



Maplewood Monthly

January 2013 City Newsletter

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• Winter Open House: Snowshoes & Tracks

January 19, 10AM-3PM
Maplewood Nature Center

• Bridal Expo see p.4

February 2, noon-3PM
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• Shadows Tribute Band: Back to the 50s & 60s String Songs

March 9, 7PM
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Tickets: www.maplewoodarts.com

Early Childhood Resource Fair Free Admission!

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19, 10:00AM - 1:00PM

Come learn more about resources available for you and your family at Maplewood Community Center's Early Childhood Resource Fair. The Maplewood Community Center is located at 2100 White Bear Avenue in Maplewood. 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 more about 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. Don't miss this fabulous FREE event! Call 651.249.2230 for more details.

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Council Approves Expanding Space For Police Department Without Future Tax Levy Increase



A goal set by the City Council nearly two years ago was set in motion after a Public Hearing on November 26, 2012. In 2011 the City Council authorized preparation of a study of space needs within the Police Department by architect, Larry Koch, of SEH, Inc. A copy of the report and summary of the findings along with options for expanding the Police Department are available on the City's website [www.ci.maplewood.mn.us] under the Police Department section of the webpage. The SEH representatives spent time reviewing Police operations and

conducted a survey of personnel regarding the needs of the various Police functions. In summary, the study determined that no new space has been provided to our City's Police Department since construction of our original City Hall in 1985-86, even though Department needs and size have expanded in some areas by more than 200% in the 25+ years since the last improvements to address the department needs. Some specific findings were the lack of adequate locker room space for our uniformed officers as well as the placing of as many as six officers into an office area designed for one officer. In general, the finding of the study was that our Police Department has only 45% of the space needed for professional operations.

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Exciting Things Are Coming...

Maplewood Monthly has some very exciting things coming for 2013. Watch the next few issues to find out more.

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able to watch any live meetings that may be taking place. From that same page you'll also be able to click on one of the other meeting body's to view video of their past meetings. Once you're watching the video be sure to take advantage of the "Agenda Items" tab on the left of your screen. Click on any of the links and it will take you right to that portion of the meeting. We're very excited to offer this service and encourage you to take advantage of it.

Commission Openings

The City of Maplewood is now accepting applications to fill six openings; two on the Planning Commission, one on the Human Rights Commission, two on the Community



Design Review Board, and one on the Parks & Recreation Commission. These openings are due to commissioners resigning. The City Council will interview candidates that apply and will appoint individuals to fill these openings.

The Planning Commission is a nine-member advisory committee to the city council. Their duties are to prepare and recommend a comprehensive plan for the development of the city and to review zoning and land use matters like rezoning requests, zoning variances, property subdivisions, right-of-way vacations and home occupation requests. The city council relies on the Planning Commission's recommendations on these and related matters.

The Human Rights Commission advocates for equal opportunities for all citizens of Maplewood in: housing, employment, public accommodations, services and education, in addition to continuously working to improve human rights within the community.

The Community Design Review Board is an advisory committee to the city council that reviews building design, site plans, and landscape for proposed multi-family, commercial and industrial development in Maplewood.

The Parks and Recreation Commission is an advisory board to the city council on all issues of park acquisition, development, open space, trails and leisure programs and works to provide a community environment for all citizens to participate in and enjoy cultural and recreational activities on an equitable basis.

More information on the commission 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 January 18, 2013. Completed applications should be submitted to the City Manager's Office at 1830 County Road B E, Maplewood, MN 55109.

City Meeting LIVE Schedule

The following dates and times for City meetings are authorized by the City Council and cable cast live on Maplewood Television, Channel 16 to Maplewood residents who have Comcast cable. All meetings are held in the Maplewood City Council Chambers located at 1830 County Road B East. Due to lack of quorum or other circumstances, these meeting dates/times are subject to change and/or cancellation:

City Council	2nd & 4th Mondays at 7:00PM
City Council Workshops	As needed at 5:15PM
Business & Economic Dev. Com.	4th Thursday at 6:00PM
Community Design Review Board	4th Tuesday at 6:00PM
Env. & Natural Resources Commission	3rd Monday at 7:00PM
Heritage Preservation Commission	2nd Thursday at 7:00PM
Housing & Redevelopment Authority	2nd Wednesday at 7:00PM
Human Rights Commission	2nd Tuesday at 7:00PM
Parks & Recreation Commission	3rd Wednesday at 7:00PM
Planning Commission	1st & 3rd Tuesday at 7:00PM
Police Civil Service Commission	As needed

City Meeting REPLAY Schedule (Replay times are subject to change)

City Council	Thursday 10:00AM & Saturday 5:00PM
City Council Workshops	Thursday 8:00AM & Saturday 3:00PM
Bus. & Economic Dev. Com.	Saturday 10:00AM
Community Design Review Bd	Friday 5:00PM & Sunday 11:00AM
Env. & Natural Resources Com.	Friday 12:00PM & Sunday 4:00PM
Heritage Preservation Com.	Friday 7:00PM & Sunday 8:00AM
Housing & Redev. Authority	Friday 10:00AM & Sunday 6:00PM
Human Rights Commission	Friday 8:00AM & Sunday 8:00PM
Parks & Recreation Com.	Friday 2:00PM & Sunday 1:00PM
Planning Commission	Thursday 2:00PM & Saturday 12:00PM
Police Civil Service Com.	Saturday 8:00AM

From 8:00AM to 4:30PM on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday we broadcast programming from Government Television Network (GTN) whose schedule can be found [HERE](#).

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- 16 Maplewood Television
- 18 Ramsey/Washington TV18
- 19 On Location TV19

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From The Desk of City Manager James Antonen



On behalf of the Mayor, City Council and city staff we wish you a wonderful Holiday Season, with happiness and prosperity throughout the coming year! And ask that you join us in honoring those that are serving and have served in our military.

Recognition of our Military ~

The City Council often acknowledges Maplewood residents that are serving our country. To increase their efforts to do so, the city council is requesting that community members submit information regarding those serving our country to be highlighted and recognized during City Council Meetings, on the city website and possibly in future city publications.

For more information on how you can assist in this endeavor visit the city website at www.ci.maplewood.mn.us or by calling 651.249.2051.

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Maplewood Bridal Expo: The Perfect Planning Solution For Brides To Be SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2, NOON - 3:00PM 2100 WHITE BEAR AVENUE

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 specialist, the 2012 Winter Bridal Expo is your one-stop wedding planning resource.

Bring your family, your friends, and your course, your wedding party for a day of fun, food, and fashion! Maplewood Community Center caterers will offer exquisite samples of their wonderful cuisine. Don't miss our strolling fashion show presented by Wedding Connection. From the perfect bridesmaid dress to the perfect bridal up-do, this show will feature a variety of looks, including the must-see fashions of spring. While you are there register to win one of our many spectacular door prizes!

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.



Maplewood EMS

In June of 2012, Maplewood EMS received an \$8,500 grant from the Minnesota Resuscitation Consortium as part of a nationwide effort to improve sudden cardiac arrest survivability rates.

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Here are a few facts regarding cardiac arrest and what Maplewood EMS is doing to help improve cardiac arrest survivability for all residents and visitors of the city of Maplewood.

What is Sudden Cardiac Arrest?

This occurs when the heart suddenly stops beating. It is commonly due to an abnormal heart rhythm called ventricular fibrillation (VF). VF is when the electrical signals of the heart go haywire and the heart stops pumping blood. If CPR is not given and the heart is not shocked back into regular rhythm with an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED), the body and the brain are deprived of oxygen and death results.

More than 90 percent of Americans (295,000 Americans) who have a sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) die within minutes. Over the past 30 years, the average national survival rate of 8 percent has not increased.

We're Here to Help!

Maplewood EMS prides itself on delivering state of the art response and treatment to medical emergencies in the community. Our efforts to improve sudden cardiac arrest survival include:

- Rapid response
- High performance CPR
- Utilization of advanced technology like:
 - The ResQpod® which has shown to double circulation during CPR
- Utilization of automated CPR device called the LUCAS 2®
- Advanced airway management
- Advanced medication delivery
- Team based care that is practiced and reviewed to assure quality
- Coordination with other community resources

As of November 30th, 2012, Maplewood EMS has responded to 3,300 requests for assistance. Maplewood EMS responds to medical emergencies with one of our three advanced life support ambulances, an advanced life support ladder company and police officer/paramedics to ensure our residents and visitors receive prompt, professional and industry leading emergency medical care.

You Can Help Too!

According to the American Heart Association®, "Most people who experience cardiac arrest at home, work or in a public location die because they don't receive immediate CPR from someone on the scene.



In 2012, Maplewood EMS began bystander CPR training in the community. In 2013, we will officially launch our campaign to train 4,000 people in Hands-Only™ CPR and to educate people about sudden cardiac arrest.

Hands-Only™ CPR is a two step process that involves calling 911 and pushing hard and fast in the center of the chest.

www.heart.org/HEARTORG/CPRAndECC/HandsOnlyCPR/Hands-Only-CPR_UCM_440559_SubHomePage.jsp

Become part of our team and help us meet our goal of increasing sudden cardiac arrest survivability. If you would like more information about Hands-Only™ CPR or if you would like to schedule CPR training, please contact Assistant Fire Chief/EMS Michael Mondor at michael.mondor@ci.maplewood.mn.us

On The Police Scanner

In September, the Maplewood Police Department responded to 2,026 calls for service.

- 22 Assault Cases
- 3 Robbery Case
- 30 Burglary Cases
- 144 Theft Cases
- 23 Auto Theft Cases
- 48 Theft from Vehicle Cases
- 61 Criminal Damage to Property Cases



Officers also made 65 arrests for shoplifting and 22 arrests for DWI.

...Continued from cover page Council Approves Police Expansion



The report shows that building a new facility for our Police Department would cost between \$13.8 and \$16.5 million. The Council held numerous work sessions and decided to hold a Public Hearing on November 26th to consider moving forward on an option to bond for

a \$3.9 million plan that would not provide for a new facility, but would use existing spaces within areas of City Hall and would require relocation of other department functions to other areas on the City Hall campus. The \$3.9 million option was selected by the City Council because it was a more effective usage of the existing space on the City Hall campus, but most importantly, did not require an increase in future tax levies to fund the \$3.9 million bond sale.

The project will address the Police Department's highest priority of providing additional space for locker rooms as priority #1a and office space as priority #1b. The approved project delays the addition of the expanded parking area. City Management staff noted that while the parking additions are part of the best long-term plan to meet our Police Department needs, and should be included in building planning, the Council goal of financial sustainability require prioritization and delay of specific needs. Any future phases are not currently part of the City's Capital Improvement Plan through 2017; and thus will be a future consideration for Maplewood residents into the 2020's. The first

phases of construction will begin in January 2013 and will likely take until December 2014 to be completed.

The Council's top goal for 2011-12 was financial sustainability, so planning for this \$3.9 million bond has been incorporated into the long-range planning. The Council approved staff to prepare consideration of the \$3.9 million expenditure in 2012 with the provision that no major tax increase could result from the project. Previous decisions by the Council have reduced existing expenses to set aside \$260,000 annually for the payment toward the \$3.9 million bond. The 2013 Budget was approved on December 10, 2012 by the Council and cut other existing expenses such that the bonds will be paid for 15 years without a levy increase. Current bonding rates for this type of project for the City are at historic lows in the 1.75% range.

The type of bonding is called a CIP Bond, which can be issued by the Council for various types of public facility improvements, such as City Hall, Fire Stations, Police Stations, or Public Works Buildings. These types of CIP Bonds can be issued without a referendum if certain conditions are followed, including that the Council hold the Public Hearing on the proposed improvement project. Another condition is that a referendum on the bonding would be required if a petition is received by 5% of the registered voters in the previous election. Should the petition be received, the Council could choose to hold a referendum or consider other more expensive bonding and financing approaches. Those approaches could add cost to the project of \$250,000 to \$500,000 depending upon the length of delay. Those funds are not available and would need to be included in a future levy or other expenses reduced.

For more information or to comment on this proposal, please contact Assistant City Manager Chuck Ahl at chuck.ahl@ci.maplewood.mn.us.

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New Year's Resolutions

The New Year is upon us and with it, New Year's resolutions! If your resolutions included fitness, weight loss, or health improvement the Maplewood Community Center may be able help. Here are a few tools to help get you on track towards reaching your goals:

Maplewood Community Center Membership

Did you know it takes just 21 days to form a habit? Get in the habit of regular exercise with a Maplewood Community Center membership. Our affordable, top-notch facility offers state-of-the-art facility equipment, over 80 complimentary group exercise classes, personal training options, and more. Purchase or renew an annual membership from through January 31 and receive one month free, plus get \$50.00 in MCC Bucks to be used toward fitness programming, swim lessons, personal training, and more.

Personal Training

Do you need a little extra motivation or inspiration? Maplewood Community Center personal trainers are here to help. Our highly trained and professional staff can help you to determine attainable goals, overcome stubborn plateaus, and hold you accountable.

Specialty Group Fitness Classes

In addition to our group fitness classes, the Maplewood Community Center also offers you the opportunity to get connected with one of our fitness programs. These fee-based programs offer

more accountability and motivation and are taught by nationally certified instructors. Try TRX suspension training, kettlebell training, adult fitness camps, boot camp, or Zumba.

Are you ready to find out if the Maplewood Community Center can help you reach your New Year's resolutions? Contact us today at 651.249.2230 for information or to purchase your membership.



Fish Creek's Minnesota Get Together

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22 (5:30 – 8:30PM) COST: \$30.00

Join us at the Maplewood Community Center for an evening of preservation, good food, and great times as we gather to preserve the Fish Creek Natural Area and celebrate all that is Minnesotan. Enjoy naturalist, outdoor author and Minnesota native, Chris Niskanen as he talks about his new book, "The Minnesota Book of Skills," in which he outlines the true skills all Minnesotans should have! Fill up on a delicious pasta dinner, bid on some great items in our silent auction, and take part in hands-on Minnesota challenges held throughout the night. Are you more Minnesotan than your neighbor? Find out with our fun Minnesotan skills stations! All event proceeds will benefit the preservation of Fish Creek Natural Area. Purchase your ticket today by calling 651.249.2230. Pre-registration required by February 15. \$5.00 ticket discount for tickets purchased on or before January 25.

THE COUNTDOWN BEGINS



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2013 Charitable Gambling Awards



Many organizations use charitable gambling events as fundraisers to help fund their organization's activities and goals. City Code requires that all charitable gambling events held in the City of Maplewood must give 10% of their proceeds to the City to be placed into a designated Charitable Gambling Fund. The City Council then

distributes monies in this fund to non-profit organizations that benefit Maplewood residents and surrounding community.

Each year the Maplewood City Council solicits requests for charitable gambling funds through an application process. Every year the requests for funds have exceeded the available funds. That is the case this year. The city received 28 applications for 2013 funds, which totaled \$89,660 in requests. The amount of funds available for 2013 is \$30,000. In October 2012, the City

Council reviewed all of the submitted applications and voted on award amounts.

Funds were awarded to the following organizations: CHILD Inc., Simon Youth Foundation - Maplewood Mall, Dispute Resolution Center, Ashland Productions, Second Chance Animal Rescue, Maplewood Fire Fighters Flower Fund, Mothers And More, Twin Cities East #299, Northern Lights Service Unit, Girl Scouts, Tubman Family Alliance, Maplewood, AARP TaxAides, Weaver Elementary PTA, Maple Tree Monastery Childcare Center, District 622 Fusion Drumline, St. Jerome School, Friends of Maplewood Nature, Boy Scout Troop 461, Friends of Ramsey County Libraries, Maplewood Youth Scholarship Fund, The Salvation Army, Hmong American Education Fund, District 622 Education Foundation, Ramsey County Fair, Maplewood Police Reserves, Maplewood Police Explorers, and Maplewood Area Historical Society.

For more information on the Charitable Gambling Fund and the award process, please contact the City Manager's Office at 651.249.2051.





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January 25, 26, 27
February 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10



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March 14, 6:30-8:00PM
Maplewood Library - FREE!
Must call 651.249.2170 to register

• Flotation Friday

March 29, 5:00-7:30PM
Maplewood Community Center
Free for MCC Members
Daily Admission for Non-Members

Be Heard! Help Shape the Future of Your Parks System



Applewood Park



Wakefield Park



Wakefield Fishing Pier

One of Maplewood City Council's goals for 2012 thru 2014 is to develop a comprehensive master plan for the City's parks, trails, and preserves that looks out over the next 20 years. To that end, the City will be assembling a "Park System Plan Task Force" that will be charged with the development of this plan. The task force will evaluate the City's parks as a system, as opposed to individual components, and will work to create a sustainable Park System plan for the future. The Park System plan will address an aging infrastructure (the majority of Maplewood's Parks were developed in the seventies and eighties), changing city demographics, changing trends and uses of our park system, connectivity with local neighborhoods, and most importantly, ensuring a long-term funding strategy for our parks. The task force will include residents of the City, business representatives, commission members, staff and other stakeholders.

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City Council To Consider New Fire Station At 3M Campus

The Maplewood Fire Department is excited to announce that preparations are underway to consider collaboration with 3M Company to accept a donation of land to construct a fire station on their property. The property is located on the east side of McKnight Road south of the entrance to Wells Fargo bank and will replace stations located on Londin Lane in the southern leg of Maplewood and on Century Avenue, south of Maryland Avenue.

Consideration of the construction of a single station on or near the 3M campus was considered after a number of evaluations. In 2010, a committee was formed consisting of firefighters from all five of the current fire stations to look at options in regards to how we will provide service now and into the future. The Committee concluded that the long-standing system of paid per call firefighters who respond from their homes when a pager went off was no longer a viable way to provide fire service and emergency medical services (EMS). The Committee reported that all too often a station would be toned for an emergency fire call or need for paramedic medical service and no paid per call firefighters were available to respond. It must be stated that this was in no way the fault of the paid per call firefighters but rather a system that had been in place for over 70 years that no longer was viable in providing consistent service to our customers and citizens.



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- New Fire Station continued from cover page



Chief Lukin and the Committee reported that recruiting and retaining paid on-call firefighters had become very difficult. The requirement to provide an acceptable level of service meant that the pool of applicants had to live within five minutes from the closet station to their home. It is not uncommon in today's families that both husband and wife work outside the home with their children being involved in many different activities making it difficult for firefighters to commit to a pay per call schedule. In addition, as Maplewood ages, other areas of the city within the five minutes of a fire station have become an older population making it even more difficult to recruit firefighters. Because of the volume of calls for emergency service is approaching 4,000 per year, the ability to rely upon the old model of paid-per-call firefighters responding through a pager-system is no longer feasible. These findings are included in a report entitled, "Maplewood Fire Department Strategic plan (2011-2016)." A copy of that plan is available on the City website at www.ci.maplewood.mn.us under the Fire Department section.

The conclusion of the Strategic Plan and decisions for staffing our Fire and Emergency personnel was to create a combined model of full-time and part-time firefighters, EMT's and paramedics. Those crews are to be spread throughout the City in three stations, instead of the current five. One station is centrally located in the Gladstone area near English Street and Frost Avenue. A second station exists at Hazelwood Street and County Road C. A third station located in the southern leg of the city is the station that is being considered for the 3M campus. An option, instead of building a new station on the 3M Campus, is for the Council to approve an increase in staffing of both a full-time and part-time firefighters and reopen the station located on Londin Lane. Remodeling to the interior the building would be necessary to provide sleeping quarters and due to the size of the station there would only be room for two sleeping areas. As call volumes increase in that area, rebuilding of that station would be necessary in order to add additional staff. The station is over 25 years old with little or no energy efficiencies.

The Station on Century Avenue near Maryland Avenue was built back in the 1940s by volunteers of the East County Line Fire Department who provided their skills and labor in building the original station

which is used today. Plumbing, electrical, brickwork as well as the roofs are in serious disrepair. The cost to make the necessary repairs and make the station more energy efficient would cost more than building a new station.

Considering the aforementioned, staff recommends to the Council to build a new fire station more centrally located in the area that is currently served by both stations. This new station would be built with today's energy efficiencies and provide our firefighters and emergency medical services personnel the capability of expanding our staffing needs as call volumes dictate in the coming years. Having full-time and part-time personnel staffing the stations around the clock allows us to move the stations from their present locations.

The proposed staffing model for the 3M station will be two paramedics around the clock and one EMT around the clock. Fire Chief Lukin reports, "Providing service from that station in this manner will give us the greatest opportunity to always have medical personnel available to take a call anywhere in the southern leg. For fire responses all three firefighters will become a team of three responding in a fire truck". Chief Lukin indicates that as call volume increases there may be a need to add one more part-time personnel around the clock starting in 2016.

Throughout the East Metro fire departments are sharing fire and EMS services which has become an important part in providing services. This sharing of services is called auto aid; auto aid is a way of providing additional resources from neighboring departments at the same time the call is sent to the Department with the working fire. Today, Maplewood has auto aid agreements with Little Canada Fire, North St. Paul Fire, Oakdale Fire and we are presently meeting with Woodbury to have them become part of our auto aid program.

The 3M Station is proposed to be built on the land that 3M has indicated they will donate to the City. The estimated cost of a new station is approximately \$3.5 million to \$4.0 million dollars. A proposed financing plan is being prepared that will take the increased taxes from the new Research and Development Laboratory that 3M is planning to start construction in April 2013 and use those increased taxes to pay a majority of the bond payments for the new station. City Finance staff has estimated if all approvals are achieved on the financing plan the new station will not require a levy increase to Maplewood property owners to pay the annual bond payments.

The City Council will receive this information on Monday, February 11th at 5:00PM in the Council Chambers to re-affirm with the Council the need to build the station in order to provide quality service to all residents, especially those residents in Maplewood's southern leg, south of Larpenteur Avenue. A public hearing on financing the project will occur later in the Spring of 2013. If approved by the City Council the new station is planned to be open during the fall of 2014.

For more information, visit www.ci.maplewood.mn.us. Send comments on this plan to Chief Lukin at steve.lukin@ci.maplewood.mn.us or Assistant City Manager Chuck Ahl at chuck.ahl@ci.maplewood.mn.us.

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Moving Forward in 2013!

By Mayor Will Rossbach

As we move past the holidays and into the New Year we look forward to the activities coming up. Maplewood has numerous projects that are planned during the year including both city and private projects.

The most notable project and the one that will have the greatest impact on the daily lives of the residents is the construction of a diamond interchange at English Street and Highway 36. At the same time that the city and MNDOT are working on the interchange, the Ramsey Washington Metro Watershed will be making water run off improvements in the existing interchange at Highway 36 and Highway 61. In addition, MNDOT will be replacing the bridge for Highway 36 which spans the waterway between Spoon and Keller lakes. This work will cause some major inconveniences for any motorist who normally uses this route. Along with the normal reduction in lanes that accompanies highway projects, there will be a two month period during which Highway 36 will close down completely. You may remember that this same process was used when North St. Paul did their Highway 36 project. Although it causes obvious travel difficulty during construction time, closing it will greatly reduce the overall time to complete the project. Although this project will be mostly complete during 2013, travelers of Highway 36 and 35E will get little immediate relief due to the reconstruction of 35E from Little Canada Road to St. Paul which will be starting in earnest in 2014 and is a multiple year project.

3M is moving forward with a major project to build a new lab building on their Maplewood campus. The current labs were built years ago and have not kept pace with the needs 3M has for research and development. 3M had looked carefully at remodeling the existing buildings but ultimately determined that they would be better off to build a completely new building and at a later date remove one of the existing buildings. This is good news for Maplewood as it speaks to 3M's continued commitment to their headquarters in the city. 3M is Maplewood's largest employer and the relationship which exists between the city and 3M is something that we work hard to maintain for the mutual benefit of both entities.

The city will also be moving forward on improvements on our own campus sparked by the need to enlarge and improve the police department. The Council reviewed our options including construction of a new building at a cost of 12 million dollars or expanding the existing section of the building that houses the police department for 8 million. We were lucky to have an engineering consultant that was not satisfied to settle for just those options and did an overall study of the use of all the buildings on Maplewood's campus and



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determined that we could meet all of the needs by better using space that all ready exists. It will mean that various departments will be shifted to other buildings or their space will be remodeled. This approach allows the city to address most of the department needs for 4.5 million, a much more palatable option in my opinion.

There are also several private development possibilities during 2013 including a possible new medical facility on Beam Avenue, improvements to the Concordia Arms facility, expansion of Buffalo Wild Wings and several other possible building projects.

This will also be the year that Maplewood will complete a major non building project with the final steps being taken to acquire the Fish Creek Open Space Area. The city staff has done a tremendous job of finding funds through multiple sources and we are very close to having all the funds needed to complete the purchase. It could be argued that this acquisition is of equal important to the quality of life in Maplewood allowing us to not only have better travel, police protection, and a healthy business community but to be able to recreate in one of the best metro natural areas in the Twin Cities.

On The Police Scanner

In December, the Maplewood Police Department responded to 2,110 calls for service.

- 14 Assault Cases
- 2 Robbery Case
- 20 Burglary Cases
- 143 Theft Cases
- 21 Auto Theft Cases
- 46 Theft from Vehicle Cases
- 21 Criminal Damage to Property Cases



Officers also made 77 arrests for shoplifting and 31 arrests for DWI.

- Shape Your Park System continued from cover

Why are parks and trails important for the city and residents? Every



Wakefield Park

park and trail user knows the personal benefits of green space, but the benefits of parks, trails, and green spaces extend far beyond users – they touch the lives of every person that lives and works in the City of Maplewood. Parks improve our physical and psychological health, strengthen our communities, which make the city a more attractive place to live and work, and protect the environment. The benefits of parks, trails, and open spaces are comprehensive for Maplewood residents, the economy, and the environment.

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The City of Maplewood Parks and Recreation Department is accepting applications from the community for members of this Parks System Plan Task Force. The task force will be centrally involved in the creation of a Parks System Plan that will be founded on a process of resident and stakeholder engagement.

The City is looking for six community members to represent different areas of Maplewood. Ideally, we would like a member from the each of the four areas on the map to the right along with two “at-large” members. Applications will be taken through the end of February and the City Council will conduct interviews in early March. This will be a 12-18 month commitment, meeting 15-20 times primarily on the fourth Wednesday of the month beginning at 4:00PM starting in April.

Applications and more information on the Parks System Plan can be found on our website at www.ci.maplewood.mn.us under the projects page or by calling Parks Manager Jim Taylor at 651.249.2121.

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Fish Creek Land Acquisition



Maplewood is getting closer to acquiring the Fish Creek parcel outh of Carver Road. Our focus for 2013 is to complete fundraising and acquire the land. Along the way, there will be hikes at the site and restoration activities with Great River Greening will be in full gear.

The city has secured 80% of the \$2,151,200 project cost and needs to raise an additional \$426,200. Friends of Mississippi (FMR) has submitted a grant on our behalf and if that is successful we'll be \$264,200 from our goal. The city is grateful to the many residents that made donations to the project in 2012 through FMR's Fish Creek fund. FMR will continue accepting donations until the land is acquired later this year (www.fmr.org/support/fish_creek).

The Fish Creek Committee invites you to help close the funding gap by joining them for Fish Creek's Minnesotan Get Together on February 22. An evening of fun is planned with author Chris Niskanen and offers you a chance to brush up on your Minnesotan skills. See details below. For more information on the Fish Creek project, visit www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/fishcreek.

Fish Creek's Minnesotan Get Together

Friday, February 22, 5:30 - 9:00PM

Maplewood Community Center, 2100 White Beat Ave.

Tickets - \$35, registration required by February 15

Reserve your ticket today, by calling 651.249.2230.

Join us as for good food and great times as we gather to preserve the Fish Creek Natural Area and celebrate all that is Minnesotan. Enjoy naturalist, outdoor author and Minnesota native, Chris Niskanen as he talks about his new book, "The Minnesota Book of Skills," which outlines the true skills all Minnesotans should have! Fill up on a delicious pasta dinner, bid on some great items in our silent auction, and take part in a hands-on Minnesota challenges held throughout the night.

All event proceeds will benefit the preservation of Fish Creek Natural Area.



2013/2014 Pet License Application

Fees:

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

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hereby apply for a permit to keep the below-described cat/dog and do agree to comply with the rules and regulations duly adopted by the lawful governing body of the City of Maplewood and the provisions of the Municipal Code, Chapter 10, Animals, and subsequent amendments and any other applicable state and local laws. The information contained in this application shall be deemed public unless private by State Statute.

Pet's Name _____ Age of Pet _____

Cat / Dog Breed _____ Color of Pet _____

Male Female Sterilization Yes No Microchip Yes No

Veterinary Clinic _____ Clinic Phone _____

Signature of Owner _____ Date _____

Pet Licensing

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 the appropriate payment and original signed certificate of rabies vaccination from your veterinarian to:

Cat/Dog License
1830 County Road B East
Maplewood, MN 55109

Applications can also be obtained online at www.ci.maplewood.mn.us. Call 651.249.2000 for more information.

Maplewood Emergency Management is In Urgent Need of Siren Monitors



The City of Maplewood has 12 outdoor warning sirens. These sirens are activated in the case of dangerous weather and all types of imminent emergencies. They are tested monthly year-round to ensure they are working properly. Because the City doesn't have the staff to monitor all 12 sirens when they are activated, our siren monitors listen for the siren in their area during

monthly testing and actual soundings. At that time, they report back to us using pre-stamped postcards that we provide or by emailing us on whether the sirens operated properly. Repairs can then be made to any sirens that did not operate properly.

If you live close to one of the sirens listed below and would like to be a siren monitor, please contact Susan at 651.249.2800 or susan.zwieg@ci.maplewood.mn.us

- Siren 1 – 217 Roselawn
- Siren 2 – County Road B and Kenwood
- Siren 3 – Kohlman and Keller
- Siren 4 – 1965 Manton
- Siren 5 – 1530 County Road C
- Siren 6 – McKnight and Lydia
- Siren 7 – 1600 Myrtle
- Siren 8 – Sterling and 7th
- Siren 9 – 220 O'day
- Siren 10 – 2501 Londin Lane
- Siren 11 – 1200 South Sterling
- Siren 12 – Highway 61 and County Road D
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The 2013 disposal cost for all Ramsey County haulers has decreased by 3.58 percent. Based on this reduction, beginning in February 2013, Maplewood residential trash rates will decrease. Following is a comparison of the 2012 rates to the 2013 rates. Rates listed include ALL taxes and operational fees.

Cart Size and Service Level	2012 Rate	2013 Rate
20 gallon every other week	\$6.83	\$6.79
20 gallon every week	\$9.31	\$9.23
32 gallon every week	\$10.63	\$10.51
65 gallon every week	\$11.93	\$11.76
95 gallon every week	\$13.39	\$13.17



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Save The Date

• White Sidewalls Concert (Love Potion #9)

April 13, 7:00PM
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• A Rain Garden For Your Yard Classroom Session

April 18, 6:30 - 8:30PM
Maplewood Library
Free - call 651.792.7965 to register by April 12

• Community Garden Plots At Edgerton Open House

April 26, 4:00 - 6:30PM
Corner of Roselawn & Edgerton in Maplewood

• Senior Expo

May 16, 10:00 - 2:00PM
Maplewood Community Center

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5 Military Families

5 Egg Hunt Festivities

6 Melting & Making Ice

8 Recycling Plastic Bags

Maplewood and North St. Paul Police Departments Participate in the Special Olympics Polar Bear Plunge



Maplewood Police Officer Katie Lynch and North St. Paul Officer Kelsey DeGoey



Maplewood Police Officer Lon Bakke, Records Specialist Faith Thomforde and Sergeant Kevin Johnson



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Throughout the year, men and women in law enforcement volunteer their time and energy to host events to support Special Olympics Minnesota. In 2012, their volunteer efforts raised 2.85 million dollars!

The Polar Bear Plunge is part of the year-round Law Enforcement Torch Run events held to benefit Special Olympics. Plunge participants must raise a minimum of \$75 and take a dip into one of Minnesota's frozen lakes.

Over the past 13 years, the Maplewood Police Department has participated in or assisted with multiple Special Olympics Minnesota events. The annual Torch Run actually comes right through the City of Maplewood along Highway 61 as it heads to the opening ceremonies of Summer Games at the University of Minnesota. The city typically has a dozen officers and civilian staff who participate.

The Maplewood Police Department began a golf fundraiser for Special Olympics Minnesota in 2004. Over the years, this first effort grew to participating in "Cops 'n Lobsters" or "Tip a Cop" where police officers assist local restaurant servers in waiting tables raising donations for Special Olympics. And, in 2007, Lieutenant Mike Shortreed participated in the "Cop-on-Top" fundraiser by sitting on the rooftop of Rainbow Foods in Roseville for 60 hours and then again in 2007 on the Maplewood Rainbow Foods for over 40 hours to raise funds.

Since 2007, the primary organizers have been Lieutenant Shortreed and retired police officer Steve Heinz. This year the City of Maplewood joined with the North St. Paul Police Department to form team Bacon Bits. On January 26th with temperatures in the single digits, team leader Maplewood Police Officer Katie Lynch and 36 Team Bacon Bits members jumped into the frigid waters of White Bear Lake raising \$8,219.

As of the writing of this article in 2013, \$1,652,925 has been raised for Special Olympics Minnesota! Kudos to our Police Department for their efforts.



City of Maplewood Elected Officials

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 Rebecca Cave: Councilmember 651.773.7059
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General Information 651.249.2000
 Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - 4:30PM
 Deputy Registrar Hours: Monday 8:00AM - 6:00PM and
 Tuesday - Friday 8:00AM - 4:30PM
 Passport Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00AM - 4:00PM

Maplewood Community Center

Registration/Customer Service 651.249.2230
 Admissions 651.249.2210
 Theater/Banquet Room Rental 651.249.2103
 Group Information 651.249.2206
 Aquatics 651.249.2206
 Fitness 651.249.2207

Maplewood Recreation

General Information 651.249.2120

Maplewood Nature Center

General Information 651.249.2170

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Maplewood Police

General Information - Non-Emergency 651.767.0640

Maplewood Public Works

General Information 651.249.2400

Maplewood Meeting Schedule

City Council 7:00PM
 Listening Forum 6:30PM
 2nd and 4th Monday of the month
 City Council Workshop 5:00PM
 1st Monday of the month
 Community Design Review Board 6:00PM
 4th Tuesday of the month
 Environmental & Natural Resources Commission 7:00PM
 3rd Monday of the month
 Heritage Preservation Commission 7:00PM
 2nd Thursday of the month
 Housing & Economic Development Commission TBD
 Date and Time To Be Determined
 Human Rights Commission 7:00PM
 2nd Tuesday of the month
 Parks & Recreation Commission 7:00PM
 3rd Wednesday of the month
 Planning Commission 7:00PM
 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month

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2013 Light It Up: July 4th Event Get Involved!

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Attention Maplewood businesses: it's time to start planning for the biggest event of the summer- Independence Day. This year's celebration will take place on Thursday, July 4th and there's no better place to greet your neighbors and show your customers appreciation. From watching spectacular fireworks that light up the sky, hearing the electrifying Good For Gary Band, and enjoying delicious food and drink we've compiled the best Maplewood July 4th activities. Don't be left out when more than 10,000 awe-stricken patriotic residents gather at the 50-acre Hazelwood Park for the highlight of the summer - July 4th! For information on how you can take part in the 2013 event, contact Heidi Carey at heidi@careycommunications.org or 952.212.7333 or Karen Guilfoile at karen.guilfoile@ci.maplewood.mn.us or 651.249.2002.

Commission Openings

The City of Maplewood is now accepting applications to fill nine openings; three on the Heritage Preservation Commission, two on the Human Rights Commission, one on the Community Design Review Board, and three on the Parks & Recreation Commission. These openings are due to terms expiring. The City Council will interview candidates that apply and will appoint individuals to fill these openings.



The Heritage Preservation Commission was created helps the city of Maplewood with its overall historic preservation goals, which include; supporting the protection of the City's heritage by preserving, protecting, conserving, and wisely using the significant historical, cultural, architectural, or archeological objects, structures, buildings, or sites in the City.

The Human Rights Commission advocates for equal opportunities for all citizens of Maplewood in: housing, employment, public accommodations, services and education, in addition to continuously working to improve human rights within the community.

The Community Design Review Board is an advisory committee to the city council that reviews building design, site plans, and landscape for proposed multi-family, commercial and industrial development in Maplewood.

The Parks and Recreation Commission is an advisory board to the city council on all issues of park acquisition, development, open space, trails and leisure programs and works to provide a community environment for all citizens to participate in and enjoy cultural and recreational activities on an equitable basis.

For more information on the commissions, visit the City's website at www.ci.maplewood.mn.us or call City Hall at 651.249.2000. Applications can be picked up at the City Hall front desk or found on the City's website. The application deadline is March 22, 2013. Completed applications should be submitted to the City Manager's Office at 1830 County Road B E, Maplewood, MN 55109.

On The Police Scanner

In December, the Maplewood Police Department responded to 2,058 calls for service.

- 17 Assault Cases
- 5 Robbery Case
- 20 Burglary Cases
- 111 Theft Cases
- 28 Auto Theft Cases
- 32 Theft from Vehicle Cases
- 29 Criminal Damage to Property Cases



Officers also made 60 arrests for shoplifting and 14 arrests for DWI.

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Volunteering and Sustainability

By Kathleen Juenemann

The ultimate sustainability goal, economic and environmental, of the City Council, staff and residents is to maintain and keep vital the quality of life which Maplewood residents expect and enjoy. Everyone plays a role in community sustainability. Beyond awareness, stewardship and paying taxes there are opportunities to participate, to volunteer.

Volunteer: What? Where? How?

There are many options from which to choose for volunteering your time and talents: In the city, school districts, faith-based communities, and in the wider community. For those who have already found your niche and given your time to much needed tasks/projects, we congratulate and thank you. If you wish to change gears or try a volunteer experience for the first time, there is a wide range to consider. From listening to a child read, to assisting with homework, helping scouts with projects, helping at a food shelf, driving for "Meals on Wheels", visiting a shut-in senior, mentoring a young person, spending 1-2 hours a week or month for "Friends of the Library", the list of choices is nearly endless.

Here, in the City of Maplewood, we have a history of citizens "stepping up to the plate" to serve when they're needed to make this a great community. To all of you who have given so much effort and time –some of you many years – we are so extremely grateful. If you are just now finding the time or desire to step forward, we welcome your willingness. Of course, the most obvious place to volunteer is on one of our commissions; we



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need your ideas, expertise and commitment. Aside from these positions, we have other ways you can help: VIPS (Volunteers in Police Services), Neighborhood Crime Watch, Park Patrol, Open Space Monitors, Maplewood Nature Center, Parks Planning Task Force, Police Reserves, ad hoc citizen task forces (e.g. FishCreek, Living Streets), park clean-up events, etc.

If you have questions or suggestions for volunteer opportunities, please check the city website or call City Hall Information 651.249.2000, the City Manager 651.249.2050, or any Councilmember listed elsewhere in this newsletter.

Hurrah for Volunteers!

P.S. Have a safe, active, and enjoyable spring and summer!



Congratulations Officer Julie Olson

Vice president Joe Biden presents the medal of Valor to Maplewood Police Officer Julie Olson on Wednesday, February 20, 2013, during a ceremony in the Eisenhower Executive Office Building next to the White House in Washington, D.C. The medal is the highest national award for valor by a public safety officer. It is awarded to officers who have shown exceptional courage, regardless of personal safety, in the attempt to save or protect human life. On September 7, 2009, a suspect in a possible domestic disturbance fatally shot North St. Paul officer Richard Crittenden. Olson, who was wounded during the confrontation, killed the suspect. Retired Maplewood Police Chief David Thomalla and Maplewood Police Lieutenant Michael Shortreed were on hand to witness the ceremony.

To Officer Olson and all of our dedicated public safety officers that serve and protect our community - we thank you!



Do You Have A Family Member Serving In The Military?



The city council often acknowledges Maplewood residents that are serving our country. To increase their efforts to do so, the city council is requesting that community members submit information regarding those serving our country to be highlighted and recognized during the city council meetings, on the city website and possible in future city publication.

For more information on how you can assist in this endeavor visit the city website at www.ci.maplewood.mn.us or by calling 651.249.2051.

Easter Eggstravaganza

SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 10:00AM
Pre-Hunt Activities 10:00AM Egg Hunt 11:00AM
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Mark your calendars for the Maplewood Parks and Rec Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Start the day with breakfast treats, colorful crafts and a visit from the Easter Bunny, then its happy hunting! Children will be divided into two age groups and will be hunting for wrapped candy and plastic eggs, some of which may be redeemed for great prizes. Bags of goodies will be available for children under 2 years of age. Don't forget your camera. In the event of inclement weather, treat bags will be given away at 11:00AM at the Edgerton Community Gym. Cost is \$5.00 per child. Register today online at www.ci.maplewood.mn.us or by calling 651.249.2230 and join the fun.



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Melting Ice and Making Ice - A Public Works Department Insight

What improved snow plowing and ice control techniques are being utilized during the winter months? Can you highlight a division within Public Works and services provided? This article will answer these questions and focus on new innovations in the snow and ice control program (snow plowing and melting ice) with the second part of the article highlighting the Park Maintenance Division within Public Works.

The Public Works Department serves the citizens in a number of capacities ranging from snow plowing, filling pot holes, maintaining parks, designing and implementing street reconstruction projects, cleaning underground sanitary sewer pipes, removing sediment from ponds, street sweeping, and many other services.

Snow and Ice Control



In the past two years snow plow trucks have been retrofitted with upgraded salt spreader controls. This is a significant improvement to the operation because it allows each truck to be calibrated for the specific de-icing

material loaded into the trucks whether salt or treated salt. The controllers are then programmed to place a pre-determined amount of de-icing salt per lane mile and that information is then recorded. The programmed amount of salt material the trucks spread is specific to each snow or ice event based on factors such as pavement temperature and weather forecast. This improves application efficiency and reduces salt use, ultimately saving money and minimizing impact to the environment (reduction in chlorides).

The mechanics installed “on-spot” chains on all plow trucks which provide on demand traction when conditions warrant. This assures trucks will not get stuck, which believe it or not has happened a handful of times in the past, and allows for a more timely and efficient service on plow routes.

At the start of this year liquid de-icing was introduced into the snow and ice program in the form of anti-icing and pre-wetting.

Anti-icing is a proactive approach to snow and ice control. It is a chemical freezing-point-depressant that is applied in advance of a storm event. A liquid brine solution is spot applied to areas such as

bridge decks, steep hills, curves, shaded areas, and other known trouble spots that we hear about from residents.

Anti-icing prevents snow and ice from

bonding to the surface making it easier to be plowed off and reduces the demand for salt application. A proactive approach to snow and ice control, rather than reactive, is the right path forward in providing better service to the traveling public.



Pre-wetting also involves a liquid brine solution however it is introduced to the dry salt as it is applied at the spinner when being spread. Pre-wetting has many benefits such as lowering the effective working temperature of salt and jump starting the melting process. It also helps reduce cost and environmental impacts by preventing salt from bouncing or scattering off the street, which otherwise would occur with dry salt. The liquid make the salt sticky allowing it to adhere to the street surface. This has translated into reduced salt use compared to past years.

The results are promising so far and the Department looks forward to continuing to find ways to more effectively serve the public. If you have questions or suggestions regarding the snow and ice program please call us at 651.249.2400.

Park Maintenance

This division consists of six full-time employees and an additional three seasonal employees during the summer months. Maplewood has 36 parks and 14 open spaces. The Parks Division is responsible for all maintenance related work.

During the summer months the crews perform many tasks throughout the system with the primary task of turf maintenance or mowing. During the peak grass growing season at least half of the crew is out daily performing turf maintenance.

Other activities include athletic field maintenance for softball fields and soccer fields, trash and recycle pick up, and playground equipment maintenance.

During the colder winter months the primary focus is snow removal and ice rink maintenance. The park maintenance crew is responsible for snow removal at City Hall, Community Center, and the entire park trails system.

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A Public Works Department Insight

Did you know Maplewood has five hockey rinks and ten pleasure skating rinks? The goal is for the maintenance crews to start making ice on the rinks as soon as the weather dictates. It is preferable to have ice for residents for recreational use as often as possible, especially during the holidays and school breaks. But that is of course subject to Mother Nature. If we have temperatures in the high teens, good ice can be made very quickly.

Once ice is established the crews are out daily cleaning the ice and flooding the rinks if necessary. There are five major ice rink sites; Four Seasons Park, Wakefield Park, Gethsemane Park, Afton Park, and Pleasantview Park. All the major sites except Pleasantview have warming houses that are run by the Recreation Department.

When the weather is indifferent, as it sometimes is in Minnesota, and the crew is not needed for ice rink maintenance or snow removal, they are busy with tree trimming, equipment repair, in-house building projects, and other miscellaneous projects. This year one of those projects is the preparation for upgrades to the Edgerton Park ball field. As you may have heard this ball field will be

dedicated in the summer as "Tom Kelly" field. Tom served as the Twins Manager from 1986 to 2001 and is a longtime Maplewood resident.

This exciting project involves a partnership with the Twins organization through a grant and also donation of Target

Field bench seating. Between now and this coming June our crews will be busy preparing for the retrofit to ensure the seating areas and field layout meet the new requirements.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding general maintenance in the parks call the Public Works Department at 651.249.2400. For questions regarding recreation programs or operating hours for warming houses contact the Recreation Department at 651.249.2120.



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The City's recycling partner, Tennis Recycling, LLC, has announced they will now be accepting plastic bags with recycling. Plastic bags accepted include all retail plastic bags, no Ziploc-style bags or plastic wrapping of any kind. Ensure the bags are clean and dry and that all contents, including receipts, are removed. Plastic bags should be consolidated into one bag, and then placed in the recycling bin.

Plastic bags are recycled into many different products. Most plastic bags are recycled into composite lumber but can also be reprocessed into small pellets, or post consumer resin, which can become new bags, pallets, containers, crates, and plastic piping.

If you bag your recyclables prior to placing them in the recycling bin, make sure to use a paper bag, not a plastic bag. Large pieces of cardboard can be placed outside of the bin, to ensure room for other recyclables. But keep in mind that recyclables don't need to be bagged in the City's single sort system. You can just place them loosely in the bin.

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• **Asian American Community Night** p.8
April 26, 6:00 - 9:00PM
Maplewood Community Center

• **Senior Expo**
May 16, 10:00 - 2:00PM
Maplewood Community Center

• **Rain Garden Rescue**
April 25, 6:30 - 8:00PM
Maplewood Nature Center
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info@maplewoodnaturecenter.com to
register by April 22

• **Waterfest**
June 1, 11:00AM - 4:00PM
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5 Asian American Night

5 Rain Barrel Sale

6 IT Recap

8 HR Art Contest

White Sidewalls Present: Love Potion #10

SATURDAY, April 13, 7:30PM



Join us at the Maplewood Community Center Performing Arts Theater located at 2100 White Bear Avenue on Saturday, April 13 for an unforgettable night of music and entertainment! Enjoy a meld of comedy, intrigue, romance, and the great songs of the golden age of rock and roll with Love Potion #10. Presented by The White Sidewalls, Love Potion #10 tells the story of six days in 1964 at a small-town high school, through the eyes and ears of the popular local AM radio disc jockey. While "Records" Ryan pursues the never-forgotten girl of his dream, The White Sidewalls Rock n' Roll Revue touches all the bases on a trip through the great music of 1954 through 1964, the golden age of rock and roll. Tickets (\$20 in advance, \$25 day of show) are available for purchase at www.maplewoodarts.com.



Spring Clean Up

SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 8:00AM - 1:00PM

Aldrich Arena, 1850 White Bear Avenue

Items Accepted: At the clean up Maplewood residents can dispose of appliances, computers, old furniture, TVs, batteries, mattresses, tires and other assorted items for free or a small fee. Payment can be made via cash or check.

Household Hazardous Waste: With photo identification, Ramsey County residents can also dispose of household hazardous waste (HHW) like paint, chemicals, oil, and other household items free of charge at the event. Ramsey County's HHW mobile site at Aldrich Arena is open from 8:00AM until 4:00PM on April 20, and is also open throughout the month of April from 10:00AM to 6:00PM on Fridays and from 9:00AM to 4:00PM on all other Saturdays. For a list of items accepted by Ramsey County HHW visit www.ramseyatoz.com

Unwanted Medicine: New this year, residents can dispose of medicine for free at the event. Storing unwanted, expired, and unused medicines can lead to drug abuse or poisoning, and medicines flushed down the drain or disposed of in the trash can harm the environment. The Ramsey County Sheriff's office will be in attendance to collect items such as pills, capsules, gel packs, IVs, inhalers, creams, and other items. For a complete list of medicine accepted visit www.ramseyatoz.com. Used needles, syringes, or lancets will not be accepted at the event.

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



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City of Maplewood Elected Officials

Will Rossbach: Mayor 651.484.5427
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 Rebecca Cave: Councilmember 651.773.7059
 Robert Cardinal: Councilmember 651.765.8600
 Marvin Koppen: Councilmember 651.770.5391
 Jim Antonen: City Manager 651.249.2050

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Frequently Called Numbers

Maplewood City Hall

General Information 651.249.2000
 Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - 4:30PM
 Deputy Registrar Hours: Monday 8:00AM - 6:00PM and
 Tuesday - Friday 8:00AM - 4:30PM
 Passport Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00AM - 4:00PM

Maplewood Community Center

Registration/Customer Service 651.249.2230
 Admissions 651.249.2210
 Theater/Banquet Room Rental 651.249.2103
 Group Information 651.249.2206
 Aquatics 651.249.2206
 Fitness 651.249.2207

Maplewood Recreation

General Information 651.249.2120

Maplewood Nature Center

General Information 651.249.2170

Code Enforcement

Hotline 651.249.CODE (2633)
 Online: Go to www.ci.maplewood.mn.us and click on
 "Report A Violation" on the right-hand side of the home page.

Maplewood Police

General Information - Non-Emergency 651.767.0640

Maplewood Public Works

General Information 651.249.2400

Maplewood Meeting Schedule

City Council 7:00PM
 Listening Forum 6:30PM
 2nd and 4th Monday of the month
 City Council Workshop 5:00PM
 1st Monday of the month
 Community Design Review Board 6:00PM
 4th Tuesday of the month
 Environmental & Natural Resources Commission 7:00PM
 3rd Monday of the month
 Heritage Preservation Commission 7:00PM
 2nd Thursday of the month
 Housing & Economic Development Commission 7:00PM
 2nd Wednesday of the month
 Human Rights Commission 7:00PM
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**Spring Clean Up
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Items Not Accepted: Leaves, branches, and other yard waste will not be accepted at the event. Please contact Allied Waste Services, the City's contracted trash and yard waste hauler, at 651.455.8634 to set up yard waste service or one-time pick up, or go to www.ramseyatoz.com for information on disposal of yard waste at Ramsey County compost sites.

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- Children's Car Seats - Re-Seat (www.recycleminnesota.org)
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 - Bro-TEX (www.brotex.com/carpetrecycling)
- Small Engines (lawn mower, snow blower, etc. – any condition)
 - The Small Engine Doctors
- Household Hazardous Waste – Ramsey County (www.ramseyatoz.com)

Information

Chris Swanson 651.249.2305 or chrisswanson@ci.maplewood.mn.us
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**May 4th is Maplewood's
Arbor Day Celebration**

Celebrate Arbor Day on Saturday, May 4, 10:00AM - noon, at Maplewood Nature Center located at 2659 East 7th Street. National Arbor Day is the last Friday of April, but states and communities vary the date to coincide with planting times and community activities. This year Maplewood's celebration will feature a Tree Quest at Maplewood Nature Center.

The tree quest is geared towards families and ideal for kids from three to ten years old. You'll take a hike (with GPS units if desired), learn to identify different tree species, and find a hidden treasure. After the hike, our naturalist will provide information on emerald ash borer and the city tree purchase rebate program. This is a great time to stop by the Nature Center to ask a naturalist about tree selection, planting, and care. To register or for more information, call 651.249.2170.



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- 27 Auto Theft Cases
- 54 Theft from Vehicle Cases
- 45 Criminal Damage to Property Cases



Officers also made 49 arrests for shoplifting and 15 arrests for DWI.

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.

Economic Development News

By Councilmember Marv Koppen

Positive economic development news in City of Maplewood begins with a focus on the Gladstone Redevelopment Plan and the excitement generated with the completion of the first phase of the Gladstone Savanna last fall with 24 acres of improved open space land and new bituminous trails for residents and neighbors to use. Work on the Savanna will continue this summer with native plantings and grasses introduced to the landscape. Currently, the owners of the Maplewood Bakery are purchasing their leased building and exploring options of improvements to the exterior of the building. Richard's Market has been sold to Adolph's Meat Market from Duluth who plan to expand the butcher shop offerings while improving the grocery line. The AMF Maplewood Bowl is currently for sale by its owner which may provide additional opportunities for the city to consider in its redevelopment plans. Please stay tuned on the redevelopment activities taking place in the Gladstone neighborhood.

The Highway 36 and English Street interchange project will begin soon and this will impact area residents and businesses during the summer but once it is completed it will create new economic development opportunities with surrounding properties.



Councilmembers Cave and Cardinal, Mayor Rossbach, Councilmembers Koppen and Juenemann

Maplewood Mayor Will Rossbach recently attended the ribbon cutting ceremony of the new LA Fitness, the former Circuit City building, which is a new fitness center just north of Maplewood Mall which brings 50 jobs to the city according to the general manager. Across the street from LA Fitness on County Road D the city welcomed the new Pizza Ranch and DSW Shoes to the neighborhood last fall.

The city welcomed the Tokyo Grill a new Asian restaurant at the corner of Cope Avenue and White Bear Avenue. Additionally, a new Popeye's Chicken will open soon in the closed KFC site on the corner of White Bear Avenue and Beam Avenue. The corner of White Bear Avenue and County Road D was redeveloped last year as part of the White Bear Avenue Road Expansion Project and the city recently welcomed The Vitamin Store as an anchor tenant with Mattress Firm and Verizon Wireless soon to arrive.

The city has received strong interest from developers and businesses for available property for development and redevelopment and that is a good sign the economy is rebounding which continues to make Maplewood a great place to live, work, shop, and play.

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Maplewood Community Service Officers
Tom Kalka and Nick Krekeler.

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Kerry Crotty. They can be seen patrolling our parks, trails and city streets or responding to non-emergency calls received by the police department. They also handle routine calls such as parking violations, minor property damage, and various other duties that do not require the response of a uniformed officer.

Currently the city employs two CSO's: Tom Kalka and Nick Krekeler. Tom Kalka a retired 3M Engineer began his employment with the city as a paid per call fire fighter in 2002, and remained with the Fire Department until 2010. In 2005, Tom was hired as a CSO. His familiarity with the city as a firefighter has been invaluable in his service as a CSO.

Nick has been with the city for 5½ years as a CSO and is also a Sergeant Police Reserve. Maplewood Police Reserves assist officers in transporting arrestees to Ramsey County Jail, nighttime patrol and other related duties. Nick graduated from Metropolitan State in Law Enforcement and is pursuing a career in Public Safety.

Thank you to Tom and Nick for their service and dedication to the residents of the City of Maplewood and their dedication to the Maplewood Police Department!



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exciting night of entertainment. Performances will begin at 6:00PM with Hmong Tiger Tales, a family friendly performance based on Hmong folk stories about tigers. This will be followed by Asian American youth performances organized and presented by CHAT, and American Bamboo, a comedic insight piece presented by Mu Theater. The evening will wrap up with a rousing performance of Mu Daiko drumming. Come in and get in on the fun of this unforgettable evening.

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Maplewood IT

Technology is a growing part of our everyday life, both personally and professionally. The City's use of technology has grown substantially in the last ten years and to support this growth we have our Information Technology (IT) department.

The IT department originally began out of necessity to support and maintain the systems and applications that the City uses internally along with the connectivity to these resources from our remote sites. This continues to be the area where the majority of our resources are allocated. The IT department is responsible for assisting City employees on everything from our security system to our phones along with everything that our employees do on their computers. With over 300 users at 13 different sites all using a variety of applications the 3 members of our IT department are in high demand.

Another role of our IT department is the creation and dissemination of maps. These maps are used internally for planning and management and also externally in conveying vital information to our citizens. If you've seen a City zoning or park map you've seen the work of our GIS Analyst.

In 2012 the Building Operations division was brought into the IT Department. Building Operations is responsible for the maintenance and up keep of City buildings. Like the rest of the department, the Building Operations division is an internal service. Currently they are involved heavily in managing the Police Department Expansion Project. This project involves the relocation of many staff members along with updates to many City buildings that will allow for the expansion of our Police Department. By managing this project internally we're able to have a hands on approach while keeping costs at a minimum.

The IT Department as a whole continues to explore new efficiencies and cost saving measures while pushing the envelope on how to better help City staff assist our customers, the citizens of Maplewood.





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Awards

Each Grade group will have 3 winners: 3-5th, 6-8th, 9-12th

First place cash prize of \$50, \$30 for second place, and \$15 third. Winners will be invited to an Award presentation Ceremony on May 14th 2013 at the Human Right Commission Meeting held at City Hall.

Rules

The Contest is open to Grades 3-12 in ISD 622,623,624 or homeschooled students. Deadline is April 19th. All entries must be accompanied by an official entry form located on the city website at www.ci.maplewood.mn.us or by contacting Karen Guilfoile at karen.guilfoile@ci.maplewood.mn.us. Art work can be mailed or dropped off to: City of Maplewood, Attn: Karen Guilfoile, 1830 County Rd. B East, Maplewood, MN 55109



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May 2013 City Newsletter

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• **Spring Tea In The Barn**

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Your Citizen Services Department And How They Serve You

The Citizen Services Department is service driven both internally to the City Council and to Maplewood citizens. The department is made up of three specific divisions: City Clerk, Department of Motor Vehicle and Elections.



To name a few duties, the City Clerk staff is responsible for compiling the city council packets and minutes, business licenses and permits, data practice requests, general records retention, the city code of ordinances, the Maplewood Monthly and our Light It Up July 4th Celebration.

Business licenses and permits cover a wide range of licenses from dog and cat licenses to intoxicating liquor and related licenses.

One of the more extensive licenses is on-sale intoxicating liquor. Following is a scenario of a recently issued license. An application was received to reopen a restaurant on Rice Street that required an on-sale intoxicating liquor license, food establishment license, alarm permit and a cigarette license. The first order of business was to request the Police Department conduct a background investigation on the owners and City Clerk staff worked with the Community Development Department to ensure that any remodeling or equipment replacement being done was properly permitted and inspected to the required standards. Once the background investigation was complete it was found that nothing prohibited the applicants from holding a license and the individuals appeared before the City Council for final approval. The license was not issued until the Environmental Health Officer had signed off on the kitchen and the Building Officials had issued a Certificate of Occupancy. Once the city has approved the license on the local level the application is then submitted to the State for their records. If you have questions on liquor licenses, contact karen.guilfoile@ci.maplewood.mn.us (651.249.2002) or deb.schmidt@ci.maplewood.mn.us (651.249.2005).

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Maplewood Senior Wellness Expo

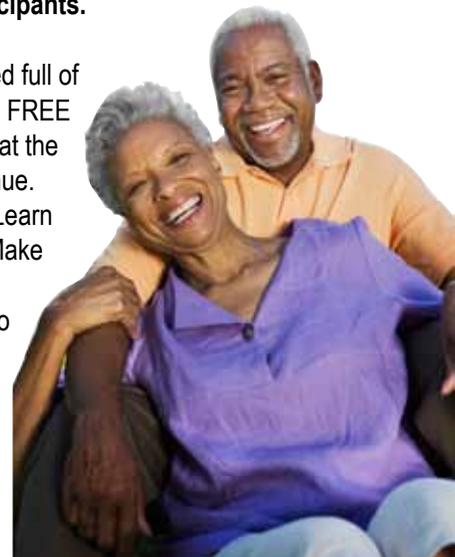
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THURSDAY, MAY 16, 10:00AM - 2:00PM

Maplewood's Senior Expo is back for another exciting day packed full of information, giveaways, demonstrations and presentations. This FREE event will be held on Thursday, May 16 from 10:00AM - 2:00PM 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!

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Visit the city website at www.ci.maplewood.mn.us for the meeting schedule of the City Council, Commissions and Boards.

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

The City Council meets on the second and fourth Monday of the month.

Citizen Services- continued from cover page

The City issues business licenses and permits to individuals and local businesses and helps to ensure that standards are met to keep licenses current and in compliance with local ordinances and State Statutes. The licensing specialist assists license holders to understand the sometimes confusing city and state requirements that are to be met and is always willing to take the time to find the answer to those more unusual questions.

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What started as the 50th birthday celebration of the city in 2006 grew into the Taste of Maplewood and has now come full circle back to our annual Light It Up, July 4th celebration! Please save the date for fireworks and fun on July 4th at Hazelwood Park. Our celebration partner is the Dog House Bar & Grill with family fun beginning at 4:00PM and last until the fireworks are over. Good for Gary, a Twin Cities cover band specializing in current and past dance hits will entertain the crowd and local food and adult beverages will be available. Watch for additional information to follow in the June Maplewood Monthly!

Working with Ramsey County, City Clerk staff conducts our local, State and Federal elections, training approximately 175 election judges each year. Interested in working as an election judge? Visit www.ci.maplewood.mn.us or call Deputy City Clerk Deb Schmidt at 651.249.2003 for additional information.

We are here to serve you at city hall – enjoy the free parking and extended hours on Monday from 8:00AM to 6:00PM Tuesday through Friday from 8:00AM to 4:30PM. For additional information visit the city website or call 651.249.2000.

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. Certified arborists from Branch and Bough Tree Service 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, please note that Maplewood requires tree companies working in the City to be licensed with the City. A list of tree contractors licensed in Maplewood is on the City website.

Maplewood Senior Expo- continued from cover page

10:15AM UNDERSTANDING CATARACT AND OPTIONS WHEN PURSUING SURGERY

PRESENTED BY EYE CARE CENTERS

With increased options for patients undergoing cataract surgery it is important to have a good understanding about what is available. This course will provide an overview of what a cataract is, factors in cataract development, as well as the many choices for lens implant options when the cataract is removed. It is appropriate to be educated on these options prior to surgery to achieve the desired and expected outcome.

11:15PM AFTERLIFE PLANNING

PRESENTED BY SANDBERG FUNERAL HOME

Why prearrange your funeral? How much is the cost of cremation? Will I get a Social Security or Veteran's benefit? Who do I call when my loved one dies? Can I have my ashes scattered? Do I have to have a vault? Get the answers to all of your afterlife planning questions and more!

12:15PM TAKE STEPS TO PREVENT FALLS

PRESENTED BY CERENITY SENIOR CARE

For seniors, a fear of falling is very understandable. Falls can cause moderate to severe injuries, and each year, one in every three adults age 65 and older falls. Susan will discuss the importance of physical activity in fall prevention, exercises to improve balance, and changes to make inside and outside your home to help prevent falls. Balance testing will be available.

1:15PM YOUR ESTATE- 3 THINGS YOU MUST KNOW

PRESENTED BY THRIVENT FINANCIAL

You may think the word "estate" doesn't apply to you. But if you own a home, have a retirement account, or even a savings account, you have an estate. And, the fact is, decisions you make now can affect your ability to protect your property and assets, your loved ones and your wishes for them in the future. In just 45 minutes, we can help you understand the three essential elements of any good estate strategy. Join us for this important workshop!

No registration required. Call 651.249.2230 for more information.

Spring Gardening

After what seems like a very long winter, spring is finally here. That means many of you are gearing up to plant your favorite flowers, vegetables, and herbs. To inspire and give you ideas, your neighborhood Home Depot has a lot to offer for your garden and yard needs.



The garden center has a large variety of vegetable plants including tomatoes, cucumbers, and peppers. They also offer a great selection of trees to make any yard look great including various fruit trees, flowering trees, and different breeds of oaks, maples and many more.

If you're looking to start a garden or improve an already existing one, Home Depot has a selection of hundreds of different seeds and flower bulbs. Plus, with their seemingly unlimited assortment of perennials and annuals, you can build the garden of your dreams. You can sign up for The Garden Club and save up to \$300 with coupon offers.

All summer long, Home Depot offers kid's workshops and many do-it-yourself clinics for various gardening tips. The associates have all the knowledge to help you through any project.

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Inspired by Pinterest: Succulent Gardens
Thursday, May 16, 6:30 - 8:00PM

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Dear Resident

By Councilmember Bob Cardinal

I will be touching on a number of topics in this month's council corner message, namely; police, schools, water, art, trails, cable service, etc. How did we get here?

National Police Week

National Police week will be Sunday, May 12th thru Saturday, May 18th. In 1962, President Kennedy proclaimed May 15th as National Police Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week in which May 15th falls as National Police Week. National Police Week pays special recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty in the safety and protection of others. I am asking you to remember Joseph Bergeron who gave his life on May 1, 2010, the first and only causality of the Maplewood Police Department. "It is not how these officers died that made them heroes, it is how they lived."

Student Enrollment Numbers

North St. Paul-Maplewood-Oakdale ISD 622

1. Maplewood resident K-12 student enrollment in district 622 programs: 3459
2. Maplewood resident K-12 student enrollment in other districts: 829 (this includes students placed by district 622 in other districts' programs and 622's partner schools)
3. Maplewood resident K-12 students home schooled: 50.
4. We won't have accurate data about this year (2012-2013) until the Fall of 2013. We are always a year after the fact.

Roseville Schools ISD 623

Breakdown of Maplewood students attending Roseville Schools in ISD 623: 3-K Full Day; 11-1st grade; 2-2nd grade; 6-3rd grade; 10-4th grade; 6-5th grade; 5-6th grade; 8-7th grade; 8-8th grade; 5-9th grade; 5-10th grade; 8-1th grade; 24-12th grade. The number of Maplewood students in ISD 623 who are home schooled: 7.

Water Usage

Several years ago I was fortunate to serve on the St. Paul Water Utility Board and learned how important water is to our lives. Did you know -- brushing your teeth takes 4 gallons of water; washing your hands and face uses 4 gallons of water; flushing the toilet takes 5 gallons of water; taking a bath uses 36 gallons of water; running the dishwasher uses 15 gallons of water; taking a shower takes 25 gallons of water; washing a load of laundry uses 45 gallons of water; and watering our lawns uses so many gallons I don't want to mention how many. This is not suggesting imperfection, lack of self control or poor cognitive skills. These short comings are often cited as grounds for government intervention. There must be very compelling reasons for a change with significant magnitude to justify such a consuming effort. As we all know, the whole purpose of authority is to interfere in other people's business.



Councilmembers Cave and Cardinal, Mayor Rossbach, Councilmembers Koppen and Juenemann

Public Art In Maplewood

Public art can be defined in many ways which I will leave to your imagination. We can look forward to a discussion of public art in Maplewood whether it be shown and showcased in the park next to the Maplewood Library, at our community center and city campus, at the Bruentrup Farm and open space or somewhere else. This initiative can be fostered all with the help of 3M. Maybe 3M, being a global company and its employees can help by contributing art from all over the world. Certainly some Maplewood treasures will be brought to light and be exhibit worthy.

Gateway Trail

I would like to bring it to your attention that the Gateway State Trail running through Maplewood is the most heavily traveled and used trail in the state. Starting from close to the Cayuga Bridge (I-35E) near the state Capitol to rural Washington County north of Stillwater, we should be aware of this trail's importance for all of us in Maplewood and how many people pass through our city by walking, bicycling or jogging.

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Trails have conducted user hour counts and user intensity per mile information for most of our major "rail trails" in recent years. The Gateway State Trail has the most use in user hours and is the most intensively used (user hours/mile) of any State Trail surveyed. This activity could go on any summer check off list.

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Carbon Footprint

We have been talking about reducing our "carbon footprint" in the hope of reducing harmful greenhouse gas emissions, which may be fighting with our environment. The ultimate goal is to create as little environmental disturbance as possible during our lifespan so that we can leave a healthy earth to our children and survivors. Have a great summer. Enjoy the 4th of July- Independence Day celebration and fireworks at Hazelwood Park. Again, how did we get here?

- Bob Cardinal, Councilmember 651.765.8600

P.S. Happy Mother's Day to all of our Mothers.

Police Department Life Saving Award

In the early morning hours of January 29th Officer Brian Tazuell and Sergeant Michael Nye were summoned to a Maplewood home regarding a suicide attempt.



Sergeant Michael Nye (left), Officer Brian Tazuell (center), Acting Chief Dave Kvam (right)

The officers arrived to find an open garage door and a commotion within. They entered the garage and found a man hanging from the rafters, approximately two feet from the ground by a makeshift noose fashioned from metal electrical conduit. The caller was frantically, but in vain, trying to hold the man up.

Officer Tazuell immediately lifted the man, relieving the constriction on his airway, while Sgt. Nye used the opportunity to untie the noose. The man, who had been flailing wildly, began to apologize for his decision.

Without prompt & decisive action the man would likely have died. For their actions that morning Officer Tazuell and Sergeant Nye were presented the Maplewood Police Department Lifesaving Award during the March 25, 2013 Maplewood City Council meeting.

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Maplewood's Special Enforcement Unit Serves Many Purposes



The Police Department's Special Enforcement Unit (SEU) was formed to help address several problems within the City of Maplewood, areas of concern which benefit from a dedicated response. The primary responsibilities of SEU are: traffic enforcement, narcotics, prostitution/human trafficking, and problem properties/people. The unit is supervised by Sergeant Michael Dugas and consists of four officers, each with particular areas of specialty.

One officer focuses on traffic enforcement, helping to address many of the driving complaints received by the police department. The traffic officer is also a certified commercial vehicle inspector, which allows him to help ensure the many commercial vehicles travelling through Maplewood are doing so in a safe manner. Another officer is assigned to the Ramsey County Violent Crime Enforcement Team (VCET), a countywide task force which investigates high-level narcotics & firearm violations. Sgt. Dugas and 2 other officers focus on local narcotics, prostitution/human trafficking, and problem locations or people.

SEU officers work both in uniform and plainclothes, as needs dictate. Their hours are flexible and are dictated by the cases or incidents on which they are working. SEU works with the patrol division to provide

additional personnel to saturate a problem location, for instance, and disseminates intelligence about crime trends and known criminals. They also work closely with investigative personnel, conducting surveillance, coordinating undercover operations, and otherwise assisting detectives to aid case resolution. Examples of recent work include:

1. A commercial vehicle inspection detail was coordinated, resulting in 47 trucks inspected, with 14 taken out of service due to the severity of the violations.
2. Our VCET officer has been working on a federal-level narcotics case involving several cities, including Maplewood. The case is still under investigation, however, has resulted in the execution of multiple search warrants.
3. An officer assisting city code enforcement to help alleviate ongoing complaints at a particular address discovered associated criminal activity, including possession of stolen property. The investigation is now being coordinated with other law enforcement agencies and felony-level charges are likely.
4. An operation targeting a prostitute who was soliciting business in Maplewood lead to an arrest for prostitution and 2 more for promoting prostitution.
5. Stemming from a traffic stop during an operation, approximately 57 grams of methamphetamine and more than \$5,600 were seized. The person in possession of both was arrested for possession of a controlled substance.
6. An officer focusing on a local career criminal, working with retailers and after conducting extensive research, was able to obtain felony-level burglary charges on the man in a case which started as two misdemeanor violations of the trespass law and attempted theft. This case is one of the first of its type brought against a career criminal in Ramsey County.

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Welcome To Maplewood Tokyo Grill

Tokyo Grill Express, a Japanese dine in and carry out restaurant, opened this March in Maplewood on White Bear Avenue at the Highway 36 exchange.



Fire Cracker Chicken

Their food is a combination of Japanese and Asian flair and they offer a homemade Fire Cracker Sauce if you are looking for something with a bit more spice. The meat is the highest quality and cut fresh daily. They use mostly white meat and grass-fed beef for each entree. Their chef is a

top-notch sushi and kitchen chef who can tailor the spice to each individual preference. They cook on a real flat grill which creates the perfect fried rice - not too dry and not too soft. Don't forget to try the Cinnamon Fortune Rolls (similar to a fortune cookie) - where Tokyo Grill is the only place you can find them.

This restaurant will not empty your pocket book. Entree prices range from \$6.95 - \$10.95 and there is a nice menu selection.

Customer Anthony Scott says "If you like Asian food and you cannot afford Benihana, Tokyo Grill is the place for you! They are dedicated to their customers and they go the extra mile. I came in at 9:00AM and Lin the restaurant owner said that they were not open right now but I should come in and she will cook for me - it was great and I keep coming back for more!"

Customer Lakari Cobb came all the way from Columbia Heights because she heard their food was really good and wanted to try the Fire Cracker Shrimp Sauce. She commented that "the atmosphere was very clean and welcoming."

They have made great efforts to create the tidiest and cleanest dining place, and guarantee you with friendly and timely service. To learn more about Tokyo Grill's menu or for restaurant hours, visit their website at www.mntokyogrill.com.



Restaurant owner Lin Hui (left) and Customer Lakari Cobb (right)

CITY LOGO CONTEST



The City of Maplewood is conducting a logo contest for individuals of all ages. Our current logo (shown above) features a maple leaf with the motto, "Together We Can" and has been the logo since 1998.

Entries will be judged by a team consisting of a representative from a local business, residents and city staff. The winning design will become the official logo of the city. Designs must incorporate a maple leaf and highlight some of the great attributes of our city.

Entries will be judged on the artwork's creative ideals that reflect those things that add up to the feeling that our community is a special place, distinct from anywhere else capturing the essence of Maplewood!

The winner along with their created logo will be featured in a future article of the Maplewood Monthly and will also be awarded \$100.00.

For contest rules and submission requirements visit the City website at www.ci.maplewood.mn.us or by emailing karen.guilfoile@ci.maplewood.mn.us.

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How To Deal With Yard Waste



Reminder - leaves and grass clippings should not be placed in the trash or deposited in your neighborhood natural areas. But don't despair; there are three easy ways to deal with your yard waste:

Yard Waste Removal by the City's Contracted Hauler

Allied Waste Services, the City's trash and yard waste contractor, offers subscription yard waste service to City residents. Between April 1 and November 30 (weather permitting) Allied will remove your grass clippings, weeds, leaves, and small branches if you choose to subscribe to this service. Service includes a 65 gallon cart which will be picked up once a week on your trash and recycling day. Just place the yard waste in the cart, no need to bag. But if you do bag your yard waste, ensure you use a paper or compostable bag. The cost for the season is \$79.50. Allied will also pick up yard waste on an on-call basis for \$3.50 per paper or compostable bag. To sign up for subscription yard waste removal

or inquire about on-call yard waste service, call Allied's customer service team at 651.455.8634.

Ramsey County Compost Sites

Ramsey County residents can dispose of yard waste at one of Ramsey County's seven yard waste sites for free. For more information visit www.ramseyatoz.com or call 651.633.EASY (3279) 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Back Yard Composting

Maplewood's solid waste ordinance allows for home composting of small quantities of lawn and garden waste, and kitchen food scraps. A compost pile or bin must be placed in the rear or side yard, be at least 5 feet from your property line, and not cause a nuisance to neighbors. To get started on back yard composting this year, consider attending the Maplewood Nature Center's composting class: Composting – Make Your Own Black Gold! The class is free and is scheduled for Saturday, May 18, from 10:00 to 11:00AM at the Nature Center (2659 7th Street East). To register call the Nature Center at 651.249.2170.



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The Dog House Bar & Grill will be on site serving up refreshing adult beverages. Vendors will provide a mix of favorite American foods: barbecue beef and pork, hot dogs, hamburgers, frozen treats, waffles, pizza, and Mexican food.



Live music will start at 6:30PM 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 riding skills on the mechanical bull. Cool off on the "Hippo Water Slide" or jump in one of the giant inflatables. Wristbands are \$3.00 per person for unlimited rides. The feature 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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City Manager Antonen Retires

Jim Antonen was appointed as the City Manager of Maplewood in March of 2009 and will retire after 47 years of public service on June 28, 2013.

He is a veteran of the US Navy and began his local government career in Sartell as the City Administrator. From there he served as City Manager in Vermillion, South Dakota and then for 12 years as the City Manager in Moorhead, Minnesota where he received acknowledgement for his professional handling of the Red River Valley Floods during 1997.



Jim Antonen, Maplewood's Retiring City Manager

In 2001, he and his wife Lois relocated to Davis, California, a university city of 66,000 residents where he served for five years as their City Manager. In 2006, Jim left Davis, California and worked as a management recruiter prior to accepting the appointment as the Maplewood City Manager in 2009.

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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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Public Works 651.249.2400
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The City Council meets on the second and fourth Monday of the month.

Reminder: The Deadline To Submit A Logo For The Maplewood City Logo Contest is July 15.
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Antonen Retires- continued from cover page

Jim and Lois have three sons: Charles who is a California Deputy Attorney General, Matthew (Jaime) St. Louis Park a buyer for Target Corporation and Patrick (Keri) a Project Officer for the state of Iowa. They are also grandparents to Matthew and Jamie's son Blake.

Looking Back –

While City Manager of Moorhead, Fargo-Moorhead received the 2000 All American City Award. Antonen marks this as the pinnacle of his career, describing it as the Oscar Award for cities.

He marks his appointment in Maplewood as one of his biggest challenges. He was tasked with helping to restore the reputation of the City of Maplewood and bring stability to the staff and citizens. Antonen stated, "I rated that right up there in challenges as the great flood of 1997 in Moorhead. But, it has been a great opportunity and pleasure to serve and work for the fine people of Maplewood."

Mayor Rossbach stated, "When Jim first came to the City we needed his experience to bring a steady calm and his management skills to hold our course. After he accomplished that, he was successful in overseeing his staff and letting them use their skills

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and talent. In my opinion as Mayor, we owe a debt of gratitude to him."

In September of 2009, Jim was honored with the distinguished "30 Years of Service Award" from the International City Manager Association (ICMA). He was recognized as being in the first group to receive the ICMA Credentialed Manager designation and Legacy Leader status. He also was recognized as having made significant contributions to a number of other organizations including Chair of the League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust Board and President of the Minnesota City County Management Association. In addition, he served on the Board of Directors for the California ICMA.

Jim and his wife Lois will continue to live in Minnesota but spend winters at their Davis, California home. While Antonen has had a couple of offers to do some consulting after retirement, he thinks he will probably opt for focusing on some home projects and traveling.

At the May 13 City Council meeting the City Council moved on a 5-0 vote to appoint Assistant City Manager Chuck Ahl as the City Manager effective June 29th.

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In April, officials from Ramsey County, Maplewood, along with other City officials and agencies, took a 5-day course called Integrated Emergency Management at the National Emergency Training Center in Emmitsburg, Maryland. Individuals studied previous disasters and were given instruction on incident management. The training



also included a mock disaster exercise that required Maplewood staff, surrounding cities, emergency officials from local agencies as well as Ramsey County staff to activate our Emergency Operation Center [EOC] and respond to a local event that stressed our abilities and plans to learn from the response. The event was conducted in real time and included communication equipment that duplicated the Maplewood and Ramsey County EOC.

Mayor Rossbach participated as the lead EOC Director as provided by ordinance and statute. At the conclusion of the event, the Mayor stated that "I was always aware of the quality of our Maplewood staff, but this event showed me that if something like this terrible event were ever to happen, we have an extremely qualified and professional staff that will be able to address all problems that can be thrown their way."

All the participants in the event were appreciative of the opportunity to participate in the training provided through Ramsey County Emergency Management. If you would like to learn more about the Emergency Management Plans for Maplewood and Ramsey County and their mission to prepare for, mitigating, responding to and recovering from an emergency, visit the Maplewood website and go to the Fire Department – Emergency Management page. We always hope and pray that such an event never occurs in Maplewood or Ramsey County. But, if this unthinkable event ever happens, our Maplewood staff, with support from Ramsey County is better prepared to respond.

The House Will Be Rockin' At The Maplewood Performing Arts Theatre This June

Buddy Holly & The Beatles – Together For The First Time Saturday, June 29 (7:30PM)



On February 3, 1959, Buddy Holly was killed in a plane crash in Iowa. In 1961, just two years later, Paul McCartney, John Lennon, George Harrison, and Ringo Starr formed what was to become the most popular band of all time...THE BEATLES. Buddy Holly toured England shortly before his death becoming one of the most popular stars in British music history and a heavy influencer of The Beatles. Enjoy this fantasy concert of two great acts, in one amazing performance! Buddy Holly, performed by Shadows Tribute Artist Jeff Boxwell, will share the stage with one of the best Beatle Tribute Bands in the Midwest, "A Hard Day's Night". Experience all of Holly's biggest hits, plus hits by the Beatles from the early Ed Sullivan days to the Sgt. Pepper album. Tickets are \$20.00 in advance and \$25.00 the day of the show.

Lorie Line – Come Together Tour Thursday, June 27 (7:30PM)



Pianist Lorie Line will be coming to town with her Fab Five and a brand new spring show, COME TOGETHER. This tour is part of her "intimate series" as Line performs in a more casual setting and features music from her latest recordings. Line, known for her costumes, sense of style on the stage and her creative arrangements, has been touring for 24 years. Tickets are \$39.00.

The Maplewood Performing Arts Theatre is located in the Maplewood Community Center at 2100 White Bear Avenue. **Tickets are available online at www.maplewoodarts.com or by calling 651.249.2230.**



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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.

Friends and Neighbors

By Councilmember Rebecca Cave

It's been a long time coming but I believe that Spring is finally here!! Ball fields are lined, picnic shelters are filling, and people are out walking, biking, and enjoying our beautiful Parks and Trails with their children and four legged friends.

Spring has been a busy and exciting time for the City too. Along with new additions to our Commissions staff, we have filled the seats of the new Maplewood Parks Taskforce. This taskforce was created to develop new ideas for the future of Maplewood's Parks and Open Spaces. Please feel free to send any comments or questions you may have about the future of our Parks and Opens Spaces. The Taskforce will be meeting the fourth Wednesday of each month at 4:00PM in the Maplewood Community Center.

The council will be looking to fill the current City Manager's position; James Antonen will be retiring June 28, 2013. We wish Jim well in his retirement as he starts a new chapter in his life.*

The City of Maplewood is a Plan B form of statutory city government, which is a council-manager plan of government. Under a Plan B system, the elected City Council consists of a mayor and four council members. All policy and legislative decisions are the responsibility of the council. The council appoints the city manager and delegates the administrative duties to the city manager.



Councilmembers Cave and Cardinal, Mayor Rossbach, Councilmembers Koppen and Juenemann

The city manager acts as a liaison between the City Council, its advisory boards and commissions, and city staff to develop and implement policies guiding the city. The city manager is also responsible for the hiring of department directors, evaluates the performance of employees, sets general personnel policies and approves staff appointments. The manager supervises the preparation of the annual budget and advises the Mayor and Council as to administrative and financial needs. Additional responsibilities of the city manager include preparing agenda materials and recommendations for council meetings, processing of citizen inquiries and service requests, and representing the City of Maplewood at meetings and conferences.

Trash services in Maplewood are contracted with Allied Waste. Visit the City of Maplewood's website for information regarding carts, billing, schedules, and options in this contract. Their customer service center is located at their Inver Grove Height's facility. The customer service telephone number is 651.455.8634 and calls are taken Monday through Friday, 7:00AM until 5:00PM. After hours residents can leave a message for Allied's residential customer service team.

I look forward to the next year serving the citizens of Maplewood and representing you on the council. If you have any questions, concerns, or ideas for the city, please feel free to contact me 651.773.7059 (home) or rebeccacave1@hotmail.com.

Have a warm and safe summer, Rebecca Cave

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Economic Development Rebounds In Maplewood

Economic development efforts are overseen by Maplewood's Community Development department. This means working with property and business owners in growing their business, finding available sites for new building, and expansion and improving their existing property and buildings. For the residents of Maplewood this leads to more employment opportunities, expanded selections for service and retail-oriented businesses and a broader property tax-base.



LA Fitness moves into the former Circuit City building

Recently the City welcomed a new LA Fitness, which redeveloped a vacant building just north of Maplewood Mall. Across County Road D, Pizza Ranch and DSW Shoes opened new locations in Maplewood. The northeast corner of White Bear Avenue and County Road D was redeveloped last year as a result of the White Bear Avenue Road Expansion Project with The Vitamin Store, Mattress Firm and Verizon Wireless locating into the three-tenant retail center. Additionally, a new Popeye's Chicken location opened in Maplewood on the corner of White Bear Avenue and Beam Avenue. Tokyo Grill, a new Asian restaurant at the northwest corner of Cope Avenue and White Bear Avenue, recently opened its doors. Finally, 3M recently announced its intent of building a new major research building on its campus in Maplewood. The above activity demonstrates Maplewood is a desired and viable location for businesses of all types and sizes.

In addition, the Community Development department works with property owners in areas that are ripe for redevelopment or being affected by roadway improvement projects. The Highway 36 and English Street interchange project has begun and City staff have been working with property owners to address any issues that have or will come up during this comprehensive construction project. Once the interchange and intersection improvements are complete, this area is expected to be in high demand for additional commercial and business development.

Lastly, the Gladstone neighborhood continues to be a focus for the Community Development department as it works with land and business owners to foster redevelopment opportunities. Last fall,



New DSW Shoes located off County Rd D near Maplewood Mall

construction of the Shores at Lake Phalen was completed and the housing complex opened. The Shores is a 105-unit senior housing development which redeveloped a former manufactured home park. The City has also been investing to improve Frost Avenue and the Gladstone Savannah Open Space Area. With the Maplewood Bowl closing, there is a significant opportunity for redevelopment right on the corner of Frost Avenue and English Street. The Community Development staff have been working closely with the property owner to explore potential uses for this site.

If you are a business owner, or are looking to start or relocate a business in Maplewood, please contact the Community Development department for site selection assistance, zoning and building code information and guidance and for any other information you may need to help you make the decision to grow with Maplewood.



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Community Development is comprised of four divisions: Building Inspections; Code Enforcement; Land Use/Economic Development/ Environmental Planning and Health. Here is a brief rundown on the services we provide for residents and businesses.

Building Inspections

Whenever you want to build something in the City—a house, garage, commercial or industrial structure, interior build-out of an existing structure, as examples—you would need to stop in to our office and apply for a building permit. The City's inspectors would review your building plans and inspect the construction to assure building-code compliance. Some building projects do not require that you obtain a building permit. For example, you can build up to a 120-square-foot back yard shed or a six-foot-tall fence without a building permit. You should always check with our office to see if your building proposal requires a building permit.

The City of Maplewood's building department is a leader in green building which is also known as green construction or sustainable building. The purpose of these codes are to protect health, property and public safety through design, construction, quality products, use and occupancy, location and maintenance of all buildings and structures within the City. Permits are required for all construction or alteration/remodeling of buildings and/or structures within the City.

The building inspections staff works with homeowners, architects, engineers, contractors and just about anyone with a construction project. We welcome hearing from you with your questions and want to assist you any way we can.

Code Enforcement

The City's code enforcement activities are conducted largely through the building inspections department. Some complaints are handled by others, such as complaints about storm-water runoff, animal nuisances and excessive noise, for example. The building inspections division, monitors and reacts to complaints about such things as long grass, junk vehicles and unkept properties.

Land Use Planning and Economic Development

All development proposals, ranging from single dwelling development through large commercial/industrial developments, are reviewed by the planning staff to assure compliance with the City's comprehensive plan and zoning requirements.

In addition to City staff there are also three citizen-volunteer commissions that advise the city council on development proposals, land use issues, housing proposals and economic-development matters. These commissions are the Planning Commission, Community Design Review Board and the Housing and Economic Development Commission. The planners review matters that require input from these three commissions and submit their reports and recommendations to them prior to final review by the City Council, who take final action on all issues.



The former Gander Mountain building at Birch Run Station changes into a Spine Care Clinic for HealthEast

Some noteworthy projects the planning staff has recently guided through the development process are the renovations to the 3M Company campus, the conversion of the Circuit City building into an LA Fitness and the conversion of the Gander Mountain building at Birch Run Station into a Spine Care Clinic for HealthEast.

Economic Development

Economic Development efforts mean working with property and business owners in growing their business, finding available sites for new building and expansion and improving their existing property and buildings. For the residents of Maplewood this leads to more employment opportunities, expanded selections for service and retail-oriented businesses and a broader property tax-base. Go to page 5 to learn about the new businesses the City has welcomed.

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Environmental Division

This division is made up of the Environmental Planner and Sustainability Intern. Working with the Environmental and Natural Resources Commission, the division helps establish environmental priorities and policies that ensure the City's environmental assets are protected, preserved, and enhanced for residents to enjoy. This is accomplished through many ways including the following:

Review of development proposals to ensure they meet the City's environmental requirements such as wetland and tree protection and Management of the City's trash and recycling contracts.

Health

The Health Officer for the City of Maplewood is responsible for inspecting public swimming pools (i.e.: pools in apartments or condos, hotels/motels), lodging facilities, and food establishments. The MN Food Code is enforced including regulations surrounding plan review before an establishment opens. This process includes working closely with many other departments.

From working with the MN Department of Health through the plan review process to routine inspections of swimming pools, the Health Officer works with pool operators to ensure public pools and spas are maintained in a manner that minimizes public health risk. Lodging inspections provide operators educational information in regards to various public health issues (i.e.: bed bugs and mold).

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Richard's Market - Same Name, New Owner and New Ideas



photo by: David Grupa Portrait

Richard's Market, offering fresh cut meats and groceries has been a staple of the Gladstone Community for over 41 years. Shaine Stokke recently purchased Richard's Market with the intention of remodeling and expanding the meat selection within a year. Stokke, also owner of Stokke's Lakewood Market located in Lakewood Township and Adolph Store located in Hermantown, MN said, "I have had many requests from customers that visit our Lakewood store to open a similar store in the Twin Cities because they like our prices." Stokke previously worked at the Maplewood Cub Foods East store and is familiar with the area. He selected the Gladstone Community for his new business because he feels this is a hard-working, blue collar area - and that is the customer he caters to.

The meats sold at Richard's Market are 90% Minnesota raised and are all natural with no steroids or hormones. "I feel if someone is going to buy a steak - it's got to be good!" Stokke said. There are ten butchers that work with him who are always experimenting and trying new flavors. Stokke strives to make something ordinary - extraordinary so his customers don't get bored.

They offer over 20 varieties of brats and snack sticks, homemade

sausage links and patties, burgers, and many other selections. Their biggest seller is the marinated Black and Blue chicken breasts that are seasoned with worcestershire and soy sauce and sprinkled with dry blue cheese. You can also purchase Stokke's pizza which is made at the Federal Meat Plant.



Shaine Stokke - new owner

Richard's formerly had a famous Italian Sausage that had people coming from all over to get. Customers can still purchase that same sausage! Joan Lefto, a Maplewood resident said, "I've been coming here for 30 years and the meat is the best you can get around here. The girls at the counter are nice and the store hours are convenient when I need to be here. They have the best beef liver and this is the only place I can get it."

Stokke likes to get involved with the communities he set up businesses in - especially youth activities.

Richard's Market is located at 1344 Frost Avenue in Maplewood. Hours of operation are Monday - Saturday 8:00AM - 9:00PM and Sunday 8:00AM - 9:00PM. For more information, call 651.777.9133.

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In 2011, the City of Maplewood, through a grant from Ramsey County, installed 137 blue topped outdoor recycling bins in all city parks. In 2012, the first full year of recycling in the parks, the city collected 9,021 pounds of recyclable cans and bottles. That's equivalent to over 160,000 plastic beverage containers removed from the waste stream and recycled into new containers!

If you are hosting a event, consider using clear stream recycling containers to collect recyclables. Maplewood loans clear stream recycling bins free of charge to Maplewood residents. They are easy to set up and easy to use. For more details, contact Chris Swanson, Maplewood Sustainability Intern, at 651.249.2305 or chris.swanson@ci.maplewood.mn.us.

Code Enforcement

When we buy a house there usually are not instructions of how to maintain your property and be a good neighbor.

The City of Maplewood has rules and regulations that protect property owners and neighborhoods, which are called the City Code of Ordinances, or "Code", for short. When someone calls with a nuisance code complaint, our City staff first asks if they've discussed the problem with the complainant. City staff encourages residents to try resolving the issue themselves before getting the City involved. However, if you need assistance from the City, a complaint can be filed at www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/codeviolation or by calling 651.249.Code (2633). It's important for you to note that the City is obligated by Minnesota State Law not to disclose the name of the person who made the complaint. In addition, please note that the City does not investigate anonymous complaints.

To learn more about the types of complaints the City received during 2012 see the city map posted on the City website at www.ci.maplewood.mn.us.

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Chuck Ahl Appointed City Manager, Set To Begin New Role On June 29

Chuck Ahl is no stranger to administrative positions in the City of Maplewood! He was 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 2009 Mr. Ahl has served the City as the Assistant City Manager, Community Development Director, Finance Director, Public Works Director and City Engineer. In addition, Ahl served Maplewood as interim City Manager in 2008-2009.

Before Jim Antonen was hired in 2009, Ahl opted against applying for the City Manager position as the City Council was divided on many issues at that time; it was his opinion that the City needed someone from the outside and not previously associated with the City to serve as City Manager. Further, he felt that time was needed to heal from the issues that plagued the council for the previous few years. Chuck firmly believed that Jim Antonen was the right person at the right time to help move the City in the right direction.



When asked about his toughest issue as Interim City Manager in 2008, Ahl related the following when he was requested to represent Maplewood during a hearing by the League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust [LMCIT]. The hearing was to determine if LMCIT would cancel the City's insurance coverage due to the extensive volume of claims and expenses in the previous 2 years. A motion was made and seconded to cancel Maplewood's coverage and the chair opened the issue for debate. The first question was from the chair, the former Mayor of Willmar, who asked, "Mr. Ahl, can you explain to this Board, why the Cities in Minnesota have been required to pay more for claims in Maplewood in the past two years than we paid for all the flooding that has occurred in southeastern Minnesota?"

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30th Annual National Night Out



On Tuesday, August 6, neighborhoods throughout Maplewood are being invited to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the "30th Annual National Night Out" (NNO) crime and drug prevention event. National Night Out, which is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW) and co-sponsored by the Maplewood Police Department, will involve over 15,704 communities from all 50 states, U.S.

Territories, Canadian cities and military bases around the world.

In all, over 37.5 million people are expected to participate in 'America's Night Out Against Crime.'

National Night Out is designed to: (1) Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; (2) Generate support for, and participation in local anti-crime efforts; (3) Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police community partnerships; and (4) Send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

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Chuck Ahl Appointed City Manager- continued from cover page

(LMCIT reports that they paid out over \$3.4 million in claims during those years) Mr. Ahl reports that he was in a room of over 40 people and the room was “dead quiet and all eyes were on me waiting for an answer, and the first thought in my head, was how did a dumb engineer get into a situation like this?” After nearly two hours of testimony by Mr. Ahl, the motion to cancel Maplewood’s insurance was withdrawn and coverage was extended at an increased premium. The City was placed on probation for 3+ years; however, the testimony given by Mr. Ahl is estimated to have saved Maplewood taxpayers potentially in excess of ¼ million dollars annually, had the insurance coverage been cancelled.

When asked about his future plans for the city and what changes he intended to implement, Ahl stated the following: “We have an exceptional staff and some top quality department heads. Things are going very well at Maplewood, so it would be foolish to make major changes immediately. I certainly have some ideas and one area that I hope to change is to put a higher priority on making sure that we tell our story about what is happening with the City. We can improve in many areas and make sure that people, who want

to know about what is happening with their City, get that information quickly and factually. I also want to build on our efforts for an expansion in our efforts for Economic Development. We are nearly 97% developed as a City, but we have some areas of the City where we can provide some new emphasis on protecting and enhancing our tax base. I hope that we are more open for debate and look forward to listening to a big section of our citizens to meet some of the expectations of our citizens and taxpayers.”

Mr. Ahl currently lives in Vadnais Heights with his wife of 30+ years, Betsy. Chuck and Betsy recently purchased a winter home in Ft. Myers, Florida that they hope to use as snowbirds in a few years when retirement plans are ready. Chuck and Betsy have two grown children who live and work in Minnesota. Chuck is a big Twins, Vikings, Timberwolves and Wild fan, plus, he can regularly be found on the golf course during much of his spare time. He and Betsy are currently members of St. John’s Catholic Church in Little Canada.

Mr. Ahl can be contacted via e-mail at chuck.ahl@ci.maplewood.mn.us and is always open to hear about City issues and concerns.

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Highway 36 / English Street Interchange Project Update

The interchange project is well underway. The closure of Highway 36 between Highway 61 and White Bear Avenue, which began in mid-June, is planned to continue through the end of August.



By the first week in September, Highway 36 should be re-opened and the diamond interchange at English Street fully operable. Substantial project completion is slated for late this year. The closure of Highway 36 allowed this project to be condensed from two years to one.

For real-time project updates and detour information visit the City's website (www.ci.maplewood.mn.us) and click the "Projects" menu at the top of the page and then click on "Highway 36/English Interchange."

If you have specific project questions, contact the Public Works Director, Michael Thompson, at 651.249.2400.

Ramsey County Fair Celebrates It's 100th Anniversary July 10 - 14, 2013

The Annual Ramsey County Fair is being held July 10-14 at the County Fairgrounds on White Bear Avenue 1 mile south of Highway 36 in Maplewood.



There will be a variety of entertainment - bands on stage, kids can be "farmer for the day", children's petting zoo, talent contests, fireworks, carnival rides, and a parade. Other fair highlights - commercial exhibits, carnival rides, food vendors, beer and bingo and more. For a complete list of events and times, call the county fair office at 651.770.2626 or www.ramseycountyfair.com. Fair opens at 5:00PM on Wednesday and Thursday and noon on Friday - Sunday. The admission to the County Fair is free. Before the fair opens carnival ride tickets at significantly reduced prices can now be purchased at Maplewood City Hall or at the Maplewood Community Center.



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Shootout In South Maplewood

By Mayor Will Rossbach

Most of you have probably heard stories about a hog farm out in the country that had been in operation for years doing what they need to do to bring their product to market. Eventually, population from a nearby metropolitan area started to move into the area. The closer the homes got to the hog farm, the more complaints the local authorities got about the noise, unsightly conditions and of course the smell. The farmer tried to modify the operation and added new equipment to try to placate the neighbors but in the end they were forced to close down the operation and move away.

This type of scenario is a continuously repeated occurrence. The existing operation can change from hogs to junk yards, dumps or some type of manufacturing, but the pattern remains the same. The influx of population brings a new set of rules to an area which tends to favor the residents over the existing use. It might not seem fair but I have seen numerous businesses forced out by population growth.

Currently in Maplewood we have this scenario being played out in a couple of locations. The one drawing the most attention is the gun range on Linwood Avenue in south Maplewood. The range has been there since the early nineteen hundreds well before any homes were in the area. When the first wave of development rolled down the south leg there was some distance kept from the range. Over the years that distance has dwindled to a couple hundred yards. Additionally, the use of the range has changed over time from recreational use to a police department practice facility which now has grown to accommodate 34 total agencies. Further, the guns have changed from 38 pistols to rapid fire assault rifles and other heavy firearms that are louder than ones previously used. What use to be an occasional use or the range is now daily use and has become a big problem for the neighbors.

A couple of years back the legislature foresaw this type of gun range issue coming and passed a law protecting gun ranges which makes it almost impossible to shut them down and severely limits a City's



Councilmembers Cave and Cardinal, Mayor Rossbach, Councilmembers Koppen and Juenemann

ability to regulate their use. At least at this time this is a good thing in my opinion. Law enforcement officers are required to have regularly scheduled firearms practice (also a good idea) which includes outdoor shooting under various weather conditions. I remember in high school sports the coaches always saying 'you have to practice like you play'. Shooting guns is a hard thing to do, as witnessed by all the shooting incidents where dozens of rounds are fired with no one hitting anything, or all too often the person who does get shot is an innocent bystander. It is important that the police practice as much as possible so that they hit what they aim at and don't aim at what is not a target.

In the Maplewood story the City stepped in to try to help the neighborhood. The credit for this falls almost completely to City Manager Jim Antonen. Even though on paper there was nothing that we could do the City got the St. Paul Police Department (current operators of the range), Ramsey County (owners of the range) and the neighbors together to try to come up with a plan which would work for everyone. A noise study was done which came up with some options and some of those options including concrete sound barriers, scheduled heavy weapons time slots, tree rows and other ideas are being put in place.

The neighbors deserve credit also for being willing to let a process happen and taking part in that process. It is far too early to tell if any of this will lead to an acceptable situation for everyone involved. I hope it does. But if it does indeed create a situation which allows both the range and the homes to coexist over the long run it will take a continued commitment from all of the involved parties to speak up and listen to each other's concerns.

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Maplewood Community Center: Offering Wellness, Arts, & Fun For Everyone

Now in its 19th year of operation, the Maplewood Community Center (MCC) continues to be an excellent community asset! Offering an aquatic center, fitness area, walking and jogging track, nearly 80 group fitness classes, and family-based programming, the MCC truly has something for everyone. Check out our wide range of services below!

Aquatics Center

Newly renovated in 2012, the MCC's aquatic center continues to delight a diverse range of audiences. Our 6-lane lap pool welcomes both water aerobics fans and lap swimmers alike. Children generally prefer to splash or play in the zero-depth entry leisure pool complete with a jaunty interactive submarine and two water slides! When not in use by recreational swimmers, the MCC's pool hosts over 1,600 Red Cross certified swim lessons for students of all age levels.



Splash Trax Activity System

Later this month, MCC will also be introducing the Splash Trax Activity System to the pool. Designed to stretch across the pool, this interactive flotation device includes a climbing pyramid complete with handles and footholds, a tunnel, a bouncing dome, and a wobbly bridge. Join us for our next flotation Friday (held the last Friday of each month from 5:00 - 7:30PM) to try out this adventure toy.

Fitness

In 2012, MCC fully renovated its cardio equipment to ensure that we continue to offer top-notch equipment options for our members and guests. Our cardio space is now home to a wide range of state-of-the-art cardiovascular and strength equipment, including treadmills, elliptical cross-trainers, step mills, summit trainers, stationary bikes, stair climbers, rowers, and more.

In addition, MCC offers over 80 group fitness classes free for members each month including Les Mills BodyPump, yoga,



kickboxing, step aerobics, spinning and more. For those looking for an additional challenge, fee-based small group fitness classes including TRX, Kettle Bells, Boot Camp, and more are also available. Are you interested in trying a new class? Check out MCC's upcoming date night events. To be offered the second Friday of every month, running September through December, date nights will include a special workout specifically designed for couples. While you work out, let your kids blow off steam during our expanded childcare hours. Both child care and class are free with pre-registration.

Theater

MCC is also home to a beautiful and intimate performing arts theater. With seating for up to 276 guests, our exquisite theater plays host to a wide variety of performances. This fall's entertainment series will include shows by Sherwin Linton, The Shadows, Keri Noble, Guaranteed Cash, White Sidewalls and more! Tickets for all performances are available at www.maplewoodarts.com.

MCC Membership

If you are interested in making the Maplewood Community Center part of your regular routine, consider an MCC Membership. Perfect for individuals, couples, or families, we have a wide range of memberships available. Whether you are interested in an annual, three-month, or monthly membership, discounts for residents and seniors apply. Membership includes facility access, free group fitness classes, four guest passes per year, daily locker use, access to our in-house Subway location, and discounted rates on a variety of programming options. In addition, beginning in fall of 2013 drop-in child care (subject to availability) will be offered free with the cost of membership. Get your whole family involved in heading to the Maplewood Community Center.

For the latest and greatest news and updates, follow us on Facebook or visit us online at www.maplewoodcommunitycenter.com.



2014-2018 Capital Improvement Plan

The Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) is a multiple-year plan that is used by City staff and elected officials to identify and plan for needed capital projects and major equipment purchases. It is prepared annually and coordinates the planning, financing and timing of major equipment purchases and construction projects. The City Council will be asked to adopt the CIP in July 2013. Adopting the CIP does not commit the council to the proposed projects, nor implement the assumptions made during the preparation; however, it is the basis for the 2014 Budget as staff proceeds with its preparation.

There is a fairly significant decrease in the cost of projects included in the 2014-2018 CIP compared to previous years. The proposed 2014-2018 CIP contains \$46.7 million in expenditures while the 2013-2017 CIP contained \$67.7 million. The two main reasons for this decrease are 1) the once-in-a-decade interchange improvement at TH36-English was included in the 2013-2017 CIP at a cost of \$16.2 million and it is not included in the 2014-2018 CIP; and 2) the City's shift in focus from an accelerated streets program to controlling our debt levels.

	2013-2017 C.I.P	2014-2018 C.I.P	Increase (Decrease) Amount	(Decrease) Percent
Buildings	\$12,038,400	\$11,500,000	(\$538,400)	-4.5%
Redevelopment	6,840,000	8,050,000	1,210,000	17.7%
Equipment	2,273,480	2,671,500	398,020	17.5%
Parks	5,450,000	4,217,000	(1,233,000)	-22.6%
<u>Public Works</u>	<u>41,091,000</u>	<u>20,246,000</u>	<u>(20,845,000)</u>	<u>-50.7%</u>
TOTALS	\$67,692,880	\$46,684,500	(\$21,008,380)	-31.0%

Debt Analysis

Beginning in 2007, the City made a conscious decision to take advantage of the favorable construction market and expand its street repair/reconstruction program. Some of the outcomes of this decision are:

- Many of the badly deteriorated streets in the City were repaired and/or improved.
- Projects were completed at a lower cost than originally anticipated.
- More projects could be completed because of the lower costs.
- Our outstanding debt amount has increased.

Two of the internal policies the City has regarding debt service fund balances and debt levies are:

1. The ratio of debt service fund levies combined with capital expenditure levies to total levies shall be targeted to maintain a level in the range of 15-25%. This policy will help to ensure that the city is always maintaining its infrastructure, either through use of debt or current funding.
2. The City's fund balance in the Debt Service fund shall be at a minimum level of 50% of annual debt service expenditures. Because

the majority of annual debt service is paid on February 1 and August 1 of each year, funds must be on hand for payment of February 1 debt service.

With the expansion of the streets program, the City is currently exceeding the targeted level of 15-25% for its debt/capital levy. For 2013, the ratio of debt service fund levies combined with capital expenditure levies to total levies was 26.7%. The proposed CIP includes an increase in the debt/capital levy of \$105,070 broken down as follows:

	2013 LEVY	2014 LEVY
Debt Service	4,313,530	4,658,600
Capital Improvement Projects	180,000	180,000
Fire Truck Replacement	50,000	50,000
Park Development	30,000	30,000
Public Safety Expansion	260,000	0
Redevelopment	20,000	40,000
<u>Economic Development Authority</u>	<u>89,270</u>	<u>89,270</u>
TOTAL DEBT/CAPITAL LEVY	\$4,942,800	\$5,047,870

Exceeding our target in this case does not have a negative impact on the City as long as it doesn't continue indefinitely. The City consciously made a decision to put more funding toward infrastructure and staff has been able to maintain its operations side.

By managing our street projects through the CIP process, we currently anticipate that there will be no bonding requirement for street projects in 2015 and debt service requirements will begin to decrease in 2016. This will eventually bring our debt/capital levy back in line with our internal policy.

Based on projections for the Debt Service funds, it appears the City will not be able to maintain a minimum level fund balance in the debt service funds of 50% of annual debt service expenditures for a few years starting around 2016, without a significant increase in the debt levy. While the debt service funds will continue to have a positive total fund balance at the end of each year, there would not be sufficient funds on hand at February 1 and August 1 to make the required debt service payment. What this means is that the debt service funds would temporarily borrow money from the General Fund and pay interest expense on these borrowings. This would continue for a few years until some of our bond issues are paid in full and drop off the City's payment schedule. Though this is not an ideal situation, staff does understand that going against the policy in the short term is a better alternative than having a large levy increase to avoid the drop in fund balance. Also, new legislation was passed this session which should bring in an additional \$530,000 in Local Government Aid and potentially another \$200,000 due to the return of the sales tax exemption for cities and counties. The City would look at utilizing these funds to manage our debt levels in the short term.

MAPLEWOOD BUSINESS HIGHLIGHTS



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 at karen.guilfoile@ci.maplewood.mn.us.

Freddy's Tiki Hut - Maplewood's Tropical Get Away

New to the scene... Freddy's Tiki Hut located at 1820 Rice Street, brings something unique to the east side. The decor is set in a tropical theme with bright yellow walls, surf boards, torches, bamboo, palm trees, grass umbrellas, and leis - everything but the beach. You will want to experience the night-life at Tiki Hut and see the building light up the sky with palm trees and neon lights. Like vacation, what happens at the Tiki Hut stays at the Tiki Hut! With DJ sets, dance nights, drink specials, and various other events all week long, you can take that trip any day.

Happy Hour is on Monday through Saturday 11:00AM-7:00PM with 2-for-1's on domestic taps and rails, \$1 off bottled beer and call drinks and a \$4.95 appetizer menu. Sunday is "Funday" where it's Happy Hour all day long. Experience a house tiki shot and let yourself be transported to that sunny vacation you've always dreamed about.



The menu offers something for everyone including: island wings,

salads, walleye tacos, steak sandwich, tangy BBQ chicken, hot hoagies, half pound burgers, and homemade



pizzas. Entree prices range from \$7.95-\$13.95. Be sure to try one of Freddy's signature specialties!

Michelle, a frequent Tiki Hut customer, says "The food is excellent! I've not ordered one bad thing on the menu and the pizza is the best I've ever had. The outdoor patio is great fun on the weekends, especially on Sunday "Funday". This place has a great atmosphere and you feel like you are in Key West!"

Need transportation? If you have a group of 10 or more, Freddy's will pick you up and drop you off in a free limousine or party bus. A 24 hour notice is appreciated.

Call 651.489.9463 or visit their website and/or facebook page to learn more about Freddy's Tiki Hut. www.freddystiki.com

The Former Dean's Tavern Transforms Into McCarron's Pub & Grill



McCarron's Pub & Grill at 1886 Rice Street replaces the former Dean's Tavern, which closed this winter. Brothers Steve and Paul Mateyka bought the eating and

drinking establishment in 1996 and are now making decor upgrades inside and out.

Rice Street neighbors have been frequenting this establishment for over 143 years! The building was built in 1870 and recently reopened in April 2013.

McCarron's Pub features a wide variety of beers including Smithwick's, Harp, Summit and many others. Happy Hour is offered 1:00-6:00PM daily with \$2.00 bottle beer and rail drinks.

Enjoy live music every Friday night featuring a wide variety of local bands. Visit their website for the up-to-date show schedule. This is also a great place to catch up on your sporting events with 9 large flat screens located all around the Pub. Saturday they offer a Meat Raffle from 1:00-3:00PM and free Bar Bingo from 3:00-5:00PM.

The pub offers signature dishes like the Diablo Burger - a half pound of beef with jalapenos, jalapeno bacon (that rocks), pepper

jack cheese, and habanero mayo. Frank Chase, McCarron's Pub Chef says "it's Minnesota Hot." Frank Chase is former owner of Andy's Garage (Midtown Global Market). He prepares the food with fresh ingredients. He also invites you to join them for their Friday night fish fry or Coney's on Saturday. Don't miss their delicious malt shakes with lots of different flavors: Oreo, Chocolate, Vanilla, Strawberry, Mango, Peanut Butter and Banana.

When the weather is nice you can relax on the patio that overlooks a beautiful tropical two-tier waterfall that is home to many coy fish.

McCarron's Pub has over 1,500 square feet available for private parties. This is a great location for a company get together, birthday party, fantasy draft party or any other group function. Just call to reserve the space - best of all it's free! Call 651.788.7362 or visit their website and/or facebook page to learn more about McCarron's Pub. www.mccarronspub.com



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park system, connectivity with local neighborhoods, and most importantly, ensuring a long-term funding strategy for our parks.

This City will be hosting 3 Community Meetings to gather citizen input on our park system:

Wednesday, July 10, 7:00PM at Carver Community Gym

Wednesday, July 24, 7:00PM at Gladstone Fire Station

Wednesday, August 7, 7:00PM at Gladstone Fire Station

For more information, email james.taylor@ci.maplewood.mn.us or call 651.249.2121.

National Night Out- continued from cover page

From 5:00 - 9:00PM on August 6, residents in neighborhoods throughout Maplewood and across the Nation are asked to lock the doors, turn on outside lights and spend the evening outside with neighbors and police. Many neighborhoods throughout Maplewood will be hosting a variety of special events such as block parties, cookouts, mini carnivals and visits from police and fire personnel.

The Maplewood Police Department invites all communities, neighborhoods, churches and business to organize a block party and register for this year's 2013 National Night Out event.

To register online visit the city website at ci.maplewood.mn.us or by calling 651.249.2700. For additional information feel free to contact Maplewood Police Sgt. Paul Thienes at 651.249.2657 or paul.thienes@ci.maplewood.mn.us.



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Paul Schnell Selected As Maplewood's Next Police Chief



The Maplewood Police Department welcomes Paul Schnell as their next Police Chief. Schnell, the current Chief of Police for Hastings, was a St. Paul police officer for 12 years and served as a Carver County deputy sheriff for nearly eight years.

"I have an interest in bringing a research focus to policing," says Schnell, who was named "Officer of the Year" for the St. Paul Police Department in 2003. "It is important that we measure our efforts in order to know what strategies are effective and alter those practices that do not show promise."

"I believe that we have an excellent police department," says Maplewood City Manager Chuck Ahl. "Paul Schnell will add to that staff as well as expanding on our efforts to broaden the department philosophy to reach out and communicate our message to our residents, businesses, and to surrounding communities."

Schnell, who serves as an elected director for the Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association, is also an adjunct School of Social Work faculty member at both the University of St. Thomas and St. Catherine University. He is also a member of the Board of Directors for 180 Degrees, a Minnesota non-profit serving youth, families, and correctional clients.

"I look forward to being actively involved in the Maplewood community," says Schnell.

Maplewood Theatre Announces Fall Entertainment Lineup

The Maplewood Performing Arts Theater is a first-class venue for concerts and performing arts of all kinds. Located in the East Metro area, the Maplewood Performing Arts Theatre is one of the Twin City's best kept secrets. This beautifully intimate theater seats up to 276 guests for concerts, theatrical productions, and more. Enjoy a night out at our elegant theatre and experience an evening of original entertainment. Tickets for all of our performances can be purchased online at www.maplewoodarts.com or by calling 651.249.2230. Don't miss one of these great entertainers:

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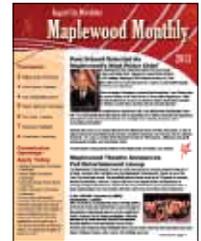
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Xcel Energy Warns Minnesota Customers About Billing Scams

MINNEAPOLIS -- Xcel Energy is warning customers of increased incidences of scams targeting residential and business customers. Since January, more than 120 scams have been reported in the utility's Upper Midwest territory. The scams typically involve attempts to illegally obtain payments for fictitious utility bills.

Individuals impersonating Xcel Energy employees or collection agency personnel are using a variety of techniques to gain access to customers' funds, usually by indicating a customer has an outstanding debt and is about to lose service:

The impersonator directs the customer to go to a local retailer and purchase a pre-paid cash card. The impersonator then persuades the customer to provide the card number over the phone.

Impersonator requests payments over the phone by credit card or personal check.

Impersonator provides a fake employee name and/or a fake ID number, and offers to come to the customer's residence to pick up the payment.

Impersonator arrives at a customer's home and tells the customer that the meter is broken and immediate payment is needed for repairs.

Xcel Energy reminds customers to only use authorized methods to pay their bills. Credit card numbers and any personal information should not be provided to suspicious callers. Affected customers should call Xcel Energy customer services at 1.800.895.4999 and report any scamming incident to their local police departments.

Xcel Energy is also recommending that if a customer has given credit card information over the phone to someone posing as an Xcel Energy employee, the customer should call his or her credit card company and follow the credit card company's recommendations.

For more information visit: www.xcelenergy.com/Safety_&_Education/At_Home_&_Work/Other_Safety/Protect_Your_Information.



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June 21st Wind Storm Recap

The City of Maplewood was hit by two rounds of severe thunderstorms on June 21. Hundreds of branches and trees were downed causing temporary power outages and roadway closures.

A drive thru damage assessment immediately after the storm identified the area bounded by Rice Street, County Rd D, White Bear Avenue, and Larpenteur Avenue as sustaining the most significant tree damage and debris accumulation. Examples of streets temporarily blocked by downed trees were: Downs Avenue, Skillman Avenue in three locations, Kenwood Drive East, Adolphus Street in two locations, County Road C, and Desoto Street.

City crews immediately started clearing roadways on Friday after the first storm hit, and then again on Saturday, June 22nd as a result of the second storm. By that Saturday evening city crews, with the assistance of Hugo Tree Service, successfully opened all roadways with the exception of one (Skillman Ave, between Greenbrier Street and Kenwood Drive East) which was the result of live electrical wires impeding safe access for clearing. This was a huge accomplishment and reflection of dedication by the work crews to get roads opened to the traveling public.

On June 24th Public Works crews began hauling away storm debris including private storm debris left curbside in this case. The majority of private debris hauling concluded on July 1st with the crews working long hours during the week and making hundreds of trips to get the job done. It is estimated that over 6,000 cubic yards of debris was collected, which would almost fill two Olympic-size swimming pools.

The Public Works crews did a top notch job in responding, and this was further reinforced by the number of "thank you" messages that poured in from residents during the debris pickup effort. Thank you for your patience, understanding, and compliments during this event!



Downs Avenue



Desoto Street

Date Night With A Fitness Flair FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 6:30 – 8:30PM

Plan a date that will leave you feeling great with Maplewood Community Center Date Nights. Enjoy two 45-minute fitness segments with a short break in between. Begin by hanging out with your spouse TRX style. TRX is a simple yet challenging, full body suspension workout. Build strength and stamina, increase total body mobility and stability, and strengthen your core.



Afterwards, relax and unwind with couple's yoga. Yoga will give you an opportunity to stretch with your partner and de-stress, while building balance and strength. We will incorporate both individual and couples exercises in these classes. Have kids? Bring them with and let them enjoy a night of free crafts and activities with our child care staff. Cost is free but space is limited and registration is required. Call 651.249.2230 today to reserve your spot.

Recycling Cart Pilot Project a Success!

Tennis Sanitation, the City's recycling contractor, completed a cart pilot project. The project included 213 single-family residential properties located within the City's Wednesday recycling route. Tennis compared recycling participation and rates with the use of the City's existing 18-gallon recycling bins versus 65 gallon recycling carts over a one-year period.

The project reflected that by switching to recycling carts, recycling participation increased resulting in a 37 percent increase in recycling rates. Residents located in the project neighborhood had positive comments about the carts including increased recycling storage space, ease of wheeling the cart to the curb on recycling day, and cart covers which prevented recyclables from blowing away on recycling day. To view the results of the Cart Pilot Project visit the City's recycling webpage at www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/recycling.

Over the next few months the City Council will consider the use of recycling carts in Maplewood's recycling program. To offer your comments on the City's recycling program and the possible change from recycling bins to carts, contact Shann Finwall, Environmental Planner at 651.249.2304 or shann.finwall@ci.maplewood.mn.us.



Walkability Gets A Huge Boost In Maplewood

With the recent adoption of the Maplewood “Living Streets Policy,” which encourages walking and biking as one of its key tenants, momentum is gaining on retrofitting infrastructure to promote active



New Neighborhood Sidewalk

living. Maplewood has two model projects that exemplify this approach.

Bartelmy-Meyer Neighborhood Street Improvements Re-built in 2012

This neighborhood is located between Stillwater Road and Minnehaha Avenue just east of Gethsemane Church. Sidewalk was installed adjacent to every street with pedestrian connections made to Gethsemane Park. The



New Trail on County Road B

reception to the walkability enhancements has been tremendous.

The Highway 36/English Street Interchange Project

A number of trail and sidewalk connections are currently underway in addition to the major interchange work. A key segment of new trail was installed last month on the south side of County Road B extending from Weaver Elementary School to Keller Lake Regional Park. Additionally, with a new trail and boardwalk project which Ramsey County Parks is constructing this fall, Keller Regional Park will connect to Spook Lake Park via a trail under the bridges currently being re-built by MnDOT at the Keller/Spoon Lake confluence. Another key pedestrian segment slated for installation later this year is new sidewalk on the north side of Gervais Avenue that will finally connect White Bear Avenue to Harvest Park.

These two projects exemplify how Maplewood is quickly becoming more walkable by providing safer routes to schools, neighborhoods, and parks! For more information on Living Streets please click on “Living Streets Policy” under the “Projects” pull down menu at www.ci.maplewood.mn.us.

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Theatre Entertainment

WAX TONES - September 13 (7:30PM)

Tickets \$10

The 1960's are generally considered to be the most creative decade in the rock history. Join The Wax-Tones for a musical tour of the decade that featured Girl Groups, Surf Music, Pop Rock, Garage Rock, The British Invasion and R&B. You'll hear songs by Lesley Gore, The Beach Boys, Del Shannon, The Turtles, Elvis, The Beatles and many more. Plus, The Wax-Tones will share with you some of the history of these artists and their songs.



Wax Tones



Mu Daiko Drumming



Sherwin Linton

MU DAIKO DRUMMING - September 14 (7:30PM)

Tickets \$10

Mu Daiko is an innovative Japanese-style Taiko drumming ensemble based in the Twin Cities. Under the leadership of Artistic Director Iris Shiraishi, the ensemble premieres new compositions, and infuses traditional melodies into its ever-expanding repertoire. Founded in 1997, Mu Daiko has attracted a loyal and expanding audience with its annual concerts. Highlights include a record-setting 15th Anniversary Concert and tour featuring internationally renowned guest artists Hanayui of Kodo.

SHERWIN LINTON

September 20 (7:30PM) • Tickets \$20

1956 to 2004 - 48 years and Sherwin Linton is still singing the songs of Elvis, Marty Robbins, Chuck Berry, Buddy Holly, and Johnny Cash with the same vitality that made them classics. He also performs many of his own hits and originals plus a great variety of Traditional Country, Folk, Gospel and Cowboy songs. With an estimated repertoire of over 5000 songs he can entertain any audience anywhere. With the release of his new CD, “It Happened In America”, and the re-release of the classic 70's tribute “Hello, I'm Not Johnny Cash” Sherwin has developed a new fan base of college students and younger generation hipsters. Sherwin's talents have been recognized by special articles and reviews in such far reaching sources as The Wall Street Journal, Rolling Stone, and NBC Nightly News.

Sanitary Sewer Backup Prevention

The City of Maplewood Public Works Department operates and maintains nine sanitary sewer lift stations and 155 miles of sanitary sewer mains. Each year about one-third of the City's sanitary sewer mains are inspected and cleaned. Mains requiring a higher level of maintenance are cleaned annually or semi-annually. This routine maintenance helps to prevent blockages and sewer backups.

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

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

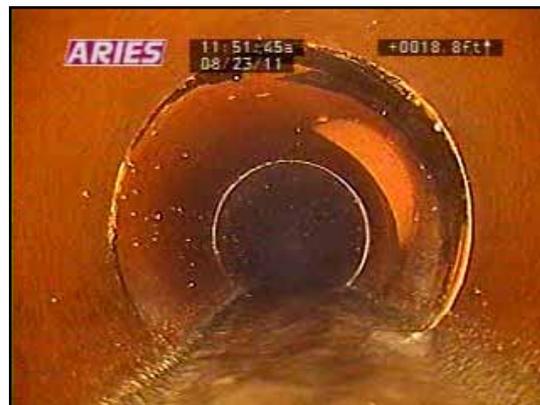
Inflow and infiltration (I&I) is also a potential cause of sewer backups. I&I refers to clear water getting into the sanitary sewer system. This might occur through cracks or leaks in sewer pipes and manholes or from sump pumps incorrectly connected to the sanitary sewer system. Particularly during large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

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

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

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

If you have questions regarding the City's sanitary sewer maintenance program, sewer backup response or a specific incident, please contact the Public Works Department at 651.249.2400 Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Outside regular business hours, backup calls can be reported to the Police Department's non-emergency number at 651.777.7181.



Maplewood Public Works crew televising a sewer line, determining condition and searching for infiltration and inflow



Do You Have A Family member Serving Our Country In The Military?

The city council often acknowledges Maplewood residents that are serving our country. To increase their efforts to do so, the city council is requesting that community members submit information regarding those serving our country to be highlighted and recognized during the city council meetings, on the city website and possible in future city publication.

For more information on how you can assist in this endeavor visit the city website at www.ci.maplewood.mn.us or by calling 651.249.2051.

Maplewood Fire Department Training

Each time we respond to a medical emergency or a fire situation our adrenaline surges. With our heart pounding we respond to potentially saving a life or someone's property. Our dedication to this field emulates who we are as a team. Dedicated and determined, we feel the need to always prepare ourselves for the unexpected. In training we learn to live in anticipation of the next moment and maintain composure, enabling us to effectively react to each situation with professionalism.

Maplewood Firefighters are required to attend Fire and EMS training to keep our skills at the highest level. We are recertified or relicensed by the State of Minnesota as a Firefighter and EMS (Emergency Medical Service) provider and are required to have a minimum of 72 hours of firefighter training every three years.

We participate in online training through "Target Solutions", a nationally recognized organization by the National Fire Protection Association, OSHA, and EMS Educators. Lesson plans consist of protocol and procedures to ensure a positive and safe outcome. With controlled training, we get to apply what we have learned in the lesson plans. For example, it is one thing to read how to use a piece of equipment called the "jaws of life", but it is an entirely different level of learning when we actually use it to cut open a car. The hands-on training



actually builds our confidence so we can calmly and professionally use that, or any piece of equipment, when someone is depending upon use to respond.

On occasion Maplewood firefighters train with North St. Paul and Oakdale Fire Departments. This training readies us when we respond to emergencies and enables us to function as a team during stressful situations. We train together on general fire attacks, incident command, mass casualty incidents, and hazardous material incidents.

Maplewood Fire provides ambulance service for the entire City. In addition, we respond to assist in North St. Paul, Oakdale and St. Paul when requested. All of our full-time firefighters are paramedics, and our part-time firefighters are required to be an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT).

Aside from the required in-house training our department conducts to enhance our skills, Maplewood firefighters are required to complete 24 hours of medical training every two years to be recertified by the State of Minnesota and to work as EMT's on ambulance calls. In addition, we receive a minimum of three hours of required training every quarter through Health East Medical.

The medical emergencies we respond to vary in type and severity. We may respond to a call where someone has a broken bone, feels sick, is having trouble breathing or experiencing heart issues to medical emergency calls resulting from a vehicle crash or the need to assist in delivering a baby. Training enables us to successfully treat and transport our patients to the hospital.

The Maplewood Fire Department takes pride in serving our community!

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MAPLEWOOD BUSINESS HIGHLIGHTS



If you are a licensed Maplewood business and are interested in having your business highlighted here, contact Karen Guilfoile at 651.249.2002 or at karen.guilfoile@ci.maplewood.mn.us.

Lemke Dental Succeeds By Making Smiles A Work Of Art



Dennis Lemke, President of Lemke Dental

Behind the Nissan dealership on County Road D is a full-service dental laboratory that specializes in implant, all ceramic, veneers, dentures/partials and esthetic dentistry. Lemke Dental was started 17 years ago by Dennis Lemke. Dennis was first introduced to dentistry when his roommate, a Dental Technician in the Navy,

would bring home models of teeth and work on them. Dennis was fascinated and decided to make a career change from a mechanical draftsman of tool and die to dentistry.

Lemke Dental employs over 40 people and services over 200 doctors. Their largest accounts are in California, Nashville, New York, Washington DC, Pennsylvania, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Canada. Many of their clients are famous singers, actors, or professional athletes. If you visit their office you will see many celebrity photos with autographs on the wall in the lobby.

Along with cosmetic dental work Lemke Dental also offers many unique services. Occasionally professional football players will

request a diamond set in their tooth or a tooth tattoo of their team logo. Lemke Dental has done some of these for the Minnesota Vikings and Greenbay Packers. To create a tooth tattoo technicians use 1-2 hairs on a brush to paint the logo on the tooth. Dennis says, "it is very tedious work."



Tooth with Tattoo



Cad Cam Program Showing A Clients Entire Mouth In 3D.

Dennis has commented how the Cad-Cam (Computer-Aided Design and Computer-Aided Manufacturing in dentistry) has changed the whole complexion of where the industry is going. Many jobs that were previously done by hand are now done on machines which make the products less expensive with better quality.

Study Clubs are held at their office which are key to their marketing success. Instead of knocking on doors they are able to meet face-to-face with dentists and build a relationship. They are currently expanding within their clinic and building a new 60-person classroom with study labs. Lemke Dental continues to grow with the top reputation in the industry. Visit www.lemkedental.com.



Maplewood Community Center Fall Swim Lesson Registration Begins



Maplewood Community Center Fall Swim Lesson registration begins on Monday, August 5. For a complete schedule of class times, dates, prices, and available classes, please visit our website at ci.maplewood.mn.us. Click on the Community Center button, then

click on the Aquatics link on the right side of the page then click on "Seasonal Lesson Schedule" under Quick Links on the right side of the Aquatics page.

Visit our website today to learn more about the more than 100 classes that we will be offering this fall. After all, in the land of 10,000 lakes learning how to swim is especially important! At Maplewood Community Center we not only teach each participant how to swim, we also teach them to respect water and know their limits. Our fun and interactive zero-depth leisure pool provides the perfect water environment for beginning swimmers. Kept at a comfortable temperature of 87-degrees and with a maximum depth of just four-feet, our versatile leisure pool allows instructors to safely challenge beginning swimmers.

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Charitable Gambling - Now Accepting Applications

The City of Maplewood is now accepting applications for the use of the 2014 proceeds of the City's 10% Charitable Gambling Tax. The application deadline is August 30, 2013.

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

The City Council awarded a total of \$30,000 in Charitable Gambling Tax Funds in 2013. Funds went to the following groups: Ashland Productions, Boy Scout Troop 461, CHILD Inc., Dispute

Resolution Center, District 622 Education Foundation, District 622 Fusion Drumline, Friends of Maplewood Nature, Friends of Ramsey County Libraries, Hmong American Education Fund, Maple Tree Monastery Childcare Center, Maplewood AARP TaxAides, Maplewood Area Historical Society, Maplewood Fire Fighters Flower Fund, Maplewood Police Explorers, Maplewood Police Reserves, Maplewood Youth Scholarship Fund, Mothers And More, Twin Cities East #299, Northern Lights Service Unit, Girl Scouts, Ramsey County Fair, Second Chance Animal Rescue, Simon Youth Foundation - Maplewood Mall, St. Jerome School, The Salvation Army, Tubman Family Alliance, Weaver Elementary PTA.

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 Sarah Burlingame at 651.249.2051.

The deadline is August 30, 2013.



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Commission Opening

Apply today for the Parks & Recreation Commission opening. For more details or to download an application, visit the City's website or call City Hall at 651.249.2000. Completed applications should be turned into the City Manager's office. **The application deadline is September 11, 2013.**

Maplewood's First Annual Fall Clean Up Campaign

In lieu of the fall clean up event this year, Maplewood will hold a fall clean up campaign. Receive 50% off all bulky items collected curbside through Maplewood's residential trash program during the second and third weeks in October. Refer to page 2 of Seasons newsletter inside for detailed information.

2013 Municipal Primary Election Results

Mayoral Candidates	
Fran Grant	174
Diana Longrie	716
Nora Slawik	1,353
Councilmember Candidates	
Marylee Abrams	810
Margret Ann Behrens	707
Rebecca Cave	881
Kathleen "Kathy" Juenemann	1,068
Roger Samarani	218
Warren Wessel	541

The General Election will be held on November 5. The Mayor and two councilmember seats will be elected. Visit the city website for additional information.

Maplewood Baseball Field Dedicated To Tom Kelly

The Minnesota Twins have dedicated the newly-renovated baseball field at 2001 Edgerton Street North to former Twins Manager Tom Kelly. A grant to renovate the field was provided by the Minnesota Twins Community Fund.

The field is a way to honor Kelly within his community, as it is nearby his longtime Maplewood home. A ribbon-cutting ceremony took place on August 8 to honor the retirement of Kelly's number (10).



Tom Kelly (second from left) is Minnesota's all-time leader in managerial wins with 1,140. (Rhett Bollinger/MLB.com)

The ceremony was hosted by the Minnesota Twins, the City of Maplewood, and the Maplewood Athletic Association. In attendance were Kelly, Twins President Dave St. Peter, Mayor Will Rossbach, and President of the Maplewood Athletic Association Erv Carlson.

Kelly played for the Twins in 1975 and managed the team from 1986 to 2001. He is Minnesota's leader in managerial wins at 1,140, a number that ranks 43rd on the Majors' all-time list. He also holds a postseason record of 16-8 that includes the Twins' '87 and '91 World Series titles.

In addition to being cleaned and restored, the Tom Kelly Field received new covered dugouts, a larger outfield area, and a larger infield and pitcher's mound to accommodate three different age groups.

This project was a wonderful example of City departments coming together to achieve this outcome. A majority of the work completed was done in-house by City staff, a special thanks goes out to members of Park Maintenance and Public works for their hard work on this project.

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Volunteer to Support Local Servicemembers



If you would like to support your local Servicemembers but you don't know where to start, check out Beyond the Yellow Ribbon of Suburban Ramsey County (BTYRSRC). Proclaimed as an official Beyond the Yellow Ribbon network on May 17, 2012, Suburban Ramsey County has built a community network of volunteers who are devoted to honoring and supporting Servicemembers and their families.

"Maplewood has always been very supportive (of Beyond the Yellow Ribbon)," says Alison Bibeau, a self-proclaimed retired military wife and the volunteer Chair of BTYRSRC. Bibeau has been involved with the Suburban Ramsey County Network since the beginning.

"People volunteer to show service members that they are supported," says Bibeau. BTYRSRC has helped families of Servicemembers move, helped install a chairlift at a residence, and supported families awaiting the arrival of Servicemembers at the armories. They also help to fund family day picnics and activities on a volunteer basis.

"Almost everyone knows someone in the service," says Bibeau. "Beyond the Yellow Ribbon helps make us aware of people's needs." By spreading awareness, people can reach out and ask for help.

One of the ways BTYRSRC shows support is by hosting a Burger Night fundraiser at the White Bear Lake VFW on the second Monday of every month from 5:00 to 8:00PM. Volunteers serve the burgers and all proceeds go to Beyond the Yellow Ribbon.

"Even if you can't volunteer, come by anyway for support," says Bibeau about the fundraiser. Businesses can also sponsor these nights as a way to show support.

In addition to other events this summer, the BTYRSRC co-sponsored a family picnic on August 24, along with the Knights of Columbus #4374 and the 147th Family Readiness Group. The picnic was for the families that have someone deployed from the 147th stationed at Arden Hills.

Beyond the Yellow Ribbon of Suburban Ramsey County meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month. For more information, visit www.BeyondtheYellowRibbon.org/suburban-ramsey-county or visit their Facebook page. If you'd like us to honor a Servicemember or veteran in the Maplewood Monthly newsletter and at City Council meetings, you can fill out a form at www.ci.maplewood.mn.us.

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20 Years Since Maplewood's Decision to Preserve Open Space

In the spring of 1993, the citizens of Maplewood made the decision to preserve and protect natural areas in the city. With the passing of the open space referendum later that year, five million dollars were set aside to acquire land and preserve it as open space.

Today more than 300 acres are home to natural woodlands, savannas, prairies, and wetlands.

"It speaks well of Maplewood that the residents value open space and natural areas," says Dewey Konewko, Director of Maplewood Parks and Recreation. The decision to preserve open space made Maplewood a pioneer in urban natural resources conservation. The City has had a special focus on preservation of natural resources ever since.

The land acquired after the referendum is a part of Maplewood's park system. The sites protected through the initiative are classified as Neighborhood Preserves. Maplewood now has 14 Neighborhood Preserves that provide citizens with places for enjoyment of nature, nature study, and hiking—passive rather than active recreation.

"Each preserve is unique," says Ginny Gaynor, the Natural Resources Coordinator for Maplewood. All provide wildlife habitat. A few are ecological gems. And several are great places for a hike. Sites with maintained hiking trails include: Priory, Applewood, Beaver Creek, Prairie Farm, Gladstone Savanna, and Maplewood Nature Center.

"The sites are called Neighborhood Preserves because they are tucked right into the neighborhoods," explains Gaynor. "It's wonderful to have access to nature close to home. If people can't experience natural areas and fall in love with them, they won't be motivated to protect them long term."

Before the referendum, the City owned and managed natural areas including the Maplewood Nature Center and Jim's Prairie. One site purchased through the referendum, Gladstone Savanna, was previously an industrial site and is now being restored to oak savanna. Another preserve, Joy Park, was given to the city by Ramsey County.

After two decades of preservation and hard work, many open space sites in Maplewood have undergone or are in the midst of restoration. Prairie Farm Preserve and Beaver Creek Preserve, for example, have been planted with prairie grasses and wildflowers. Woodland restoration has begun at the Priory, Joy Park, Applewood, and the Nature Center with the removal of buckthorn. Restoration is both an art and a science and we continue to learn better ways to manage natural resources.

Today, a lively discussion ensues about what types of recreation are appropriate at the city's Neighborhood Preserves. Some residents have suggested using preserve sites for a dog park or disc golf course—activities that do not fall under the open space guidelines. The city is updating its Park Master Plan. During this process, the Parks Plan Task Force is taking a look at open space classifications to make sure we protect our natural areas, while meeting current and future needs. "The Task Force and the Park Plan public



Jim's Prairie

meetings will give us an idea of what people want in their parks and preserves," says Konewko.

The open space referendum and the Neighborhood Preserves have contributed to the enjoyment and enrichment of Maplewood citizens. The decision to acquire and protect open space has benefitted both the community and the preservation of natural resources.

"The preserves are a tribute to the amazing residents who, 20 years ago, had the vision to protect these special natural areas," says Gaynor.



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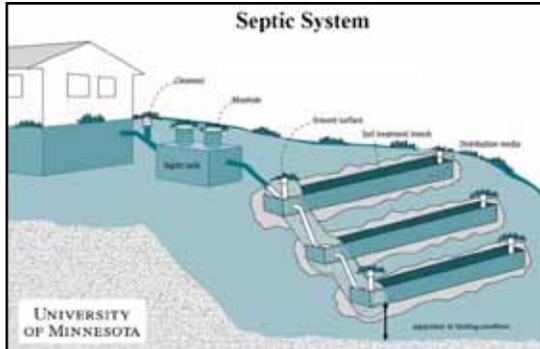
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Septic Systems



There are approximately 9,270 single family homes in Maplewood – 101 of those homes (and 2 businesses) have septic systems for the treatment of their sewage.

Septic systems are also known as subsurface sewage treatment systems (SSTS). Maplewood's existing SSTS ordinance was adopted in 2002. The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency has advised the City of Maplewood that we must update our SSTS ordinance to comply with changes made in Minnesota Rules Chapter 7080-7083. Major changes proposed include:

- **Management plans** for all new or replaced systems.
- **Operating permits** for systems with a pre-treatment device or design flow of more than 5,000 gallons per day.
- **Compliance inspections** at time of property transfer, new or modified systems, and expansion or change in use of building or property.
- **Maintenance** to ensure system is inspected and emptied if needed every three years.
- **Abandonment** of systems no longer in use.

The City Council will review the first reading of the revised SSTS ordinance on September 9, 2013. To view the draft ordinance, visit the City's SSTS webpage at www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/septic.

Maplewood Police Department Seeks Community Input



Starting September 3, 2013, the Maplewood Police Department invites those who live, work, or visit the City of Maplewood to provide input on issues of community safety, crime, and livability. The survey is available online by going to the City of Maplewood website at: www.ci.maplewood.mn.us until September 30, 2013. Persons who do not have access to the internet can call the Maplewood Police Department at 651.249.2600 to have a paper survey mailed.

The survey will help the police department and other City officials better understand the perceptions and public safety concerns of community members. The 38 item survey takes 10 to 15 minutes to complete. The survey is anonymous and covers a range of crime, safety, and quality of life issues. The survey also provides respondents the opportunity to offer prioritization perspectives and other suggestions for police and other City services.

After the survey closes on September 30, 2013, the department will analyze the data collected and share the results with City officials and the public.

"With an emphasis on responsive and effective service it is critical that we fully understand the varied and unique challenges that are of concern to residents and local business owners," said Maplewood Police Chief Paul Schnell. "The information obtained through this survey along with a range of other data will serve as the basis for the departments 2014 policing priorities and aid in our community policing and problem solving efforts," Schnell added.

The survey can also be accessed by the following URL into your internet browser:
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Buckthorn Curb-Side Pick-up



Maplewood residents who remove large volumes of buckthorn from their properties will qualify for free curbside pick-up of buckthorn this fall. No other shrubs will be picked up. This service is available to residents with enough buckthorn to fill more than one large pickup truck. Pickup will be on designated days in November and for pre-registered households only.

If you do not have enough to fill a large 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 St. East, Maplewood, MN 55119, or, email this information to Carole Gemes at cgemes@ci.maplewood.mn.us. Pickup from more than one household in a given neighborhood will save Maplewood tax dollars! A Naturalist will confirm your registration with a letter of instructions for the pick-up.



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

residents to wait until fall before removing their buckthorn.

Buckthorn prevents the growth of native trees, ferns and wildflowers. Uncontrolled buckthorn growth may lead to the loss of our native woodlands. Tips for identifying buckthorn and effective removal can be found in the Maplewood Buckthorn Management brochure, available online at www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/index.aspx?nid=385.

2013 Buckthorn Drop-Off Site

If you live in Maplewood, and do not have enough buckthorn for the free pick up program, you may drop off your buckthorn at the site below, **ONLY** on **November 1st, 2nd and 3rd**. Dumping of materials other than buckthorn or at other times is NOT allowed and is punishable with a fine of up to \$700 and/or 90 days in jail.

Londin Lane Fire Station, 2501 Londin Lane:

Place your buckthorn between the signs on the west side of the parking lot. Do not drive off of the paved parking area.

After these dates, bring your buckthorn to one of the four Ramsey County Compost Sites that accept brush. **Note: not all compost sites accept brush!** All roots must be removed. Bring proof of residency. Site maps and hours are available online at www.co.ramsey.mn.us/ph/rt/yard_waste_collection_sites.htm. For more information, call Ramsey County at 651.633.3279 or email: askeh@co.ramsey.mn.us.

Maplewood Buckthorn Herbicide Coupon

Join the City's effort to remove buckthorn from Maplewood. To help with this important community environmental issue, these businesses are offering Maplewood residents a discount on buckthorn herbicide products. Make sure to purchase Glyphosate products at a 25% or higher concentration. Water-safe formulation must be used within 10 feet of water or storm drains.

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MAPLEWOOD BUSINESS HIGHLIGHT



If you are a licensed Maplewood business and are interested in having your business highlighted here, contact Karen Guilfoile at 651.249.2002 or at karen.guilfoile@ci.maplewood.mn.us.

Keller Golf Course Prepares For Its Next Chapter

If you've driven down Highway 61 this summer, you've probably noticed a lot of heavy machinery and construction equipment working away at the site of Keller Golf Course.

One of the most historic and notable golf courses in Minnesota, Keller Golf Course closed on September 30, 2012 to undergo a major \$12 million renovation. Built in 1929 for a total construction cost of \$108,000, Keller is owned and operated by Ramsey County Parks and Recreation and serves as the crown jewel of their system of five public courses.

The extensive renovation plans for Keller include a new, larger clubhouse and pro shop, as well as new greens, tees and bunkers. The project involves digging a brand new irrigation pond, along with the total replacement of the existing irrigation system and pump station.



Keller Clubhouse Construction

Other course improvements patrons can look forward to are fairway regrassing, new drainage and new cart paths.

Once complete, Keller's new clubhouse will offer full banquet services and a beautiful modern venue for weddings, reunions, business meetings and other special events. The clubhouse is on track to be finished this fall and is scheduled to open in December; reservations can be made through Lancer Catering.

Ramsey County Parks and Recreation currently anticipates that the course will reopen to the public in late spring or early summer of 2014. An exact date will not be set until the County is confident that the facility is fully prepared for continuous use. A grand reopening event for the course will be held next summer to celebrate the project's completion.



Keller Golf Course Construction

"We're so looking forward to reopening Keller to our loyal patrons and the entire Twin Cities golf community next year," said Jody Yungers, Director of Arena and Golf Operations for the Ramsey County Parks and Recreation Department. "We understand that it has been disappointing to have such a treasured course closed, but we really believe that everyone who comes out to experience Keller next year will be impressed." "It will still be the Keller everyone loves," reassures Tom Purcell, Keller's PGA pro.

"It will just look like it's ready for its next 85 years." Golf Course Superintendent Paul Diegnau is blogging throughout the Keller renovation to keep patrons updated with the latest photos and developments. Visit kellerrenovation.blogspot.com to follow the transformation. Updates are also posted on Ramsey County Parks and Recreation's website, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.



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City staff is beginning to implement new articles to tell our story to the citizens keeping you informed of happenings and

opportunities in our community. Staff will begin to rotate new feature sections offering stories that you the readers will want to learn about like: local business highlights, Maplewood residents serving our country in the military, what's happening in your neighborhood, kudos to volunteers, financial tips and a "how to" corner.

To implement these additions we want to hear from you! Got a story about someone volunteering in your neighborhood? Have a family member serving in the military? Have a neighborhood or church event coming up? Give us a call or drop us an email, perhaps it will be a feature story!

Advertisers will still be able to place ads in the publication to promote their businesses. The revenue from the ads assists in offsetting the cost of printing and mailing the publication. To learn more about this opportunity, contact Heidi Carey at 952.212.7333 or heidi.carey@ci.maplewood.mn.us.

If you have other ideas you would like to see featured contact Karen Guilfoile, Citizen Services Director at 651.249.2002 or karen.guilfoile@ci.maplewood.mn.us.

Watch your mailbox for the next issue to arrive!



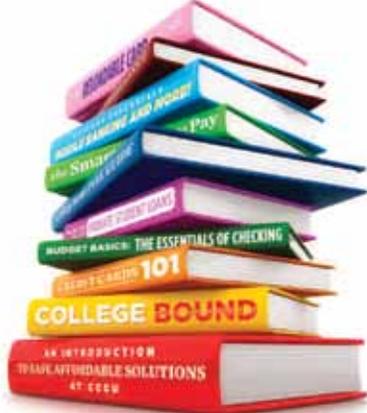
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City Council Sets Tax Levy For 2014

The Maplewood City Council has set the maximum tax levy for 2014 at a 2.0% increase. This is the maximum amount that taxes can be increased, although a final decision on the budget and levy will not be made until after a Public Hearing is held at the regular council meeting beginning at 7:00 pm on Monday, December 9, 2013. The Council spent numerous hours at various meetings through May to August reviewing proposals for future programs and service levels, as well as hearing from Department Heads and the City Manager about proposed Capital projects that are planned for 2014 through 2018.



The 2.0% increase is projected by Ramsey County to not increase the typical home's City taxes due to a shift in overall tax rates between business, multi-family and single-family residential property classes. For homes with a value decrease of 2.3% from 2013 to 2014, which is the median amount, a typical home with a value near \$100,000 in 2013 will likely see a 2.6 % [\$10] annual decrease in City taxes, while a typical home with a value near \$350,000 in 2013 will likely see a 1.6% [\$28] annual decrease in City taxes.

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Highway 36 & English Street Improvements - Watch For Future Articles



Next month: How the project benefits the community and what role the City played in getting the project done.



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Frequently Called Numbers

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 Recreation 651.249.2120
 Public Works 651.249.2400
 Police Non-Emergency 651.767.0640

Visit the city website at www.ci.maplewood.mn.us for the meeting schedule of the City Council, Commissions and Boards.

Finance Department Receives *Distinguished Award*

The City of Maplewood has received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its budget from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA).

The award represents a significant achievement by the entity. It reflects the commitment of the governing body and staff to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting. In order to receive the budget award, the entity had to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. These guidelines are designed to assess how well an entity's budget serves as:

- a policy document
- a financial plan
- an operations guide
- a communications device

Budget documents must be rated "proficient" in all four categories, and the 14 mandatory criteria within those categories, to receive the award.



Mayor Will Rossbach presents award to Maplewood finance department (pictured left to right: Mayor Rossbach, Joe Rueb, Connie Kelsey, Gayle Bauman, Judy Debilzan, Mary Jackson, Andrea Sindt, Carole Anderson)

A Certificate of Recognition for Budget Presentation is also presented to the individual or department designated as being primarily responsible for its having achieved the award. This has been presented to Gayle Bauman, Finance Manager.

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October Is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Each year Maplewood Police Officers respond to more than 500 domestic and family violence related calls for service. The department, in conjunction with community partners in advocacy and prosecution, is giving renewed attention to domestic violence response protocols.

Domestic violence is a chronically underreported crime. It affects people in all socioeconomic statuses. In the United States one in four women will experience domestic violence in their lifetime. Nationally, the cost of domestic violence exceeds \$5.8 billion, with the majority of those costs directly associated with medical and mental health services. Domestic violence has a profound effect on victims and child witnesses. Research also shows that boys who witness domestic violence are twice as likely to abuse their own partners and children when they become adults.

The Maplewood Police Department employs a zero tolerance response approach to domestic violence. It is the goal of the department to work with our partners in advocacy and criminal prosecution to keep victims safe and hold batterers accountable. Domestic violence is a complex crime that can be very difficult for victims to escape. As a department and as a community we must do all we can to send a strong and clear message that domestic violence will not be tolerated.

All of us can play a role in working to prevent and stop this very serious and compelling community problem. Some ways we can make a difference:

- If you suspect someone is being abused, gently ask if you can connect them to safe community resources.
- Encourage boys to be more nurturing and girls to be strong. Help children develop knowledge, attitudes, and beliefs that lead to healthy relationships.
- Approach domestic violence as a human rights issue by involving men and women of all backgrounds. Support men to become empowered bystanders who can help confront abusive peers.
- Support workplace, school, and community environments safe from all forms of violence and learn about resources that prevent violence and supports victims.

While the month of October is the time we work to increase awareness about domestic violence, we remind those members of our community who may live in fear that help is available anytime. The City of Maplewood Police Department and our partners at Tubman Center are available to help.

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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 larger decrease in value could cause a larger decrease in taxes.

The proposed budget provides for an additional non-sworn Police Department employee to provide support for crime studies and evidence handling. Additionally, personnel are proposed

to be added to the Fire Department late in 2014 when the new Fire Station on the 3M Campus is expected to be opened to enhance Fire service to the southern portion of the City. Experts testified to the Council that attempting to maintain service at the existing stations in the southern portion of the City would cost in excess of \$1.0 million and would not provide an improvement in reliable response times. The professional staff informed the Council that the new station will provide at least

equal, if not better response times, than using the current station and will be substantially more reliable due to the stationing of permanent personnel in the new station; plus it is nearly \$1.0 million per year more efficient. The Council also approved a proposal to add a new Police Substation with officers and squad cars to be housed within the new Fire Station on the campus. Police Chief Paul Schnell believes this additional Southern Substation will help enhance service deliver for the southern portion of the City.

The Council will continue to hear from City Department Heads about advancing street improvement projects in the Lakewood/Sterling area of the City, as well as, proposals to add funds to the repair of equipment and facilities within our Parks system. Finally, the Council will debate the use of the 2.0% increase during the fall, prior to the budget hearing for additional Park Improvements as well as investing in the expansion of economic development efforts for businesses within our community.

The Council was informed that they would receive Local Government Aid [LGA] from the state of Minnesota as part of the 2013 Legislative action in the amount of \$530,000. This is the first LGA that Maplewood has received since 2002. This aid allowed the Council to

defer a planned tax increase that would have been necessary for bonding done in 2012 and 2013 for various street improvements and public building expansions. The Legislature also changed the sales tax rules to allow the City to purchase various items tax-free. This is a major change to operations and City Finance Director Gayle Bauman estimates that it will save City taxpayers nearly \$90,000 when the new law takes effect in 2014.

Copies of the Proposed 2014 Operating Budget and Adopted 2014 – 2018 Capital Improvement Plan are available on the City's webpage along with video presentations of the Department Budget Summaries. A formal notice of the Budget Hearing in December will be provided by Ramsey County as part of the estimated tax statements that are mailed in November 2013.



Questions and comments on the 2014 Budget can be made at the Budget Hearing or can be directed to City Manager Chuck Ahl at chuck.ahl@ci.maplewood.mn.us.

BUCKTHORN HAUL

Maplewood is on track to purchase the 70-acre Fish Creek parcel by the end of 2013. This 70 acre parcel of rolling hills and blufftop is south of Carver Road. Funding has been secured to preserve 62 acres and if funding is found for the remaining eight acres, that too will be preserved. In the meantime, our partner Great River Greening is working with the County and City on site restoration.

Please join us on the bluff Saturday, October 19, 8:30 am -12:30 pm, for a community Buckthorn Haul. This is a wonderful opportunity to see the Fish Creek site, learn about natural resources restoration, and help with a community project. Great River Greening is organizing the event and it promises to be a fun day on the bluff.

Two hundred restoration volunteers are needed to help haul and pile buckthorn. No experience is necessary and gloves are provided. The day begins with check-in at 8:30 am and ends at 12:30 pm. LUNCH is provided! Registration is required so sign up today at: www.greatrivergreening.org/event/fish-creek/. Groups are welcome! If you have registration questions, contact Laura Durenberger-Grunow at (651) 665-9500 ext: 11. For other questions about the Fish Creek site, contact Ginny Gaynor, (651) 249-2416 or visit the City's website at www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/fishcreek. Hope to see you on the bluff.

FALL CLEAN UP Campaign

Allied Waste Services offers year round bulky item pick up through the Maplewood Trash Plan. To highlight this service, the City is partnering with Allied to offer bulky item pick up at a reduced rate (50% of the contracted price) during the second and third weeks in October (October 7-11 and October 14-18).



To schedule bulky item pick up during the Campaign, simply call Allied and arrange the service (refer to scheduling information below.) All single family homes, townhomes, and manufactured homes that have curbside trash service are eligible to participate (including townhomes and manufactured homes that have not opted into the City's trash plan). Residents with trash service through the Maplewood Trash Plan will be billed on their bi-monthly bill, residents without the City's trash service will be asked to prepay via credit card.

The annual Spring Clean Up will continue to take place and is scheduled for Saturday, April 26, 2014, at Aldrich Arena.

To schedule bulky item pick up during the Fall Clean Up Campaign, contact Allied Waste Services at (651) 455-8634.

For more information visit the City's website at www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/cleanups or contact Chris Swanson, Environmental Technician, at (651) 249-2305 or chris.swanson@ci.maplewood.mn.us.

Senior Living Facility Uses Art To Build Confident Memories



Residents of Oak Meadows Senior Living in Oakdale recently participated in a community mosaic project that will be displayed in the facility's memory garden. The project was led by local artist Anne Krocak through COMPAS, a nonprofit organization based in St. Paul that fosters art participation in schools, healthcare settings and senior living facilities throughout Minnesota.

Research has shown these kinds of arts activities have many benefits for seniors, including generally improved health, fewer doctor's visits and medications, better muscle strength and balance, and less depression.

Kim Prayfrock, director of community relations at Oak Meadows, said she, felt the project was a major success. "It's just so amazing when people think they can't do something and then they do it,"

Residents of Oak Meadows Senior Living in Oakdale recently participated in a community mosaic project that will be displayed in the facility's memory garden. The project



Clockwise from top, artist Anne Krocak and resident Agnes Swiger unveil the Oak Meadows mosaic to be placed at their memory garden gate. Dorothy Kusch holds her personalized mosaic piece at the artist reception at Oak Meadows. Her artist statement mentions that she loves to smile.

article by Oakdale - Lake Elmo Review
photos by Linda Baumeister/Review
To read the full article: <http://www.lillienews.com/articles/2013/08/25/senior-living-facility-uses-art-build-confidence-memories>

3M Company Undergoes Major Expansion

3M Company recently received City Council approval or a new 400,000 square foot research and development building, to be located on the northeast corner of McKnight Road and Conway Avenue. This new building demonstrates a considerable investment from 3M into its Maplewood campus. The state-of-the-art facility should be completed by the fall of 2015.

The new building proposal delighted Maplewood city officials, who have sometimes worried that 3M's rapid global expansion, might one day prompt a move or downsizing. City officials supported a tax-increment-financing deal for the project, which the Legislature approved in May. The City will capture 20 percent of the generated tax increment revenue to fund public improvements, while the remaining portion of the TIF revenue will be used to reimburse 3M for TIF eligible expenditures.

Fred Palensky, 3M's chief technology officer stated, "The primary focus here is to maintain the vitality of [3M's] innovation and technology."

Nearly 700 scientists and researchers will be employed in the new building with an average hourly wage of \$50.



As part of the TIF agreement 3M is required to meet job retention and average salary goals which will be documented to the City in order for the company to receive the annual TIF revenue. This TIF assistance results in the retention of a significant number of high-paying skilled

laboratory positions within the City of Maplewood, and provides the foundation for further campus investment by 3M.

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Truck Utilities of Maplewood Celebrates 50 Years In Business

In 1963, Jay Langer and Leo Capeder opened the doors to a new company called "Truck Utilities." Fifty years later, the company is still family owned and now serves customers from three locations across the midwest, including the Maplewood location.

From fabricating specialized truck bodies and parts to distribution and service, Truck Utilities has been an innovator in their industry, dedicated to customized solutions for their customers.

Paul Capeder, third generation family member in the company, explains, "The company has always provided products and services that let our customers do their jobs better and more efficiently."

Happy 50th Anniversary to Truck Utilities, Inc!
Call (651) 484-3305 or visit their website to learn more about Truck Utilities. www.truckutilities.com



(L-R) are Leo Capeder, co-founder; Craig Capeder, president; Paul Capeder, secretary/treasurer; and Jay Langer, vice president



Large crowds came to honor Truck Utilities for 50 years in business

Halloween Express is Maplewood's Scariest Little Secret



There are less than 30 days left until Halloween. It's time to start thinking about ghouls, goblins, graveyards, and gaggles of

grotesque goblins. Halloween Express is ready to get you in the spooky spirit. The shop is located off White Bear Avenue in Maplewood and owned and operated by Luis Berocay and Dian Lowe.

Luis and Dian first opened the Halloween Express store in Maplewood Mall 14 years ago. They moved to the White Bear Avenue location five years ago and are now open year-round.

What makes Halloween Express stand out from the other costume shops in town is the atmosphere. It's not just rows and rows of Halloween costumes but the central nervous system of Halloween itself. Creatures and skeletons laugh and shake around every corner. Fog machines create an eerie layer of mist on the ground

and fun, moody Halloween music plays in the store. They offer over 16,000 different Halloween items in their store. The items are endless with over 560 different masks, more than 800 wigs, an abundant variety of shoes, and the makeup. Luis says he listens to their customers to learn what they want. They keep a large stock of costumes so they rarely run out and they keep their prices competitive.

Halloween Express also features a monster duo that was created on the Discovery Channel's "Making Monsters." You can see this famous hand-made creation sitting in the front of their store.

Halloween Express also offers pet costumes, mascots, and costumes for all other occasions including Zombie Pop Crawl, theater performances, ice skating productions, murder mystery parties, and school events.

Call (651) 748-1185 or visit their website to learn more about Halloween Express. www.halloweenexpressmn.com
(see coupon on page 6)



Discovery Channel's "Making Monsters" created this prop on one of their feature shows.



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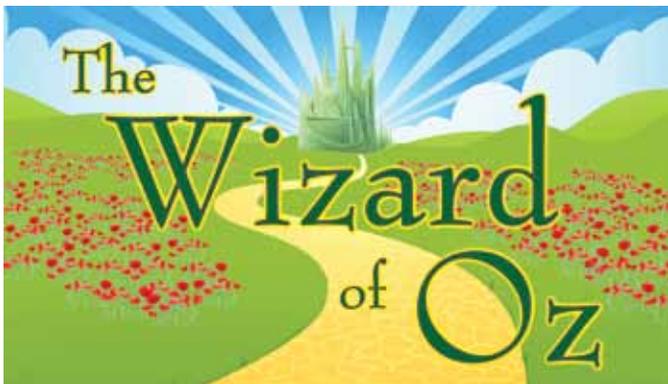


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Municipal General Election November 5, 2013

Hours of voting in all polling places will be from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm. Voters will elect the Mayor and two councilmembers for the Maplewood City Council. The following candidates will be on the City's first all female candidate ballot.

Mayor: Diana Longrie and Nora Slawik.
City Councilmember: Marylee Abrams, Margaret Behrens, Rebecca Cave, and Kathleen "Kathy" Juenemann.

Roseville Schools (ISD 623) will be voting on board members and a Referendum Question. White Bear Lake Area Schools (ISD 624) will be voting on board members and a Capital Project Levy Authorization.

Each candidate was given an opportunity to introduce themselves and provide a 200-word summary of why they are running for office. Their information follows:

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Highway 36 Improvements Mean More Than A Better Commute



Highway 36 project now complete



Coming Soon!

Watch for upcoming details on
Maplewoods new Fire Station and
Police Substation on 3M Property.

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Lt. Michael Shortreed Recipient of the 2013 Law Enforcement Torch Run Hall of Fame Award



Lt. Shortreed received this award on September 21, 2013 at the Special Olympic Minnesota Leadership and LETR Conference held in Red Wing, MN. The following excerpts were shared about

Lt. Shortreed at the conference, which highlights just a few of his many, many valuable attributes:

"The Hall of Fame Award was created to recognize outstanding individuals who have significantly contributed to the statewide success of the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Minnesota."

"This year's Hall of Fame recipient works tirelessly throughout the year. Whether it is serving on the LETR Executive Council, attending Polar Bear Plunge events

across the state both in the water and behind the table giving out incentives, or organizing and participating at Cop-on-Top and Tip-a-Cop events in his City and other Cities that need help, our award winner is there. And the wonderful part about his participation is this...if you need him, simply ask!"

"Our Hall of Fame winner is simply someone each of us is proud to have on our team. He partners with you, forwarding your success, not his own. He truly works for the good of the entire program and does so time and time again. Ladies and gentlemen, this year's Hall of Fame winner, and a friend to all, Maplewood Police Department Lt. Mike Shortreed."

The City of Maplewood congratulates Lt. Shortreed on being recognized for his tireless efforts on behalf of Special Olympics.

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Diana Longrie, Running For Mayor



Greetings! Tuesday, November 5th vote Longrie, Diana Longrie as Mayor. Six months I have knocked on thousands of doors throughout our City. It's been fun! As the first woman Mayor of Maplewood, I've worked on neighborhood issues with citizens and local business owners, shoulder to shoulder. I voted to 1.) hire more patrol officers to protect and serve; 2.) stop bulldozers from clear cutting Fish Creek; 3.) achieve greater openness and transparency by cablecasting all city council/commission meetings; 4.) include residents in the decisions made at City Hall; 5.) require fiscal accountability; 6.) protect and preserve neighborhood openspaces from development; 7.) appoint applicants with diverse viewpoints to citizen commissions; 8.) reach out to small business owners.

Vote Diana Longrie for positive leadership.

My winning plan: Improve medical life-saving response times. We must be accountable to the taxpayers – residents and businesses alike. We must not sell our parks! Let's build upon what we love about Maplewood, our geographic location, the strength of our neighborhoods and strategically position Maplewood to meet the employment, demographic and growth trends of the future.

Homeowner, mother, Gladstone neighborhood attorney, and voted one of Maplewood's most influential women by the Maplewood Historical Society.
www.dianalongrie.com Call me! (651) 214-0859

Nora Slawik, Running For Mayor



I am a 19-year Maplewood resident, former seven term State Representative and member of the Maplewood Parks and Recreation Commission. I work as the Director of Education for a non-profit autism organization, earned a master's degree from the Humphrey School, University of Minnesota and am a mother of two.

As Maplewood Mayor, I would bring years of leadership experience to build a prosperous and positive future for our city. I will lead with integrity, professionalism and a strong desire to collaborate with community partners. My priorities:

Create Jobs, Support Economic Prosperity:

I will work to expand good jobs for our families and neighborhoods. We must support existing businesses to retain high quality jobs at 3M, St. John's Hospital, and small businesses while looking to attract exciting opportunities for development.

Strengthen Safety Services:

My top priority is to fight for the highest quality safety services of police, fire and emergency response from north to south for every resident.

Preserve, Protect Parks and Open Spaces:

Our parks are essential to our quality of life. As a legislator I partnered with the city, county and funders to help secure the Fish Creek Natural Area Greenway, which preserves 62 acres in south Maplewood.

www.noraslawik.com

Marylee Abrams, Running For Councilmember



I am running for City Council because I care about good city government and believe we can have that in Maplewood. We should aspire to be a city of excellence, known for the quality of our city services, the friendliness of our neighborhoods, and the prosperity of our businesses. My top priority is restoring the reputation of our City

Council to that of a passionate group of professionals, capable of moving the City forward through good decisions and fiscal responsibility. This will improve the image of our City as a great place to raise a family, and open or expand a business. In turn, this will attract and retain jobs which are key to economic growth, the stability of families, and an improved quality of life in Maplewood.

The role of city government is to provide good quality public services such as police, fire, parks, and roads. I want to work to ensure we are moving forward and not looking backward to the chaos our City experienced in 2007 when City Pages labeled us as the most dysfunctional City in Minnesota. I have not forgotten how devastating that was to Maplewood, and want to ensure it does not happen again.

Marylee Abrams

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Margaret Behrens, Running For Councilmember



I'm a "lifelong" Maplewood resident, wife, grandmother, taxpayer, and homeowner. I have earned the reputation as a hard-working professional and tireless advocate through my many years of leadership and elected office. In our community of Maplewood.

"Some goals": Affordability for taxpayers. Improved life- saving emergency response times and essential City services. Sustainable businesses and sustainable jobs are needed to grow our hometown economy, to lessen the burden of the taxpayers. We must work down our debt and strike a line on city spending.

The taxpayers are not banks.

Maplewood needs an **experienced public servant** with a **positive record** of policy making, budgeting and strategic planning. Including **experienced** representation to serve on our City Council.

I will help launch Maplewood into the future using my professional experience as a business manager. My unique style of management has proved extremely successful on a **regional and county** wide basis in my **two terms** in **elected** office at the Ramsey Conservation District. I will make a positive difference in Maplewood. I have a lifetime of positive public service experience. I am working for a positive new beginning for Maplewood. **People, prosperity, and positive results** for the future is what we deserve. margaretbehrens.com

Rebecca Cave, Running For Councilmember



My name is Rebecca Cave and I am currently serving on your Maplewood City Council. My family resides in the Gladstone community and my children attend school in both Maplewood and North St Paul. I'm asking for your vote to continue my service to the citizens of Maplewood and remain a strong advocate for the Permanent Protection

of our Parks and Public Open Spaces. I was instrumental in being a deciding vote when the council voted 3-2 to reject a high-density housing project where today, "Fish Creek" exists. Without protection of our precious lands, wildlife, bluffs and Mississippi River Critical Area, this land would have been bulldozed down for housing!

While I have been a strong supporter of business retention and creation in Maplewood, I do not and have not supported our council voting to put small family businesses out of business by entering into contracts with larger national companies. (Garbage Haulers) I'm also not in favor of our City purchasing thousands of residential recycling carts!

I have a strong commitment to Public Safety and will continue to support our Police and Fire with the necessary means to maintain a superior level of service.
Vote REBECCA CAVE on Tuesday, November 5th!!!

Kathleen Juenamann, Running For Councilmember



I am a current City Councilmember seeking re-election and have lived in Maplewood 60+ years. Graduate of Hill-Murray and College of St. Catherine; taught high school French for 12 years; volunteer caregiver for 8 family members and neighbors for 10 years.

Community involvement; Neighborhood Watch Captain, 1980-Present; community activist, 1980-2001; Solid Waste and Recycling Task Force, chair 1985-1991; citizen panel to interview city manager candidates, 2000; Police/Civil Service Commission, 1999-2001. Elected to City Council, 2001.

I am running for re-election because I have worked hard and remain dedicated to contributing to the sustainability and long term vision for our City. It has been my privilege to be part of the City Council to accomplish our goal of financial, environmental and operational sustainability.

I have been part of the council for the following: development of Legacy Village, management plan for Open Space Preserves, remodeling of the aquatic area and cardio equipment upgrades at MCC, building of Gladstone's "The Shores" senior housing, expansion of our Police Department space, planning of the East Metro Public Safety Training Facility and new Fire Station at the 3M Complex and much more. I believe I have the history, experience and work ethic to continue to serve you and our community.

For details on absentee voting or to find your polling location visit the City website at www.ci.maplewood.mn.us or by calling (651) 249-2003.

Maplewood

2013 National Sustainability Practices Award Winner!

Our society faces a number of complex environmental challenges, and solutions will require the creativity and energy of forward-thinking people and communities. The City of Maplewood is in a unique position to implement and influence solutions to these environmental challenges and is making a conscious effort to lead by example.

The American Public Works Association acknowledged the City's leadership in sustainability by awarding Maplewood the 2013 Sustainability Practices Award. This prestigious national award recognizes Maplewood's contributions to promoting sustainability city-wide through planning, infrastructure investment, design standards, education, and daily operations in an environmentally and socially responsible way.

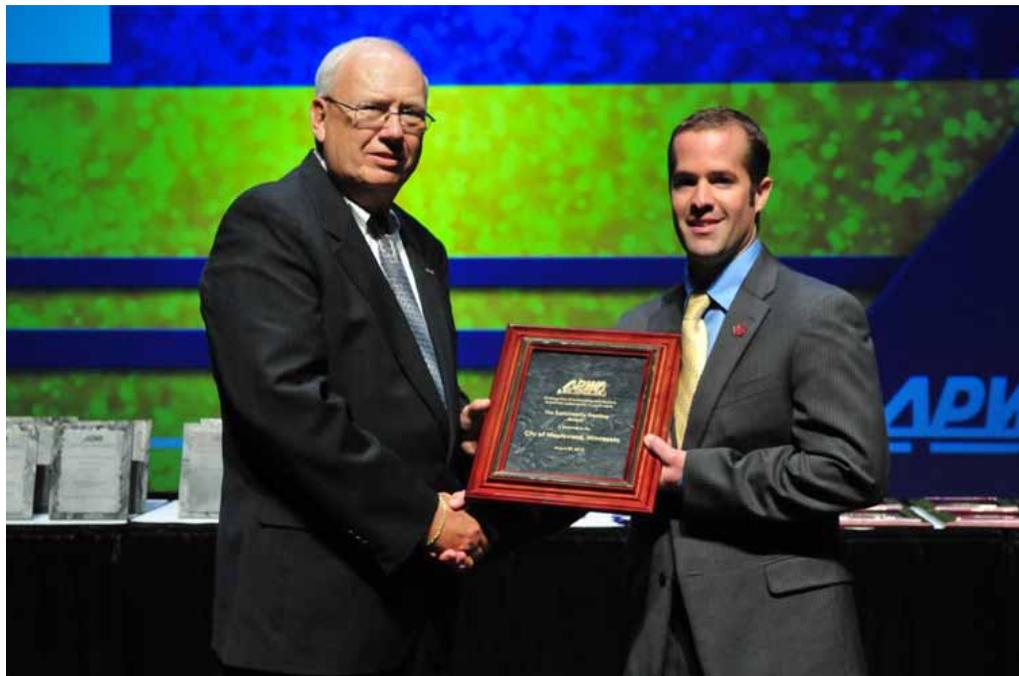
Maplewood's sustainability practices and accomplishments are many and varied including:

- Vision – considering sustainability through comprehensive plan efforts such as greenway planning, trail systems, and preserving open space.
- Living Streets – defined as a complete green street that provides for active living with multiple modes of transportation while also reducing environmental impacts by lessening impervious surface, managing stormwater, and providing shade. The City's first Living Streets demonstration project was constructed in 2012 in the Bartelmy-Meyer neighborhood.
- Stormwater Management – improves water quality through the implementation of stormwater best practices, such as rainwater gardens, in all new and redevelopment sites and road improvement projects. Today, the City has over 700 home rainwater gardens and over 60 rainwater gardens on City property.
- Sustainable Operations – City operations which are planned and carried out with full consideration of how environmental factors affect long-term goals. Constant adjustments to City operations have contributed to reducing environmental impacts such as adoption of an environmental purchasing policy,

reduction of salt in snow plowing, right sizing the City's frequent and timely street sweepings, reduction in the amount of mowed turf in parks and City property, trash hauling and recycling efficiencies, and energy efficiency upgrades in City buildings.

Maplewood's ability to influence change and lead a sustainable approach to infrastructure replacement and operations is driven by a culture that has become ingrained into Maplewood's identity. The success is the result of support from all levels of the community including elected officials, management, staff, and citizens. So go ahead and give yourself a pat on the back for your contribution to making Maplewood a national Sustainability Practices Award winner - what an accomplishment!

For more information on Maplewood's Sustainability Practices Award, visit the City's sustainability webpage at www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/sustainability.



APWA President Edward Gottko presenting Sustainability Practices Award to Michael Thompson, Maplewood Public Works Director/City Engineer during the 2013 APWA Congress in Chicago.

Continued from cover... Highway 36 Improvements

The traffic lights and construction cones are gone. Drivers will find that travel on TH 36 has improved substantially after the near completion of the TH 36 roadway, interchange, and bridge improvement project. Just a mere 90 days ago, the highway was home to long lines of traffic and too many crashes at the English Street intersection. Today, the \$17-million highway improvement project, led by the City of Maplewood, is now traffic light free, making the commute for its 60,000 daily vehicles safer, smoother, and more efficient.



Traffic back-ups on Highway 36 before the project

Taking the Lead

Traditionally, the Minnesota Department of Transportation takes the lead on highway improvement projects. However, for this project, the City of Maplewood stepped in to the driver seat to be able to include more input from residents and businesses. By taking the lead, the City was also able to accelerate project construction, and therefore ease congestion, reduce driver frustration, and increase safety of those traveling the highway.

MnDOT supported the City's move to lead the project - they too recognized the need to accelerate the project. By taking the lead, the City made a bold move to fast-track construction and close the highway for only 75 days. Otherwise, the project would have spanned two or more years.

"In collaboration with citizens and businesses, we took the path of short-term pain to experience long-term gain," said Chuck Ahl, City Manager. "Easing congestion, improving access to businesses and neighborhoods, and listening to the residents and businesses and their needs was our number one focus."

Involving Residents and Businesses

The City of Maplewood believes in fostering and building strong connections within the community. By leading the

project, they were able to magnify their ability to do this. The City held several public meetings over the course of the project, which took over four years from start to finish. Additionally, a business group and two neighborhood committees provided guidance throughout the project.

"Our citizens came forward with great ideas to help improve this important thoroughfare through our community," said Michael Thompson, Public Works Director/City Engineer. "We wanted to make sure we understood their key concerns such as safety, noise, access to businesses, and the aesthetics, and that we put their ideas into action and addressed their concerns." In one case, the City and stakeholders worked together to mitigate vehicle noise generated from the highway that impacted nearby residents. The residents on the south side of the highway agreed that a noise wall was the best solution to reduce noise, but residents from the south side preferred a landscaped berm. As a result, the City implemented both approaches, and each solved unique perspectives. "This was not a one size fits all, rather we listened to the citizens and made adjustments," said Thompson.

Putting Safety First

Safety of residents ranks as one of the top goals of the City. By building the bridge over TH 36 at English Street and making an important road connection, they were able to improve response time for emergency vehicles. Prior to improvements, emergency responders were forced to travel several extra miles in order reach homes on the south side of TH 36.

For more than two decades we've struggled with reaching homes and businesses due to limited access points across the highway," said Fire Chief Steve Lukin. "The new bridge and access points will now allow us to better serve our citizens when they need us most and when minutes and seconds matter."

The new bridge and the connection of Gervais Avenue to Viking Drive created a direct link to the south side of the highway making it easier for first responders to reach homes and businesses in need.

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Highway 36 Improvements

Safety also comes in the form of safer pedestrian opportunities. With this project now connecting Weaver Elementary School to a number of neighborhoods along County Road B via a new trail this is truly a win-win. Additionally new sidewalk on Gervais Avenue will connect Harvest Park and Four Seasons Park to White Bear Avenue and the Bruce Vento Trail. Quality of life and active living got a big boost with this project.

Improving our Business Areas

The Maplewood economy will likely get a boost from the highway improvements. The new roadway creates an opportunity to attract more businesses and developers to Maplewood. "With the improvement of mobility and access to businesses, we anticipate that we will generate more interest in the vacant parcels and buildings along the highway," said Melinda Coleman, Assistant City Manager/Community Developer Director. "TH 36 represents a major corridor connecting the central metropolitan area to the east metropolitan area, and tens of thousands make their way through this area daily. And, now people will travel with less congestion and frustration, and more time to patron our businesses."



Highway 36 during the project

Making the Final Improvements

While the project is approximately 90% complete and fully functional, the final improvements will wrap up in spring 2014, when final landscaping and aesthetic treatments are complete.

Visit the City's website for more information. And, stay tuned for the soon-to-be-released profile of the project highlighting some the projects main features and some you may not know about....yet.

Maplewood Police Offers Text Message Tip System

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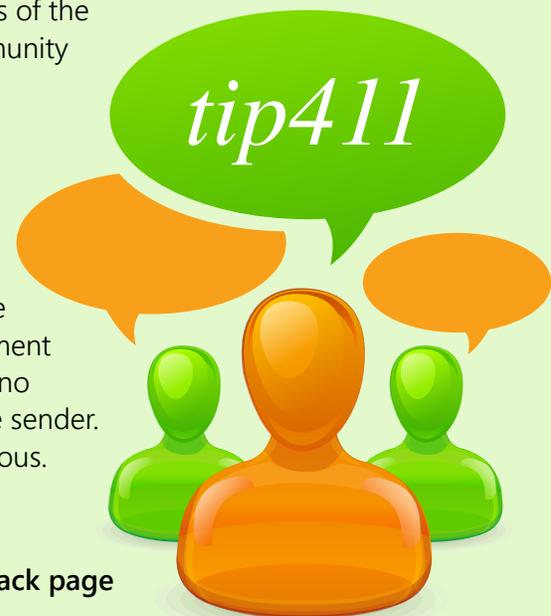
The Maplewood Police Department is launching tip411, an internet based tool that enables the public to text message anonymous tips to the police and other City departments and allows staff to respond back creating a two-way anonymous "chat."

Now, 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).

"In this digital age, the new capability will help citizens, especially young and tech savvy people play a more active role in keeping our neighborhoods and schools safe," said Maplewood Police Chief Paul Schnell.

"We hope the offering of this new technology will make it easier for those who have been hesitant to pass along critical information that can help us solve cases and hold offenders accountable," said Lieutenant Michael Shortreed, who oversees the Investigations Division of the Maplewood Police Department.

Reserved exclusively for Public Safety purposes and powered by CitizenObserver, a St. Paul, Minnesota Company, tip411 puts a powerful new crime fighting tool into the hands of the Maplewood community for all ages and demographics. CitizenObserver's technology removes all identifying information before the Police Department see's it so there is no way to identify the sender. It is 100% anonymous.



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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 Cave and Cardinal, Mayor Rossbach, Councilmembers Koppen and Juenemann

Dear Maplewood resident:

I hope you have had a wonderful summer. As we approach the fall and winter I wanted to share some things with you.

In my reading, I came across a recent message from William D. Eggers and Paul Macmillan where they talked about how "Government Alone Can't Solve Society's Biggest Problems."

Here are a few of their thoughts.

"Human Trafficking. Re-skilling the workforce. Rising obesity. A lack of quality education and safe water for the poor in the developing world. Whose job is it to solve these problems?"

For decades, the answer to that question has been simple: government. Until relatively recently, governments provided for the public good, while the private sector largely stuck with Milton Friedman's admonition <http://blogs.hbr.org/2012/04/you-might-disagree-with-milton/> that the social responsibility of business was to increase its profits. Thinking beyond the bottom line was considered unfocused or, even worse, a disservice to shareholders.

Today, the landscape has changed dramatically.

A new economy has emerged at the borderlands where traditional sectors overlap. This economy trades in social outcomes; its currencies include public data, reputation, and social impact. Previously untapped markets drive financial returns. The business models are unusual. The motivations range from moral obligation to new notions of public accountability, or even shareholder value. This "solution economy <http://blogs.hbr.org/2013/09/leading-across-sectors/>" represents not just an economic opportunity, but a new manner of solving entrenched societal problems.

New problem-solving innovators and investors power this solution economy.

These "wavemakers" assume many forms, including edgy social enterprises with the mentality of a Silicon Valley start-up, mega foundations, and Fortune 500 companies that now deliver social good on the path to profit. They range from Ashoka <https://www.ashoka.org/about>, which deploys 3,000 citizen changemakers in 70 countries, to the global pharmaceutical giants that annually give away billions of dollars in medicine to low-income citizens.

These multi-billion-dollar markets are forming around some of the world's toughest problems - from fighting malaria to providing low-cost housing to educating the poorest of the poor. In these solution markets, businesses, social entrepreneurs, nonprofits, and multinational companies compete, coordinate, and collaborate to solve mega problems. Instead of trying to patch a market failure, they create a market for the solution. Foundations, venture philanthropists, governments - and, often, private businesses themselves - act as funders, investors, and market makers.

What about government? Its role has now shifted. Sometimes it is a funder; sometimes it integrates all the players; sometimes it's the market maker; sometimes it's just one of many contributors to the solution. Sometimes all it has to do is provide a space for these solution markets to work."

Maplewood's own, 3M Company also plays in this arena. You may see 3M's name on supplies contributed to needy and to help contribute to foster public good. Our metropolitan area is host to 19 fortune 500 companies, 3M included.

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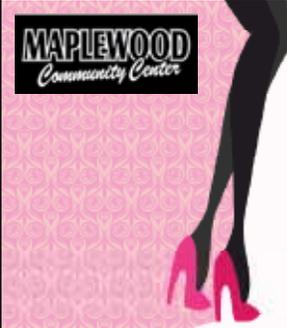
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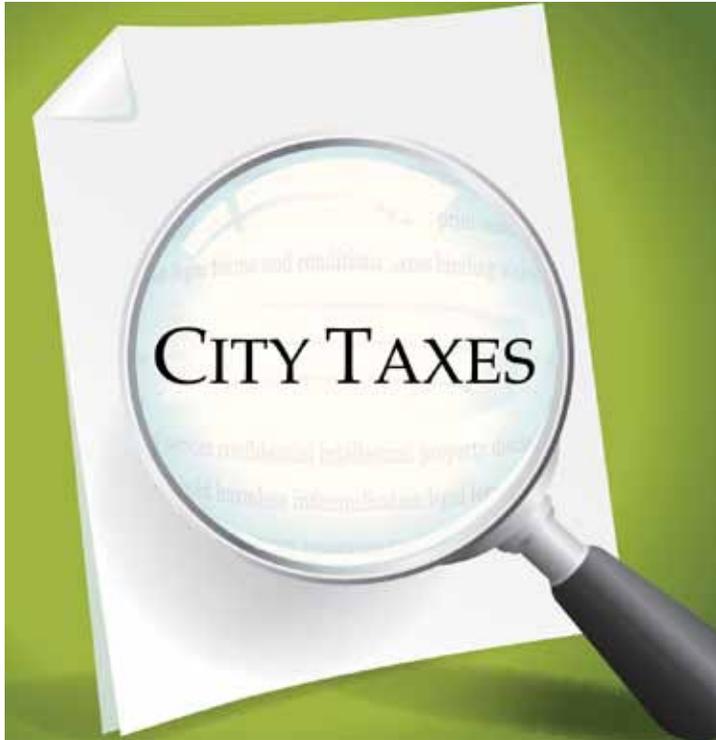
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Public Hearing on 2014 City Budget and Levy – December 9th



Per state law, cities are required to certify their maximum proposed property tax levies to the county auditor by September 15th. 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 2014 Budget. At the City Council meeting held September 9, 2013, the City Council set the maximum tax levy for 2014 at \$18,898,970, which is a 2.0% increase over 2013. Possible uses for the increase include adding a police sub-station at the new fire station in the south leg of the City,

moving up a street reconstruction project from 2016 to 2015 and increasing the contribution to parks. Council will discuss these items 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 9, 2013, 7:00pm, at Maplewood City Hall. All interested citizens are invited to attend.

City Taxes

Based on information received from Ramsey County, City taxes on a single-family home valued at \$160,700 – the average value for taxes payable in 2013 – will decrease \$14 next year, declining from \$707 to \$693. The calculations assume that the home experiences a 2.3% decrease in value. In the chart 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 larger decrease in value could cause a larger decrease in taxes.

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 66%. Other sources of revenue include permit fees from new home and business construction, charges for various services, miscellaneous revenues and intergovernmental revenues.

On the expenditure side, just under 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 54% of the General Fund budget is allocated to public safety (police and fire) and 17% to public works.

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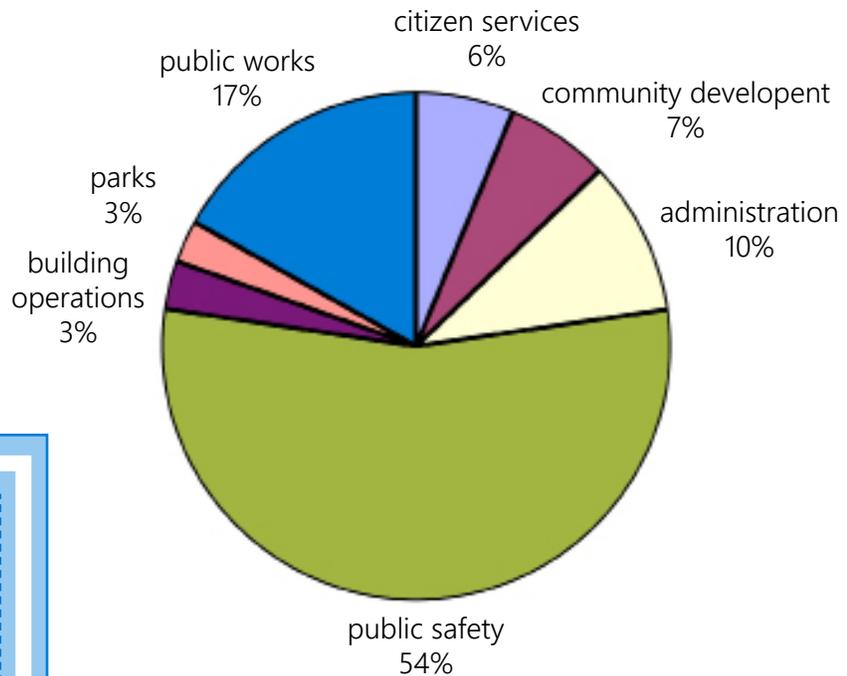
Value of Property for Pay 2013	Value of Property for Pay 2014	Taxible Market Value for Pay 2014	2013 City Tax	2014 City Tax	\$ Increase (Decrease)	\$ Increase (Decrease)
\$100,000	\$ 97,700	\$ 69,300	\$ 372	\$ 362	(\$10)	(2.6%)
\$150,000	\$146,500	\$122,400	\$ 648	\$ 634	(\$14)	(2.2%)
\$160,700	\$157,000	\$133,900	\$ 707	\$ 693	(\$14)	(2.0%)
\$275,000	\$268,700	\$255,600	\$1,330	\$1,317	(\$22)	(1.6%)
\$350,000	\$341,900	\$335,400	\$1,753	\$1,725	(\$28)	(1.6%)

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The remaining 29% 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 \$57.74 per month. Here is a breakdown of the levy by fund:



General Fund	\$37.67
Ambulance Service Fund	1.38
Community Center Operations Fund	1.61
Recreation Programs Fund	0.54
Capital Improvements Project Fund	1.68
Fire Truck Replacement Fund	0.15
Park Development Fund	0.09
Redevelopment Fund	0.12
Debt Service	14.23
Economic Development Authority	0.27
TOTAL MONTHLY	\$57.74

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 9th – when they approved the max levy, and December 9th – when the final levy will be approved. The Council allocated an additional \$370,570 to explore options regarding adding a police sub-station at the new fire station in the south leg of the City, moving up a street reconstruction project from 2016 to 2015 and increasing the contribution to parks. Prior to adoption of the final levy, the Council will determine if the additional levy increase is needed or if other reductions can be made to the budget. The maximum levy increase for 2014 is currently 2.0% over 2013 or \$370,570.

More information about the proposed 2014 City operating budget is available on the Maplewood 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.

CITIZEN Survey

In our ongoing efforts to identify ways to better serve our community, the City of Maplewood is conducting a Citizen Survey. The 2012 City of Maplewood Citizen Survey will be held November 4 - 22, 2013.

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 4 - 22, 2013 by visiting:
www.surveymonkey.com/s/2013maplewood

A hard copy of the 2013 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.

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Tip411 is not a substitute for dialing 911. If you are calling in an emergency you should always call 911 for an immediate response. The system is not monitored on a 24/7 basis.

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 going to send 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.

Examples of what the tips received would look like:

- maplewood The guy who smashed the car windows in town last week is John Doe who lives at 123 East St.
- maplewood There is a lot of people in and out of 123 East St. at all hours. I suspect drug dealing. Check it out.

Once a tip is sent, the sender will receive a message from CitizenObserver indicating the message has been forwarded to the Maplewood Police Department. Police Department staff can respond to the sender to ask for additional information. If the sender does not want any further contact, the sender only needs to push the "stop" or "end" button on their phone and the contact between the citizen and the Police Department is broken. Text message charges may apply to your account, depending on the terms of the service.

For more information go to <http://www.citizenobserver.com/cov6/app/webTipForm.html?id=10201>.

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December 2013

November 5, 2013

General Election Results

Mayor

Diana Longrie 1,803
Nora Slawik 3,777

Councilmember

Marylee Abrams 2,988
Margaret Behrens 2,294
Rebecca Cave 2,307
Kathleen Juenemann 2,891

A swearing in ceremony and oath of office will be administered on Monday, January 6, 2014 in the council chambers at 5:00 pm.



Mayor-Elect
Nora Slawik



Councilmember-Elect
Marylee Abrams



Current Councilmember-Elect
Kathleen Juenemann

Fire and Police Team Up For a New Fire Station and Police Substation on 3M Campus

At the October 28, 2013 city council meeting, with an ayes all vote, council approved the necessary permits required allowing staff to go out for bids to construct the fire station that will provide service to the entire southern leg of the City.

The 16,409 square-foot, one story station will be located on McKnight Road just south of the Wells Fargo Bank building on property that was donated in a collaborative effort with 3M.

The building design and layout is complete with a plan to break ground in early spring of 2014 and goal of being operational by the end of November 2014. The station will be staffed with four firefighters twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.



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Seasons Inside!

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Elected Officials

Will Rossbach: Mayor	651.484.5427
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kathleen.juenemann@ci.maplewood.mn.us	
Rebecca Cave: Councilmember	651.773.7059
rebecca.cave@ci.maplewood.mn.us	
Robert Cardinal: Councilmember	651.765.8600
bob.cardinal@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.

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Recycle Your Holiday Lights



Do you have a string of unwanted or broken Christmas lights sitting in your holiday decoration box? Thinking of switching to energy efficient LED lights? If so, remember to recycle those lights through the "Recycle Your Holidays" program.

The City of Maplewood is a drop off location for the program, which is managed by the Recycling Association of Minnesota (RAM). Beginning in mid-November 2013 through the end of January 2014 you can drop off your broken, old, or un-needed holiday lights at four City locations:

1. City Hall, 1830 County Road B
2. Public Works/Community Development/Parks & Recreation Building, 1902 County Road B
3. Community Center, 2100 White Bear Avenue
4. Nature Center, 2659 East 7th Street

In 2012, Maplewood collected over 1,400 pounds of lights! Every part of the light is dismantled and recycled locally. The program employs 200 disabled adults at vocational facilities throughout Minnesota. For more information visit the City's recycling website at www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/recycleyourholidays.



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New Fire Station & Police Substation on 3M Campus



New Fire Station and Police Substation on 3M Campus

This staffing model allows us to operate two ambulances and one fire truck from that location to continue to provide outstanding and timely service. The station has been designed to accommodate additional firefighters as the need arises with our changing community.



Fire Chief Steve Lukin and Police Chief Paul Schnell

In our continual goal to enhance public safety, the city council recently approved a plan to incorporate a south police substation in the building utilizing space within the current plans.

The south police substation will be staffed with six Maplewood police officers who will provide coverage twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. Assigned officers will be based out of and start and end their shift from the south substation. The substation will be fully equipped with all police department amenities allowing officers to remain in the southern portion of the City which will minimize response times and maximize proactive efforts.

"It is important that we take this opportunity to maximize the usefulness of this new station to meet the full range of public safety needs of those who live, work, and visit the southern portion of Maplewood," said Maplewood Fire Chief Steve Lukin.

Because of the unique shape of Maplewood and the location of police headquarters on County Road B and White Bear Avenue, the new south substation will reduce travel times for officers regularly assigned to patrol or respond to emergency situations in the southern portion of the City.

"The new south substation, along with improvements and expansion of the police headquarters building, will aid in the responsive delivery of public safety services and positions the department for the future," said Maplewood Police Chief Paul Schnell.

In the past, the police department has experimented with use of a small office or police storefront facility in the southern portion of the City. A police substation is different in that it provides access to nearly all the capabilities of police headquarters and serves as the regular base location for assigned officers. Having the substation within the fire station is not only sustainable into the future, but also allows for our fire and police to work much closer together in providing emergency services to our community.

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 Cave and Cardinal, Mayor Rossbach, Councilmembers Koppen and Juenemann

By: Mayor, Will Rossbach

Another year in Maplewood is drawing to a close. 2013 has been an active year in the City with many projects and initiatives being completed or progressing toward completion.

The Fish Creek open space acquisition will be completed this year. Fish Creek consists of 70 acres of property at the far southern reaches of the City which has views of the Mississippi River and a mix of forested land and meadows. At this time the City staff has been able, through the help of many partners, to come up with all but the \$300,000 of the \$1.2 million needed to complete the purchase. We have applied for bonding money from the state to close the gap but only time will tell whether the legislature awards the funds in their bonding process in the upcoming session.

The current funding would allow us to purchase 62 acres of the site leaving an 8 acre site located at the northern border of the property as a possible development area. The council is hoping to be able to purchase the entire site but is committed to not levying Maplewood tax dollars for the acquisition.

Maplewood has made tremendous progress with the reorganization of our fire and emergency medical operations in 2013. The program consists of moving from a system in which the firefighters responded from their homes or jobs after being paged to a system which has firefighters and medical first responders at the stations 24 hours per day greatly reducing the time needed to get the vehicles and personnel on the road. Due to the time savings achieved through this model we are able to reduce the number of fire stations in the City from five to three without affecting the overall response time. The City was fortunate to have a partner in 3M company who has

donated the site for a new station on their campus which will serve the southern portion of Maplewood. The stations in Gladstone and Hazelwood will remain although some upgrades will be needed to accommodate the needs of 24 hour on site personel.

Additional work has been done in emergency management within our police department. The department has wrestled for years with a building facility which was built along with the construction of city hall and no longer provided either the space or equipment needs of a modern police operation. It is difficult to remember but back then there was only one computer when the original facility was built and there were no female officers. Even the types of crimes and investigation processes are completely different than when the building was first constructed. We should be thankful to the City staff and our architects for helping us design a building and operations plan that will cost Maplewood only one third of the original estimates.

The first year of organized trash collection has gone well. It appears that many of the residents who were opposed to the process and the initial start of the program have seen that the operation is producing the results which were promised. I have been contacted by numerous people who did not like the way it was handled but are satisfied with the service now that it is in operation. Several have made comments on the lower cost for the service. And, of course, it did not hurt that the first pricing review had the cost for the program go down instead of up.

The Maplewood Fire Training Facility is progressing. After a difficult start with delays while MNDOT figured out what their needs would be on the site and having to do more soil correction than anticipated, the training buildings are under construction. Utilities have been extended to the site and a boardwalk trail system through the area is planned.

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COUNCIL CORNER

Hill Murray and Ramsey County are our partners in the trail system and deserve credit for helping that phase of the plan become a reality. The training facility has also made a bonding request from the state and thus far has been well received.

Finally, we held elections this year and have two new members on the council and one returning Councilmember. Maplewood's new Mayor is Nora Slawik and is joined by new Councilmember Marylee Abrams and returning Councilmember Kathy Jueneman. The other Councilmembers Marv Koppen and Bob Cardinal will be joined with the elected Councilmembers at the beginning of 2014.

With the election of Mayor elect Slawik, representation for south Maplewood has returned. Something that in my opinion has been lacking. I know that she is excited to get started and with her previous experience in the state legislature I know she is up to the task. Councilmember elect Abrams will bring a professional approach to council decisions and a desire to move Maplewood forward. And, Councilmember Jueneman will do as she has always done and dedicate herself to being informed, down to earth, and the cornerstone upon which the council can build.



Mayor,
Will Rossbach

Attention Small Businesses and Churches - Save Money By *Reducing Trash*

Source separation describes the removal of materials that can be recycled from the waste stream. You may know that the City's solid waste management ordinance requires that residential and commercial properties source separate - recycle. But did you know that recycling can also save your business or church money?

The County Environmental Charge and State Solid Waste Management Tax is a fee billed by licensed trash haulers to their customers. These fees appear as a percentage of the cost of your trash bill. For Ramsey County businesses and churches the County charge is 53% and the State tax is 17%, for a combined increase of 70% above the service fee. Because the fees only apply to trash and not recyclables, your business or church can save money by keeping recyclables out of the trash, resulting in a reduction in your dumpster size or frequency of trash pickup.

Maplewood contracts with Tennis Sanitation for recycling collection at single-family and multi-family homes, and can accommodate the collection of recyclables at small businesses and churches. Start saving money, reduce waste, and promote material reuse by opting into the City's recycling program for as little as \$2.94 per month.

For more information contact Chris Swanson, Environmental Technician at 651.249.2305 or chris.swanson@ci.maplewood.mn.us, or visit the City's business recycling webpage at www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/businessrecycling.

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City of Maplewood Park and Recreation Director Attends Professional Development School



DuWayne Konewko
Park & Recreation Director

DuWayne Konewko, Maplewood's Park and Recreation Director, recently went back to school – Directors School that is! Mr. Konewko completed the first year of a two year program offered by the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) for current Park Professional Directors across the country. Directors School prepares leaders to effectively and efficiently guide Park and

Recreation departments so they can better serve the community. The focus is to provide directors with the required skills sets and knowledge base to successfully lead and manage Park and Recreation Agencies in challenging times.

The curriculum is based on the national standards of best practices for Parks and Recreation Agencies as identified by the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA). CAPRA accredits Park and Recreation Agencies for excellence in operation and service. Directors School attendees are required to apply and be accepted into the school. Students attend the school for one week each of the two years. The Directors School is sponsored by the Oglebay National Training Center in Wheeling, West Virginia, NRPA, and the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Management at the North Carolina State University.

"The City of Maplewood is currently in the process of developing a comprehensive master plan for the City's parks, trails and preserves," said Mr. Konewko, "and the information that was presented at the school will

assist the department, working cooperatively with the many stakeholders who are vested in this process, in ensuring that the master plan establishes the direction and vision for Parks and Recreation in Maplewood."

Maplewood has a rich history in Parks and Recreation dating back to the early 1960s. Since that time Maplewood has acquired and maintained 36 parks encompassing 552 acres and 14 neighborhood preserves totaling 308 acres. Sometime this fall, Maplewood will be acquiring an additional 70 acres in the form of the Fish Creek Property in South Maplewood; at least 60 acres of which will be permanent open space.

Maplewood's recreation programming includes youth and adult soccer, softball, basketball and many other programming opportunities – visit www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/recreation to learn more. Maplewood also boasts two great recreational facilities as part of its park system. The Maplewood Nature Center, where the City employs full and part-time naturalists, offers both youth and adult environmental programming. The Maplewood Community Center which houses a workout facility, gymnasiums, swimming pool, banquet rooms, racquetball courts, Subway, and a theater is also available for use by the community. Additional information on the Maplewood Community Center can be found at www.maplewoodcommunitycenter.com.

"One of my goals," said Mr. Konewko, "is to elevate parks and recreation as one of Maplewood's essential services. An essential service is a service a city should offer to protect the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens. I believe very strongly that parks and recreation should be an essential service and one that I am committed to." Mr. Konewko went on to say that communities are created through people, parks and programs.

A promotional poster for a performance by Tonic Sōl Fa. The poster features a group photo of five performers. Text on the poster includes: "TONIC Sōl FA", "2013 Honorary Tonic", "JANUARY 10 & 11 7:30 pm at Maplewood Performing Arts Theater", "651.249.2230", "www.maplewoodarts.com", "facebook", and "\$25/Advance • \$30/Door".

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A promotional poster for a performance by Alison Scott. The poster features a close-up photo of Alison Scott with her hand near her face. Text on the poster includes: "Alison Scott", "Saturday, December 14", "A new kind of Christmas show, with Alison's own brand of pure soul.", "Purchase tickets online at www.maplewoodarts.com", and "2100 White Bear Ave • Maplewood, MN 55109".

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Maplewood Honors *Veterans*

The City of Maplewood is proud to have our nation's veterans in our employ. One of these employees is Army Veteran Sandra Vitt.

Born in El Salvador and raised in New York, she was drawn to the training and educational opportunities the Army offered. She enlisted after graduating high school and served six years as a Laboratory Technician. The majority of her enlistment was spent at Ft. Gordon, Georgia, where she met and married Lt. Bob Vitt. Since 1996 they have spent the majority of Bob's career overseas. She went from being a busy soldier to an even busier military spouse. They and their four children have moved ten times and have weathered two deployments.

She has volunteered as an AFTB (Army Family Team Building) instructor and has always worked with the unit's FRG. She is very knowledgeable of the resources a military base offers soldiers and their families. However, she felt a little like a fish out of water when she and the kids arrived here last summer. It would be a year before her husband could join them. "It was a great comfort to find those same resources available here through the Yellow Ribbon program. Whether it's counseling, employment assistance, or just helping you get in contact with other veterans or military families. It's a program that can help in so many ways!"

Bob's latest assignment as the Senior Army Advisor to the Minnesota National Guard is what brought them back stateside. He feels quite fortunate with this latest move since his mother and three of his brothers reside in the Twin Cities. Sandra feels that having family nearby has eased some of the challenges related to moving to an unfamiliar location.

Their two oldest sons hope to follow in their dad's footsteps. Alex is a Junior at The Citadel in South Carolina and is attending on an ROTC scholarship. He says, "Nothing makes me more proud than to be able to serve my country in the same way my parents have. We have been raised to show great respect to veterans and those still in uniform." Jimmy, a high school senior, hopes to attend St. John's University on an ROTC scholarship as well.



Basic Training 1990
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Sandra is very happy that her job with the City brings her in daily contact with military members and fellow veterans. She enjoys hearing about when and where they served and is quick to thank them for their service. "There's a camaraderie and a special kinship that military members and veterans feel. We support each other."



Sandra and her husband and her two sons: ROTC Ball with Alex and Jimmy, 2011 Stuttgart Germany



The entire family: Bob's promotion to LTC, 2009, Stuttgart Germany

Maplewood Community Center Holiday Events

The holidays are a great time to get together with family and friends, and the Maplewood Community Center has some events for you to attend. On Saturday, December 7th, the MCC will be hosting their 3rd annual Women's Expo from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Stop by this free event to chat with local vendors about skincare, health and fitness, and pick up a few holiday gifts!

The holidays are the perfect time to show your special friends that you care! With that in mind, join us for a FREE pizza party for our members and their families on Thursday, December 12th from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

Local songstress Alison Scott will be performing her "A Soulful Christmas" show on Saturday, December 14th at 7:30 pm. The show will have special appearance from local artists Doug Rhode and Andy Dee, and the North High Public School Choir. Tickets are available now and are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. We continue the holiday spirit with two shows featuring Tonic Sol-Fa on January 10th and 11th at 7:30 pm. Tickets are available now and are \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door. More information is available at about these great shows at www.maplewoodarts.com.

Join us for a "Family New Year's Eve Celebration" on December 31, 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Ring in the new year family style at Maplewood Community Center's New Year's Eve Celebration! We're hosting a splashin' pool party from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Enjoy our bounce castle, face painting, games and crafts in the gymnasium from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Participate in a New Year's Eve countdown beginning at 7:30 pm and end the party with a balloon drop and celebratory toast. This event is free for members and cost of daily admission for non-members. However, registration is required! Reserve your spot today by calling 651.249.2230.

We will wrap up January with our annual Early Childhood Resource Fair on Saturday, January 25th from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Stop by this free event with the family to get information about local resources and educational tools to help your child reach their full potential. Kids will enjoy free face painting, crafts and other activities.

If you are looking for a space to celebrate your child's birthday party or host your holiday get together, the Maplewood Community Center offers great spaces for all your events! Visit www.maplewoodcommunitycenter.com for more information.

Tonic Sol-Fa coming to the Maplewood Performing Arts Theatre in January! See ad on page 6 for details.



Wrap up your holiday shopping with Maplewood Community Center Gifts!

The Gift Of Wellness: Annual Membership

PURCHASE AN ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP AND GET ONE MONTH FREE + NO INITIAL FEE + \$50.00 IN MCC BUCKS TO USE ON SWIM LESSONS, SPECIALTY FITNESS CLASSES, MASSAGE & MORE! *Offer valid Dec. 15 - Jan. 30



The Gift Of Flexible Fitness: MCC Punch Pass *Offer valid Nov. 15 - Dec. 31

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The Gift Of Strength: Personal Training Package

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*Limit 1/person (can't be combined with MCC bucks or other discounts). Offer valid Nov. 15 - Dec. 31

Maplewood BUSINESS HIGHLIGHTS

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.

Len Hughes Takes The Hassle Out Of Holiday Decorating



The Holidays are a wonderful time of year, and we all enjoy having our homes decorated for the Christmas Season. However, we don't always have the time or

the energy that's needed to create an inviting & festive atmosphere.

Maplewood resident Len Hughes is the owner of Lasting Impressions Home Staging and Redesign Services. Len takes pride in delivering world-class service to all of his customers. He will design and transform your room or rooms for the holiday festivities. If you already have a vision in mind and need someone to help, Len can be that extra person you need to accomplish your goal in a timely manner.

Len is a Certified International Staging & Redesign Professional with many years of experience. His primary objective is to give your home the WOW factor. Len has

exceptional attention to detail and follow up so the interior project runs smoothly and nothing is missed.

Judy from Stillwater explains her experience with Len. "He listened to my ideas and the kind of feeling I wanted as an end result. He asked which pieces I wanted to keep and what other favorite things I had that meant something special to me. Len was easy to work with and made an otherwise emotional process a lot more pleasant. This was a wonderful and beautiful change for me and I am pleased with the results."



Other services Len offers is staging for home sales, color consultation, room/closet decluttering and organization, and shopping service.

Take advantage of the special Maplewood resident discount (\$25/hour) through 2013. Len will work within your budget to get the project done right.



(see ad on page 2)

Call (952) 412-5629 or visit the website to learn more. www.lastingimpressionsstaging-redesign.com

Tillges Orthotic Prosthetic Inc. Celebrates 25 Years In Maplewood

Tillges Orthotic and Prosthetic has called Maplewood "home" for over 25 years. Founded by area resident Robert "Bob" Tillges in 1992 the family owned and operated business provides quality custom orthotic and prosthetic products to its clientele. Upon referrals from area medical professionals (PT's, OT's, physicians and surgeons) Tillges will cast, fabricate and fit products on premise for their patients. Patients and products include:

- **Diabetic**- Custom shoes and inserts, wound care / offloading
- **Lymphedema**- Compression garments
- **Geriatric**- Bracing for increased balance, performance and gait
- **Trauma**- Custom orthotic and prosthetics to help regain functionality in what was lost.
- **MS / Post Stroke**- Bracing to help regain functionality

TCOP embraces modern technology, while maintaining traditional values, to provide orthotic and prosthetic services that enhance the quality of life of every person they serve.

Call (651) 772-2665 or visit the website to learn more. WWW.TCOPINC.COM



"I was injured 2 hours after birth in June of 1985 due to an improperly placed catheter through my umbilical cord. The improper placement caused instant paralysis from the waist down. I have relied on bracing to assist in my everyday activities since I was born and have worked with several companies. The brace I just received from Tillges is, by far, the best brace I have ever had".

- Patient Eric

The Holidays and Crime Prevention

Don't let holiday HO-HO-HO become holiday NO-NO-NO!

The holiday season is upon us and the Maplewood Police Department reminds everyone to employ basic crime prevention techniques that can make your holidays safer and less stressful.

When driving

- Slow down.
- Wear your seat belt (it's the law).
- Be mindful of changing road conditions.
- Don't drink and drive – designate a sober driver.

At home

Many people like to keep their presents or gifts

displayed in the home before and after the holidays. The time we spend shopping and visiting friends and relatives can make our homes vulnerable to burglary during the holiday season.

- Don't keep gifts near windows where they can be seen from the street.
- Avoid hiding gifts in the garage! Garage locks are usually the weakest locks you have. A second story closet or attic equipped with a good lock is usually your safest storage area.
- Break up boxes from

purchases like TV's, stereos, or electronic equipment and put them in garbage bags.

Handling money

The tendency to carry large amounts of cash is greater during the holidays than any other time of the year. Use checks or credit cards whenever possible. If you must use cash:

- Don't leave cash lying around the house. Keep all money in a safe place.
- Plan your shopping so that you only take approximately the amount of money you're going to spend.
- Don't flash your money in public. Keep your bills flat in a wallet so that you can count them without taking them out of your wallet.
- Avoid carrying a purse.
- Keep your wallet and keys in a secure pocket.
- If you must carry a purse, do not leave it unattended in a shopping cart – even for a few seconds.

When shopping

- Never leave your car unlocked!
- Pick up major items at the end, rather than the beginning of a shopping trip.
- Lock all purchases in the trunk of your car, or as a last resort, under a blanket on the car floor.
- Immediately remove all purchases from your car when you return home.



New! 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."

Getting deliveries

Packages left on door steps are even easier to steal than those left in cars. Don't give a thief an easy opportunity.

- Schedule deliveries for times when you're at home.
- If you can't be home when deliveries are made, make arrangements to have your parcels delivered to a neighbor.
- If you or your neighbors observe any delivery person doing anything that appears to be suspicious, ask to see their identification or call the police.

The Maplewood Police Department encourages you to report suspicious activity! Pick up the phone and call 911 immediately.



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.



Our drivers take pride in their duties and have a track record of responding effectively after snow events. Did you know that...

Did You Know...

- 1 Salt use has drastically been reduced as a result of pre-wetting and anti-icing technology upgrades to our plow fleet. This reduces impacts to the environment!
- 2 Our Public Works crews are responsible to clear 270 lane miles of street after each snow event!
- 3 Crews clear the entire city street system in only 7-8 hours after a major snow event, usually while most people are still sleeping!

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Feeding Deer Prohibited

This is a reminder to residents that Maplewood ordinance prohibits feeding deer. Feeding includes putting out grain, fodder, or salt licks. It also includes having a bird feeder that attracts deer. Deer feeding stations become places where large numbers of deer may congregate. This increases the potential for disease to spread and it leads to over browsing of vegetation near and en route to the feeding station. The City Code is available at www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/citycode. Deer management is covered in Chapter 10 (Animals), Article VIII (Deer Management).



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