budget.ideas@ci.maplewood.mn.us.

The City Council is currently addressing a very important assignment, that being, to hire a new city manager. The process started this past June and should conclude in December. The best thing you can do to stay informed of this matter is to go to the city website and view the Position Profile posted.

Lastly, I would like to share some numbers on our neighborhoods. Maplewood has 13 designated neighborhoods. You may know your neighborhood; if not, call the City to identify your neighborhood by address. Here is the list of all 13 neighborhoods in order of size of resident count:

- #1 Beaver Lake, approx. 5,300 residents
- #2 Parkside, approx. 5,000 residents
- #3 Hillside, approx. 4,600 residents
- #4 Hazelwood, approx. 3,900 residents
- #5 Sherwood Glen, approx. 3,600 residents
- #6 Gladstone, approx. 3,200 residents
- #7 Highwood, approx. 3,100 residents
- #8 Maplewood Heights, approx. 2,800 residents
- #9 Vista Hills, approx. 2,700 residents
- #10 Kohlman Lake, approx. 2,200 residents
- #11 Western Hills, approx. 1,600 residents
- #12 Battle Creek, approx. 1,500 residents
- #13 Carver Ridge approx. 200 residents

Whether you are a new resident of Maplewood, a resident of less than one year, or a resident whom has lived here and called Maplewood your home for 10, 30, 50 years or longer, we all say we live in Maplewood, and are proud of our City.

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To that end, the facility has undergone several changes in the past 20 years. As member needs evolved a strength center was created to replace the weight room and was eight times larger than the original space. The cardio center was expanded, doubling the size of the original workout area. In 2011, the facility's aquatics center was remodeled to create an underwater theme that included an interactive submarine and colorful murals. The cardio center was also revamped in 2012, replacing aging fitness machines with state of the art LifeFitness equipment. Programming has also evolved – moving from just 27 weekly fitness classes offered in five workout styles in 1994 to more than 75 weekly classes offered in 27 styles today.

But one thing remains the same – the Center's commitment to the community. "From keeping kids safe with swim lessons to helping our residents stay fit with year around gym access to offering unique cultural theater experience and family friendly special events, our goal is to meet the varied needs of each of our members and guests," says DuWayne Konewko. "We're excited about the future of the Maplewood Community Center and reaching out to the diverse community and the businesses in Maplewood and the surrounding area!"



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Presentation Line Up:

- 10:15 am Macular Degeneration by: Eye Care Center
- 11:00 am Financial Services and Investing
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- 11:45 am A Place to Call Home
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Dog Bites: A City Working Together for Prevention

The Centers for Disease Control reports that nearly 4.5 million Americans are bitten by dogs each year; half of these are children, and one in five incidents results in injuries serious enough to require medical attention. There have been 12 reported dog bites in Maplewood in 2014; a number which city officials are working to bring down.

Although strays or other strange dogs can bite, most of the time people are bitten by a dog they know and may interact with often. It is important to understand that any dog of any breed has the potential to bite, and the reasons for a burst of aggression can vary.

Consequences

Pet owners must report dog bites to the local police department for bite incidents to both humans and other domestic animals. The owner must provide proof that the dog's rabies vaccination is up to date; if unable to provide this proof, the City requires the dog to be quarantined at a local animal impound for ten days; quarantine may also be required if the bite causes serious damages.

Depending on the situation, the City may deem the dog as "potentially dangerous" or "dangerous". Potentially dangerous dogs must have a microchip implanted, a properly constructed enclosure in their yard, and be registered with the City with the designation of

"potentially dangerous". In addition, owners of these dogs must post a sign on their property declaring the presence of a potentially dangerous dog, and purchase liability insurance for up to \$300,000.

The burden that comes with keeping a dog that has been deemed potentially dangerous or dangerous is often too much for an owner to bear. Unfortunately, if unable to meet the requirements in place, owners are forced to look into relocation or euthanasia.

Prevention

The City of Maplewood is working to take a proactive approach to limiting the number of dog bites that occur, and the first step is to encourage education and prevention.

Almost all reported dog bites have been from dogs that were loose, either when their owner let them off leash or when they were not adequately contained and broke free of their yards.

Dog bite prevention begins at home with your own dog by being a responsible dog owner. Train your dog well, they should know the basic commands such as sit, stay, come and leave it. Don't allow your dog to roam free where they can be a danger to other people, and always keep your dog on a chain or leash under the control of a responsible person.

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Maplewood BUSINESS HIGHLIGHT

Halloween Express in Maplewood Celebrates 20 Years and Changes Their Name

Halloween Express, located off White Bear Avenue in Maplewood is celebrating its 20th year Anniversary. They thank all of their wonderful and loyal customers for this achievement.

This year is special for them in another way, too. They are proud to announce that they will be changing their store name to "Costumes Plus". This name change is due to the fact that even as part of the Halloween Express franchise, they were an independent local business open year round. They wanted their name to reflect who they really are.

Luis Berocay and Dian Lowe, the owners, have lived in the Twin Cities for 30 years and raised their family here. They have been operating seasonal Halloween Express stores since 1994; and since 2008 they have had a permanent location in Maplewood, open year round. Many of their outstanding staff have been with them for several years, which helps provide their customers with knowledgeable and consistent service.

They expect that this change will give them more freedom and more control of the store so that they have a greater ability to please their customers.



They invite you to celebrate with them on October 3rd - 5th! This weekend will feature special product discounts and other activities. Visit their store, Facebook page, or website for more information.

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Fall Clean Up Campaign



During the second and third week in October (Oct. 6-10 and Oct. 13-17) residents can schedule curbside bulky item pick up at 50% off the City's trash hauling contracted rate. Residents with City-wide trash

service with Republic Services will be billed for the service on their bi-monthly trash bill. 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 bulky item pick up contact Republic Services at (651) 455-8634. For more details visit the City's Fall Clean Up Campaign webpage at www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/fallcleanup.

Resident Spotlight



On a beautiful September morning, Virginia Mitchell pulled up to Maplewood City Hall to mail a letter and saw what she believed to be some large and beautiful plastic "flowers" by the tree line. She thought this was a little strange so she walked over to take a closer look and much to her amazement they weren't plastic flowers but huge mushrooms! She was so enthralled by their beauty that she drove home to retrieve her camera to take a picture of it. Virginia is a regular at the Maplewood Community Center and is active in the Silver Sneakers and Golden Beats Drum class among other activities. If you can help Virginia identify the mushroom contact karen.haag@ci.maplewood.mn.us or by calling (651) 249-2002.



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Public Hearing on 2015 City Budget and Levy – December 8th

Per state law, cities are required to certify their maximum proposed property tax levies to the county auditor by September 30th. The proposed tax levy that is given preliminary approval cannot be increased. Therefore, it is important that the proposed tax levy provides adequate revenues to finance the 2015 Budget. At the City Council meeting held September 22, 2014, the City Council set the maximum tax levy for 2015 at \$19,158,620, which is a 3.4% increase over 2014. Council will continue to discuss the budget and determine how much, if any, of the increase will be certified with the final levy in December.



The tax impacts of the proposed budget, as well as the programs and services supported by it, will be reviewed at a public hearing during the regular Council meeting December 8, 2014, 7:00 pm, at Maplewood City Hall. All interested citizens are invited to attend.

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City Taxes

Over the past few years, the commercial/industrial markets and the apartment markets have seen healthier value increases than residential markets. Because of this, a bigger share of the taxes were 'shifted' to these markets so even though Maplewood had a levy increase of 3.8% in 2013 and 0.0% in 2014, most residential properties in the City saw a City tax decrease both years. Current value changes show that taxes are beginning to 'shift' back on to homes. Based on information received from Ramsey County, city taxes on a single-family home valued at \$157,000 – the average value for taxes payable in 2014 – will increase \$118 next year, from \$679 to \$797. The calculations assume that the home experiences a 19.3% increase in value (the average increase for a median valued home). Below are the estimated city tax changes on homes with higher and lower values than the average.

Home market values do not increase or decrease by the same percentage for all properties. Therefore, the

estimated city tax amount may be higher for some, particularly if there have been improvements that add value. Similarly, a decrease in value could cause a smaller increase in taxes, or possibly a decrease.

General Fund

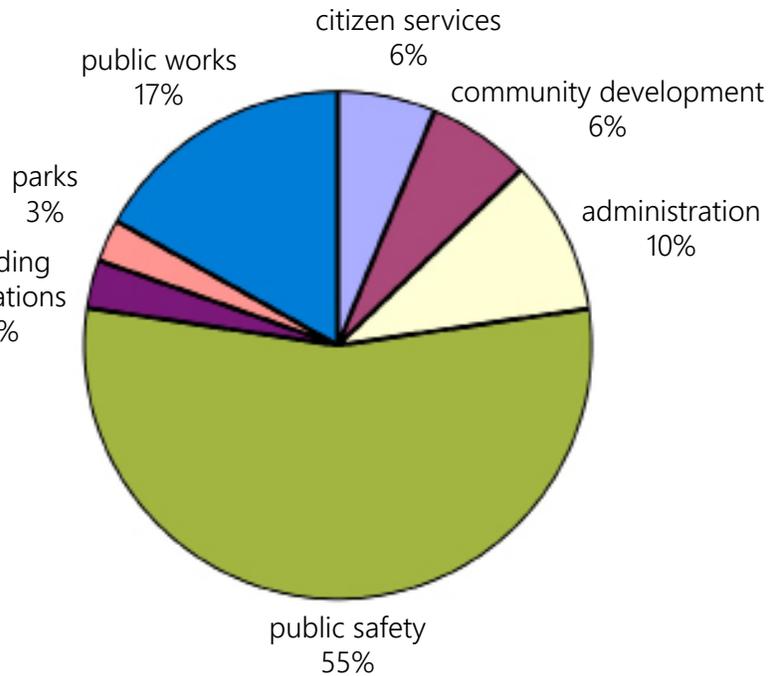
The budget is composed of a number of different funds, the largest of which is the General Fund. The General Fund is the primary operating fund of the city and includes such services as police, fire, public works, community development, citizen services, park maintenance and administration.

The revenues to support the General Fund come from a variety of sources, the largest of which is property taxes at approximately 68%. Other sources of revenue include permit fees from new home and business construction, charges for various services, miscellaneous revenues and intergovernmental revenues.

Value of Property for Pay 2014	Value of Property for Pay 2015	Taxable Market Value for Pay 2015	2014 City Tax	2015 City Tax	\$ Increase (Decrease)	\$ Increase (Decrease)
\$100,000	\$119,300	\$ 92,800	\$ 367	\$ 444	\$77	21.1%
\$125,000	\$149,100	\$125,300	\$ 503	\$ 599	\$96	19.0%
\$157,000	\$187,300	\$166,900	\$ 679	\$ 797	\$118	17.4%
\$250,000	\$298,300	\$287,900	\$1,187	\$1,372	\$185	15.6%
\$350,000	\$417,600	\$417,600	\$1,734	\$1,989	\$255	14.7%

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On the expenditure side, just over 75% of the General Fund is spent on employee salaries and benefits, with the balance spent on contractual services, other operating expenses and capital items. Approximately 55% of the General Fund budget is allocated to public safety (police and fire) and 17% to public works. The remaining 28% is allocated to Citizen Services, Community Development, Administration, Building Operations, and Parks.



Providing A Good Value

Under the proposed city budget, the average homeowner receives police and fire protection; snow plowing and street maintenance; park development and maintenance; recreational programs and facilities; and many other services for about \$66.42 per month. Here is a breakdown of the levy by fund:

General Fund	\$43.81
Ambulance Service Fund	1.16
Community Center Operations Fund	1.73
Recreation Programs Fund	.55
Capital Improvements Project Fund	.49
PD Squad/Equipment Fund	.88
Street Improvement Fund	.87
Debt Service	16.62
Economic Development Authority	.31
TOTAL MONTHLY	\$66.42

Summary of Maximum Levy Increase

Because the preliminary tax levy amount approved can only be decreased (not increased), the Council wanted to insure they had sufficient funds to cover any unknown costs that may arise between September 22nd – when they approved the max levy, and December 8th – when the final levy will be approved. More information and interactive tools regarding the proposed 2015 city operating budget are available on the Maplewood website at www.ci.maplewood.mn.us. Comments on the City budget or levy can be sent to budget.ideas@ci.maplewood.mn.us.

CITIZEN Survey

In our ongoing efforts to identify ways to better serve our community, the City of Maplewood is conducting a Citizen Survey. The 2014 City of Maplewood Citizen Survey will be held November 3 - 21, 2014.

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 November 3 - 21, 2014 by visiting:
www.surveymonkey.com/s/Maplewood_2014

A hard copy of the 2014 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.

PET *licensing*



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

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Cat / Dog Breed _____ Color of Pet _____

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Veterinary Clinic _____ Clinic Phone _____

Signature of Owner _____ Date _____

Maplewood ordinance requires licensing of all cats and dogs over three months of age. If you have not already licensed your pet and it is not convenient for you to come to City Hall, you may obtain the license by mail. Complete the form and mail it along with your payment and original signed certificate of rabies vaccination from your veterinarian to:

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 Questions: (651) 249.2001



Huge Donation For Maplewood K9's

At the September 22nd city council meeting Dr. Kristina Andrusko-Bipes and Dr. Amberleigh Barker, owners of Maplebrook Pet Care Center, presented the City with a check for \$2,500 from a fundraiser put on by Maplebrook Pet Care Center. The donation was for the purchase of ballistic vests for our Police K-9's and was accepted on behalf of the City by Mayor Slawik and Police Chief Paul Schnell.

pictured left to right: Mayor Slawik, Dr. Amberleigh Barker, Dr. Kristina Andrusko-Bipes, and Police Chief Paul Schnell



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2015 City Utility Fees

During preparation of the annual budget, staff reviews revenues produced by the current rates to determine if they are sufficient to cover operating, capital and infrastructure costs. The programs that were reviewed were Sanitary Sewer, Environmental Utility, North St. Paul Water Surcharge, St. Paul Water Surcharge and Recycling. Based on current information, it was determined the Sanitary Sewer and North St. Paul Water Surcharge did not warrant a fee increase at this time but the remaining programs did. Following are the 2015 utility rates:



2015 Utility Rates	Monthly Charge		Monthly Increase
	2014	2015	
Sanitary Sewer	15.68	15.68	0.00
Environmental Utility	7.26	7.48	0.22
Water Surcharge – St. Paul	1.24	1.42	0.18
Water Surcharge – N. St. Paul	1.20	1.20	0.00
Recycling	2.94	3.03	0.09
TOTAL MONTHLY INCREASE			0.49

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Richard led the protection of the British Royal Family and in 2013 Queen Elizabeth II made Richard a Member of the Royal Victorian Order. He is also a Yacht Master with the Royal Yachting Association.
Richard now lives in Minnesota and is the Executive Director of Minnesota Benefits Association; a public sector non profit. He continues to sail around the world whenever possible.

For inquiries call 651-748-8645

Therapeutic Massage at the Maplewood Community Center

Massage is rapidly becoming recognized as an important part of health and wellness. The Maplewood Community Center is embracing this trend and now offers massage therapy as service of our fitness department. Research indicates that even a single massage can help relieve inflammation in skeletal muscles, boost immune system function, decrease hormone levels associated with aggressive behavior and reduce stress, among many other benefits. With health care system changes and awareness about alternative medicine increasing, today many Americans are turning toward natural remedies to improve health. Here are just a few of the numerous ways massage may improve your health and wellness:

- **Improve physical fitness.** Active people from recreational exercisers to elite athletes can use massage therapy to reduce muscle tension, improve exercise performance and prevent injuries.
- **Treat seasonal allergies.** Many Americans rely primarily on antihistamines and steroids to treat seasonal allergies, both of which can have some adverse side effects. Massage can help relieve some allergy symptoms by reducing stress, increasing circulation, releasing muscle tension and reprogramming the body's panic reaction, which can exacerbate symptoms.

- **Increase immune function.** Massage therapy has been shown in medical research to help boost immune system strength by increasing the activity level of the body's natural "killer T cells," which fight off viruses.
- **Stress management.** Massage therapy can relieve the long term physical and emotional effects of stress and conditions associated with stress such as tension headaches.
- **Boost mental health and wellness.** Massage therapy can help reduce symptoms of stress, anxiety and depression (all associated with mental health).
- **Pain management.** Massage can help manually control pain. Studies have shown Massage can be an effective tool in managing symptoms in people suffering metastatic cancer, rheumatoid arthritis, post-cardiac surgery pain, among other illnesses.

The Maplewood Community Center is an excellent resource for the community, offering a comprehensive health and wellness program. Visit our website at www.maplewoodcommunitycenter.com to learn about our massage therapists, or to learn more about our program changes. Watch for news of our massage open house this winter! For more information, contact Lori Resendiz, Fitness Supervisor at (651) 249-2207.



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Maplewood BUSINESS HIGHLIGHT

New Day Care Center Moves Next Door To Maplewood Community Center



Baby Zone Inc. started almost 14 years ago. The Owner/Director Mary Jo Cocchiarella has worked in the field for over 22 years. She was a Nanny, Preschool Teacher, On the Board of Education and a Clinical Nurse.

After eight years of in home childcare, Cocchiarella decided to expand into a commercial center. Owning a center has been a life long goal. The name came to her in a dream. It first opened in July 2001. At that time the center specialized in Infant and Toddler care only.

Baby Zone is a small camera secured center with a

capacity of 65 children. The large franchises take up to three times that capacity. "I never want to be that big and herd them in and herd them out like a bunch of cattle." said Cocchiarella. We want everyone to feel welcome and we want to get to know the parents.

Some of the staff have worked at Baby Zone for ten plus years. The teachers have a degree in Child development and are all trained in CPR/Aid. They take Infants, Toddlers, Preschool, Pre-K, and a small latchkey program. They offer free Spanish lessons, Story time, Music and Art.

Baby Zone recently relocated in September to the corner of County Road B and White Bear Avenue next to the Maplewood Community Center (the former Wonderbread Store). The Linn Companies has done a beautiful renovation of an old building specifically for Baby Zone Inc. "I feel very blessed for the opportunities that lie ahead." said Cocchiarella.

For more information on Baby Zone call **(651) 482-0404**.



Owner/Director of Baby Zone, Mary Jo Cocchiarella

City of Maplewood Recreational Fire Ordinance



The State of Minnesota regulates what are referred to as "outdoor fires" through the State's Fire Code. Technically, all outdoor Fires are prohibited in Minnesota. Outdoor fires,

generally, are only legal if conducted pursuant to a permit. Recreational fires, on the other hand, are simply an exception to the general rule regarding outdoor fires.

A "recreational fire" is a fire that is small, manageable and above all, safe. The City's Ordinance addresses each of

these points in some detail. Essentially instructing how far away from buildings you need have a fire; what you may and may not burn; and how to conduct a recreational fire with safety in mind.

Ordinance Highlights - Your Fire Must Be:

- at least 25 feet from any building or combustible materials
- enjoyed when the wind is 15 mph or less
- no bigger than 3 feet by 3 feet by 3 feet
- attended at all times while burning
- conducted between 2:00 pm and 11:00 pm
- extinguishable with something on-hand, e.g., a garden hose, pail of sand or certified extinguisher

If you have questions about recreational fires or about burning, contact the Assistant Fire Chief/Fire Marshal, Butch Gervais at 651.249.2804.

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Melinda Coleman Named Maplewood City Manager

During the November 10, 2014 City Council meeting the council voted to appoint Melinda Coleman as City Manager.

Melinda has a long history with the City. Starting in 1995 she was hired as the Community Development Director and also served as the Assistant City Manager from 2000 – 2006. She left the City in 2006 to work for Target Corporation as a Senior Development Manager where she stayed until February of 2009. Her love for local government led her to North Oaks where she served as City Administrator from February of 2009 through August of 2013.

Melinda returned to the City of Maplewood in August of 2013 as the Environmental and Economic Development Director and Assistant City Manager and has been the Interim City Manager since May 30th of this year.

Melinda has a great ability to work with staff and the public as well. Her common sense and honesty will serve the City well in facilitating agreements and in challenging situations. It also doesn't hurt that she has a great sense of humor.

Congratulations, Melinda!

Melinda can be reached via email at melinda.coleman@ci.maplewood.mn.us or by phone at (65) 249-2055.



City Manager,
Melinda Coleman

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Holiday Open House

Sunday, December 14, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

At the Bruentrup Heritage Farm (2170 East County Road D in Maplewood)

Come enjoy a fun-filled afternoon in the farm house. Listen to live holiday music, enjoy a light lunch, make your own S'mores by the campfire (\$1), and see historic demonstrations and kitchen demonstrations.

Antique holiday ornaments will also be for sale. For more details, call (651) 426-4718 or visit www.maplewoodhistoricalsociety.org.



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Snowplowing 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 of the following:

- 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. Their field of vision is limited and visibility can be reduced by blowing snow.
- Do not shovel or blow snow into the street.
- 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 prohibited 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 Streets Division webpage at www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/streets or call the Public Works Department at (651) 249-2400.



What A Mess!

This thought may have gone through your mind the last time you passed through a construction area. The construction process is often dusty, muddy, and quite messy. Ask a resident of the recently completed Arkwright-Sunrise area improvement project and they would likely agree. Keeping this mess contained during construction and having a positive impact on the environment in the long run takes careful planning and project oversight. Managing your own property can be done in a similar manner; not only having a positive impact on the environment, but saving you time and money as well.

The Arkwright-Sunrise area improvement project included the reconstruction of the entire street section as well as twenty-thousand plus feet of utility improvements. As you can imagine, a project of this size requires the disturbance of a lot of dirt. If left unchecked, wind and rains can carry large volumes of these soils out of the area and place them where they are not wanted. In order to keep the soils within the project area, silt fencing and compost logs are installed around the project perimeter. Likewise, storm sewer inlets are protected with sediment traps to keep soils out of the storm sewer system. To minimize soils leaving the site due to the wind, exposed streets are watered multiple times each day to keep the dust down. Any sediment that does get tracked onto neighboring streets is swept up on a regular basis. Once all of the work is complete, exposed soils are covered with sod or seed and erosion control blankets to hold the soil in place.

During the project, infrastructure is installed to reduce the volume of storm-water runoff leaving the area, as well as improve its quality. Some of these features, such as rainwater gardens, are at the surface and are easy to spot. Other features are not so obvious. Underground infiltration systems and sump-manholes are installed below the surface and aid in the City's water quality goals.

Keeping in spirit with the City's Living Street's Policy, streets are being designed at narrower widths to reduce impervious surfaces and ultimately storm-water runoff.

After construction has been completed, the City continues maintaining the streets and utilities with the environment in mind. Underground infiltration systems and sump-manholes are inspected and cleaned each year to remove accumulated sediments. Streets are swept multiple times each year to keep sediment and plant matter from reaching the storm sewer system as well.

Some of these same principles can apply to maintaining your own property while having a positive impact on the environment. If you are doing work on your property that exposes the underlying soils, minimize the chance of erosion by covering the excavation with plastic when done working for the day. If it is a dry and windy day consider spraying the soils to minimize dust. Keep soils, grass clippings, leaves, and other debris off of your driveway and street. If it does reach these surfaces, make sure to sweep the material back into your yard at the end of the day. Take advantage of the free water that falls from the sky. Consider installing a rain-barrel or rain garden to capture storm-water for watering plants. Setting your lawn mower on its highest setting will also aid in reducing the amount of water you need to apply to your lawn. Your lawn will green up nicely as well.

Whether you are managing a quarter-acre property or a 50 acre construction project, the principles are the same. The way you manage your property will have an impact on our lakes and streams for years to come.



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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

Strong Neighborhoods for a Strong Maplewood



By: Mayor, Nora Slawik

It's a busy time for all of us as we all deal with the snow and cold and prepare for holidays that are fast approaching. I am looking forward to another productive year as your Mayor. It is truly an honor to serve you and I will continue to strive to make Maplewood a better place to live, work and play.

As I finish my first year as Mayor I want to reflect on the past year and to introduce a concept to shape the future of our City: Strong Neighborhoods for a Strong Maplewood. Our city has celebrated many successes this year including the recent opening of our Fire and Police Department South Station; the \$150 million 3M research and development expansion utilizing tax increment financing; the development of a 12.3 million 50-unit mixed-income housing project on the former site of the Maplewood Bowl; the purchase of Fish Creek Greenway and the completion of the East Metro Regional Public Safety Training Center.

We also have seen many challenges as a first ring suburb with our 18 miles of unique and beautiful geography. Our residents are aging, becoming more diverse and growing in poverty. Our land is mostly developed forcing us to look towards revitalization and redevelopment as a strategy.

As I visit with you top concerns I am learning from the data and anecdotes include: parks aging equipment and safety concerns; severely deteriorating roads in particular neighborhoods; burglaries, code violations and thefts from autos. Additionally, I hear of frustration with using

the City website. Specifically, the inability to apply for required licenses on-line, accessing city meetings and events schedules and ways for our citizens to give input.

To address these concerns I am working with our dedicated staff on a Strong Neighborhoods for a Strong Maplewood initiative for 2015 to address these challenges and strengthen our neighborhoods. I am hoping my colleagues on the Council will support these efforts. Key strategies to help bolster Strong Neighborhoods for a Strong Maplewood include:

- **Enhance neighborhood parks:** Thanks to everyone who participated in our recently completed Parks Master Plan. We are reviewing your feedback and actively exploring ways to improve our neighborhood-based parks and keep current with playground equipment. We must work to keep our neighborhood parks safe so kids and adults alike can use them freely and readily.
- **Seek and implement strategies to replace crumbling road surfaces in certain neighborhoods:** At regional Mayor meetings I hear about cities across the metro struggling to develop plans to remove and replace large stretches of failing asphalt streets. These asphalt failures are occurring in several of our neighborhoods, especially south Maplewood. The failure is related to a certain faulty asphalt mixture used at the time the streets were installed. By the end of 2015 we will have a clear capital improvement plan for replacement of our affected City streets.
- **Support planned geographically specific or neighborhood-based policing and problem solving:** In January 2015 our police department will implement a geographically specific neighborhood-based policing and problem solving strategy.

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This plan calls for consistent assignment of police officers in geographically specific areas.

I am looking forward to seeing how the consistent assignment will result in increased awareness of and improved problem solving around repeat problems such as burglaries or calls for service.

• **Renewed attention on code enforcement – emphasis on enforcement:** Many of you have told me it is critical that we address property maintenance issues that affect our neighborhood livability, quality of life, and property values. In 2015, I will call upon our Building Officials, Code Enforcement personnel, police staff, and the City Attorney to implement a strong and streamlined code enforcement process.

• **Enhancement and improvement of the city's web presence to provide residents greater access to information, opportunities for citizen input, and a timely method for distributing important information:** In 2015 we will improve the usability of the city's website. We also plan technology enhancements that will provide opportunities for citizen input and we will utilize web-based technology so that residents can register and receive an email or text message with



important and timely information.

2015 will be a busy year for us as your elected leaders and for our City staff. We want to be known for our strong and connected family-oriented neighborhoods, as this is the foundation for a great Maplewood. I am pleased to announce that at the November 3rd council meeting, Melinda Coleman was appointed as the new City Manager. Please see more about Melinda and her appointment on the cover page.

As always, please contact me with questions or suggestions regarding any City issue. Also stay tuned for our new local cable TV show "Spotlight on Maplewood" which will appear on public access channels 15 and 16. I can be reached by email nora.slawik@ci.maplewood.mn.us. May your holidays and 2015 be safe, happy and healthy for everyone in Maplewood.

FRANCHISE FEE

The City is in the early stages of considering adoption of a Franchise Fee that would be specifically dedicated to help fund additional City street repairs. The revenue would allow the City to repave an additional 2-miles of streets 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.

Preliminary estimates of the fee are \$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).

To collect feedback on this topic an Open House is set for Tuesday, December 16 from 5:00 - 7:00 pm at the Maplewood Community Center, located at 2100 White Bear Avenue. Please attend to learn more and make your voice heard. You can also email comments to Public Works Director/City Engineer Michael Thompson at michael.thompson@ci.maplewood.mn.us



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Maplewood Community Center Special Events



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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31 • 5:00 – 8:00 PM
Ring in the New Year family style at Maplewood Community Center's New Year's Eve celebration. We're hosting a splashing fun pool party from 5:00 – 7:00 pm. Enjoy pizza provided by Pizza Ranch, our bounce castle, face painting, games and crafts in the gymnasium from 5:00 – 8:00 pm. Participate in a New Year's countdown beginning at 7:40 pm and end the party with a balloon drop and celebratory toast. Cost is free for members and cost of daily admission for non-members. Registration is required by calling (651) 249-2230.



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Maplewood BUSINESS HIGHLIGHT

Rawlings Hardwood Floors



Owner
Scott Rawlings

Scott Rawlings founded Rawlings Hardwood Floors in 1980. The business is located in Maplewood and is run by Scott and his wife Tina.

Scott specializes in hardwood floor installation, refinishing, medallions, trim work, stairs, decks, boarders, restoration, flooring repair and patching. He is also known for his custom tables to match any floor design.

During a free estimate, Scott conducts a thorough explanation of what is going to get done, the products he's going to use, and what to expect as far as the amount of time, preparation and cost. He is also involved in every stage of helping you decide what kind of floors you would like to fit your budget.

At the job, you can expect work to be done in a professional manner. Scott does every job like it is his own home. He takes pride in doing outstanding work at a fair price.

Scott has done work at Maplewood's Myth Nightclub. He installed stage flooring that was stained ebony, so the glare of the spotlights wouldn't affect the performers.



Hickory Flooring, Brazilian Cherry Boarder

Scott says "If you are seeking your finished floors to be done with quality materials that will last you the test of time, you cannot rush that service. Other providers may get the job done quicker, but the quality of the work is unprecedented to the skill of a man who has been trained since he was a young boy."

Rawlings Hardwood Floor Service needs to do very little advertising for their business because Scott's past customers do his advertising for him. He is famous for saying, "I don't get callbacks, I get referrals." Scott has a niche market of customers who want quality with no surprises.

For more information on Rawlings Hardwood Floors call (651) 778-8277 or visit them on facebook.

Maplewood Special Olympics Team



Maplewood Monarchs
Special Olympics Team

Did you know that Maplewood has its own Special Olympics team: The Maplewood Monarchs. We're the youngest of 12 delegations, having been around for only eight years, but our athletes have won multiple medals. One of our athletes even went to the Special Olympics USA

Games in New Jersey and brought back two gold and one silver medals.

The coaches are some of the best also, two of whom recently recieved the Outstanding Coach Award and the Outstanding Special Event/Fundraiser Award, respectively, at the 28th Special Olympics Minnesota Distinguished

Service Awards. Speaking of special events, some of the athletes and coaches will even be taking the Polar Plunge this winter, to raise money and awareness for the Special Olympics.

We're currently involved in bowling, but also offers Poly Hockey Basketball, Athletics (track and field), Softball, and Bocce Ball. Come watch us compete, where the first rule for the Monarchs is to "Have Fun!" If you want to support your local Special Olympics team, The Maplewood Monarchs, or cheer us on, contact Mark Hamer at (651) 707-6940 or email him at mjhamer@hotmail.com.



Maplewood Monarchs Special Olympics Coaches (left to right and top to bottom): Bruce Spears, Joyce Larson, Carol Petersdorf, Denise Nalipinski, Steve Nalipinski, Sherry Pasket, Deb Hoffman, Jeff Pasket, Diane Willen, Rick Brouhard, Mike Loiperspeck, Ev Osten, Wendy Osten, and Greg Boland



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Commission Openings

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

- Housing & Economic Development Commission (1 opening)
- Human Rights 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 or by calling City Hall at (651) 249-2000. Applications can be picked up at the City Hall front desk or found online on the City's website. **The application deadline is December 10, 2014.** Completed applications should be submitted to the City Manager's Office at 1830 County Road B E, Maplewood, MN 55109.



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