

# Maplewood Monthly

January 2011 City Newsletter

## Save The Date

- **Tonic Sol-Fa**  
January 14 & 15, 7:30PM  
at Maplewood Performing Arts Theatre
- **Early Childhood Education Fair**  
January 22, 1:00PM  
at the Community Center
- **Swim-In Movie Night**  
Saturday, January 22, 5:00PM  
at the Community Center
- **Camping & Outdoors Expo**  
February 19, 10:00AM p.15  
at the Community Center
- **Laura & The Lads**  
March 4, 7:30PM p.6  
at Maplewood Performing Arts Theatre

Summer Day Camp details coming in the February Recreation issue.

## Maplewood's Fire Service Evaluates Staffing For The Future

By Steve Lukin, Fire Chief

Almost 70 years ago fire service started in the city of Maplewood with volunteers, or what we now call paid-per-call firefighters. First there was the Gladstone Fire Department, then the East County Line Fire Department and then the Parkside Fire Department.

All three of these Fire Departments provided service to the residents of Maplewood within certain boundaries.

As time went on, Gladstone needed to add a station in the north end of its area and East County Line needed to add one in the southern end of its area. Then in 1997, the City decided to form its own municipal department and all three of the Fire Departments were merged together to become the Maplewood Fire Department.



Over the years our call volume continued to increase and hiring paid-per-call firefighters that were available during daytime hours became very difficult. In 2002 along with our paid-per-call staff we hired our first full-time firefighters.

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## Early Childhood Education FAIR

Free Fun For The Whole Family!

**Saturday, January 22, 1:00 - 4:00PM**

January marks not only the start of a new year, but for many parents, the beginning of a search for a preschool or childcare program that best fits the needs of their child. Maplewood Community Center's Early Childhood Education Fair is a one-stop shop for all your early education needs! Whether your child is starting day care, pre-school or advancing to a primary school, our fair is packed full of valuable tools & information. 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. In addition, learn how to document your child's entrance into Early Education with our FREE photography workshop at 2:00PM. Everyone loves to photograph their children and share great images, but are you getting the most from your camera? Join Certified Professional Photographer David Grupa for a quick session on taking better photographs, as well as organizing and storing your digital files.

While parents are learning about area education offerings, children can enjoy free face painting, make Noodle Necklaces with Noodles & Company, jump in our bounce castle, and visit with the animals of the Reptile & Amphibian Discovery (RAD) Zoo. Meet the frogs, salamanders, turtles, lizards, and small crocodiles of the RAD Zoo. 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! Call 651.249.2103 for more details.

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

### Maplewood Community Center

Registration 651.249.2230  
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 Theater/Banquet Room Rental 651.249.2103  
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### Maplewood Recreation

General Information 651.249.2007

### Maplewood Nature Center

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## Maplewood Meeting Schedule

Business & Economic Development Commission:  
 Monday, January 3 at 7:00PM  
 City Council: Monday, January 10 & 24 at 7:00PM  
 Citizen's Forum: January Forum CANCELLED  
 Saturday, February 5 at 10:00AM (City Hall)  
 Community Design Review Board: Tuesday, January 11 at 6:00PM  
 Environmental & Natural Resource Commission: Thursday, January 13 at 7:00PM  
 Heritage Preservation Commission: Thursday, January 20 at 7:00PM  
 Housing & Redevelopment Authority: Wednesday, January 12 at 7:00PM  
 Human Rights Commission: Tuesday, January 11 at 7:00PM  
 Park & Recreation Commission: Wednesday, January 19 at 7:00PM  
 Planning Commission: Tuesday, January 4 & 18 at 7:00PM

All City Council and Commission meetings are broadcast live on Channel 16 and are rebroadcast on a schedule that is posted at [www.ci.maplewood.mn.us](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us). \* Any meeting cancellations are posted on the City's website.

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## Season's Greetings For 2011 From Your Staff At The City Of Maplewood

By Jim Antonen, City Manager

While 2010 was a challenging year I am confident that 2011 will be ever more so. As I did last year, I have compiled a brief report to you highlighting this past year accomplishments from our City Departments. But before we start with the reports I would like to take this time to express my appreciation to the men and women that make up our fine staff.

Earlier this fall, I had open heart surgery and was on medical leave for an extended period of time. I was pleased that our staff stepped up and operated the city as usual. While the "usual" is not a headline making item, or earth shaking event, it is what is expected by our Citizens and City Council. Thankfully for me all is well and I am back to work. I especially want to thank our Assistant City Manager Chuck Ahl for doing double duty in my absence, as well as the Management Team. It is good to know that no one is indispensable, including me, and that all of us that work for the City are part of a team and not just a group of individuals.

The following, in no special order, are City operation highlights of the past year and some insights as to what is in store for us in 2011.

### Citizen Services

Citizen Services has evolved over the last four years taking on Recreation Programming and the Community Center in 2006. In 2010, the city council set as one of its goals the reorganization of the Parks & Recreation Department. Since that time staff has been working with the Parks Department to bring this goal to fruition. Read more about this under Parks & Recreation on page 7!

Aside from the day-to-day record keeping and retention for the City, the City Clerk Division oversees data practice requests that are submitted to the City. It takes the equivalent of three quarters of a full-time staff person to respond to these requests.

Our Marketing & Advertising Division is responsible for the majority of publications that are produced and distributed by the city. Marketing staff works closely with businesses in the community to secure event sponsorships and advertisements in city publications which helps to reduce the cost of printing and distributing the publications.

Business Licenses processes close to 1,900 licenses and permits annually ranging from pet licenses to intoxicating liquor licenses. Deputy Registrar and Passports continue to keep staff busy processing approximately 90,000 transactions annually.

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## Pride Of Maplewood Award



Mary Kay Palank, Records Specialist (left)  
Chief David Thomalla (right)

Congratulations to Mary Kay Palank for being nominated as the Pride of Maplewood by her co-workers. She is the Records Specialist for the Police Department. Mary Kay joined the City of Maplewood in September, 1989.

"Mary Kay is a cheerful face at the front counter of the Police Department."

"Her many years of service to the City of Maplewood are to be commended."

"She volunteers to take on new tasks and often takes care of things before she is even asked. She does all this everyday with a great attitude and a pleasant smile."

"Mary Kay performs well under pressure and is dedicated to this community."

Thank you, Mary Kay for your service to the City of Maplewood, the citizens and employees.

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The other day I was sitting in traffic as I am sure that you have done from time to time. This particular day I was on Hwy 94 trying to get to St. Paul from Woodbury. It was the morning rush and the traffic was moving at 10 to 15 miles per hour. So with the extra time I was thinking about how this situation might be different in the future.

Earlier this year a new transit corridor came into being, it was originally called the I-94 Corridor but the name has since been changed to the Gateway Corridor. I am sure that you have heard of some of the other major corridors, the Northstar, Red Rock, Hiawatha, Central, and the other corridor which passes through Maplewood, the Rush Line. The Rush Line is basically 35E from St. Paul to Hinckley. The Rush Line has been working for years to enhance the opportunities for commuters. There have been several Park and Rides placed in the corridor with the sites at Maplewood Mall and Highway 61 at Co. Rd C being the largest ones in Maplewood. Rush Line has also been the impetus for two express bus routes which carry commuters from the Forest Lake area to St. Paul and Minneapolis. Unfortunately, neither of these have stops in Maplewood. The Rush line is on track however to have light rail passing through Maplewood with planned stops in the Mall area and in the Gladstone neighborhood. This is still years away but when it does happen the impact will be dramatic.

All mass transit in the east side of the metro is planned to pass through the Union Depot, whether it is buses, light rail, commuter rail, even bike trails. You would be able to hop on the light rail in Maplewood go to the depot and continue on to Minneapolis or many other destinations. Whether going to work, or heading to a Twins game you would not need to drive further than the station. Added to the mix now is the Gateway Corridor. This is a tremendously important corridor with 90,000 vehicles a day coming over the bridge at the St. Croix River and that number grows to 150,000 by the time they get to St. Paul. This makes it the most congested corridor in either St. Paul or Minneapolis. Mass transit within the corridor is currently limited to some express buses in the eastern suburbs. More than 300,000 people live along the corridor and that number is expected to increase by 30% by 2030. There are also many jobs along the corridor with some of the largest corporations in Minnesota (3M, Imation, The Hartford, Ecolab, etc) making their homes along the way. An additional 30,000 jobs are expected in the corridor in the next twenty years.

One of the first steps in any corridor study is an Alternatives Analysis Study which takes a look at potential modes of transit, routes, ridership, construction and operation costs, and the economic and environmental impacts. This is currently underway for the Gateway Corridor. The AA study is expected to be complete in the spring of 2012. However, even under good conditions it would



Councilmembers Nephew and Koppen, Mayor Rossbach, Councilmembers Llanas and Juenemann

be 2022 before anyone expects the transit system to be in operation. This is the time, however, for all of the major planning, and the commission is seeking input from all interested parties. If you wish to learn more, or be a part of the process, you can start by visiting the website at <http://thegatewaycorridor.com>.

- Mayor Will Rossbach

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## - Firefighters Continued from cover page



Due to the increase in the number of medical and police calls, our police paramedic program was struggling; it became more and more difficult for the police department to handle the dual roles. It was decided that the Fire Department would take over the majority of the paramedic

duties and hired more full-time firefighter/paramedics. Over the years it has become more difficult to hire and retain paid-per-call firefighters that matches the national trend in fire service. We also know that time changes everything and it is once again time to reevaluate our service delivery model.

In the beginning of 2010, a committee was formed to examine what the future of the Maplewood Fire Department should look like to meet the needs of our citizens. The committee consisted of two paid-per-call firefighters from each of the five stations, two full time firefighters and three administrative chiefs. After numerous meetings, reviewing countless amounts of data and looking at other service delivery options, the committee decided that the best way to take us into the future was to implement a new staffing model.

The new model operates with casual part-time firefighters/EMTs that sign up to work a minimum number of hours per month at one of three fire stations versus responding with paid-per-call firefighters from their home. We also evaluated where our call volume was and what stations needed to be staffed. After reviewing the data, it was determined that three staffed fire stations sufficiently cover the City into the future.

Currently, there are five fire stations in the City of Maplewood, two of which are staffed with the full-time firefighters; the remaining fire stations are staffed with paid-per-call firefighter/EMTs that respond from home when an emergency call comes in. In the plan, one station would be located in the northern end of the City, one in the middle of the City and a third located in the middle of the southern leg. By implementing these changes the Parkside station on McMenemy and the East County line station on Londin Lane will be closed. By reducing the number of trucks, amount of equipment, ongoing maintenance and operating expenses. These changes will assist the Maplewood Fire Department in becoming more sustainable and will allow us to continue to provide excellent service to our customers.

Today, the majority of the calls are handled by our full-time staff

17 hours per day. Seven hours per day or when multiple calls come in at one time, our paid-per-call staff are called out and respond to the fire station they are assigned to. When the paid-per-call staff are called out to respond, we are unsure as to how many paid-per-call personnel will show up to participate. It is anticipated with these proposed changes that the service level will remain the same or increase due to the staffing of three fire stations 24 hours per day.

For more information regarding the changes affecting the Maplewood Fire Department we will be hosting two open houses. One at station three (Mc Menemy Street) on Wednesday, January 19, 2011 at 6:30-8:00PM and the other at station four (Londin Lane) on Thursday, January 20, 2011 at 6:30-8:00PM. If you have questions regarding this information, please contact Steve Lukin at 651.249.2802 or [steve.lukin@ci.maplewood.mn.us](mailto:steve.lukin@ci.maplewood.mn.us) or Assistant Fire Chief Jungmann at 651.249.2822 or [bernard.jungmann@ci.maplewood.mn.us](mailto:bernard.jungmann@ci.maplewood.mn.us).

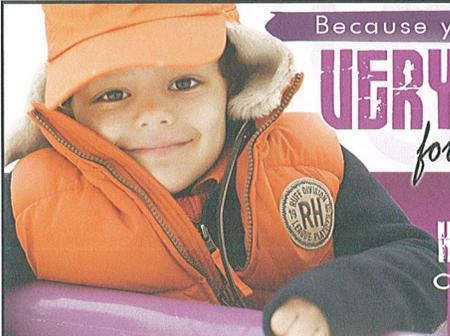
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The 2010 Election was filled with new laws and regulations including having the Primary Election held in August which included a Special City Election to fill the council member seat vacated by council-member Rossbach when he was elected to Mayor. On November 2nd and a beautiful fall day the city had a 62% percent turnout of registered voters for the General Election.

## Police Department

In 2010, the Police Department was dealt an unfathomable loss. On May 1, 2010, Sgt. Joe Bergeron was searching for two car-jacking suspects when he was approached by the pair on the Bruce Vento Trail in St. Paul and was shot and killed by one of the suspects. This suspect was later killed during a manhunt by St. Paul Police Officer David Longbehn. The other suspect later pled guilty and was sentenced to prison. Our thoughts are with Sgt. Bergeron's family and he is greatly missed.

In August of 2010, Officer Cabot Welchlin retired after nearly 25 years with the Maplewood Police Department and a lengthy law enforcement career. We thank him for his service and wish him well in his retirement. In 2010, the Department added 3 new officers, with another new officer anticipated in early 2011.

We also congratulate Sergeant Mike Nye on his promotion in 2010.

Although the final statistics are not yet in, crime in Maplewood has been down across the board year-to-date. This is due in part to the outstanding partnership between the police department and the community. The citizens are the eyes and ears of the police department and play a huge role in reporting crime to the police.

The Department is completing a project to expand the property and evidence room. Through Federal stimulus grants, a movable shelving system was purchased to expand our storage capacity. Stimulus grants also made it possible to expand the recording capabilities in the Department's interview rooms to utilize digital technology, and purchase an automated license plate reader system to help reduce the number of stolen vehicles in Maplewood and increase the number of recovered stolen vehicles. In 2011, the department will undertake the huge task of rewriting the entire policies and procedures manual. This task will also be funded through a grant and accomplished through the assistance of the Lexipol LLC, along with many other law enforcement agencies across the state.

## Finance Department

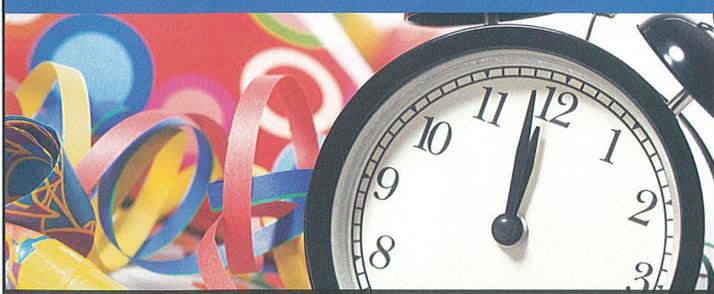
The mission statement for the Finance Department is to provide quality financial services and to maintain the City's financial health and stability. To accomplish this mission there are currently seven positions in the department, 5 full-time and 2 part-time. The number of staff hours has decreased over the past years while the workload has not. The proposed 2011 Budget for the Finance Department is \$781,480. Of this amount, \$580,780 (74%) is for wages and benefits.

The department has experienced some key position changes during 2010; the Finance Director and Assistant Finance Director positions were vacated. Gayle Bauman was re-hired (she was formerly Assistant Finance Director until February 2007) as the new Finance Manager in May 2010 and a new Assistant Finance Manager started in late November 2010. The Finance Manager spent the first 10 weeks on the job completing the audit for 2009 and getting reoriented with the people, processes and software packages. The goal for Finance in 2011 is a much smoother audit experience.

The Capital Improvement Plan was adopted by the City Council on July 26, 2010. It is staffs goal to complete next years' CIP earlier in 2011 without contracting for external assistance.

For the 2011 Budget, staff worked with the council in determining where their priorities lay and what they wanted to see in the document. The 2012 budget document will incorporate changes in both process and appearance to make it less labor intensive and more user friendly. In another cost-saving approach, more

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employees are being added to the computerized Time Sheet software program. This process had been put on hold the last few years.

In 2011, the Finance Department plans to bring back the procedure of distributing monthly financial information to council members and department heads. In addition, the monthly and annual cash forecasting procedure was stopped in 2007. This needs to be re-established to assist with the City's cash management. Finally, Finance staff will need to work with our investment advisors and reestablish procedures for investing the City's reserve funds. With interest rates very low right now, the revenue stream has been minimal. The goal for 2011 is to increase interest earnings on these reserve funds.

### HR/Labor Relations

The year started with the HR Department providing in-house training for Supervisors on performing annual and/or performance reviews. The Department also upgraded the City's Personnel Policies in 2010. The tragic death of Sgt. Joe Bergeron on May 1, 2010 raised a number of new and unique HR and collective bargaining issues which the Department had to address to resolve some difficult statutory interpretation and benefits issues. Negotiation and implementation of Memorandums of Understandings (MOU's) continued throughout the year based on issues such as contract interpretations. Informal and formal handling of complaints and grievances also continued throughout the year.

The Department facilitated the hiring of 13 new employees during the year and also the termination/separation from employment of 11 employees. Additionally, the Department assisted with the promotion process for 3 employees in 2010. The Department also continued to perform investigations with regard to complaints of harassment or other violations of policy, as well as background investigations required as part of the hiring process. Due to budget constraints, the Department also facilitated implementation of another year of our Mandatory Leave Program and that program is currently in place and successfully operating for 2010.

Finally, the Department worked with City Management and the various bargaining groups in negotiating the labor contracts for the City. In 2010, for the first time in Maplewood, the Department worked with six of the seven groups together in "global negotiations" and successfully negotiated cost-of-living increases and contribution to insurance. The Department was appreciative as it saved time and allowed the negotiations to proceed smoothly and efficiently.

### Community and Economic Development

During 2010 development activities were limited due to the economic recession. There were three major developments during

the year that the planning and building staff worked extensively on to achieve improvement: The Shores of Lake Phalen (a 104 unit senior housing development) on the site of The Tourist Cabins at Frost Avenue and East Shore Drive; a new Goodwill facility along White Bear Avenue, south of County Road C; and a new transit parking ramp near Maplewood Mall for Metropolitan Transit at Southlawn and Beam Avenue. In addition, building officials remained busy with various new and remodeling projects through Maplewood, with some extended inspections on a busy 3M Campus. In between reviewing development proposals, the Community Development staff continued the expanded effort to enforce codes for property violations. Finally, our staff spent time updating a number of ordinances, including the creation of a new sign ordinance.

Our environmental group accomplished a number of goals during 2010, including the adoption of the recommendations from the Fish Creek Natural Greenway Ad-Hoc Commission. Those recommendations provided guidance for property in the far southern section of Maplewood and required ordinance revisions and a number of hearings. In addition, our staff lead an effort to update a contract for the city-wide Recycling Services which resulted in a new contract with Tennis Sanitation beginning in January 2011.

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### Citizen Forum Update for 2011

The Citizen Forum will take a different direction in 2011 hopefully to illicit more participation from our citizens. The forum which was previously held monthly will now be held 4 times a year. Mayor Rossbach will attend each forum along with at least one councilmember. The gatherings will be more like a town hall type of setting where specific topics of regional or city-wide interests will be discussed and will be held in different venues in the city.

The first meeting will be held at city hall on Saturday, February 5 from 10:00AM to noon. For more information visit the city website or calling 651.249.2051.

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The advertisement features a colorful illustration of a woman in a green dress and a man in a suit dancing. The background is dark green with a pattern of small white flowers.

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In an effort to reduce the costs of city-wide services, staff will continue to work with the Environmental & Natural Resources Commission to review the city's trash hauling system.

Finally, 2011 looks to be another busy year for Community Development. We continue to transfer staff administration from a growth community to a redevelopment / maintenance community, as about 96% of Maplewood property is currently developed. The redevelopment of areas can be significantly more time intensive and potentially require City support and additional guidance. Our staff will be looking at updating plans for redevelopment in a number of areas of our community, including updating of the Master Plan for the Gladstone Area at English and Frost; enhancing business opportunities at English Street and Trunk Highway 36 when a new interchange is constructed in 2013-2014; providing a guide for redevelopment of our properties in the Hillcrest Area north of Larpenteur Avenue at White Bear Avenue.

## **Parks and Recreation**

The re-establishment of the Parks and Recreation Department in late 2010 was one of the seven goals the city council directed staff to implement in 2010. The Parks and Recreation Department now includes the Maplewood Community Center (MCC), Recreational Programming, Nature Center, and Parks and Preserves within Maplewood. In addition, Maplewood will be providing recreational services to the City of North St. Paul. The two cities adopted a Joint Powers Agreement which outlines cost-sharing. This new collaboration of services will result in enhanced recreation program services for everyone from preschool-aged children to seniors. Going forward, staff will be looking at the overall operations of the MCC and Parks and Recreation to best determine how to move ahead and best utilize the resources we have.

## **IT Department**

The IT Department had many exciting projects in 2010. Many of these were the improvement of internal systems and software that will provide City staff with additional efficiencies. However, we had a major project that benefits the public greatly. In January of 2010 we began streaming all City meetings live on our website. And that's not all. People also have the ability to watch any of the previous 18 months worth of meetings as well.

In 2011 we will continue to focus mainly on the support and improvement of our internal systems. In doing so we will provide staff with the reliability that they have come to expect and need when servicing our citizens. We will also be exploring the uploading of additional documents to our public document archive increasing our transparency.

## **Public Works**

Public Works looks forward to continuing to implement one of the City Council's top priorities, which is to complete the infrastructure upgrades throughout the City over the coming years. In 2011 the Western Hills Neighborhood is proposed for new and upgraded utilities in addition to new concrete curb and gutter and a brand new pavement section. Investment to replace deteriorating infrastructure helps revitalize these neighborhoods while also providing an opportunity to improve the quality of life by focusing on Living Streets concepts (i.e.... biking/walking, reducing runoff and pollutants, traffic calming, and improving the urban forest).

Also important for the department is implementing more sustainable practices in fleet and building operations, ice/snow control, and turf management. As an example, all of our snow plows have been retrofitted with the latest technology for efficient salt application. Preliminary results have already shown a substantial decrease in material usage... translating to a reduced amount of chlorides reaching sensitive water bodies.

## **Fire Department**

The fire department has had a very busy and challenging year. We added six new paid-per call firefighters but are still running short. The number of calls coming in has increased, at the same time it has been difficult to reach our goal of 5% reduction in response time. Read our article on the front page for an update on our new staffing model. We have made a significant change in our training program by combining our fire training with Oakdale and North St. Paul, which has enabled us to provide more hands on training and offer more and different times to complete the training to help fit into the firefighters' busy schedules.

With a lot of hard work from many people, we made it into the 2010 state bonding bill for the East Metro Public Safety Training Facility only to be cut by the governor.

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## **Commission Vacancy**

The City of Maplewood is now accepting applications to fill one vacancy on the City's Business & Economic Development Commission. This vacancy was created by a commissioner resigning before their term had ended. The individual appointed to this position will serve the remainder of that term. The City Council will interview candidates that apply and will appoint one to fill this vacancy. Applications can be picked up at the City Hall or found online on the City's website. The application deadline is January 21, 2011. Completed applications should be submitted to the City Manager's Office at 1830 County Road B E. For more information visit the city website.

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(We will be back in 2011 because this training facility is so badly needed to train firefighters, police officers and emergency management personnel). In 2011, our main goal will be to implement the new staffing program and make changes throughout the year to enhance the program to meet the needs of our customers as well as our firefighters. We will continue to train with Oakdale and North St. Paul and also work towards our goal of building the East Metro Public Safety Training Facility.

## Conclusion

This concludes my report, as you may have noticed some reports are a little bit longer than others. The reason being is that individual reports are written, not scripted by the individual department head. I believe in transparency in local government and I believe in telling it like it is; rather than sugar coating the information. In that vein, the coming year will require very tight budgeting and I shudder to think of what 2012 will be unless we have a robust economic recovery. But in the end, we will conduct business as usual as our Citizens and City Council have come to expect. On behalf of the Staff of the City of Maplewood I wish you a blessed and happy New Year.

## Single Sort Recycling



**RETHINK  
RECYCLING**

A new way of recycling is here in Maplewood- "single-sort" recycling. What does this mean for you? All recyclables go in one bin- no more sorting required. This "single sort" method of recycling should be more convenient and simpler than the current "dual sort" method which requires sorting

paper and cardboard from rigids (plastic, aluminum and tin cans). We will, however, continue to use the red recycling bins for curbside recycling. Wheeled carts will not be available.

You will also be able to recycle more materials in 2011 with the addition of egg cartons, plastics numbers 1 through 5 (this includes plastic containers for yogurt, margarine, sour cream etc.), plastic toys, motor oil bottles (drained), metal aerosol cans and household scrap metal (silverware, pots, pans etc.). Please do not recycle Styrofoam, plastic bags, window glass, ceramics, dishware, mirrors, light bulbs or any hazardous waste.

Look for the distinctive orange and white Tennis Sanitation truck in your neighborhood on your recycling/trash day. If you have any questions, you can call the city at 651.249.2406 or Tennis Sanitation at 651.459.1887.



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## On The Police Scanner

In November, the Maplewood Police Department responded to 2,100 calls for service.

17 Assault Cases	2 Robbery Case
22 Burglary Cases	114 Theft Cases
27 Auto Theft Cases	60 Theft from Vehicle Cases
38 Criminal Damage to Property Cases	

Officers also made 57 arrests for shoplifting and 10 arrests for DWI.

## COMING SOON...

to the Maplewood Community Center

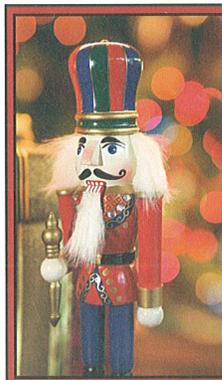
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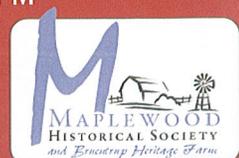
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## HOLIDAY TEA

*The Nutcracker*  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 16  
11:30AM & 2:30PM

Tickets: \$25  
(651) 776-1592



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# Youth Programs

Watch for Summer Day Camp information coming in the new recreation brochure this February!

## Karate

Unleash Your Child's Potential with the Power of Martial Arts! Each student receives the individual attention they deserve, ensuring success and helping them attain their highest personal potential. Taught by Mr. Welsh of The Edge Martial Arts. Cost is \$60.00 (\$45.00 for MCC members). **REGISTER FOR 3 MONTHS AND RECEIVE \$5.00 OFF EACH MONTH!** For more information, visit [www.maplewoodcommunitycenter.com](http://www.maplewoodcommunitycenter.com).

Lil' Dragons Program: MONDAYS, 5:15 - 5:45PM - AGES 4 TO 6  
Beginner: MONDAYS, 5:45 - 6:15PM - AGES 7+  
Advanced Beginner: MONDAYS, 6:15 - 7:00PM - Gold Belt+

## Cardio Hip Hop 101 (Ages 13+)

TUESDAYS, FEBRUARY 1 - MARCH 8, 6:30 - 7:30PM

What better way to get your workout in than with great music and dancing! In this program you will learn a variety of short dances to hip hop's newest music as well as some great old classics. This program will give you a high energy hour of cardio dance! The steps are easy to learn and you need no prior experience to enjoy this great program. Cost is \$48.00 or (\$30.00 for MCC members). Classes take place at the Maplewood Community Center. Call 651.249.2230 to register.



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## Everyday Etiquette (Ages 8-12)

WEDNESDAYS, JANUARY 12, 19, 26, FEBRUARY 2

6:00 - 7:00PM

Invest in your children's future with this social etiquette program that will empower them with indispensable life skills to help them excel in their future. Get the tools to make a good impression, table manners, successful conversation, being a good guest and host through learning respect, consideration and courtesy for others. A light snack is provided. Cost is \$50.00 or (\$40.00 for MCC members). Classes take place at the Maplewood Community Center. Call 651.249.2230 to register.

## Guitar Lessons (Ages 10+)

THURSDAYS, JANUARY 20 - FEBRUARY 24

(SEE TIMES BELOW)

If you always wanted to learn how to play guitar, here is your chance. Learn to play chords, your favorite songs and tune your guitar with easy to follow instruction! The Beginner class is designed for those who have not played before, Level 2 is for participants who have played before or have completed the Beginner level and Level 3 is for participants who have completed Level 2. Participants are required to bring their own guitar. Classes take place at the Maplewood Community Center. Cost is \$70.00 (\$60.00 for MCC members). Call 651.249.2230 to register.

Beginning 5:30 - 6:25PM

Level 2 6:30 - 7:25PM

Level 3 7:30 - 8:25PM

## Swim Lessons

REGISTRATION GOING ON NOW FOR WINTER SESSIONS

The Maplewood Community Center offers over 500 Red Cross Swim Lessons for all ages. The zero-depth entry leisure pool is kept at a comfortable 87 degrees which creates a warm environment for your family's swim lessons. Call 651.249.2230 or visit [www.maplewoodcommunitycenter.com](http://www.maplewoodcommunitycenter.com) to learn more.

## Swim-In Movie Event

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22 MOVIE: WALL-E

AT THE MAPLEWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER

FREE for MCC Members • Daily Admission for Non-Members

Flotation Fun starts at 5:00PM • Movie starts at 5:30PM

Have a splashing good time floating on a tube and watching a movie! Call 651.249.2230 for more information.

# Adult Programs

Watch for the new recreation brochure coming in February!

## Adult Dance (Ages 16+)

**TUESDAYS, JANUARY 25 - MARCH 1, 7:45 - 8:45PM**

**Ballroom Sampler:** Foxtrot, Swing, Rumba

This Sampler Class will cover many styles and tempos of music, for many dancing occasions. Find out how beneficial dancing can be for your social, mental, and physical health and how much fun it can be! Classes taught by instructors of Tropical Ballroom. Cost for couples is \$110.00 (\$85.00 for MCC members) and for individuals is \$65.00 (\$50.00 for MCC members). Call 651.249.2230 to register.

## Maplewood Nature Center

2659 East 7th Street, Maplewood

### Winter White Photography Workshop

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 22, 8:00 - 10:30AM**

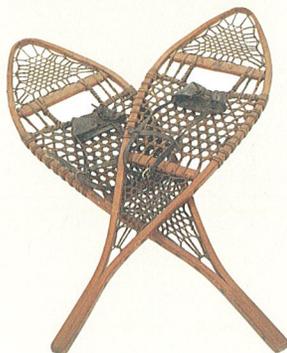
Sponsored by Friends of Maplewood Nature  
(Alternate weather back-up date of Feb. 5)

- Winter's brilliant light conditions and bold contrasts of light and shadows provide unique opportunities to create stunning images of snow and ice.
- Bring your own camera and tripod. Learn about photography clubs and discover Maplewood's other 13 natural areas.
- You may enter your best shots in the Friends of Maplewood Nature 2011 Calendar contest. There will be (11) \$25 prizes and one \$100 prize. Cost is \$10 per person. Call 651.249.2170 to prepay by January 18. Make checks payable to "Friends of Maplewood Nature". Free to members of "Friends of Maplewood Nature".

### Snowshoe Open House

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 8, 10:00 - 3:30PM**

- Snowshoe Rental Sizes available for ages 4 and up.
  - Try wooden or metal snowshoes (wooden snowshoes require 6 inches of snow). One or two sleds will be available for pulling young kids.
  - Instruction provided.
  - Wear winter boots.
  - Free hot chocolate.
- Fee: Snowshoe rental: \$5/pair.  
Drop-in program.



## Table Tennis

**SATURDAYS, JANUARY 22 - APRIL 2**

The MCC is offering an adult co-ed community league. A schedule of weekly pairings will be generated for the league participants. League members call and arrange a time to play each other for the week they are paired. Fee includes table usage and a package of 3-star balls. GO GREEN! Provide an email at time of registration to have the schedule and any updates emailed to you. Call 651.249.2230 to register by January 14. Cost is \$45.00 (\$30.00 for MCC members).

## Dodgeball League (Ages 18+)

**SUNDAYS, FEBRUARY 20 - APRIL 17**

**RECREATIONAL LEAGUE:** Play For Fun

**COMPETITIVE LEAGUE:** Play "The Best"

*Mandatory Team Manager Meeting: February 15, 6:00PM*

Join other people interested in experiencing the fun of a recreational dodgeball league in a structured and exciting environment! Each team must consist of 6-10 participants containing any combination of males or females. The league will be 8 weeks long with a 4 team playoff the 9th week. League champions will receive FREE entry to the next league. Schedules will be handed out at the team manager meeting. Games will be played between 1:00 - 7:00PM. Cost is \$300/TEAM and you must register by February 11. \*Please note whether you would like to sign up for the competitive league or recreational league\*

## CPR / AED And First Aid Classes

Cost is \$80 (\$60 for MCC members) Call 651.249.2230 to register.

### Adult and Child CPR/AED and Infant CPR

Saturday, February 12, 10:00AM - 5:00PM

### Child CPR/AED and Infant CPR with First Aid

Saturday, January 15, 10:00AM - 5:00PM

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**TUESDAYS, JAN 4-25, FEB 1-22, MAR 1-29, 5:30PM**

**WEDNESDAYS, JAN 5-26, FEB 2-23, MAR 2-30, 9:30AM**

**THURSDAYS, JAN 6-27, FEB 3-24, MAR 3-31, 5:30PM**

**SATURDAYS, JAN 8-29, FEB 5-26, MAR 5-26, 11:45AM**

Zumba is a Latin-dance inspired fitness sensation. Come see what all the hype is about. Warning: you may get hooked! Cost for 4-week sessions is \$32.00 (\$24.00 for MCC members). Cost for 5-week sessions is \$40.00 (\$32.00 for MCC members). Drop ins welcome! \$10.00 per class (\$8.00 for MCC members).



**WEDNESDAYS, JAN 5-26, FEB 2-23, MAR 2-30, 10:30AM**

Whether you're a beginner or just looking for a more low-key party, Zumba Gold is anything but your normal routine. Join the party! Cost for 4-week sessions is \$24.00 (\$16.00 for MCC members). Cost for 5-week sessions is \$32.00 (\$24.00 for MCC members). Drop ins welcome! \$7.00 per class (\$5.00 for MCC members).

## Make It HOTT! HIGH OCTANE TRAINING & TONING MONDAYS & THURSDAYS 10:30AM

**JANUARY 10 - FEBRUARY 17**

Kick your workout into high gear with HOTT!-A high intensity, athletic training that will help you **burn calories, overcome plateaus, and take your body to the next level.** Join Certified Personal Trainer LaDonna Holmberg for this concentrated, Boot-Camp based program which will have you **feeling and looking better than you thought possible.** Class takes place at the Maplewood Community Center in the Motion Zone. Call 651.249.2230 to register. Cost is \$120.00 (\$100.00 for MCC/NSP members.)



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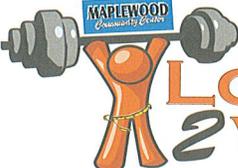
**MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS, JANUARY 10 - FEBRUARY 16  
4:30 - 5:30PM IN MOTION ZONE**

Join Certified Personal Trainer Sheila Heinrich at the Maplewood Community Center for FAST, a training program designed to work on all major demands of athletic training, no matter the sport. Enjoy all the benefits of working with a trainer at a lower cost. And have fun! Call 651.249.2230 to register. Cost is \$120.00 (\$100.00 for MCC/NSP Members). Upcoming session: February 28 - April 6



**THURSDAYS, JANUARY 13 - FEBRUARY 17, 6:00 - 7:00PM**

This workout has it all! With an emphasis on form and function, Boot Camp is designed to take your workout to a new level! Cost is \$48.00 (\$36.00 for MCC/NSP members). Call 651.249.2230 to register. Upcoming session: Mar 3 - April 7



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**6TH PLACE:** Nautilus Duffel Bag & MCC Sweatshirt

**7TH PLACE:** \$20 Walgreen's Gift Card

**8TH PLACE:** MCC Sweatshirt

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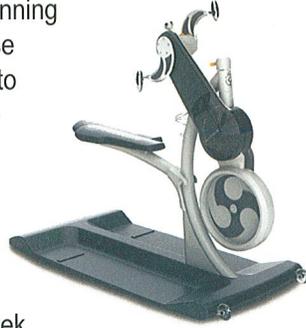




## Krank Fusion!

**MONDAY OR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9 & 11, 8:30AM**  
**TUESDAY OR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8 & 10, 7:30PM**

In this program, you will alternate between Spinning and Krankcycling®. Kranking is the first exercise program to focus on the upper body as a way to build cardio fitness. It represents a new way to burn calories, build aerobic endurance, upper body strength, and core stability. And it represents a unique cross-training opportunity for athletes of all styles. Classes are held in the Spinning Studio at the Maplewood Community Center. Cost is \$120.00 for a 4 week session (\$100.00 for MCC members). Maximum of 6 participants per class. Register online at [www.maplewoodcommunitycenter.com](http://www.maplewoodcommunitycenter.com) or by calling 651.249.2230.



## Krank It Up!

**MONDAY OR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7 & 9, 7:30PM**  
**TUESDAY OR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8 & 10, 8:30AM**

Come learn how to Spin the body's other half! The Krankcycle is another masterpiece by fitness guru Johnny G., whose stationary bicycles brought the spinning classes to gyms everywhere. Come find out how hard you can push yourself using just your upper body. And get more personalized attention from a certified Kranking instructor! Classes are held in the Spinning Studio at the Maplewood Community Center. Cost is \$120.00 for a 4 week session (\$100.00 for MCC members). Maximum of 3 participants per class. Register online at [www.maplewoodcommunitycenter.com](http://www.maplewoodcommunitycenter.com) or by calling 651.249.2230.

## Turbo Kick

**THURSDAYS, FEBRUARY 3 - MARCH 10, 7:30PM**

Turbo Kick® classes are designed around the word FUN! We use a sport specific athletic warm-up, an advanced cardio section, using intensity intervals of kickboxing drills and increased tempo "sprints", followed by work-recovery segments. One of the best parts about this class is THE MUSIC! Turbo has developed a recipe for the most motivating music on the planet and it is available only in Turbo Class. Join Certified Turbo Instructor Jess Campbell as you punch, kick and jab your way to a whole new you! Cost is \$48.00 (\$36.00 for MCC members). Class size is limited so register today online or by calling 651.249.2230. First 6 week session begins February 3.

## Kettle Bells

**TUESDAYS, FEBRUARY 1 - MARCH 8**

Kettle Bell training is one of the best ways to get a lean and well defined physique – FAST! The simple and functional design of the Kettle Bell allows you to perform explosive movements while developing tremendous strength and endurance. You will challenge all the muscles in your body, reduce fat quickly, build muscular strength and endurance, Increase flexibility, and boost your energy. Join Certified Hard Style Kettle Bell Instructor Heather Dayton in this incredible 6 week session starting February 1. Class size is limited to 12 participants so register today online or by calling 651.249.2230. Cost is \$72.00 (\$54.00 for MCC/NSP members). Class takes place at the Maplewood Community Center in the Motion Zone. Call 651.249.2230 to register.





Enjoy new fitness programs available at the North St. Paul Community Center in partnership with Maplewood Parks & Recreation. The North St. Paul Community Center is located at 2290 North First Street. Members of either Community Center can take advantage of special member rates by purchasing a fitness punch card available at the North St. Paul Community Center. For more information, call 651.747.2411.

**BootCamp** will help you get results! Shed stubborn body fat, lose inches and weight, lower blood pressure, have more energy and achieve your ultimate fitness goals with this total body meltdown! Workout with the support of a team and a professional certified personal trainer.

**Core Training** is an incomparable workout that zeros in on the core—abdominals and back muscles. All exercises will have a primary focus on the core; however, in an effort to work the entire body, other exercises may also be incorporated into the class including yoga, pilates, or strength training type exercises.

**KickBoxing** is high energy, non-stop intense cardio vascular exercise, but easy to follow. Jab, hook, kick, cross, and punch! You will work at aerobic and anaerobic thresholds. Heart rate monitors are recommended but not necessary.

**Forever Fit** offers low-impact aerobic exercise for active adults that want to improve their balance, coordination and all over fitness. It is perfect for any participant who desires an aerobic class that is lower impact, therefore, easier on the joints. Classes will keep music volume and beats at a lower level, but a high level of energy and fun.

**Pilates** promotes strength and balanced muscle development as well as flexibility and increased range of motion. Attention to core support and full-body fitness -- including the breath and the mind -- provide a level of integrative fitness that is hard to find in other formats and is why Pilates is so popular and effective.

**Strength** is the perfect class if you have reached a plateau in your fitness goals! This plateau may be due to a lack of resistance training. This class will get your heart rate up by working every major muscle group. Enjoy the benefits of resistance and weight training while in a fitness class setting. All levels welcome. You will start to see and feel results in no time at all.

**Senior Strength** is for the exercise beginner. Focus will be on very basic movement while increasing the strength of your joints, bones and muscles. If you have been hesitant to start a weightlifting program on your own, this class will help you build confidence.

**Spin 60 at the MCC** is a wonderful intense, non-impact instructor led exercise class performed on special stationary bikes. The workout simulates various biking adventures by continuously changing the bike's intensity and your riding position throughout the workout. The workout is fun and the time will race by. Be sure to arrive to class a minimum of ten minutes early your first time so the

instructor can set you up properly on a bike. Program is held in the Spin Studio at the Maplewood Community Center.

**Stability Sculpt** is specifically designed for beginners, special populations, and seniors. Chairs are used in this class for improved flexibility, strength, balance and stability along with bands, slomo balls, and light dumbbells.

**Stretch/Balance** is designed for men and women who feel they may be losing flexibility and balance. The class will focus on total body stretches to help increase range of movement and blood flow.

**Yoga** is the original mind/body fitness exercise that has been around for thousands of years. While working with the breath, the yoga poses and postures will improve flexibility, enhance circulation, build strength, increase energy and stamina, reduce stress and fatigue and increase an overall feeling of calmness, peace and serenity. This class is designed to accommodate all fitness levels.

**Yoga Light** is a lighter version of our yoga, focusing more on alignment, breath, and proper posture. This class is great for beginners, seniors, and special populations.

**Zumba** is a fusion of Latin and International music/dance with unique movement combinations to create a dynamic, exciting, total body workout that will tone and sculpt your body. Zumba uses principals of aerobic fitness, interval training, a combination of fast and slow rhythms and resistance training for maximum fat and calorie burn. All ages, skills and fitness levels are welcome.

**Jazzercise** is a 60-70 minute class that offers a blend of jazz dance and exercise science set to your favorite music. Easy to follow, fun choreography includes a gentle warm up, 30 minutes of aerobic workout, muscle toning and strengthening segment with weights and stretch finale. The punch cards do not apply to the Jazzercise classes. Contact Julie Anderson, Instructor, at 612.849.3163 for more information or for payment options.

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
9:30am	5:45am 9:30am	9:30am	5:45am 9:30am	9:30am	9am	10:30am
6pm	6pm	6pm	5 pm	X	X	X

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6 Months	\$45	\$50

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>BootCamp</b> 5:45am-6:30am Gym		<b>BootCamp</b> 5:45am-6:30am Gym		<b>BootCamp</b> 5:45am-6:30am Gym	
	<b>Yoga Light</b> 7:00am-7:45am Fireside Room				
					<b>KickBoxing</b> 8:00am-8:45am Gym
<b>Forever Fit</b> 8:00am-9:00am Gym		<b>Forever Fit</b> 8:00am-9:00am Gym			<b>Yoga</b> 9:00am-9:45am Northwood Room
<b>Senior Strength</b> 9:15am-10:00am Gym		<b>Senior Strength</b> 9:15am-10:00am Gym			<b>Zumba</b> 10:15am-11:15am Gym
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	<b>Spin 60</b> 4:40pm-5:40pm MCC Spin Studio				
<b>KickBoxing</b> 4:40pm-5:25pm Gym	<b>BootCamp</b> 4:40pm-5:25pm Gym	<b>Core Training</b> 4:40pm-5:25pm Gym			
			<b>Zumba</b> 6:15pm-7:15pm Fireside Room		
		<b>Yoga</b> 7:00pm-8:00pm Fireside Room	<b>Spin 60</b> 6:30pm-7:30pm MCC Spin Studio		
<b>Fitness Punch Pass required for all classes.</b> Available in 5, 10 and 20 visits. Classes, instructors and room subject to change. Unless noted, all classes held at the NSP Community Center . Schedule begins 01/02/11.					<b>Senior Fitness Classes</b>

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### Cure Cabin Fever At The Maplewood Camping & Outdoors Expo

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FREE ADMISSION!**

Cure cabin fever and get geared up for all your favorite outdoor activities with Maplewood's Camping and Outdoor Expo on Saturday, February 19, from 10:00AM – 4:00PM. This fun for all ages event will be held at the Maplewood Community Center, 2100 White Bear Avenue, and will offer something for everyone! Visit with vendors and industry experts about biking, fishing, water sports and travel. Or participate in one of our many on-site activities.

Take part in our snow shoe obstacle course with the Maplewood Nature Center. Or learn how to perfect your trout recipe with Star Prairie Trout Farm. Star Prairie will not only be offering tips and tricks for perfecting your next fish fry, they will also be sharing delicious samples of their famous trout dip mix. And don't miss your opportunity to experience a dog-sled ride! Available from 11:00AM

– 3:00PM, dog sled rides are \$5.00 per person. Before you leave don't forget to stop by the WCCO booth and meet meteorologist and outdoor enthusiast Mike Lynch.

Activities will also be available for the youngest members of your camping crew. Youth will have the opportunity to learn about animal track printing, participate in a tub cast sponsored by Cabela's and more!

To catch all this and more gather your friends and family and head down to the Maplewood Community Center for this FREE and FUN outdoor-centered event. Call 651.249.2230 for more information.

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APR 21, 22, 23	NOV 25, 26, 27
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# Maplewood Monthly

March 2011 City Newsletter

## Save The Date

- **Senior Wellness Expo**  
Thursday, May 12, 10AM-2PM  
at Maplewood Community Center
- **Scrap-a-thon**  
Friday, May 20, 7PM-6AM  
at the Maplewood Community Center
- **Go! (Get Outdoors)**  
Saturday, June 11, 9:00AM  
at the Maplewood Community  
Center & Parks

City Council to consider  
organized trash collection  
Monday, March 29, 7:00PM  
in the council chambers (p. 6)

## Easter Eggstravaganza

**SATURDAY, April 16, 10:00AM (Egg hunt 11:00AM)  
at Edgerton Community Gym**

1929 Edgerton Street in Maplewood  
Experience the best egg hunt around! The City of Maplewood is teaming up with Perkins Restaurant to offer a pancake bar that comes complete with chocolate chips, cherries, whip cream, syrup, sprinkles, and of course, pancakes. After you enjoy a delicious breakfast, visit the famous Easter Bunny and hunt for colorful eggs on the grounds outside at Edgerton Gym. Children will be divided into two age groups and will be hunting for wrapped candy and plastic eggs, some which may be redeemed for great prizes (including Perkins gift certificates!) Bags of goodies will be available for children under 2 years of age. Don't forget your camera! Cost is \$5.00 per child. Register today by calling 651.249.2230 and join the fun.



## Spring Clean Up

**SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 8:00AM - 1:00PM**  
in the Aldrich Arena Parking Lot, 1850 White Bear Ave.



Maplewood residents, with proof of residency, will be able to dispose of appliances, tires, construction debris, furniture, car parts, scrap metal, other assorted junk, and all electronic equipment such as televisions, computers, monitors and cell phones. **No brush or tree waste will be accepted.**

### HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE- NO CHARGE

In conjunction with Maplewood's Spring Clean-up day, Ramsey County will be collecting household hazardous waste including oil, antifreeze, paint, fluorescent and compact fluorescent bulbs, and other hazardous waste items.

For more information, visit [www.co.ramsey.mn.us/ph/hw/index.htm](http://www.co.ramsey.mn.us/ph/hw/index.htm) or call 651.633.EASY (3279)- now answered 24/7.

### FURNITURE COLLECTION BY BRIDGING- NO CHARGE

A non-profit organization called BRIDGING will be on site to collect REUSABLE furniture and house wares which will be redistributed free of charge to families in need. BRIDGING accepts mattresses and box springs in good condition only, quality used furniture and cookware. BRIDGING asks that all donations be free of rips, stains, pet hair and be in good working condition. For more information, visit [www.bridging.org](http://www.bridging.org).

### MATTRESS COLLECTION BY PROJECT for PRIDE IN LIVING- NO CHARGE

PROJECT for PRIDE IN LIVING is a non-profit organization that recycles mattresses, box springs, sleeper sofas, futons and water beds that are NOT REUSABLE, and would not be taken by BRIDGING.

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# City of Maplewood Elected Officials

Will Rossbach: Mayor 651.484.5427  
 Kathleen Juenemann: Councilmember 651.771.3670  
 James Llanas: Councilmember 651.488.2745  
 John Nephew: Councilmember 651.776.5963  
 Marvin Koppen: Councilmember 651.770.5391  
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## Frequently Called Numbers

### Maplewood City Hall

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

### Maplewood Community Center

Registration 651.249.2230  
 Customer Service 651.249.2230  
 Admissions 651.249.2210  
 Theater/Banquet Room Rental 651.249.2103  
 Group Information 651.249.2203  
 Birthday Parties 651.249.2203  
 Aquatics 651.249.2206  
 Child Care 651.249.2218  
 Fitness 651.249.2207

### Maplewood Recreation

General Information 651.249.2007

### Maplewood Nature Center

General Information 651.249.2170

### Code Enforcement

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



### Make A Statement In Your Community!

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 Hwy. 36 & White Bear Ave., (651) 770-3826  
 Director: Debbie Wells  
[www.NewHorizonAcademy.net](http://www.NewHorizonAcademy.net)

Join us at our Open House March 22

## Maplewood Meeting Schedule

Business & Economic Development Commission:  
 Thursday, March 24 at 5:15PM  
 City Council: Monday, March 14 & 28 at 7:00PM  
 City Council Wksp: Monday, March 7 at 5:00PM  
 Community Design Review Board: Tuesday, March 22 at 6:00PM  
 Environmental & Natural Resource Commission: Monday, March 21 at 7:00PM  
 Heritage Preservation Commission: Thursday, March 17 at 7:00PM  
 Housing & Redevelopment Authority: Wednesday, March 9 at 7:00PM  
 Human Rights Commission: Tuesday, March 8 at 7:00PM  
 Parks & Recreation Commission: Wednesday, March 16 at 7:00PM  
 Planning Commission: Tuesday, March 1 & 15 at 7:00PM  
 Town Hall Meeting: Saturday, May 7 at 7:00PM

All City Council and Commission meetings are broadcast live on Channel 16 and are rebroadcast on a schedule that is posted at [www.ci.maplewood.mn.us](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us). \* Any meeting cancellations are posted on the City's website.

\*Meetings are also streamed live on the City's website.

## Celebrate Earth Day with Hazel Ridge

Join us in community service and help clean Hazelwood Park.

Saturday, April 9th  
 10:00 am-11:30 am

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## Announcing Possible Routes

The Gateway Corridor is currently undergoing an 18-month Alternatives Analysis Study that will determine the best transit mode and route in the corridor. The area under review extends along Interstate 94 from downtown Minneapolis through St. Paul and east to Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

The study group has reviewed approximately 20 possible transit routes and will reduce the number of routes for further review. The new possible routes, as well as mode analysis will be presented at open houses in February.

Residents are encouraged to ask questions and give feedback at the open houses, which will help guide the overall recommendations of transit routes and modes. For more information about the Gateway Corridor, visit [www.thegatewaycorridor.com](http://www.thegatewaycorridor.com).

## Recycling Reminders

The transition from dual sort recycling to single stream recycling by Tennis Sanitation appears to be going smoothly with only minor inconveniences reported. Some residents may have experienced a missed pickup. Remember, it is important to have your recyclables at the curb by 7:00AM since the routes on your recycling day may have changed. You should expect an earlier pick up time than what you were used to with Eureka Recycling.

The recycling flyer that you got in the mail from Tennis Sanitation instructed you to place your recyclables LOOSELY in the recycling bin, and to not bag recyclables. Loosely in the bin means not in plastic bags. If your bin is full, you can, however, use a paper bag for your additional recyclables.

Also remember that Tennis Sanitation is collecting more material, including plastics with recycling symbols #1 through #5 and #7's (which include containers such as yogurt and clear plastic take out containers), metal aerosol cans, household scrap metal (silverware, pots and pans), drained motor oil bottles, and flower and shrub containers. If your red Maplewood recycling bin is no longer useable, that too can now be recycled along with your plastic big wheel bicycle. For more information, call Tennis Sanitation at 1.459.1887 or Maplewood Public Works at 651.249.2400.

## Pride Of Maplewood Award



Paul Everson, Fire Medic Captain (left)  
Fire Chief Steve Lukin (right)

Congratulations to Paul Everson for being nominated for the Pride of Maplewood Award by his co-workers. Paul joined the Maplewood Fire Department as a paid-per-call firefighter 1987. In 1993, Paul also became a full-time police paramedic for Maplewood Police. In 2005, the Fire Department took over the

paramedic program and Paul moved from a paid-per-call firefighter and police medic to a full-time Maplewood firefighter/paramedic. He also was promoted to captain in 2008. Even while off duty, Captain Everson takes his dedication to the City of Maplewood very seriously. Recently while working out, off shift, Paul assisted in resuscitation efforts for a fellow citizen who suffered a sudden cardiac arrest while lifting weights. Wasting no time, Paul began high quality CPR until an AED arrived. After administering two shocks, Paul again began high quality CPR until fellow paramedics arrived. At last report, this patient is still alive at a local hospital.

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The city of Maplewood is in the process of forming a Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Program. Beyond the Yellow Ribbon is a program that provides services and support to service members, military families and employers through a unity of effort across Minnesota communities. As a Yellow Ribbon Community we will help our service members and military families by creating awareness and support

by providing information and resources to them.



Councilmembers Nephew and Koppen, Mayor Rossbach, Councilmembers Llanas and Juenemann

Our focus is two-fold:

- 1) find the military families and service members in our community and
- 2) identify the needs of these families and service members.

Since 9/11, thousands of Minnesotans have served our country. By developing a Yellow Ribbon Network, communities unite to honor and embrace those affected by military deployments. The outward showing of support enables successful transition all the way home. The community's effort transcends the military to any group in need and builds a stronger, more compassionate community.

Volunteers are still needed to help get the Maplewood Beyond the Yellow Ribbon program up and running. For additional information on meetings and how you can get involved, visit the city website at [www.ci.maplewood.mn.us](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us) or [www.beyondtheyellowribbon.org](http://www.beyondtheyellowribbon.org).

- Councilmember Marv Koppen

## Spring Clean Up Continued From Cover

So, keep these items out of your trash by bringing them to our spring event. For more information, visit [www.pplindustries.org](http://www.pplindustries.org).

### RECYCLE THAT BICYCLE- NO CHARGE

Bicycles in ANY CONDITION will be collected once again by Re-Cycle, a used bicycle shop. Many of the bicycles will be restored and returned to the road for reuse. For more information, visit [www.re-cycle.com](http://www.re-cycle.com).

### FOOD DRIVE FOR SECOND HARVEST HEARTLAND FOOD BANK

In conjunction with this event, Maplewood will be sponsoring a food drive for the Second Harvest Heartland Food Bank. For more information, visit [www.2harvest.org](http://www.2harvest.org).

### COLLECTION FEES (CASH OR CHECK ONLY)

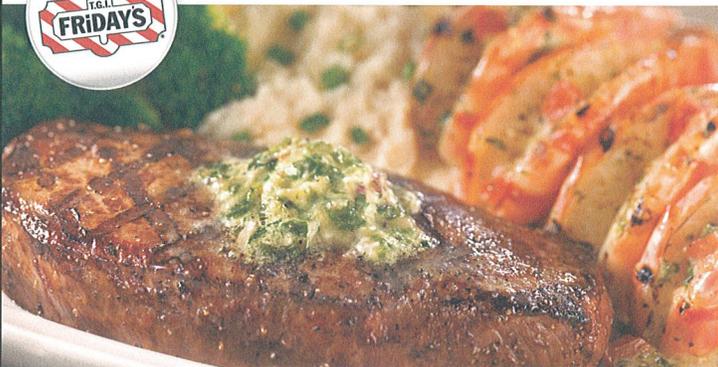
TYPE OF LOAD		E-WASTE	
Cars without a trailer	\$15	Televisions	\$10
Cars with a trailer	\$20	Computer/Monitor	\$15
Pickup Trucks	\$20	Printers	\$5
Large loads	\$50 plus	DVD/VCR	\$10

### INDIVIDUAL ITEMS

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## Deer Population High in Maplewood



In January 2011, Ramsey County did an aerial survey of deer and counted 297 deer in Maplewood, an increase from 237 deer in 2010. Deer don't stay in one location so the count is simply a snapshot of how many deer are in a particular location when count is done. The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources recommends a maximum of 15-20 deer per square mile of habitat in urban areas. Some areas in Maplewood greatly exceed this. Overabundance of deer can lead to excessive damage to vegetation and to a high number of deer-car collisions.

Maplewood ordinance prohibits feeding deer (City Code section 10-471-475). The ordinance states that it is illegal to put grain, fodder, salt licks, or food (including bird feed) on the ground, or within four feet of ground, unless it is screened to prevent deer from accessing it. The ban on feeding deer was instituted to:

- 1) help reduce the high deer population; and
- 2) help prevent excessive browsing and damaging of vegetation along the trails deer use to access feeding stations.

Maplewood partners with Metro Bowhunters Resource Base (MBRB) to conduct archery deer hunts in fall. In fall 2010, MBRB removed 13 deer from the Priory Neighborhood Preserve and, in partnership with Ramsey County, MBRB took 14 deer from Battle Creek Regional Park. Fall 2010 was the first time an archery hunt was done in the Kohlman Lake neighborhood. Little Canada coordinated archery hunts on several parcels in this neighborhood, including Maplewood's Hidden Marsh Neighborhood Preserve. 52 deer were removed from the Kohlman Lake area.

The January 2011 deer survey shows that even with the fall 2010 removals, the areas hunted still have too many deer for the available habitat. Maplewood staff are reviewing the survey data with Ramsey County and adjacent cities to develop deer management plans for 2011. For more information on the deer survey, visit the county website at [www.co.ramsey.mn.us/parks/NaturalResources](http://www.co.ramsey.mn.us/parks/NaturalResources).

## Now Accepting Applications For Commission Vacancies

The City of Maplewood is now accepting applications to fill vacancies on city commissions and boards. These vacancies are created by resignations and current terms expiring this spring. The City Council interviews candidates and appoints individuals to commissions and boards.

The City is currently accepting applications for the following commissions and boards: 1 seat on the Community Design Review Board; 3 seats on the Heritage Preservation Commission; 1 seat on the Housing Redevelopment Authority. There is also 1 seat on the Business & Economic Development Commission; this is a vacancy created by a resignation, so the individual appointed to this commission would serve the remainder of that term. There are also 4 seats on the Park & Recreation Commission, one of which is a vacancy created by a resignation, therefore the individual assigned to that position will serve the remainder of that term. The Park & Recreation Commission would like to encourage individuals with a background in community wellness and/or public health to apply for the one of these openings. More information on each these commissions can be found on the city website [www.ci.maplewood.mn.us](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us).

Completed applications should be submitted to the City Manager's Office at 1830 County Road B E, Maplewood, MN 55109. Applications can be picked up at the City Hall front desk or online. The application deadline is March 18, 2011.

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## Revitalization Of Maplewood's Infrastructure

By Michael Thompson, P.E.

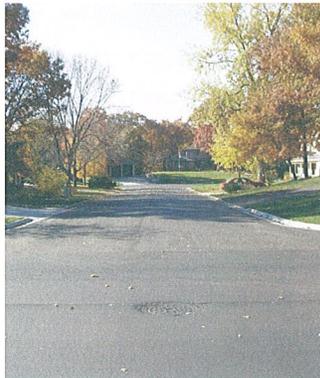
City Engineer / Dep. Director of Public Works

The city's public infrastructure approaches \$200 million consisting of streets, utilities, parks, and lift stations among many others. Over the past 10 years the city has made great strides in updating its infrastructure system through capital investment and partnerships with other agencies. Capital investment helps revitalize neighborhoods and improves quality of life whether it is by improving the street condition, minimizing the potential for sewer backups, improving water quality runoff or strengthening the parks system. The following are a few examples:

**Reconstructed Streets** – With underinvestment in the city's street network in the 1980's and 1990's, the 2000's has been very busy fixing older neighborhoods. The Street Reconstruction Program in the past decade has been extremely successful resulting in 50 miles of newly reconstructed local neighborhood and collector streets. The city is now turning the corner with 63% of the city's 135 miles of local streets now ranking at or above an acceptable level. To meet goals established by the City Council the Street Reconstruction Program is planned to continue into future years to repair and replace deteriorating streets. Also, in keeping with active living and quality of life concepts the city will be working towards adopting a "Living Streets" policy approach to street reconstruction in 2011. This is very similar to "Complete Streets" but in addition to focusing on improved pedestrian and bike ways, the policy hopes to create more sustainable and livable neighborhoods by employing traffic calming measures, expanding the raingarden program, and improving the urban forest.



Old Deteriorating Streets



Newly Reconstructed Street with Curb/Gutter and Storm Sewer

past five years 3 aging lift stations have been rebuilt and upgraded. A number of repairs to the sewer main have been made in addition to lining poor sections of the sewer main to ensure stability and reliability to prevent backups.

Note: If you suspect a sewer blockage outside of your house, contact the Public Works Department at 651.249.2400 (or call Maplewood Police at 651.777.8191 after normal business hours). Our utility department will check the sewer main through a manhole to determine if there is a blockage. If there is no problem in the street, the blockage is probably between the house and sewer main. Tree-root invasion, at the old style clay pipe, is a common problem where mature trees exist. If there is a blockage in the sewer service it is the homeowner's responsibility. Typically when a company cleans the service line, tree roots and sewage is pushed into the sewer main creating a potential for backups that could affect other homeowners. Therefore we request that you notify Public Works prior to service cleaning so we can ensure the main stays clear of debris. In rare cases gas mains have been found to penetrate sewer services during installation in the metro area. It is important that the plumber televise the line before any cleaning. Call Xcel Energy at 1.800.895.2999 if a plumbing professional determines the blockage is caused by a g line.

### Storm Drainage Conveyance and Treatment – Street



Rain Garden - Sandhurst Ave

reconstruction projects provide the opportunity to build catch basins and underground conveyance pipes. This helps capture and properly transport runoff in order to eliminate localized or regional flooding problems. The city continues to be very proactive in reducing runoff volume and pollutants through the use of rain gardens, ponds, and underground infiltration techniques. This not only helps the city meet its permit requirement but also helps clean up our lakes

and wetlands. Nationally, Maplewood continues to be a leader in its rain garden program with the installation of 620 residential maintained gardens and over 60 larger regional city maintained gardens. Everyone can also help keep our water bodies clear of pollutants by calling the Public Works Department at 651-249-2400 to report illicit discharges, such as, but not limited to paint, pesticides, or concrete washout water illegally being dumped into the storm drainage system.

**Sanitary Sewer System** – The city has 155 miles of sanitary sewer pipe and 9 lift stations that help transport sewage. Over the

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-Revitalization of Maplewood continued from page 5

**Parks** – Two new parks were recently built by the public works maintenance crew; Mississippi Park located near the intersection of Mississippi Street and County Rd B, and Legacy Pines Park in Legacy Village off of Kennard Street just north of Legacy Parkway. Updates to existing parks such as the new ball field lights,



Mississippi Park Construction

fencing, and backstops at Goodrich Park have been completed in addition to recent tennis court surface replacements at Four Seasons and Maplecrest Parks. Some may have noticed pedestrian trail overlays at Harvest, Maplewood Heights, and Kohlman Parks. Another great addition for recreation is the new picnic shelter and pier installed at Wakefield Park. The new Joy Park pier, parking lot, trails, and restoration work have also been enjoyed by many. There are still many needs in the park system with upgrades of playground equipment needed at five parks. Identifying funding and partnering with other agencies continues to be a priority.

**Bridges** – The city oversees five bridges that carry roadway traffic. These bridges are inspected on a regular basis to determine if improvements or replacement is warranted. The Frost Avenue over the Keller Lake Channel and the Sterling Street Bridge in south Maplewood both have been identified for upgrades. This year the Frost Avenue Bridge, which was built in 1930, will be replaced and special attention has been given to the design to match the historical character of the structure. This was accomplished by working closely with the city commissions, boards, and council in order to make design and visual quality selections. A rendering of the new design can be found on the city's website under the "Projects" tab. The Sterling Street Bridge is currently identified for replacement in 2015 according to the bridge replacement program adopted by the council in May of 2010.

In conclusion Maplewood is making great strides towards revitalizing its system of infrastructure and those benefits are being realized throughout numerous neighborhoods and commercial corridors. The Public Works Department will continue to work to address concerns of the citizens and welcome your input. Please contact us anytime at 651.249.2400.

## Council To Consider Organized Trash Collection -Public Hearing on March 28, 7:00PM



Over the last year the Maplewood City Council has been studying and taking public comment and feedback on the city's trash

collection system. Maplewood has an open trash collection system with nine residential trash companies licensed in the city in 2011. Maplewood has an organized recycling collection system with one recycling company servicing all residents in Maplewood.

During the studies the city council has found that there are a number of long-term benefits that might result in an organized system. Benefits include greater efficiency, competitive bidding, control or limit of annual rate increases, more rate options for a wider range of container sizes, reduction in vehicle emissions and fuel consumption, reduced noise, increased safety, longer life for our city streets, reduced illegal dumping, reduced litter and increased aesthetics. All of these benefits will result in lower rates, less noise and truck traffic, less environmental damage, and streets that do not need to be repaired or replaced as frequently. This means a savings for all taxpayers in the short and long term.

The city council has scheduled a public hearing to adopt a resolution of intent to organize on March 28 at 7:00PM. This is the first step in a long statutory process a city must follow when formally reviewing organized trash collection systems. The city is committed to informing and educating the public on the pros and cons of an open trash hauling system versus an organized system. To learn more, [www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/trash](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/trash), or call 651.249.2304 or email [shann.finwall@ci.maplewood.mn.us](mailto:shann.finwall@ci.maplewood.mn.us).

### On The Police Scanner

In January, the Maplewood Police Department responded to 1,820 calls for service.

9 Assault Cases	5 Robbery Case
18 Burglary Cases	91 Theft Cases
10 Auto Theft Cases	42 Theft from Vehicle Cases
40 Criminal Damage to Property Cases	

Officers also made 39 arrests for shoplifting and 8 arrests for DWI.

At its first meeting of the year the City Council officially makes annual appointments to boards, commissions and organizations of which the City is a member and to those who serve at the pleasure of the Council. The following appointments were made for 2011.

## 2011 City Council Appointments

2011 Appointments		2011 Appointments	
Acting Mayor	James Llanas	Joint Ice Arena Board	Marv Koppen James Llanas
800 MHz Representative	Kathleen Juenemann James Llanas (Alternate)	Maplewood Green Team (Monthly as Needed)	Kathleen Juenemann Shann Finwall (Staff Liaison)
Auditor Contact	John Nephew Will Rossbach (Alternate)	Municipal Legislative Commission (Monthly Wednesday 11:30AM-1:00PM)	James Antonen Kathleen Juenemann (Alternate)
Business & Economic Dev. Advisory Commission (4th Thursday 5:15PM)	James Llanas Mike Martin (Staff Liaison)	Official Newspaper	Maplewood Review Pioneer Press (Alternate)
Community Design Review Board (4th Tuesday 6:00PM)	Marv Koppen Mike Martin (Staff Liaison)	Parks & Recreation Comm. (3rd Wednesday 7:00PM)	Will Rossbach DuWayne Konewko (Staff Liaison) Jim Taylor/Audra Robbins (Staff Liaison)
Data Compliance Officers: Responsible Authority City Personnel Officer City Law Enforcement Officer	Karen Guilfoile Terrie Rameaux David Thomalla	The Partnership	James Llanas Dave Kvam (Staff Liaison)
Environment & Natural Resources Commission (3rd Monday 7:00PM)	Kathleen Juenemann Shann Finwall (Staff Liaison)	Planning Commission (1st & 3rd Tuesday 7:00PM)	John Nephew Tom Ekstrand (Staff Liaison)
Fire Relief Association Relief By-Laws require Mayor to be member of the Board	Will Rossbach Gayle Bauman (Staff Liaison)	Police Civil Service Commission (Meets as Needed)	Kathleen Juenemann Terrie Rameaux (Staff Liaison)
Gateway Corridor Group	Will Rossbach Chuck Ahl (Alternate)	Ramsey County League of Local Governments	Will Rossbach Marv Koppen (Alternate)
Heritage Preservation Comm. (3rd Thursday 7:00PM)	Marv Koppen David Fisher (Staff Liaison)	Ramsey/Washington Suburban Cable Commission	Kim Facile John Nephew (Alternate)
Housing & Redevelopment Auth. (2nd Wednesday 7:00PM)	James Llanas Tom Ekstrand (Staff Liaison)	Regional Mayors	Will Rossbach
Human Rights Commission (2nd Tuesday 7:00PM)	James Llanas Karen Guilfoile (Staff Liaison) Chuck Bethel (Staff Liaison)	Rush Line Corridor	Will Rossbach Chuck Ahl (Staff Liaison)
		Suburban Area Chamber of Commerce	James Antonen Karen Guilfoile (Alternate)
		Suburban Rate Authority (Scheduled first month of each quarter)	John Nephew
		St. Paul Water Utility	No Representative Required
		Transportation Advisory Board	Will Rossbach



### Annual Spring Parks Clean-up on April 9

Park commissioners invite you to join the crowd and find a Maplewood Park or open space to clean up! Team up with your friends, neighbors or your league players and show your "Clean up spirit" by creating a unique team t-shirt – or wear your team league shirt. Supplies can be picked up (trash bags, plastic gloves, snack and beverage) on Saturday, April 9, between 8:00-10:00AM at Maplewood Nature Center, 2659 East 7th Street. Park clean-up will take place anytime on April 9 or 10. Call or e-mail the Maplewood Parks and Recreation Department at 651.249.2007 or [faith.thomforde@ci.maplewoodmn.us](mailto:faith.thomforde@ci.maplewoodmn.us) to register your group for a park to clean-up by April 8. All groups may enter their names to win a fantastic door prize.

## Energy Star Homes: A Great Idea And A Growing Trend

By Erin Mathe, Xcel Energy



Energy Star Home Built by Cardinal Homebuilders, Inc.

Now you've heard of ENERGY STAR appliances – those high efficiency things like refrigerators and clothes washers that use less water and energy and ultimately save you money, right? But did you know an entire home can be built from the ground up with energy efficiency in mind?

ENERGY STAR homes are on the rise in Maplewood and across the Twin Cities. The reason? Consumers are getting smart about going green.

According to ENERGY STAR, by the end of the decade, more than 2 million homes are expected to earn the ENERGY STAR. In Minnesota, more than 2,000 homes have qualified since 2004.

Xcel Energy works with hundreds of builder partners in Minnesota to help them build these highly efficient homes.

"This program is one of the most progressive in the country," says Kim Sherman, ENERGY STAR Homes program manager at Xcel Energy. "The program provides builders with free rating services and ENERGY STAR certification in the Xcel Energy natural gas service area. Xcel Energy visits each home three times and builders get detailed reports with photos and infrared scans on each visit. We also offer training to construction personnel and realtors so they understand the benefits and value of an ENERGY STAR home and communicate this information to customers."

### ENERGY STAR Homes at a Glance:

1. These homes are 15-30% more efficient than other homes. They equate to lower energy bills and maintenance costs and a quieter, more comfortable home.
2. They have effective insulation, high-performance windows, tighter construction and ducts, efficient heating and cooling equipment, efficient lighting and appliances.
3. Compared with standard homes, ENERGY STAR qualified homes use substantially less energy for heating, cooling, and water heating-delivering up to \$500 to \$700 in annual savings. Additional savings on maintenance can also be substantial.
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## SPRING FLING WITH THE BUNNY CLOGS!

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## Community Gardens Are Sprouting Up In Maplewood & North St. Paul



Don't miss this opportunity to grow your OWN organic local produce in one of these three great community gardens, or learn about organic gardening for your own backyard!

### Edgerton Community Garden

coordinated by Maplewood-North St Paul Parks & Recreation  
2005 Edgerton Street in Maplewood (corner of Roselawn and Edgerton)  
40 garden plots 12' x 15' available for rent from April 30 to October 15. The city will till the garden, stake the plots, and provide a water tank. Renters agree to plant, maintain, & harvest their plots using organic (chemical free) methods. Rental fees are \$25 per plot or \$15 for half-plots; registration begins March 16.

For more information: [www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/inc](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/inc), 651.249.2007, [faith.thomforde@ci.maplewood.mn.us](mailto:faith.thomforde@ci.maplewood.mn.us)

### Harvest Gardens

coordinated by First Evangelical Free Church  
Southwest corner of Hazelwood St. and City Road C in Maplewood  
600 plots, 15' x 15' available for rent from April 30 to October 15. Harvest Gardens is an outreach ministry of First Evangelical Free Church in Maplewood. Water is available. Harvest Gardens is an organic garden financed by donations. All are welcome on a first come basis. Register by April 9. For more information: 651.777.5180, email [harvestcommunitygardens@gmail.com](mailto:harvestcommunitygardens@gmail.com), or visit [www.harvestgardens.org](http://www.harvestgardens.org).

### The Cowern Community Garden

coordinated by ISD 622 Community Education  
South of Cowern Elementary in North St. Paul  
(intersection: Margaret St N & Eldridge Ave E)  
This is a 6,800 square foot, chemical free community garden with:

- 10 x 10 plots: \$30 / individual plot
- Community plot: \$20 Garden with others in this 1,725 sq ft plot where approximately 60 % of the produce is donated locally and 40% is divided among those who garden
- Adopt a perennial plot: No fee, but supply your own plants, three perennial gardens.

Contact Cheryl at 651.748.7437 or [cgysbers@isd622.org](mailto:cgysbers@isd622.org).

## Free Workshop!

### Organic Vegetable Gardening 101

by Professor Albert (Bud) Markhart

**MONDAY, APRIL 25, 7:00 - 8:15PM**

Location: The First Evangelical Free Church of Maplewood  
(2696 Hazelwood Street, Maplewood)

We will discover the answer to that persistent question: What IS organic gardening? Guestspeaker, Albert (Bud) Markhart from the University of Minnesota will present a class designed for those with Community Garden Plots or those who have small backyard vegetable plots. Learn some great ways to build your soil, grow great veggies, and keep the weeds at bay- all without chemical additions! Professor Markhart is a Distinguished Teaching Professor of Horticulture in the U of M's Department of Horticultural Science. Master Gardeners will be available after the presentation with gardening resources and answers to your gardening questions.

**Registration Required- Call 651.249.2170**



*Residents Making A Significant Impact For The Environment.*

This year every household is invited to take GREEN steps in their yards! Join us for an educational series of classes and events, including taking the Mow-High Pledge (see pg 11).

Enter your name for prizes at each GREEN Yard Event:

- Free Rainbarrel installation\* at your home (Drawing at Tremendous, May 7th)
- GREEN gift certificate from Linder's (Drawing at GREEN Garden Tour, May 24th )

**2011 GREEN Yard Events:** For times and information, visit [www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/inc/GREENYard](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/inc/GREENYard)

- Take the Mow-Hi Pledge LAWN CARE event - April 7th
- Raingarden Series - March 16 & 31, April 14, 28
- Native Trees - April 21
- Fish Creek Wildflower Hike - April 30
- Raingarden Open House - May 5
- Tremendous Arbor Day Event - May 7
- Exploring the Holloway-Beaver Creek Greenway - May 14
- GREEN Garden Tour - May 24th
- Rainbarrel Installation Demos - May 26 & June 8

\*Everyone is welcome and qualifies for the Linders Gift Certificates; only Maplewood and North St. Paul residents qualify for the free Rainbarrel Installation.

-See The Mow High Pledge on page 11

# Special Events

## Kid's Stuff Sale FRIDAY, MAY 6, 4:30 - 7:30PM



Maplewood Parks & Recreation is back with their popular Kid's Stuff Sale located at the Maplewood Community Center, 2100 White Bear Avenue! Take advantage of this opportunity to buy/sell quality children's items, shoes, toys, books, movies, large and small equipment, strollers, bicycles,

maternity clothing and lots more at a terrific price! All items/clothing for sale will be for children ages 0 to 13 years. To reserve space for selling, call customer service at 651.249.2230. Cost is \$20.00 per space and includes two 7' x 3' tables and chairs. There are only 18 spaces available and reservations are given out on a first come, first serve basis. Call 651.249.2230 to reserve your booth space.

## Mom / Son Bowling

SATURDAY, MAY 7, 4:30 - 6:30PM

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Join us for our First Annual Mom-Son Bowling Outing! Guys, show your mom how much you appreciate her with a Mother's Day out! Each Mom will receive a corsage and each young man will receive a prize. Everyone will get to bowl two games and enjoy a pizza/pop dinner. If you would like to bowl with another couple, please let us know at registration. Please no smoking or alcohol during the event.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS APRIL

29. Appropriate for youth ages 5 - 12 and moms of all ages! Cost is \$20.00/Couple and \$10.00/Each Additional Child (\$30.00/Couple and \$15.00/Each Additional Child for non-Maplewood residents). Call 651.249.2230 to register.

## Daddy / Daughter Dance

FRIDAY, APRIL 23, 6:30 - 8:00PM

Dad, take your daughter out and enjoy great music, dancing and goodies! Our professional dance instructor will teach everyone a special dance to get the party started! Each young lady will receive a corsage and each couple will receive a memory keepsake photograph of their special date. This semi-formal dance, for girls ages 5-12 years, will be held in the Maplewood Community Center banquet room. Cost is \$25.00/couple and \$7.00 each additional child (\$20.00/couple and \$5.00 each additional child for MCC & NSP members). Pre-registration is required. Call 651.249.2230 to register today!



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## Will You Take The Mow-Hi Pledge?

Raising your mower heights can make a big impact on the environment. Learn about ways to create a sustainable lawn this spring- by attending this event and the other Green yard events listed on page 9.

- Take the pledge to raise your mower height and let clippings fall for water and fertilizer savings.
- Attend the Mow-Hi Event on April 7 at Maplewood Library or take the Pledge on-line at [www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/nc/MowHiPledge](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/nc/MowHiPledge).
- Maplewood and North St. Paul residents who take the Mow-Hi Pledge are automatically entered into the Grand Prize Drawing .

### Mow-Hi Pledge Lawn Care Event

Thursday, April 7, 6:30 – 8:30PM

Maplewood Library, 3025 Southlawn Drive, Maplewood

Learn about research results demonstrating that simply raising mower heights and timing your cuts grows healthier lawns and

saves on water, fertilizer and carbon emissions. Take the Mow-Hi Pledge and reap the benefits of more stress resistant turfgrass, money savings and helping the environment. Hear how the GREEN principles can guide your landscaping choices to make our yards more attractive for people and wildlife. This affair will feature treats and beverage.

Extension horticulturist Bob Mugaas, with more than 33 years experience with turfgrass research and education, can answer any of your turf questions.

Mow-Hi Pledge rules will be announced at this evening event, as well as posted on-line, [www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/nc/MowHiPledge](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/nc/MowHiPledge)

**FREE. Reservations are not required.**

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# Maplewood Monthly

May 2011 City Newsletter

## Save The Date

- **Town Hall Meeting**  
Saturday, May 7, 10AM-12PM  
at Ecumen Lakeview Commons
- **Senior Wellness Expo**  
Thursday, May 12, 10AM-2PM  
at Maplewood Community Center p.5
- **Go! (Get Outdoors)**  
Saturday, June 11, 9:00AM  
at the Maplewood Community Center  
& The Gateway Trail p.4
- **National Night Out**  
Tuesday, August 2  
in the Neighborhoods
- **Taste of Maplewood**  
Friday, August 19, 4-10PM  
Saturday, August 20, noon-10PM  
at Goodrich Park

## Town Hall Meeting



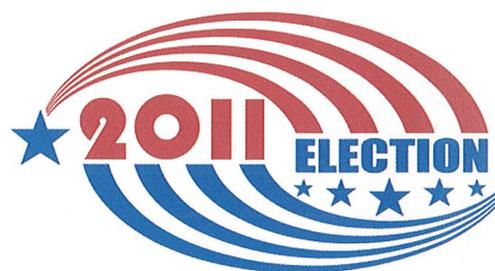
The City of Maplewood will host the Quarterly Town Hall Meeting on Saturday, May 7 from 10:00AM to 12:00PM at Ecumen Lakeview Commons in the 2nd Floor Community Room. Mayor Will Rossbach and Council Member John Nephew will host the meeting. There will be a brief presentation on the city's goals for 2011-2013 with discussion to follow. Coffee and cookies will be served.

The City Council adopted City Goals for 2011-2013 on March 28, 2011. These included: Financial Sustainability, Good Government, Parks & Recreations, Capital Assets, Public Safety, Environment: Going Green, and Redevelopment. These goals, listed in order of priority, were discussed by the City Council during the City Council/ Management Staff Retreat on February 4, 2011.

Ecumen Lakeview Commons is located at 1200 Lakewood Drive North, Maplewood MN 55119 at the intersection of Lakewood Drive and Maryland Avenue East. Parking is available in the front and back of the facility as well as along the south side of the building on the non-fire lane side of the street. However, carpooling is encouraged. Contact the City Manager's Office with any questions at 651.249.2050.

## 2011 Maplewood City Council Election

Eligible individuals desiring to become a candidate for Council Member are required to file an affidavit of candidacy with the City Clerk. Two four-year Council Member positions will be open for filing. The filing period opens on Tuesday, May 17, 2011 and will close on Tuesday, May 31, 2011.



A filing fee or petition in place of the filing fee must be filed with the affidavit of candidacy. The filing fee is \$5.00.

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

The office of City Clerk is located at Maplewood City Hall, 1830 County Road B East. Affidavits will be accepted from 8:00AM to 4:30PM on each day of the filing period except Tuesday, May 31, when office hours will be 8:00AM to 5:00PM.

State Statutes require that if more than twice the number of individuals to be elected to a City office file for nomination for an available office, their names shall be placed upon the primary ballot for an election to be held on August 9, 2011. If not, there will be no primary election. For more information, contact Karen Guilfoile, Director of Citizen Services at 651.249.2002 or at karen.guilfoile@ci.maplewood.mn.us.

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3 Council Corner

4 Go! Get Outdoors Event

5 Senior Wellness Expo

6 Building Green

7 Arbor Day

8 Recycling In Parks

9 Fallen Officers Memorial

10 Trash Collection Plans

# City of Maplewood Elected Officials

Will Rossbach: Mayor 651.484.5427  
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 James Llanas: Councilmember 651.488.2745  
 John Nephew: Councilmember 651.776.5963  
 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  
 Deputy Registrar and Passport Hours:  
 Monday: 8:00AM - 6:00PM  
 Tuesday - Friday: 8:00AM - 4:30PM

### Maplewood Community Center

Registration 651.249.2230  
 Customer Service 651.249.2230  
 Admissions 651.249.2210  
 Theater/Banquet Room Rental 651.249.2103  
 Group Information 651.249.2203  
 Birthday Parties 651.249.2203  
 Aquatics 651.249.2206  
 Child Care 651.249.2218  
 Fitness 651.249.2207

### Maplewood Recreation

General Information 651.249.2007

### Maplewood Nature Center

General Information 651.249.2170

### Code Enforcement

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



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## Maplewood Meeting Schedule

Business & Economic Development Commission:  
 Thursday, May 26 at 5:15PM  
 City Council: Monday, May 9 & 23 at 7:00PM  
 City Council Wksp: Monday, May 2 at 5:15PM  
 Community Design Review Board: Tuesday, May 24 at 6:00PM  
 Environmental & Natural Resource Commission: Monday, May 16 at 7:00PM  
 Heritage Preservation Commission: Thursday, May 19 at 7:00PM  
 Housing & Redevelopment Authority: Wednesday, May 11 at 7:00PM  
 Human Rights Commission: Tuesday, May 10 at 7:00PM  
 Parks & Recreation Commission: Wednesday, May 18 at 7:00PM  
 Planning Commission: Tuesday, May 3 & 17 at 7:00PM  
**Town Hall Meeting: Saturday, May 7 at 10:00AM at Lakeview Common**

All City Council and Commission meetings are broadcast live on Channel 16 and are rebroadcast on a schedule that is posted at [www.ci.maplewood.mn.us](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us). \* Any meeting cancellations are posted on the City's website.

\*Meetings are also streamed live on the City's website.

City Hall will be closed May 30 in observance of Memorial Day.

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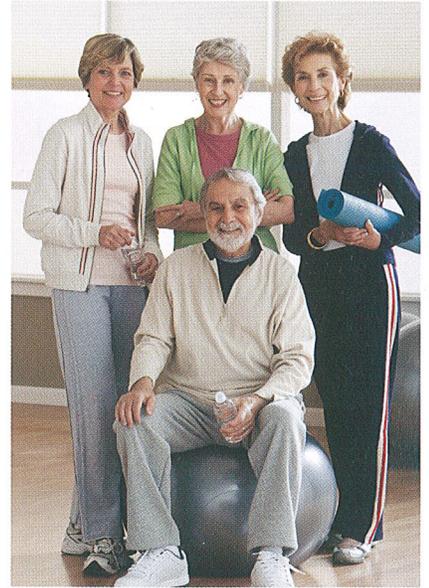
Maplewood Community Center (MCC) is recognizing the unique needs of older adults in the community by partnering with the nationally recognized Healthways SilverSneakers® Fitness Program. Through SilverSneakers, the MCC will be able to offer older adults additional ways to increase physical activity and remain active.

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With the SilverSneakers premier network, members have a complimentary membership with access to a variety of participating locations throughout the country. Beginning in May, MCC will be offering the signature SilverSneakers Fitness Program classes, designed specifically for older adults and taught by certified instructors. A designated staff member will assist members along the way.

To find out if you are eligible for SilverSneakers, contact your health plan provider. For more information regarding the SilverSneakers Fitness Programs visit [www.silversneakers.com](http://www.silversneakers.com) or call 888.423.4632.

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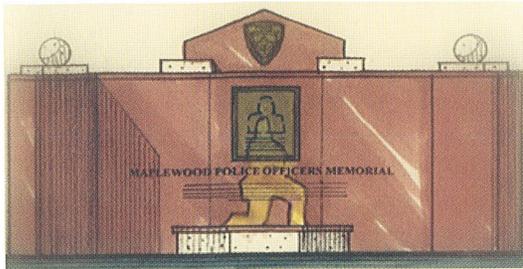
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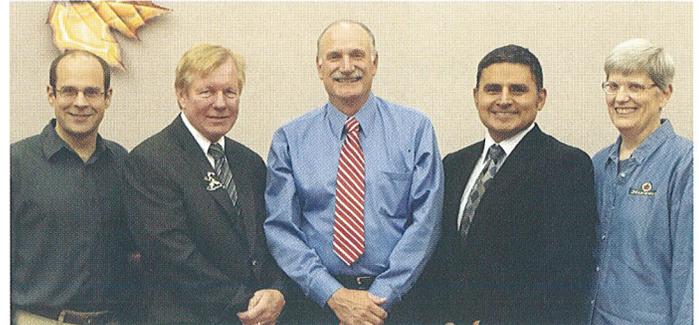
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## Police Dept./Police Memorial

Memorial – n. something such as a monument, designed to serve as a remembrance of a person or event\*



May 1, 2011, marks the sad occasion for Maplewood as the one year anniversary of the murder of Sgt. Joe Bergeron in the line of duty. We



Councilmembers Nephew and Koppen, Mayor Rossbach, Councilmembers Llanas and Juenemann

gratefully remember his 26 years of dedication and service to our City and the ultimate sacrifice of his life for us. On May 1 we dedicate the Maplewood Fallen Officer Memorial, honoring the memory of Sgt. Bergeron. If you wish to contribute to the memorial fund, please contact the Maplewood Police Department at 651.249.2600.

May 15 – 21 is National Police Week, the opportunity for everyone across the nation to acknowledge the service and dedication of our law enforcement personnel. The national observance in Washington D.C. is of particular significance to our community this year as Sgt. Bergeron's name will be added to the list of fallen officers on the national memorial. There will be members of our department and retired officers and their families, our chief, as well as Sgt. Bergeron's family, present to experience the occasion of sadness and pride on our behalf.

Please take a few minutes during the week of May 15 to acknowledge and thank the members of our Police Department for their dedicated service to us. I encourage you to stop by the Fallen Officer Memorial in front of city hall and spend a moment remembering Sgt. Bergeron's gifts of service and his life to our community.

## Sustainable Maplewood

Sustain – v. to maintain, keep in existence.\*



Sustainable Maplewood is a city goal, a focus of several city efforts, one of the City Council's 2011 goals, and a goal to actively protect our natural environment and to work to re-create Maplewood as a green City, while maintaining and improving our resources. We approach this goal from many angles:

- Green Team, a staff initiative: establish and practice a city-wide environmental purchasing policy, fleet management of city vehicles, facilities evaluation and management.
- City Operations: street reconstruction projects, stormwater management, establishing a Living Streets Policy, facilities retro-fitted and new purchases, snow removal practices, Turf Management Plan, recycling.
- Council and staff study and possible implementation: reduction of city's carbon footprint, organized trash collection, green building standards and design.
- Resident participation: reducing waste and recycling, best management environmental practices (native plantings, rain gardens, green landscaping principles), Green Yards program, Mow-Hi Pledge.

Information is available at [www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/sustainability](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/sustainability) or contact Shann Finwall, Environmental Planner at 651.249.2304 or the Maplewood Nature Center at 651.249.2170.

I hope you have a safe, enjoyable, green spring and summer!

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### Maplewood Mall

**Thurs, May 5**  
**4:00 - 8:00PM**

A much deserved "night out with the girls", this **free** event is a great way for local moms to enjoy some fun and pampering!

**Event Elements\*:**

- Fashion
- Beauty Advice, Tips, and Demos
- Raffle tickets given for each non-perishable food item donated
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National Get Outdoors Day is a new annual event to encourage healthy, active outdoor fun and provide opportunities for families to experience traditional and non-traditional types of outdoor activities. Whether you are an experienced outdoor fan, or are new to exploring –Kick Off the summer by celebrating and learning about the Recreation, Fitness and Nature Programs available to you in Maplewood and North St. Paul. Rediscover local Parks and Trails! There will be hiking, biking and nature fun for people of all ages and abilities. Enjoy a ½ mile parade around the pond and take part in a 10-mile bike ride.

### Schedule of Events:

9:00 - 10:00AM	Bike Rodeo for kids
10:00 - 10:30AM	Parade around the Pond
10:30AM	Silver Lake Bike Ride
11:00 - 11:30AM	Walk or fun run to Robinhood Park
11:30AM - noon	Nature Scavenger Hunt at Robinhood Park
12:00 - 1:00PM	Mini-subways at the MCC gym
12:30PM	Flotation Fun in the MCC Pool

### And More!

- Register for door prizes— grand prize is a new bike!
- Sign up for the Border-to-Border Step Challenge (see below)
- Free Mini-sub and trail mix packs for participants
- Learn about Adopt-a-Park and Geocaching Programs
- Everyone with a wristband from the GO event gets free admission to the MCC & Pool

### GO! Bike Rodeo

Join us for a great kick-off to summer bike riding with the Bike Rodeo. This is a great opportunity for young riders to learn about bike safety, “rules of the road” and overall SAFE riding! Skills discussed will include: pre-ride inspections, braking, balance, entering a roadway safely and safely avoiding hazards, among others. It’s a fun way to reinforce safe bicycling skills. Remember to bring your helmet! For beginners of any age.

### GO! Parade around the Pond

Join the Green Heron Strut thru Balloon Archway, and join the Giant Nature Characters as we kick-off our romp through the parks. Trot with the Fox, Waddle with the Muskrat, and Strut with Green Heron!

### GO! Silver Lake Bike Ride

Join us for an 8-10 mile ride down the Gateway Trail to Silver Lake Park as a rest stop. - We will then cut over to the Lake Links Trail down to the Vento. We will take the Vento back to the Gateway and eventually to the MCC. What a wonderful way to see three important trail connections and discover several Maplewood and North St. Paul parks including: Silver Lake, Joy, Playcrest, and Harvest Park.

### GO! Run/Walk

This walk will take people from the MCC to Robinhood Park via the Gateway Trail. Upon arriving at Robinhood Park Complete the GO Scavenger Hunt before walking back to the MCC. This is approximately a 2 mile walk/run and is designed for families and people of all ages.

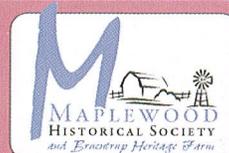
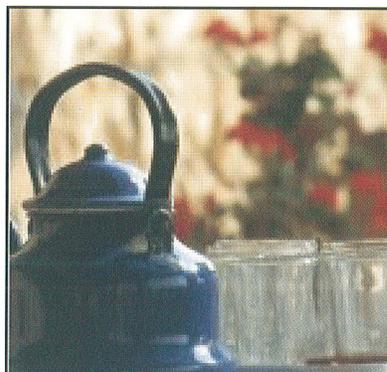
### GO! Nature Scavenger Hunt

Visit all the stations at Robinhood Park and get your prize. Crawl in a tent, find the Geocache, touch the snake, and more! Vibrant Life Center will also be providing 250 bags of Trail Mix for the bike run.

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## Maplewood Senior Wellness Expo FREE Admission! THURSDAY, MAY 12 FROM 10:00AM - 2:00PM



Maplewood's Senior Expo is an exciting day packed full of information, giveaways, health screenings, demonstrations, presentations, and snacks. The health fair will be held on Thursday, May 12 from 10:00AM - 2:00PM at the Maplewood Community Center located at 2100 White Bear Avenue. Grab bags will be presented to the first 200 guests!

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! Schedule of events includes:

### 10:30AM AFTERLIFE PLANNING

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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 those questions and more.

### 11:15AM CUTTING EDGE TECHNOLOGY IN EYE CARE

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Do you ever experience dryness, excessive tearing, scratchiness, burning, foreign body sensation, fluctuating or blurring of vision, tired eyes, general discomfort, sensitivity to light, contact lens intolerance or tear debris? These are some symptoms of a group of conditions known as Dry Eye which result from inadequate wetting and eye lubrication. This seminar will provide an overview of healthy tears as well as the different causes and treatment options for dry eye.

### 12:00PM AGING IN PLACE HOME MODIFICATIONS

PRESENTED BY ACCESSIBLE HOMES

Aging in place-most valuable modifications and products to make sure you can stay in your home now and in the future. Answer questions about products marketed to seniors like walk-in tubs, grab bars, and "anti slip tile."

### 12:45PM THE KEY ELEMENTS OF ESTATE PLANNING

PRESENTED BY BAKER WILLIAMS LAW

Seventy percent of Americans are without an Estate Plan. Of those that have an estate plan more than thirty percent say their plan is out of date. If you pass away without a will the government determines who inherits your assets. Take control of your future and learn about the key elements of a basic estate plan. The key elements are the bare minimum everyone age 18 and over should have to prepare for the future.

### ALL DAY BINGO

Come join in on all of the fun! Three rounds of BINGO will be played each hour (guests can participate in a maximum of three rounds) beginning on the hour, with grab bag prizes awarded for each round. Don't miss this fabulous FREE fun event!

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## Building Green in Maplewood

Thinking of building green? Most building projects can be green; including a new home, a renovation, an addition or a deck and site landscaping. City building inspection staff is certified in the National Green Building Standards and can offer a number of possibilities to assist you in your "green building" project. Our team works with you and your building professionals to help create a home that meets your conservation goals. Getting started is easy! Just review the following information and contact the Maplewood Green Building Manager, Nick Carver at 651.249.2321 to schedule an appointment.

### What is building green?

It is simply designing a building project to conserve resources and reduce negative impacts on the environment.



### What can be built green?

All types of construction projects can meet National Green Building Standards. (Renovations, additions, decks, roofs, new construction, etc)

### Benefits of green building projects

- |                            |                                 |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| • Environmental Benefits   | Increased property values       |
| • Energy conservation      | Building durability             |
| • Water conservation       | Decreased infrastructure strain |
| • Storm water management   | • Personal Benefits             |
| • Waste reduction          | Improved health                 |
| • Emissions reduction      | Healthier lifestyle             |
| • Economic Benefits        | Pride                           |
| • Energy and water savings |                                 |

### The National Green Building Standard

This is the base document for residential projects and is structured into six main categories.

- Lot design, preparation and development
- Resource efficiency
- Energy efficiency
- Water efficiency
- Indoor environmental quality
- Operation, maintenance, builder/ owner education

### Using the National Green Building Standard

Any renovation, addition, or building can accomplish a green building performance level. The levels of performance are bronze, silver, gold, and emerald. The levels are achieved based on points accumulated in the six main categories.

### How do I get started?

Simplify your efforts to create a healthier, more environmentally friendly building project by making an appointment with the building

inspection department while your project is still in the conceptual design stages.

**Maplewood building department** personnel are nationally certified in the National Green Building Standards and are able to guide you through your green building projects. Although this program is voluntary, the City of Maplewood encourages residents to engage in building green.

## Pride Of Maplewood Award



Chuck Ahl, Assistant City Manager (left) & Sarah Burlingame, Senior Administrative Assistant (right)

Congratulations to Sarah Burlingame for being nominated the Pride of Maplewood by her co-workers. She joined the City in June 2007 as a temporary office specialist for the Community Development Department. Sarah was promoted in March 2009 to Senior Administrative Assistant in the City Manager's office.

- "Sarah is very pleasant and always greets you with a smile."
- "She very willingly accepts tasks, even last minute ones, with a smile and completes them in a timely manner."
- "Sarah is creative and thinks outside the box. She always comes up with more/better ideas or suggestions to improve something."
- "She always steps up to help any employee, by providing the help herself or finding the correct person to help."
- "Sarah is always willing to help out with a problem and find a solution."

Thank you, Sarah, for all your efforts to help the citizens and employees of the City of Maplewood.

## Cost-share Available For Sealing Old Wells



Do you have an old well on your property that was never sealed? Ramsey Conservation District has financial assistance to help residents seal abandoned wells. The program reimburses up to 50% of well-sealing costs, up to \$750 per well. To be eligible, your well must be in Ramsey County's Wellhead Protection and Drinking Water Supply

Management Area. Much of northeastern Maplewood is within this boundary. For more information and a map of the eligible area, call 651.266.7274, or visit [www.co.ramsey.mn.us/cd/cost\\_share\\_funding.htm](http://www.co.ramsey.mn.us/cd/cost_share_funding.htm).

## Maplewood Arbor Day Celebration Is May 7th

The City Council has proclaimed May 7 as Arbor Day in Maplewood. Arbor Day is observed throughout the United States as a day to celebrate trees. National Arbor Day is the last Friday of April, but states and communities vary the date to coincide with planting times and community activities. Come learn about and celebrate trees at Maplewood's Tree-Mendous Arbor Day Event.

### Tree-mendous Arbor Day Event SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2:00 - 4:00PM

At the Maplewood Nature Center

Free- fun for all ages!

- Have an uplifting ride in a tree bucket
- Visit with a raptor
- Hear about Maplewood's emerald ash borer plan
- Watch tree pruning and planting demonstrations
- Get your tree selection and tree care questions answered
- Measure the State Champion Pin Oak
- Take home a free oak or maple seedling
- Do tree crafts and activities
- Listen to tree-rific music
- Enjoy a tree treat

For the schedule of presentations, call 651.249.2170.

### Plant A Tree This Year

The City of Maplewood is offering a purchase rebate to residential and commercial property owners for planting shade trees on landscaped property in Maplewood. The tree purchase rebate was established to encourage planting shade trees on private property. It also helps property owners replace trees lost to disease. How does the program work? When you purchase a shade tree for your yard, the city will reimburse you 50% of the price of the tree up to \$100 per tree. For each household, up to four trees may be purchased, at a total maximum reimbursement of \$200. See the Tree Purchase Rebate Form for details before purchasing your tree, since there are some requirements for species and receipts. Forms are available at [www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/trees](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/trees) or call Maplewood Nature Center at 651.249.2170.

### Annual Inspections of Elm, Oak and Ash Begin

The City has hired Andy Hovland, of Branch and Bough Tree Service, certified arborist and licensed Tree Inspector to survey the city's trees for Dutch elm disease, oak wilt and emerald ash borer. Andy's truck will have a sign with the city logo that says "Tree Inspector". If you suspect you have a diseased tree, call the city's disease tree hotline at 651.249.2177. Information on these diseases is available on the city's website at [www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/trees](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/trees). The city is required by state law to survey and control diseased

trees. If you are planning on contracting out tree care, please note that the City requires tree companies to be licensed with the City. The list of licensed contractors with the City of Maplewood is on the website. Before hiring any contractor, find out if they are a licensed and have experience and knowledge of trees, removal and disease.

### Maplewood Prepares Emerald Ash Borer Plan

In 2009, Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) was discovered in St. Paul Minnesota. EAB is an insect that feeds on ash trees. If the EAB population is high enough in a tree, the tree will die. Millions of ash trees have died in other states due to EAB. Maplewood is developing a plan to manage EAB in the city and once the plan is adopted by City Council it will be posted on the City web site. If you have questions about EAB, stop by the Nature Center for the Tree-Mendous event on May 7 and talk to our city forester. If you suspect a particular ash tree may be infested with EAB:

1. Review the "Do I Have EAB?" checklist, copies available at Maplewood Nature Center or at [www.mda.state.mn.us/en/plants/pestmanagement/eab](http://www.mda.state.mn.us/en/plants/pestmanagement/eab).
2. If you still think it may be EAB, contact the state's Arrest-A-Pest Hotline (651.201.6684) or Maplewood's Tree Disease Hotline (651.249.2177).

Links to information on EAB are available on the website at [www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/trees](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/trees).

### Quarantine on Transporting Firewood in Select Counties

Did you know that there is a firewood quarantine in Hennepin, Ramsey, and Houston Counties? In 2009, the state issued a quarantine to restrict the movement of ash trees, limbs, and branches outside counties where Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is present. The quarantine includes firewood from all non-coniferous (hardwood) trees, not just ash. This means you cannot move firewood outside the county line. So, if you're vacationing outstate this year, help prevent the spread of EAB and purchase your firewood in the county you're visiting. For more information on the ash quarantine, visit [www.mda.state.mn.us/en/plants/pestmanagement/eab](http://www.mda.state.mn.us/en/plants/pestmanagement/eab).

### Maplewood Big Tree Registry

The Big Tree Registry (BTR) is searching for the largest trees in the City. Last year the state champion northern pin oak was found at Maplewood Nature Center! To nominate a large tree in your neighborhood, call 651.249.2170. The BTR is also looking for people to help measure trees. If you would like to learn more about trees and tree identification, and are interested in volunteering, call 651.249.2170.

## Recycling Is Coming To Maplewood Parks



Thanks to a grant from Ramsey County's Environmental Health Section, recycling containers will be available in our parks this spring for the recycling of bottles and cans. Since more items are consumed on-the-go to accommodate our busy life styles, these recycling containers will provide the opportunity to keep bottles and cans out of the trash. American consumers purchase over 500

million beverage bottles and cans, on average, every day, or over 200 billion per year, with 34 percent of those containers consumed away from home. Only about one in three are recycled, while the other two are landfilled, incinerated or littered.

Please encourage people at your park gathering or athletic event to recycle. Every can and bottle counts!

- Recycling a single aluminum can saves enough energy to power a television for 3 hours.
- Recycling a single plastic bottle conserves enough energy to run a 60 watt light bulb for 6 hours.

It is easy to recycle at home. Now, we make it easy to recycle in our parks and at our athletic fields. Look for the blue recycling bins and do your part to reduce waste and protect the environment.





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**-Go! Get Outdoors Event** continued from page 4

## GO! Discover Minnesota...One Step at a Time with the Border to Border Step Challenge

Walk Across Minnesota from South to North! This exciting challenge runs 14 weeks, beginning June 11 and completing on September 18. All participants will receive pedometers to track their step progress and conversion rosters to convert outdoor tasks and activities to steps. Everyone who completes this journey will have their name entered in a drawing for great prizes!

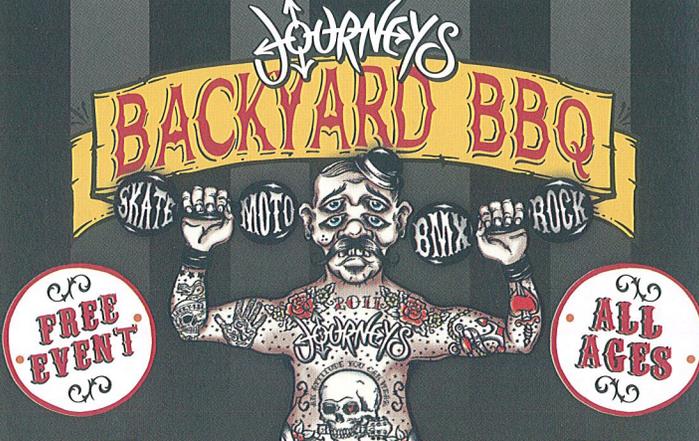
## Upcoming Hiking Programs That Will Help You Meet Your Border to Border Challenge: GO! HIKING SERIES

Best for adults or families with kids ages 5+

Get your miles in for the walk across Minnesota!

- June, 18, 2:00 - 3:30PM at the Maplewood Nature Center, make a walking stick, flat, dirt trails.
- July 9, 9:30AM at Applewood Neighborhood Preserve- rolling hills, gravel trails- scenic views. 822 Sterling. Meet at picnic shelter.
- July 30, 9:30AM at the Priory Neighborhood Preserve- park along Larpenteur by entrance sign
- August 17, 7:00 - 8:00PM at the Maplewood Nature Center
- September 13, 7:00 - 8:00PM at Sunset Ridge Park, 3020 Frank.

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## Prepare To Stop!



Each year the City receives requests for installing or removing stop signs.

Proponents to stop sign installation typically present an emotional appeal based on a recent accident or series of "near misses". Opponents to stop signs voice their dissatisfaction with the

inconvenience, noise, pollution, and determined motorists who simply ignore or circumvent stop signs. Often a stop sign is installed at the request of neighborhood residents, only to be opposed by other residents and subsequently removed.

To help eliminate this problem, the City Council has an adopted policy whereby the issues of neighborhood signs are heard once each year. The following is the City Council adopted neighborhood stop-sign policy:

1. Requests from citizens require a minimum of 12 property owner signatures in order to show neighborhood support and hopefully to foster neighborhood discussion before going to the council.
2. A response will be sent by the City to the requesting party indicating that a public meeting will be held during the month of July.
3. A special article will be published in the July Maplewood Monthly providing a discussion of stop sign pros and cons, along with the list of areas to be considered.
4. Depending on the number of requests, either a special meeting or a regular council meeting will serve as the open meeting for the public discussion.

City staff will review petition submittals in accordance with City Standards and submit recommendations to the City Council. This policy for one hearing per year applies only to neighborhood stop signs. Other warranted stop sign requests will still be considered on a case-by-case basis throughout the year. Send your petition, with a minimum of 12 property owner signatures, to the public works department by May 20, 2011. If you have questions, call the Engineering Department at 651.249.2400.

## On The Police Scanner

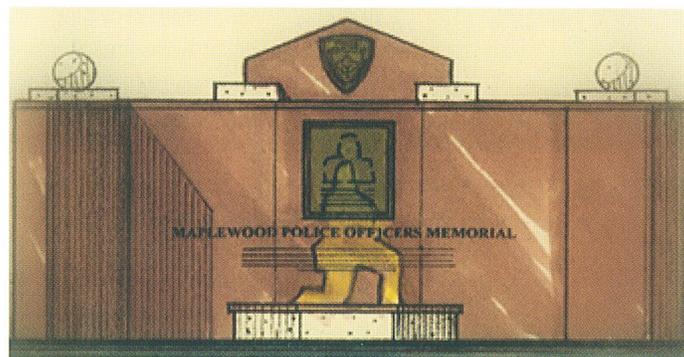
In March, the Maplewood Police Department responded to 1,822 calls for service.

8 Assault Cases	2 Robbery Case
25 Burglary Cases	80 Theft Cases
15 Auto Theft Cases	21 Theft from Vehicle Cases
22 Criminal Damage to Property Cases	

Officers also made 30 arrests for shoplifting and 16 arrests for DWI.

## Fallen Officer Memorial

Thank you to everyone who made the Fallen Officer Memorial possible on Sunday, May, 1, 2011, a memorial to Sgt. Joe Bergeron and all fallen officers was dedicated on the lawn of the Maplewood Police Department. This dedication was held on the one-year anniversary of Sgt. Bergeron's murder, the first line-of-duty death for the Maplewood Police Department. This memorial honors Sgt. Bergeron's contribution to the Police Department and stands as a symbol that he will never be forgotten.



The construction of this memorial was made possible through the efforts and donations of the community. A huge effort to build this memorial was spearheaded by retired and current Police Department employees who organized and hosted a tremendous fundraiser on April 23rd. Their dedication to this project is driven by their desire that Sgt. Bergeron's memory will live on in this memorial. City employees also donated vacation or annual leave time which was converted to funds to assist in construction.

Several companies came forward and made very generous donations to minimize the amount of money that needed to be raised. McGough Construction Co. Inc., provided their expertise, labor and supplies to do the necessary concrete work under the volunteer direction of retired carpenter Jim Kothe. Cemstone Products Co. donated all the concrete for the project. Rebarfab Inc., provided the steel reinforcing at a reduced cost, Braun Intertec Corporation provided their core sampling services and SEH Inc., designed the footing plans. Our Maplewood Public Works crews provided labor and equipment wherever it was needed. We are truly grateful for their generosity.

Neil Brodin of Brodin studios was commissioned to create the life-size bronze "Call to Duty" statue of a Maplewood Police Officer on bended knee in front of a plaque of Sgt. Bergeron. Murphy Granite Carving Inc., provided the beautiful granite which adorns the memorial.

Many people have come together to create a memorial reminding us forever of the sacrifice Sgt. Bergeron made on May 1, 2010.

## Trash Collection System Planning Phase To Begin

The City Council adopted a resolution of intent to organize trash collection on March 28, 2011. The adoption of this resolution was required by state statute to begin the official planning process for reviewing all options of solid waste collection for residents in the City of Maplewood.

During the planning phase the City will establish a deliberate public participation process that evaluates all feasible alternatives, including improving the existing system of open collection as one option. The City Council has not made up its mind as to the best course of action or alternative organized collection systems to evaluate. Any new or improved system will be reviewed based on the goals and objectives outlined by the City Council which include:

- 1) Economic
  - a) Cost savings on road repairs and reconstruction.
  - b) Lower cost for residents (e.g., reduced cost per household per month).
- 2) Service
  - a) Greater leverage to correct problems with service.
  - b) Customized service options for residents such as:
    - i) Rebates for extended vacations (e.g., over four weeks without service).
    - ii) Special collection options (e.g., garage-side pickup).
    - iii) Large/bulky items pick up.
    - iv) Special events pickups (e.g., spring and fall clean up events).
- 3) Environmental
  - a) To better manage solid waste and recycling.
  - b) Better able to direct waste to the best environmental destination.
  - c) Less gas and/or diesel burned.
  - d) Less CO2 emitted into the atmosphere.
- 4) Safety
  - a) Safer streets.

- 5) Efficiency
  - a) Maximizing efficiency in solid waste collection.
- 6) Planning Process
  - a) Achieving the stated organized collection goals of the city.
  - b) Ensuring participation of all interested parties in the decision-making process.
- 7) Aesthetics
  - a) Less traffic, noise, and dust.
  - b) More consistent and neater looking streets during collection days.
- 8) Hauler Impacts
  - a) Minimizing displacement of collectors.

State statute outlines minimum timelines for organized collection review. The soonest the City Council could adopt a new or improved collection system would be by the end of September 2011. However, there is no maximum timeline or any requirement at all that the City Council make changes to our current open collection system. The City will continue to hold public meetings and update the residents of the collection system analysis throughout the process. For additional information, visit the city's website at [www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/trash](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/trash).

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**Contest Topic: Why Human Rights Is Important To Me**

- In an essay of 250 word or less or in art, describe or depict your personal experiences with human rights issues
- Describe from your perspective the human rights needs at your school
- Include your first and last name, teacher, your grade, name of school, phone number, and home address to contact you at if you are chosen as a winner

The deadline for essay and art work submissions is **May 27, 2011**. Winners will be announced and notified in mid-July.

Submit your essays to [karen.guilfoile@ci.maplewood.mn.us](mailto:karen.guilfoile@ci.maplewood.mn.us) and/or drop off your art/essay submissions to the attention of Karen Guilfoile at the Maplewood City Hall, 1830 East County Road B. All winners will have their essays and/or art work displayed at Maplewood City Hall during the month of September 2011 and at HRC events. Winners of the essay contest will be invited to read their essays at a Maplewood City Council Meeting in September 2011.

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# Maplewood Monthly

June 2011 City Newsletter

## New Improvements Planned at 3M Center and Maplewood Mall

### Save The Date

- **Go! (Get Outdoors)**  
Saturday, June 11, 9:00AM  
at the Maplewood Community Center & The Gateway Trail
- **National Night Out**  
Tuesday, August 2  
in the Neighborhoods
- **2011 Municipal Election**  
Tuesday, August 9
- **Pride of Maplewood**  
Friday, August 19, 4:00-10:00PM  
Saturday, August 20, noon-10:00PM  
at Goodrich Park
- **Bridal Expo**  
Sunday, September 25, 12:00PM  
at the Maplewood Community Center



Two major investments by Maplewood's largest property owners are indications that the City's strong tax base remains healthy:

### 3M Center

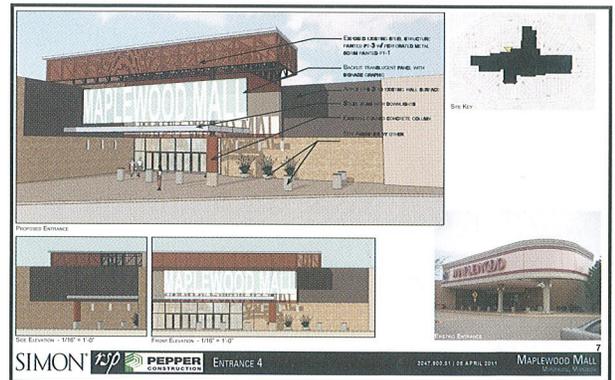
3M Company is proceeding with several major internal building and outside campus improvements this summer in and around Building 220, the multi-story executive building along I-94. 3M will be constructing a new visitor and VIP entrance to the building. Adjacent work includes internal roadway changes, parking improvements, extensive landscaping and walkways to connect to other existing pathways. The first and second floors in Building 220 will be remodeled for meetings, assemblies and displays. There will be removal of a parking lot which will be redesigned as a "Community Plaza" in the flavor of an Italian piazza or square, including planters, picnic tables,

gathering areas and shaded areas for employees and guests. The internal ring passageways around the complex will include meeting areas, graphic displays, interactive displays and a general showcase for 3M products and technology.

### Maplewood Mall

Simon Properties, owners of the Maplewood Mall, are implementing the first major remodeling efforts in the past 20+ years to redesign and rebuild four of its five main entrances. The main entrance near the Barnes and Noble bookstores was recently constructed and is not part of this new renovation project. In addition to the remodeling of the mall entrances, there will be extensive interior remodeling.

The mall owner is also upgrading the exterior Mall signage around the parking lot and at major driveway connections to the Maplewood Mall property.



In addition to the improvements and upgrades proposed by Simon Properties for the Maplewood Mall, the City of Maplewood will be exploring the installation of sidewalk and pedestrian-way improvements in the surrounding Mall area. These improvements will enhance pedestrian access to the Mall from all points around the Mall property.

## Financial Highlights

Each year, the City of Maplewood issues a Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) which provides a wealth of City information about the City's finances. The 2010 CAFR will be presented at the May 23rd Council Meeting by the City's auditors, HLB Tautges Redpath, Ltd., along with any audit findings they may have. The CAFR has three major parts:

2 Gateway Corridor

2 Commission Vacancies

3 Council Corner

4 Financial Highlights

5 Trash Hauling

6 Street Construction

6 Pride of Maplewood

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General Information 651.249.2007

### Maplewood Nature Center

General Information 651.249.2170

### Code Enforcement

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## Maplewood Meeting Schedule

Business & Economic Development Commission:  
 Thursday, ~~June 23~~ at 5:15PM *July 28*  
 City Council: Monday, ~~June 13 & 27~~ at 7:00PM *July 11 & 25*  
~~City Council Wksp: Monday, June 6 at 5:15PM~~  
 Community Design Review Board: Tuesday, ~~June 28~~ at 6:00PM *July 26*  
 Environmental & Natural Resource Commission: Monday, ~~June 20~~ at 7:00PM *July 18*  
 Heritage Preservation Commission: Thursday, ~~June 16~~ at 7:00PM *July 14*  
 Housing & Redevelopment Authority: Wednesday, ~~June 8~~ at 7:00PM *July 6*  
 Human Rights Commission: Tuesday, ~~June 14~~ at 7:00PM *July 20*  
 Parks & Recreation Commission: Wednesday, ~~June 15~~ at 7:00PM *July 20*  
 Planning Commission: Tuesday, ~~June 7 & 21~~ at 7:00PM *July 5 & 19*

All City Council and Commission meetings are broadcast live on Channel 16 and are rebroadcast on a schedule that is posted at [www.ci.maplewood.mn.us](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us). \* Any meeting cancellations are posted on the City's website.

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## Gateway Corridor Transit Would Link Maplewood to Downtown St. Paul and Minneapolis

The Gateway Corridor Commission recently announced eight possible transit options that will receive detailed analysis in its 18-month transit study. The eight options for the Gateway Corridor include express bus, bus-rapid transit (BRT), light rail transit (LRT), and commuter rail service. Transit options being studied would link both downtown St. Paul and Minneapolis to Maplewood.

Three of the transit options would operate express buses along I-94, starting in downtown St. Paul and Minneapolis and continuing to Woodbury or Eau Claire. The options include the use of highway shoulders for express buses from Minneapolis to Eau Claire when the speed of general traffic is 35 mph or less. Two of the options also include managed MnPASS lanes either from Minneapolis and St. Paul or Minneapolis to Hudson.

Additional transit options would incorporate BRT in managed MnPASS lanes or LRT from downtown Minneapolis and St. Paul to Hudson on or north of I-94. One option includes operating BRT in a managed MnPASS lane that veers north of I-94 into St. Paul's Dayton's Bluff and Battle Creek neighborhoods, traveling through Maplewood, Oakdale and Woodbury, with a final destination in Hudson. For each of these options, express buses would then connect Hudson to Eau Claire.

The last option would develop commuter rail service from downtown Minneapolis and St. Paul to Eau Claire, with commuter rail running adjacent to Highway 5 in Oakdale. The route would start in Minneapolis, connect to the Union Depot in downtown St. Paul, and continue to St. Paul's Payne-Phalen neighborhood, Maplewood, Oakdale and Lake Elmo, before traveling to North Hudson and Eau Claire.

Additional open houses are scheduled for later this year. After receiving public feedback, the study team will look at possible station locations, service frequency and transit facilities and will be presented to the public. The transit study will take approximately 18 months to complete and is expected to be finished by spring 2012. Final decisions regarding the mode of transit and route will be determined by the Metropolitan Council and Ramsey and Washington County Regional Railroad Authorities.

For more information on the Gateway Corridor and the seven possible transit options, visit [www.thegatewaycorridor.com](http://www.thegatewaycorridor.com).

## Maplewood Community Center Members Volunteer for Habitat



On April 16, nine members from the Maplewood Community Center participated in a different exercise program: Painting. The house, a recent foreclosure in

a northern suburb, was brought up to code and restored to better-than-new condition... including a complete interior paint job. Katie, the Site Supervisor for Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity, was pleased with the effort. It was a fun activity and a chance to further bond with fellow Community Center members. Based on the good experience, the program will be repeated in the fall. Interested individuals are invited to contact George Gorbatenko at 651.653.4699 or [gorby@ece.umn.edu](mailto:gorby@ece.umn.edu). Watch for the sign-up sheet near the admissions desk at the Maplewood Community Center this fall.

## Now Accepting Applications For Three Commission Vacancies

The City of Maplewood is now accepting applications to fill three vacancies. These vacancies were created by commissioners resigning before their term had ended. The individuals appointed to these positions will serve the remainder of those terms. The City Council will interview candidates that apply and will appoint one to fill this vacancy.

There is one vacancy on the Environmental and Natural Resources Commission, one vacancy on the Housing Redevelopment Authority and one vacancy on the Community Design Review Board. Information on the specific commissions can be found on the City's website [www.ci.maplewood.mn.us](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us) or by calling City Hall at 651.249.2000.

Applications can be picked up at the City Hall front desk or found online on the City's website. The application deadline is June 10, 2011. Completed applications should be submitted to the City Manager's Office at 1830 County Road B E, Maplewood, MN 55109.

# Council Corner

By Councilmember James Llanas

Every decision the council is faced with has financial impacts on the city and its residents. Property and business taxes are good insofar as they bond the municipal government (and its expenditures) to the residents. Any tax that becomes some sort of abstraction — where the tax payer no longer has any idea what taxes are actually funding — contributes to what I would describe as a democracy deficit. The city staff goes to great lengths to provide background and insight into both the budget and where monies are being spent. Complacency by some and the intentional deception by a small destructive few contribute to this democracy deficit. I would encourage you to take a look at the city budget and learn how the city is looking to improve services and reduce costs.



Councilmembers Nephew and Koppen, Mayor Rossbach, Councilmembers Llanas and Juenemann

The overall state of Maplewood is great! Good financial management has improved our bond rating which translates into substantial financial savings. Further confirmation of our good financial management is the League of Minnesota Insurance Trust no longer sees Maplewood as a liability risk and has lowered our annual deductible from \$200,000 to \$50,000. The City continues to work on consolidating services with neighboring cities like North St. Paul and Roseville to improve offerings while reducing expenditures. Public Works has capitalized on low construction bids and accelerated our street projects resulting in lower assessments to residents. And, city employees participated in an extensive health care program that actually contributed to a reduction in health care premiums when some surrounding cities saw as much as an 18-20% hike! To further analyze how the city can maintain city services while saving residents money the council has embarked on a study on an organized trash collection system.

I recently spoke to a resident who indicated that both she and her husband recently lost their jobs and were struggling financially. She described her hardship as an opportunity to examine the essential and non essential....something she thought every one of us should do. Undoubtedly most have been impacted by the state and national economy and have already found ways to stretch our dollars, I know I have. Every council meeting I ask, "how will this impact residents?", "what is the benefit in the long and short term?" and "how can we get it better & for less?!" I will continue to fight for ways to improve our city, maintain our quality of life and examine ways to "stretch our dollars"

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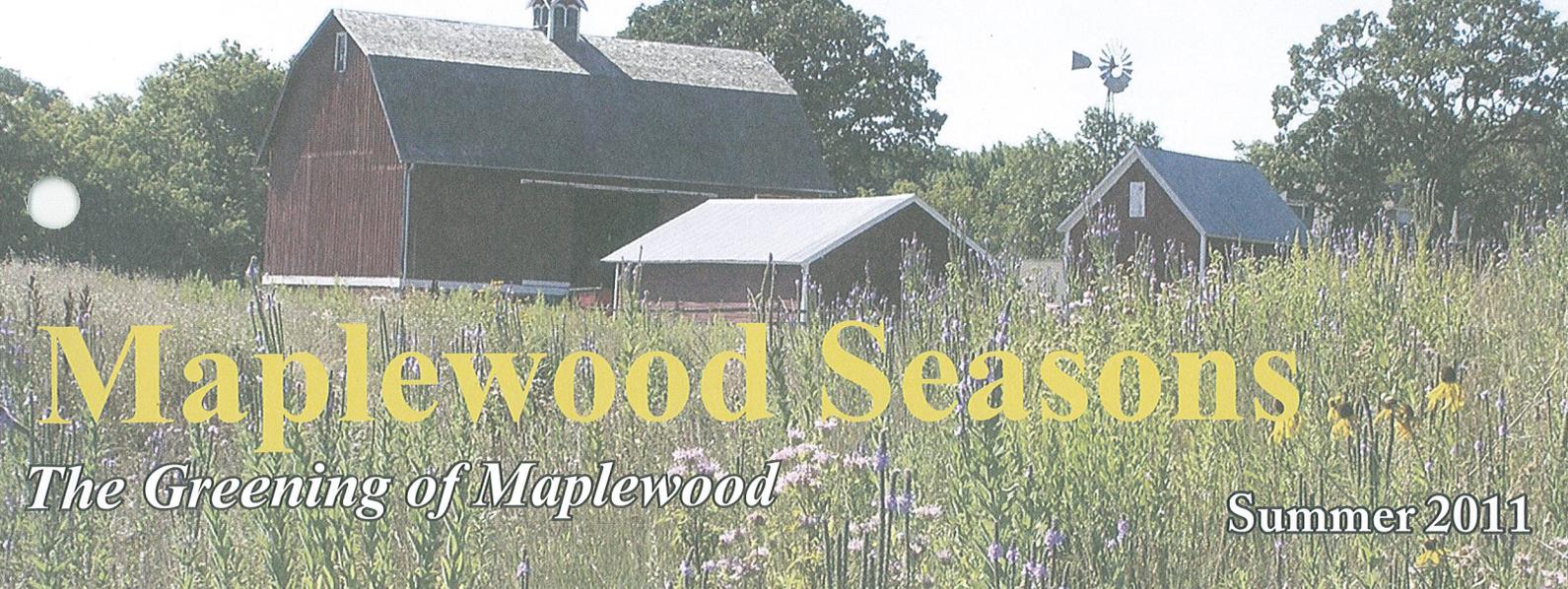
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# Maplewood Seasons

## *The Greening of Maplewood*

Summer 2011

## Maplewood's Local Foods Movement

By Ginny Gaynor,  
Natural Resources Coordinator

One of my favorite images of Maplewood is the Bruentrup Farm in mid-summer, rising from a hillside of beebalm. Maplewood's farming history dates to the 1850's when four St. Paul families moved here to farm. The Bruentrup Heritage Farm celebrates our farm history from 1891 to 1920, an era of dramatic change with the conversion from horse powered to mechanized farming. Today, food and food production systems are again in the spotlight, driven by environmental, health, and economic concerns. Maplewood has much to offer to those interested in eating or raising healthy foods.

### Buying Locally Produced Foods

Eating more foods that are produced locally has health benefits, reduces environmental impacts from transportation, and creates new markets for small farmers. We're fortunate in Maplewood to have great access to fresh local foods. The Aldrich Arena Farmer's Market is open Wednesdays, 8:00AM to noon, May 11 through

October 26. In addition to fruits and vegetables, the market has eggs, cheese, honey, bakery goods, and more.

Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) is another way to enjoy local produce. When you join a CSA, you "buy a share" in a small farm. Each week you receive a box of freshly harvested produce. You share the risk with the farmer, so if it's a bad year, there may be less produce. Most CSAs grow foods without pesticides.

### Growing Your Own Food

Peeking into Maplewood backyards, you'll see some amazing vegetable gardens. Growing systems run the gamut: tilled rows, square foot gardens, raised beds, straw bale gardens, and the list continues. If you're too busy to garden, you can actually hire someone to plant and care for a vegetable garden in your yard. Our community offers lots of resources for beginning and advanced gardeners. For more information or to register for a class contact the Maplewood Nature Center (651.249.2170) or Ramsey County Master Gardeners, with offices here in Maplewood (see article on page 3).

Raising food is not just about fruits and

vegetables. Some residents would like to raise chickens and Maplewood is studying whether to change a City ordinance that prohibits this (see article on page 2). Urban bee keeping and tapping maple trees for syrup is also becoming popular.

### Community Gardens

Last year Maplewood brought community garden plots back to Edgerton Park. This year the city has new garden partnerships and programs (see article on page 3). In addition the city is exploring ideas to include more edibles at our parks. The new landscape at Lion's Park will have raspberries, blackberries, and blueberries.

### New Twists on Old Ideas

These are exciting times for food and gardening. See our website for more information on the above and for links to innovative programs such as fruit gleanings, connecting farmers to chefs, and getting more local produce in our schools ([www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/communitygarden](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/communitygarden)).



## Exploring Local Foods In Maplewood



Visit Aldrich Arena Farmer's Market



Join a CSA



Rent a Garden Plot



Plant a Garden

# Chickens in the Neighborhood

By Shann Finwall, Environmental Planner

Growing up in an old farmhouse in Maplewood, there was a chicken coop in my back yard. But my family didn't use it to raise chickens; we used it as a shed which met the residential lifestyle of the time. As Maplewood moved from an agricultural to a residential community, the City's zoning code was changed to prohibit the raising of chickens. Residential lifestyles continue to change. People are now more aware of the impacts that their lives and eating habits have on the environment and their health.



photo by Carole Anderson

Chicken on a pail

One change we see is the increase in urban farming, including the raising of chickens in residential areas as a way of promoting local food systems. According to Back Yard Chickens ([www.backyardchickens.com](http://www.backyardchickens.com)) people who raise chickens report that they are easy and inexpensive to maintain; they enjoy eggs that are fresh, great tasting, and nutritious; the chickens offer chemical-free bug and weed control in their gardens; and they produce the world's best fertilizer. Kids love to join in on the raising of chickens, as they are reported to be fun and friendly pets. Carole from the City's finance department can attest to these benefits as her family has raised chickens for years. Carole's daughters Olivia and Emily share in egg collection and chicken rearing responsibilities.



photo by Carole Anderson

Olivia and Emily and their pet chicken

There has been an interest by some Maplewood residents and the Environmental and Natural Resources (ENR) Commission to allow chickens in residential areas of Maplewood. The ENR Commission studied the issue and drafted an ordinance that would allow up to ten chickens on a residential lot with a permit. The City Council will take up the matter on June 27, 2011, with the first reading of the proposed chicken ordinance. For more information on the proposed ordinance, or to give your feedback on the new policy effort to invigorate the local food system, visit the city's website at [www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/sustainability](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/sustainability).

## Backyard Composting

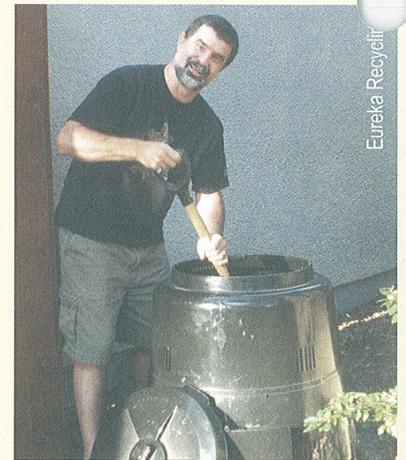
By Bill Prierer, Recycling Coordinator

Composting is an easy way to turn the waste from your yard and kitchen into nutrient-rich material that you can use to improve the soil in your garden.

Like a simple recipe, your compost pile needs the right mixture of ingredients in order to produce the best results. The key materials are nitrogen rich "greens", carbon rich "browns", water, and air. Greens provide nitrogen and act as a source of protein for the microbes that will break down the material over time. Yard greens include green leaves, flowers, vegetables, plant and hedge trimmings, and grass (in small amounts). Kitchen greens include fruit and vegetable scraps, houseplant trimmings, coffee grounds, tea bags, egg shells, rice and pasta. Browns are a source of carbon and provide energy for the microbes. Yard browns include straw, sawdust, dried grasses, weeds, and leaves. Kitchen browns include coffee filters, stale bread, paper napkins and towels, dryer lint, and hair.

Like all living things, the microbes in your compost pile need water and air to live. As the microbes grow and travel around in your compost pile, they decompose materials. Turning your compost pile each week with a spade or pitchfork will provide air to aid decomposition and control odors.

A well managed compost pile will be ready in two to four months in the warm season. When complete, your compost pile will be about half its original height, and will have a pleasant, earthy smell. To learn more, stop by the composting demonstration at the Edgerton Garden this summer, or learn about composting as the next step to zero waste on Eureka Recycling's compost website at [www.makedirtnotwaste.org](http://www.makedirtnotwaste.org).



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### Compost Bin Building Demo with the "Compostadores."

Tuesday, July 12, 6:00 - 8:30PM  
(raindate Wed, July 13) at  
Edgerton Community Garden

Earth Machine compost bins for sale right now at the Nature Center for \$45.00. Contact the Nature Center at 651.249.2170.

# Education and Community Building in the Garden

By Oakley Biesanz, Edgerton Community Garden Coordinator

“Good therapy, good exercise, and fresh food” are the reasons why Orgene Braaten loves to garden. Orgene is a gardener who participated in the Edgerton Community Garden Program in 2010, has a plot for 2011, and in decades past gardened at the Edgerton Community Garden (where I’m told we once had 300 plots!). In 2010, Maplewood reinstated garden plots at Edgerton Park. Forty plots were rented out and the gardeners grew an amazing variety of foods. Here’s what a couple Edgerton gardeners had to say about gardening:

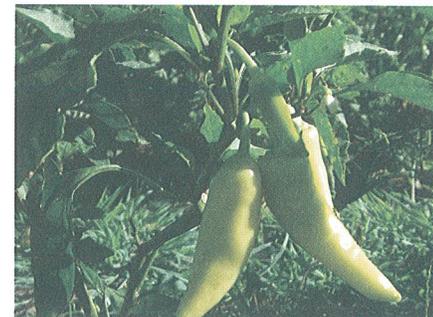
- Kathleen Faschingbauer, Edgerton Garden Committee Volunteer states “I love absolutely everything about gardening: the planning, planting, tending and reaping the fruits of my labor.”
- Xong Ly, a gardener from Laos, with translation by her daughter states “Back at home, they garden all the time, so my mother gardens because it reminds her of home and, it’s good exercise.”

For 2011, the Edgerton Garden continues with 40 plots plus a children’s garden. In addition, the City has formed a partnership with Harvest Gardens (651.288.1082 or [www.harvestgardens.org](http://www.harvestgardens.org)). Harvest Gardens is a community outreach of First Evangelical Free Church and has garden plots available to the public on their land located on the southwest corner of County Road C and Hazelwood.

Also new this year is educational programming for the community gardens. Maplewood Nature Center has pulled together an exciting series of speakers and demonstrations. The season kicked off this spring with a presentation by Professor Bud Markhart on organic gardening. One hundred and ten people attended and the talk was translated into Karen and Hmong languages. Master Gardeners are also giving in-garden demonstrations for garden plot renters this season. For a schedule and details on gardening classes, see our community garden webpage at [www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/communitygarden](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/communitygarden) or contact Maplewood Nature Center at 651.249.2170.



2010 Garden Committee



Banana peppers at Edgerton Garden

## Community Garden Day

Saturday, August 6, 10:00AM - 2:00PM Visit the Edgerton and Harvest Community Gardens for an open house.

## Ramsey County Master Gardeners



Garden Harvest

Ramsey County Master Gardeners have been serving our community since 1977, providing over 6,500 hours of volunteer service annually in Ramsey County! One hundred and fifty eight highly-trained volunteers teach the public about gardening and tackle projects that enhance our community. The Ramsey County Extension Office, near the barn at 2020 White Bear Avenue, is home base for these Master Gardeners. Here are a few ways to tap into their wonderful gardening resources:

- “Ask a Master Gardener” Phone Line: 651.704.2071. The Master Gardeners maintain a phone line and can answer yard and garden questions of every type imaginable! FREE.
- Plant & Insect Diagnostic Clinic. County residents can bring plant or insect samples to the barn where Master Gardener teams diagnose the problem and offer information or solutions. Hours: Wed. and Sat., 11AM to 1PM (April-Oct. 1), closed July 2 and September 3. FREE.
- Farmers’ Market Q & A Booths. Master Gardeners have Question and Answer Booths at several Farmer’s Markets during the growing season. FREE.
- Demonstration Garden. On Tues. evenings this summer, stop by the demonstration garden at the Ramsey County Extension office at 6:30PM. Ramsey County Master Gardeners will be at the garden to talk about growing your own food, urban soils, gardening in small spaces, and nutrition.
- Website. The Master Gardeners maintain a website that provides lists of programs and events, gardening tips and links to resources ([www.co.ramsey.mn.us/mastergardener](http://www.co.ramsey.mn.us/mastergardener)).

# The Good Works Of Insect Pollinators

By Ann Hutchinson, Lead Naturalist

If you have a healthy garden, your flowers will be alive with a diverse bestiary of insect pollinators. While most of us recognize the European honey bee, there are hundreds of native species of bees, flies, and bugs that pollinate as well. There's our tolerant friend the bumble bee - how they make my meadow rose sing! The bright red rosehips that grow as a result of their hard work provide the seeds and fruit necessary for the plant to spread and food for me and other animals. Over a quarter of the fruit and seeds eaten by birds is a result of animal pollination. Twenty-five percent of beverages and crops that we eat are a direct result of the good works of insect pollinators!

How does it happen? As a pollinator forages on a flower for pollen or nectar, sticky hairs on its body pick up pollen grains - it's a bit like a child with a messy face after eating. When the insect flies off, it carries the pollen to a new flower, where it may transfer the pollen to the stigma and pollinate the flower. Perhaps some of you have spied the bright metallic green of the sweat bee (genus *agapostemon*) that we see at the Nature Center gardens. This bee is a native social bee that lives in small colonies underground. While these bees can sting, most will not, unless their nesting sites are disturbed. Tiny waists, distinct three part abdomens, antennae that are cylindrical, and two sets of wings distinguish bees from flies. There are a number of flies that mimic a bee's yellow and black warning colors. Although a fly does not hold as much pollen as a bee, sheer numbers make flies significant pollinators. Flies cannot sting so it's fun to impress your friends by gently grasping the bee mimic!

Beetles, flies, butterflies, and moths are all important insect pollinators. Spraying repellent for mosquitoes will kill beneficial bugs as well. To provide habitat for nests, eggs, larvae and adult pollinators, try to reduce or refrain from using pesticides and herbicides. For more information visit the Xerces Society website at [www.xerces.org/pollinator-resource-center](http://www.xerces.org/pollinator-resource-center).

Mammals and birds also play a role in plant pollination. Tropical fruit bats pollinate many fruit trees such as mango and guava. Pollen sticks to the faces of hummingbirds as they slurp up a nectar treat.



Sweat Bee on Purple Coneflower

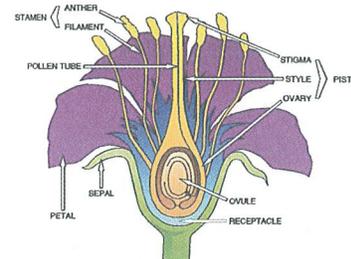


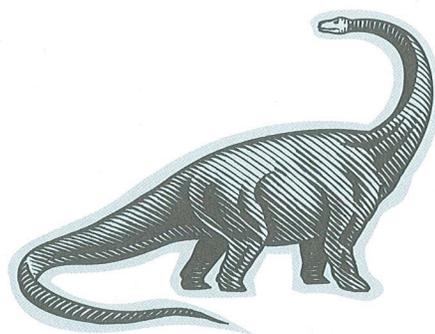
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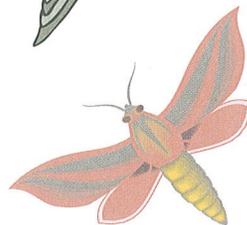
Bumblebee on Joy Pye Weed

## Circle the Pollinators!

Answer: All are pollinators except the dinosaur and deer!



by Carole Gernes,  
Naturalist



Pollinators carry pollen to flowers in your garden!  
With pollen, fruit and seeds begin to grow!

## Financial Highlights Continued...

1. Introduction – provides general information on the government's structure, services and environment.
2. Financial – contains the basic financial statements, notes to the financial statements, any additional required supplementary information and information on individual funds.
3. Statistical – presents detailed information as a context for understanding what information in the financial statements, note disclosures, and required supplementary information about the City's overall financial health. The statistical section includes financial trends, revenue capacity, debt capacity, demographic and economic information and operating information.

The City makes its CAFR available at [www.ci.maplewood.mn.us](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us) to improve access to the City's financial reporting.

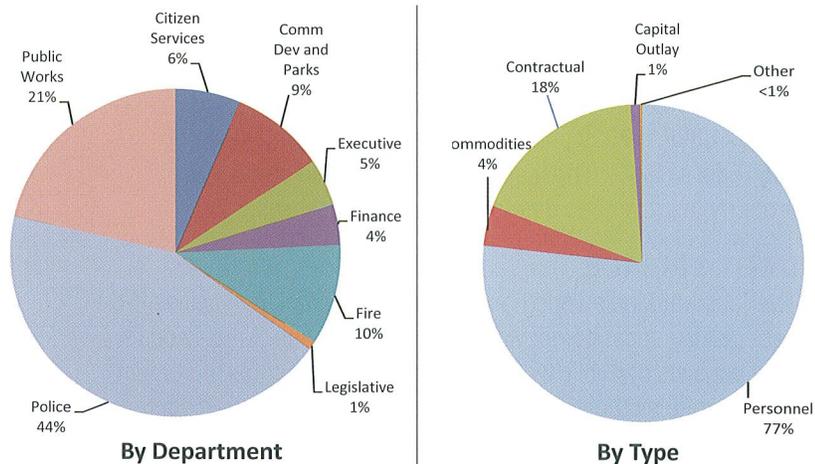
## Financial Highlights for 2010:

- The City of Maplewood's assets exceeded liabilities by \$112,142,658 (net assets). Of this amount, \$9,109,242 is unrestricted and may be used to meet the City's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.
- The City's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$24,810,771 which is an increase of \$3,519,989 over 2009. Of this total, \$7,117,359 is designated for working capital in the General Fund which is a 10.1% increase from last year.
- At the end of 2010, unreserved fund balance for the General Fund was \$7,233,099, or 40.6% of General Fund revenues.
- The City's long-term liabilities increased by \$6,333,385 during 2010, mainly due to new debt issues.

## GENERAL FUND

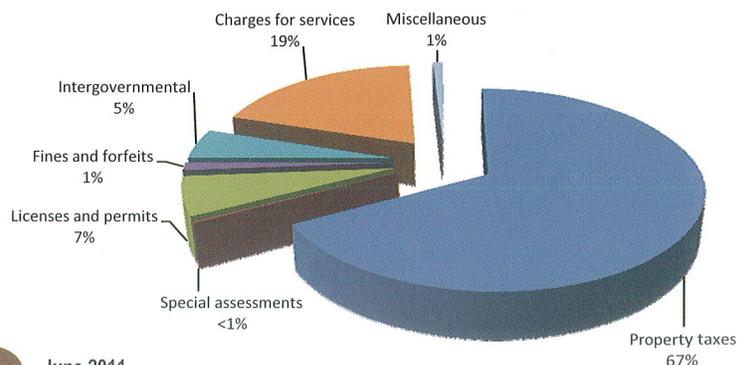
The General Fund is the City's primary operating fund. It accounts for most general municipal services including Police, Fire, Parks and Streets. The General Fund saw an increase in its fund balance for the first time since 2007. Since losing Local Government Aid in 2003 and Market Value Homestead Credit in 2008, the City has struggled with balancing its property tax levy increases with citizen demands on service. Departments have made many sacrifices in their efforts to reduce spending while maintaining city services. Some of the savings come from hiring freezes, but some are due to deferred maintenance projects or purchases. The downside is that these deferred items will eventually need to be completed.

The graphs above show a breakdown of expenditures for 2010 by department and type.



As shown by the graph above, employees make up a large portion of the City's General Fund expenditures, with contractual services coming in a distant second. General Fund operating expenditures were \$16,938,835 and \$17,000,437 in 2009 and 2010, respectively, an increase of \$61,602 or 0.4%. The Fire, Police and Legislative departments were the only ones to see an increase in their expenditures from 2009 to 2010.

An adequate fund balance is needed to provide a sufficient balance for the City's cash flow needs and to maintain its bond rating. The revenue to support the General Fund comes from a variety of sources, the largest of which is property taxes at 67%. Property taxes are collected by Ramsey County and remitted to the City in June/July and November/December each year. A sufficient year end fund balance is necessary to manage the cash flow needs of the City for the first half of the year. The State Auditor recommends that cities maintain unreserved fund balances in their General Fund of approximately 35 to 50 percent of fund operating revenues or no less than five months of operating expenditures. The increase in the 2010 fund balance put the City at 40.6% of revenues, a percent it hasn't achieved since 2003. Included in this unreserved fund balance is an amount of \$115,740 which is designated for expenditure carryovers approved by the City Council. Removing this amount from the total gives the City a net unreserved fund balance of 39.9% of fund operating revenues. The breakdown of General Fund revenues by source for 2010 is as follows:



## Financial Highlights Continued...

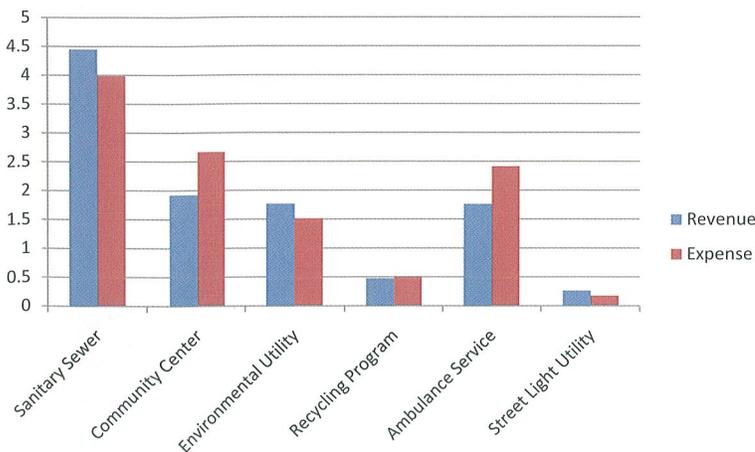
General Fund operating revenues were \$16,970,130 and \$17,821,698 in 2009 and 2010, respectively, an increase of \$851,568 or 5.0%. The majority of the increase came from property tax revenues due to the 2010 levy increase.

## DEBT SERVICE

The fact that Maplewood has debt is not unusual; most cities have debt just like most homeowners have a mortgage. Maplewood's debt consists of public works improvement bonds, tax increment bonds, state aid bonds, revenue bonds and bond issues approved by voters in referendums. The City's debt at the end of 2010 was \$78,972,297. 70% of this amount will be retired within the next eight years. Based on current projections, Maplewood expects to start seeing a decrease in their outstanding debt amount beginning in 2014. The fund balance for the debt service funds increased by \$2,349,383 in 2010 due to a carryover refunding bond issued during the year. The refunded bonds have been paid off in 2011 which has reduced the fund balance.

## BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES

Enterprise funds are used to account for revenues received for goods or services provided on a continuing basis and primarily financed through user charges. The City of Maplewood uses enterprise funds to account for its ambulance service, community center, environmental utility, recycling program, sanitary sewer and street light utility operations. The Ambulance Service Fund and Community Center Operations Fund currently have deficit cash balances. The City Council has acknowledged the need to address this problem and city staff is working on viable solutions. The remaining four funds all have positive cash balances and are expected to support their operations in the years to come based on current projections. The following graph shows a comparison of revenues and expenses for 2010 for the City's enterprise funds.



Going forward the City will continue to search out new revenue streams, contain costs, and most important, maintain the current level of quality services. A copy of the City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and other financial documents can be found on the City's website.

## Trash Hauling Working Group



The City began the planning phase for trash collection system analysis in May with the formation of a Trash Hauling Working Group. Two City Council Members and three Environmental and Natural Resources Commissioners were appointed to serve on the Working Group. Over the next few months the Working Group will serve as a review team for analysis of residential trash collection system

options, with all reports and outcomes being presented to the full City Council for periodic updates and policy direction. The Working Group meetings will be held in the Maplewood City Council Chambers. They are open to the public, will be aired live on Channel 16, stream live on the City's website, and replayed periodically on Channel 16. Following is the current schedule of Working Group meetings in June:

- Friday, June 3, 9:00 - 11:00AM
- Wednesday, June 22, 5:00 - 7:00PM
- Wednesday, June 29, 5:00 - 7:00PM

An important part of the City's Trash Collection System Analysis is updating Maplewood citizens and trash haulers and obtaining feedback. For updates on the Trash Collection System Analysis visit the city's website at [www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/trash](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/trash). To submit your comments click on the Trash Collection Comment Form on the webpage, or go directly to the Trash Collection Comment Form at [www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/trashsurvey](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/trashsurvey).

## On The Police Scanner

In April, the Maplewood Police Department responded to 1,780 calls for service.

15 Assault Cases	1 Robbery Case
19 Burglary Cases	105 Theft Cases
16 Auto Theft Cases	32 Theft from Vehicle Cases
20 Criminal Damage to Property Cases	

Officers also made 51 arrests for shoplifting and 8 arrests for DWI.

## Neighborhood Investment

Why is rebuilding old deteriorating streets important? What goes into the preparation of a neighborhood street improvement project? What types of improvements are actually made? When is my street going to be rebuilt? The following article will provide insight into all these questions.

The City of Maplewood's street reconstruction program was initiated in 1999 to repair, rebuild, and protect the City's existing street and underground utilities. Back in 1999 many of our local streets were in extremely poor condition with potholes, cracks, and street flooding during rain storms. Also, underneath the street many of the sanitary sewer and water pipes were in poor condition and aged. Thus the City Council set a goal that 75% of the 135 miles of the City's local streets should be at an acceptable level or better. Currently 63% of the local streets are now at or above an acceptable level, 12% shy of the set goal. The street reconstruction program represents a continued investment by the City and its residents into the local neighborhoods to improve and protect infrastructure and enhance the quality of life for the community.

Intense planning and preparation goes into the street reconstruction program. It begins with City staff performing visual inspections of

local streets in which they count cracks and potholes, among other failures, along the length of the road. The visual inspections, along with known history of areas with drainage and utility problems, help to identify neighborhoods that are in need of reconstruction and repair. The streets and neighborhoods are then grouped and ranked in order of greatest need. Each year the City prepares a 5-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) that is adopted by the City Council in order to prioritize these prospective projects for the coming years. The CIP serves as a planning document for future projects and their proposed funding sources. For 2011, the Western Hills Neighborhood on the west side of Interstate 35E is planned to receive this investment. The staff has worked closely with the neighborhood over the past year in developing a successful project for construction this year.



Completed neighborhood improvement project

Currently the City plans one neighborhood improvement project per year. Typically these projects range from 2 to 4 miles in length. The planning process for a neighborhood improvement project begins with the notification to the residents and stakeholders one year in advance and continues throughout the plan preparation and public improvement process. This process involves preliminary engineering studies, research of the project area, several neighborhood meetings, survey of the neighborhood, and preparation of plans. Construction typically starts in late spring and ends in the late fall of any given year.

Improvements to the street often include the replacement of the support material, the addition of concrete curb and gutter, and new pavement. The street is re-designed and graded to prevent localized flooding. It is important that a new street is constructed with underlying material that provides strength for the bituminous pavement (asphalt) and also minimizes the occurrence of freeze/thaw cycles.

The street reconstruction program looks beyond the condition of the street surface. It also looks below at the utilities that serve the residential homes. The utilities often need repairs in the older neighborhoods. Limited storm sewer catch basins (inlets) and pipes are normally found to be a major issue within older neighborhoods. An expanded system is often needed to relieve drainage issues within the street and address drainage issues that affect residential properties. The existing sanitary sewer and water main systems are reviewed for deficiencies or lengths in need of repair.

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## Pride Of Maplewood Award



Michael Thompson, City Engineer /  
Dep. Director of Public Works (left)  
& Jon Jarosch, Civic Engineer  
Assistant (right)

Congratulations to Jon Jarosch for being nominated the Pride of Maplewood by his co-workers. Jon is a Civil Engineer in our Public Works – Engineering Department. He originally joined the City of Maplewood in May 2002 as a temp/seasonal Engineering Intern and became a full-time Civil Engineer in December 2005.

“Jon is a thorough and hardworking individual who continually strives to go above and beyond the call of duty.”

“He treats residents and co-workers with the highest level of respect.”

“Jon is always in a good mood.”

“He is a team player and will take the time necessary to help anyone in the Department.”

“Jon is always pleasant and a joy to work with.”

“He is truly an asset to the City and its residents.”

Jon's optimism and “can do” attitude is second to none, and he applies that positive approach to every aspect of his job.”

Thank you, Jon, for all your hard work and dedication to the citizens of Maplewood and your co-workers.

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### Neighborhood Investment Continued...

These corrections are then done as part of the neighborhood improvement project. The City also works with Xcel Energy to accommodate the replacement of old gas lines.

Additionally neighborhood improvement projects include the installation of water quality treatment measures such as rain gardens. Runoff that contains pollutants and sediments that would normally be washed downstream to wetlands, lakes, and rivers can be captured and treated. Not only is this a federally mandated requirement that the City must meet, but it is a huge benefit to the environment, the residents of the neighborhood, and to those who live downstream.

The neighborhood improvement projects often include unique design elements that are individual to the needs of the specific neighborhood. These often stem from the neighborhood meetings that are held during the design stage of the project. Staff asks the residents what can be done to make the neighborhood better. Ideas generated at these meetings can really make a project stand out and give a sense of neighborhood pride. A few examples are: designing the street to calm traffic; adding street lighting; and enhancing the visual appeal of the neighborhood through landscaping and rain gardens.

As the City moves closer to meeting the goal set by the City Council, the Public Works Department is more able to focus resources towards a more maintenance style approach to the City's infrastructure. For example mill and overlay projects are planned for various collector streets over the next two years throughout the City such as Linwood Avenue, Highwood Avenue, and Roselawn Avenue. In conclusion, the street reconstruction program is very important in maintaining a strong system of infrastructure and quality of life in the City of Maplewood. If you have any questions about your street or if there are future plans for improvements within your neighborhood contact the Public Works Department at 651.249.2400.



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# Maplewood Monthly

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## Save The Date

- **National Night Out**  
Tuesday, August 2  
in the Neighborhoods
- **Town Hall Meeting**  
**Topic: Police Department Space Needs**  
Saturday, August 6, 10AM-12PM  
at City Hall pg. 6
- **Dinner Theater: Cats**  
Friday, August 12, 6PM see ad pg. 6  
at Maplewood Community Center
- **Taste of Maplewood**  
Friday, August 19, 4-10PM  
Saturday, August 20, noon-10PM  
at Goodrich Park
- **Teddy Bear Brunch**  
Saturday, September 17, 11AM-2PM  
at Maplewood Community Center

3 Open Commissions

3 GREEN Parks

3 Council Corner

4 Fire Department

6 Town Hall Meeting

6 Trash Hauling

7 Stop Sign Petition

8 Theatre Shows

## Municipal Election - August 9, 2011

Get Out and Vote!



A Primary Election will be held on August 9, 2011. There will be two councilmember seats on the ballot.

To see a list of the candidates who are on the ballot, to find your polling place and for additional information regarding the election, visit the city website at [www.ci.maplewood.mn.us](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us), click on the Citizen Services Department or contact Karen Guilfoile at 651.249.2002 or via email at [karen.guilfoile@ci.maplewood.mn.us](mailto:karen.guilfoile@ci.maplewood.mn.us).

## Celebrate National Night Out With Your Neighbors

TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2011

The Maplewood Police Department along with other police agencies all over the country will celebrate National Night Out activities. National Night Out is an annual event that falls on the first Tuesday in the month of August.

There were 67 National Night Out block parties held on August 3, 2010 in Maplewood. The citizens who participate in National Night Out reinforce police and community partnerships and send a strong message to criminals that neighborhoods in Maplewood will not tolerate crime.

In past years, the Maplewood Police Department and neighborhood groups have used this event to voice concerns and share information as well as promote neighborhood cohesiveness.

It is once again time to start thinking about cooking out, block parties, reacquainting yourself with neighbors and enjoying a refreshing root beer float.

Due to the overwhelming requests for Police Department visits, we will be limiting the number of guaranteed visits to the first 50 registered block parties. This will be based on the order in which the registrations are received. **The deadline to register your block party is July 18.**

If you have any questions, please call our hotline at 651.249.2700 or register at [www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/nno2011](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/nno2011).



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## Frequently Called Numbers

### Maplewood City Hall

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

### Maplewood Community Center

Registration 651.249.2230  
 Customer Service 651.249.2230  
 Admissions 651.249.2210  
 Theater/Banquet Room Rental 651.249.2103  
 Group Information 651.249.2204  
 Aquatics 651.249.2206  
 Fitness 651.249.2207

### Maplewood Recreation

General Information 651.249.2007

### Maplewood Nature Center

General Information 651.249.2170

### Code Enforcement

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

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## Maplewood Meeting Schedule

Business & Economic Development Commission:  
 Thursday, July 28 at 5:15PM  
 City Council: Monday, July 11 & 25 at 7:00PM  
 City Council Wksp: Monday, July 11 & 25 at 5:15PM  
 Community Design Review Board: Tuesday, July 26 at 6:00PM  
 Environmental & Natural Resource Commission: Monday, July 18 at 7:00PM  
 Heritage Preservation Commission: Thursday, July 14 at 7:00PM  
 Housing & Redevelopment Authority: Wednesday, July 6 at 7:00PM  
 Human Rights Commission: Tuesday, July 12 at 7:00PM  
 Parks & Recreation Commission: Wednesday, July 20 at 7:00PM  
 Planning Commission: Tuesday, July 5 & 19 at 7:00PM  
**Town Hall Meeting: Saturday, August 6 at 10:00AM at City Hall**

All City Council and Commission meetings are broadcast live on Channel 16 and are rebroadcast on a schedule that is posted at [www.ci.maplewood.mn.us](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us). \* Any meeting cancellations are posted on the City's website.

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City Hall will be closed Monday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day.

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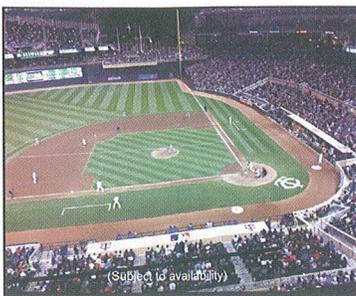
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## Deadline Extended For Commission Applications

The City of Maplewood is accepting applications to fill three vacancies. There is one vacancy on the Environmental and Natural Resources Commission, one vacancy on the Housing Redevelopment Authority and one vacancy on the Community Design Review Board. These vacancies were created by commissioners resigning before their term ended. The individuals appointed to these positions will serve the remainder of those terms. The City Council will interview candidates that apply and will appoint individuals to fill these vacancies.

More information on the commissions can be found on the City's website [www.ci.maplewood.mn.us](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us) or by calling City Hall at 651.249.2000.

Applications can be picked up at the City Hall front desk or found online on the City's website. The application **deadline is July 8, 2011**. Completed applications should be submitted to the City Manager's Office at 1830 County Road B E, Maplewood, MN 55109.

## Maplewood Parks Are Going Green



Summer is finally here. Maplewood parks are full of green lush plants. But the plant growth isn't the only thing that is green in the parks. Maplewood is also greening its parks with recycling bins. Through a grant from Ramsey County, Maplewood will receive a total of 137 park recycling bins.

The first shipment of recycling bins was received in May. Maplewood park crews have placed the recycling bins in eight parks that have ball fields to ensure summer leagues can recycle their beverage bottles. The remaining recycling bins will be received by July 4 and placed throughout Maplewood's other 26 parks.

The park recycling bins are easy to identify with a bright blue lid and sides made of recycled plastic lumber. When using a park pavilion, ball field, or other park amenity, you now have a convenient recycling option that will help to reduce waste and protect the environment.

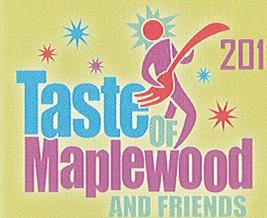
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# Council Corner

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.

## By Mayor Rossbach

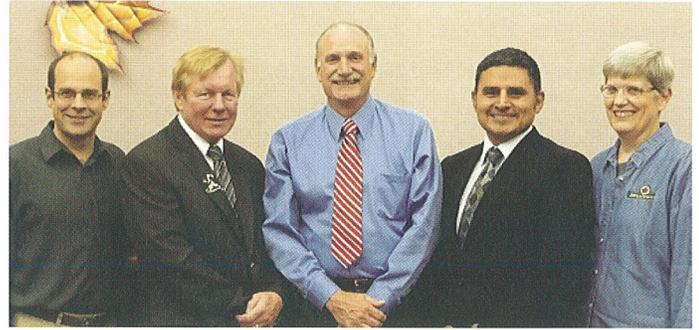
As this issue of the Maplewood Monthly reaches you we may or may not be in a state government shutdown. Odds are, in my opinion that we will be. I wanted to take the time to fill you in on how a shutdown would affect Maplewood. As it ends up no one really knows. This strikes me as exceptionally poor planning. It is bad enough that the people that we sent to the capitol to do our work can't seem to manage to come up with ways to get the job done. Apparently they also haven't taken the time to actually put a plan in place that lays out the procedure which will be followed if they can't do their jobs, a situation which seems to be occurring on a regular basis in the recent past. I certainly understand that State Representatives and Senators have strong feelings about the issues before them but their inability to find compromise will result in undue hardship for many individuals, organizations and companies across the State.

In several cases the flow of funds for core functions will continue. In the 2005 shut down, Judge Johnson found that "core functions" included matters relating to the life, health, and safety of Minnesota citizens, and the maintenance and preservation of public property. He also found that core functions included those functions required to be performed by the State under a federal contract or a federal law. Also, during a shutdown money is still being taken in by the State but without the various department budgets in place there is no authority to spend the money. Again in 2005 a "special master" was appointed to determine what those core functions were. Bear in mind that none of this process is in State law in 2005 they were essentially making it up as they went along. So there is no way to know if the same process will be used again.

Cities receive State money from several sources and many of those are automatic programs that do not require action by the legislature in order for the funds to be available, however if the State is shutdown it is uncertain if there will be any staff to do the actual work needed to process the funds and send them out. In Maplewood's case we no longer receive any Local Government Aid so it will not impact us. We do, however, receive Homestead Value Credit although the State has not actually given the reimbursement for this program for awhile, so this probably would not have a real impact on Maplewood either. There are several pension programs for Police and Fire Fighters, there is a PERA reimbursement program and a Police Officer Training reimbursement all of which the status of payments is uncertain. The normal payments of these programs are later in the year so the shutdown would have to last for months for these to affect Maplewood.

So, for the most part it appears that the impacts to Maplewood assuming that the shutdown does not last too long will be manageable for the city. The impacts to individuals however may well be more apparent. Our residents who are employed by the State and all the private firms that do work with the State will suffer immediate impacts from the loss of jobs. Services such as parks, road projects, and licenses could be cut or just stop altogether. The impacts will vary from one individual to another depending on what services you tend to use.

All of this is brought to us by our friends at the capitol. I don't care what party you may favor or what specific issue is most important to you. When the State shuts down it is a failure for us all, one that we should make clear is not acceptable.



Councilmembers Nephew and Koppen, Mayor Rossbach, Councilmembers Llanas and Juenemann

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## City Council Adopts CIP to Start 2012 Budget Process

On May 23, 2011, the City Council received recommendations from five of the city's citizen commissions to adopt the 2012 – 2016 Capital Improvement Plan. The Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) is a document prepared annually to begin the budget process for the City Council. As part of the plan, city staff prepares a five-year capital expenditure plan based upon goals established by the City Council during the Annual Retreat held in February 2012. The Council established a number of major goals that impact the planning for the 2012 budget and capital expenditures for the next five years.

The Council's number one goal for the City is to provide for Financial Sustainability. The Council defined Financial Sustainability as "Continuing to provide quality, efficient services to our citizens while equalizing expenditures and revenues every year. Making budgeting decisions that comport with the principles of sustainability." In addition, the City Council further defined this to include "Evaluate and Implement Facility Improvements into Infrastructure Needs."

City staff took these two major directives from the City Council and estimated the impact on taxes and revenues as well as project expenditures. These expenditures were prioritized to ensure efficient city services over the next five to ten years. Highlights of the proposed projects include:

- A new Fire Station near the 3M Campus (while closing three fire stations), as well as rehabilitation of Fire Station #7 at a cost of nearly \$6.0 million.
- An expansion of the Police Department facilities at a cost in excess of \$825,000.
- Improvements at the Maplewood Community Center, including upgrades at the Pool at a cost of \$225,000.
- Replacement of existing equipment in 2012 at a cost of \$350,000.
- Acquisition and partial development of the Fish Creek Open Space area at a cost of \$3.65 million.
- Improvements in the Gladstone area in two phases at a cost of \$11.8 million.
- A new interchange at Trunk Highway 36 and English Street to remove the existing signal system at a cost in excess of \$14.0 million.
- Note: a majority of these projects include cost contributions from sources other than Maplewood taxpayers.

Based upon these major projects and noting the impacts on existing operations, the City staff made a number of preliminary assumptions

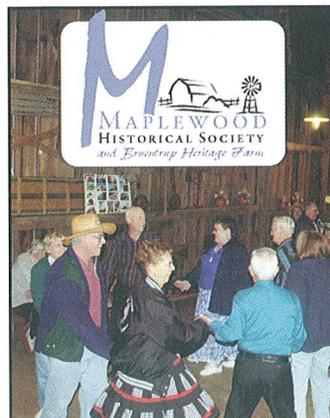
for the Council's consideration in adopting the CIP, as follows:

1. An increase in the tax levy of 3 – 5%; which would raise additional funds of \$525,000 to \$875,000.
2. A shift of costs that would require a reduction in existing operating expenses of up to \$700,000 to support the capital projects.

The Council approved the adoption of the plan but noted a couple of concerns with staff assumptions:

1. A tax increase of 3 – 5% would be difficult for the Council to adopt.
2. The impacts of cutting staff expenses by up to \$700,000 needs additional discussion to determine the service level reductions that correspond to those reductions.
3. A Public Safety levy of up to 2%, to supplement the services provided by our Fire and Police Departments, instead of some or all of the tax increase should be considered.

The Council directed that further review on the budget will be occurring during late July and most of August during televised (Channel 16) Council – Manager Work Sessions. Numerous information and analysis remains before the Council makes a final decision on the tax levy in September 2011 and the status of proposed projects and staff expenditures in December 2011 for the 2012 Budget year (beginning January 2012). Impacts of state funding will not be known until the legislature and governor agree on a state budget. The CIP along with any new information will be shared on the City's webpage at [www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/finance](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/finance). Comments on the budget and CIP can be directed to Assistant City Manager, Chuck Ahl at [chuck.ahl@ci.maplewood.mn.us](mailto:chuck.ahl@ci.maplewood.mn.us) or 651.249.2056.



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## Town Hall Meeting

The City of Maplewood will host the quarterly Town Hall Meeting on Saturday, August 6 from 10:00AM to 12:00PM at Maplewood City Hall in the Maplewood Room. Mayor Will Rossbach and Council Member Kathleen Juenemann will host the meeting. There will be a presentation on the space needs study for the Police Department with discussion to follow. Coffee and cookies will be served.

One of the Council's established goals for the City is to review the overall City facilities and to begin planning for the necessary infrastructure/facilities over the next 5-20 years. One area of specific concerns identified for further evaluation was the facilities provided for our Police Department. Many of the facilities and amenities within the Police Department offices are original from the 1984 design and construction of City Hall. Maplewood's Police staff has grown by 50% since 1984 and Police operations have dramatically changed in the 25+ years. This leaves many of the office areas, locker rooms, storage facilities, training areas and investigation areas either undersized, inefficient, or out-dated. On April 11, the Council approved a contract with SEH to conduct the space needs study. A review of the findings that will be presented to the Council on July 25 will be announced at this meeting.

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## City Council To Consider Trash Hauling Request For Proposal



Over the last two months the City's Trash Hauling Working Group met to analyze trash collection systems. The Working Group discussed alternatives

that will meet the City Council's goals and objectives for new or improved residential trash collection services. The goals include decreasing monthly trash collection rates, increasing trash collection services, and reducing environmental and safety impacts on the community. Systems reviewed by the Working Group include contractual (or "organized") systems and improvements to the City's subscription (or "open") system.

The analysis of a contractual system involved the creation of a request for proposal (RFP) for residential trash collection. The analysis of the City's subscription system involved reviewing the City's current system for improvements.



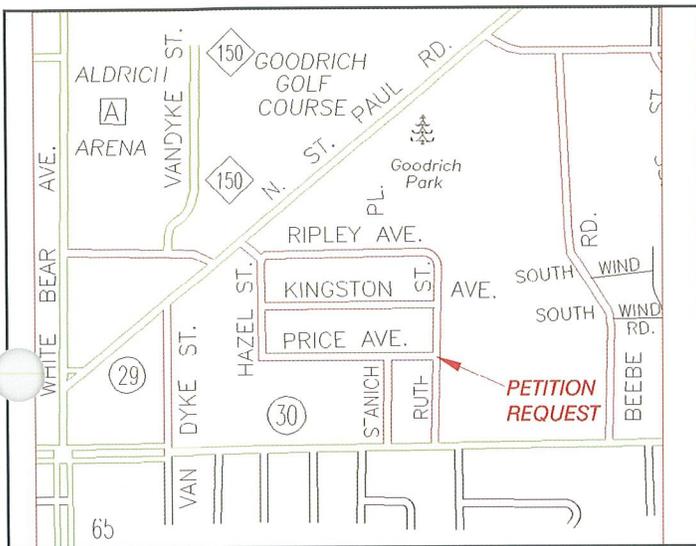
The Trash Collection System RFP is scheduled to be presented to the City Council on July 11, 2011, with a recommendation to release the RFP. The RFP process will be conducted similar to the City's recycling RFP process last year; trash haulers will have the opportunity to submit residential trash collection proposals which

will include costs, services, and other important issues identified by the working group. The Working Group and the City Council will review the proposals based on the City Council's goals and objectives. During the same timeframe the City Council will review possible improvements to the City's subscription system. Reviewing the two systems at one time will allow for a critical analysis. The final decision on contractual versus an improved open trash collection system is tentatively scheduled for November 2011.

For more information visit the City's Trash Collection System Analysis webpage at [www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/trash](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/trash). Citizens of Maplewood are encouraged to use the comment form on that page ([www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/trashsurvey](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/trashsurvey)) to submit your thoughts and suggestions to the City.

## Stop Sign Petition

In response to the stop sign article published in the May issue of the Maplewood Monthly, the Public Works Department has received one petition for stop signs prior to the May 20, 2011 deadline. At the intersection of Price Avenue and Ruth Street it has been requested to remove the north/south stop signs on Ruth Street and replace the east/west stop signs on Price Avenue with yield signs (refer to Location Map). Currently this is signed as a 4-way intersection. This request will be considered by the City Council at the July 11, 2011 council meeting.



Distinctions must be made between stop signs for residential neighborhoods and warranted stop signs for traffic control. The placement of stop signs in the city is regulated, by and consistent with, the Minnesota Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MnMUTCD). This manual has been adopted by city ordinance to regulate all street signage, markings, and signals.

Studies by the Institute of Transportation Engineers indicate that stop signs that do not meet the standard warrants of the MnMUTCD tend to be ignored by drivers, whereas stop signs placed where warranted are more likely to be obeyed. Other studies show that stop signs tend to increase noise in the vicinity of the intersection by adding accelerating and braking noise. Deceleration, idling, and acceleration increase air pollution and fuel consumption which have an adverse impact on air quality in the immediate vicinity.

By adopting the neighborhood stop sign policy, the City Council sought to provide a forum for citizen input and open discussion of the pros and cons of stop sign placement. The regular July 11, 2011 council meeting (7:00PM at City Hall) will provide such a forum and an opportunity to consider this stop sign request, which was submitted before the May 20, 2011 deadline. No other requests will be discussed at this meeting.

## Pride Of Maplewood Award



Christine Evans, Office Specialist (left) & DuWayne Konewko, Parks & Recreation Director (right)

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**Tim Mahoney With Opening Guest Lyn Hurst:** Sept. 16 at 7:30PM  
**Monroe Crossing:** Sept. 23 at 7:30PM  
**Beautiful Noise: A Neil Diamond Tribute:** Sept. 23 at 7:30PM  
**Comedian C. Willi Myles:** Oct. 1 at 7:30PM

**Michael Johnson:** Oct. 7 at 7:30PM  
**Billy McLaughlin:** Oct. 8 at 7:30PM  
**Becky Schlegel:** Oct. 14 at 7:30PM  
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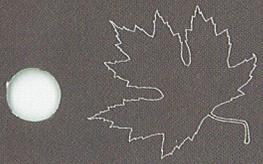
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## Save The Date

- **Teddy Bear Brunch**  
Sunday, September 18, 11AM-2PM  
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- **Monroe Crossing**  
Friday, September 23, 7:30PM  
at Maplewood Community Center
- **Neil Diamond Tribute:  
A Beautiful Noise**  
Saturday, September 24, 7:30PM  
at Maplewood Community Center
- **Women's Expo**  
Sunday, October 15, 10AM -2PM  
at Maplewood Community Center

Exciting things are happening at the Maplewood Community Center. Watch for more details in the October issue.

## Municipal Election Results

The following individuals received the highest number of votes in the Municipal Primary Election held on August 9, 2011 and will advance to the General Election that will be held on November 8, 2011. Two council members will be elected to four year at large terms.

Robert Cardinal   Rebecca Cave   Marvin Koppen   John Nephew



## July 16<sup>th</sup> Rainfall Event Solution To Move Forward



Example of back yard flooding

The majority of Maplewood experienced a high intensity rainfall the morning of Saturday, July 16th, 2011 with 4+ inches of rain falling within a 3 hour period. The likelihood of this occurring in any given year is less than 1%.

The City's piping and pond network is not designed for such extreme events; the rainwater was flowing into the system faster than it could drain out. This led to water levels rising sharply the morning of July 16th thus causing flooding in various locations within the City.

The City Council recently approved funding to analyze the reported problem areas and to implement improvement projects to alleviate the likelihood of repeated high waters with another extreme rain event.

In addition to surface flooding, there were a few homes that backed up through the sanitary sewer system as a result of inflow and infiltration. After inspecting nearby manholes and televising the sanitary sewer mains in the area, no faults were found, leading to the possibility that household sump pumps and improperly connected private surface drains sent clear water into the sanitary sewer. As written in the City of Maplewood Code Section 40-132, "it is unlawful to discharge or cause to be discharged into the municipal sanitary sewer system, either directly or indirectly, any clear water..." Clear water drainage is defined as storm water, natural precipitation, ground water, flow from roof runoff, surface runoff, subsurface runoff, down spouts, eave troughs, rainspouts, yard drains, sump pumps, foundation drains, ponds, swimming pools, cistern overflows or water discharged from any air conditioning unit or system. It is recommended that residents who have any of these prohibited connections correct the situation, which ultimately will help prevent backups in your neighbors' homes and provide more stability to sanitary sewer rates.

If you have any questions or concerns about the recent flooding or potential improvements please contact the Public Works Department. Lastly, if you have a question about your sump pump connection or the potential of other clear water connections please contact the Public Works Department at 651.249.2400.

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# City of Maplewood Elected Officials

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 Kathleen Juenemann: Councilmember 651.771.3670  
 James Llanas: Councilmember 651.488.2745  
 John Nephew: Councilmember 651.776.5963  
 Marvin Koppen: Councilmember 651.770.5391  
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### Maplewood Community Center

Registration 651.249.2230  
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### Maplewood Recreation

General Information 651.249.2007

### Maplewood Nature Center

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## Maplewood Meeting Schedule

Business & Economic Development Commission:  
 Thursday, September 22 at 5:15PM  
 City Council: Monday, September 12 & 26 at 7:00PM  
 City Council Wksp: Monday, September 12 & 26 at 5:15PM  
 Community Design Review Board: Tuesday, September 27 at 6:00PM  
 Environmental & Natural Resource Commission: Monday, September 19 at 7:00PM  
 Heritage Preservation Commission: Thursday, September 8 at 7:00PM  
 Housing & Redevelopment Authority: Wednesday, September 14 at 7:00PM  
 Human Rights Commission: Tuesday, September 13 at 7:00PM  
 Parks & Recreation Commission: Wednesday, September 21 at 7:00PM  
 Planning Commission: Tuesday, September 6 & 20 at 7:00PM

All City Council and Commission meetings are broadcast live on Channel 16 and are rebroadcast on a schedule that is posted at [www.ci.maplewood.mn.us](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us). \* Any meeting cancellations are posted on the City's website.

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

The City Council awarded a total of \$25,000 in Charitable Gambling Tax Funds in 2011. Funds went to the following groups: American Red Cross - TC Area Chapter, Ashland Productions, Austin Otto - Boy Scout Troop 461, Dispute Resolution Center, District 622 ADD/ADHD Support Group, District 622 Fusion Drumline, Friends of Maplewood Nature, Maple Tree Monastery Childcare Center, Maplewood Area Historical Society, Maplewood Mall - Simon Youth Foundation, Maplewood Police Explorers, Maplewood Police Reserves, Maplewood Youth Scholarship Fund, North St. Paul Area Food Shelf, Presentation Cub Scout Pack 461, Ramsey County Fair, Saint Paul Composite Squadron Civilian Air Patrol, St. Paul Ski Club, Tubman Family Alliance.

The funds are awarded by a vote of the Maplewood City Council. Applications are available at [www.ci.maplewood.mn.us](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us) or by calling 651.249.2051.



## Passport Day in the USA 2011

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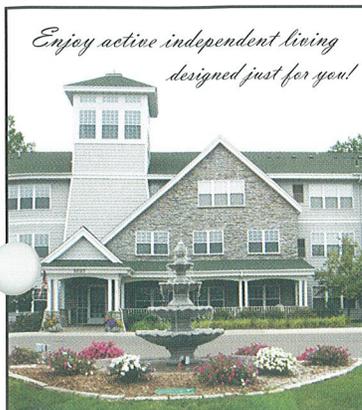


### Planning A Trip Outside The USA?

Planning travel outside the United States? First, get your U.S. passport at Maplewood City Hall, 1830 East County Road B. We'll be open on **Saturday, September 17, 10:00AM - 3:00PM** and you do not need an appointment. You will be able to apply for standard processing (4-6 weeks) or pay an additional \$60 for expedited processing (2-3 weeks, door-to-door). Passport Day in the USA also means passport-themed gifts. Each passport customer will receive a complimentary luggage tag and the opportunity to register to win a beautiful luggage tote and Renaissance Festival tickets. If you've been waiting to get your passport, this is the time! Call 651.249.2005 for more details.

### Boards & Commissions Openings

The City of Maplewood is now accepting applications to fill two openings on the Environmental and Natural Resources Commission, three openings on the Housing Redevelopment Authority and two openings on the Business & Economic Development Commission. For more information visit [www.ci.maplewood.mn.us](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us) or call City Hall at 651.249.2000. The application deadline is September 9, 2011. Completed applications should be submitted to the City Manager's Office at 1830 County Road B E, Maplewood, MN 55109.



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## By Mayor Rossbach

I recently had the pleasure of speaking to the North St. Paul, Maplewood, and Oakdale Rotary Club. They asked me to talk about what is going on in Maplewood. They were also looking for an opportunity to volunteer for a project to help the city in one of our efforts. The Rotary, if you don't know, is an organization that supports and volunteers to help organizations on a world wide basis. It is certainly a good place for anyone who wants to reach out and help others in any number of ways.

I tend to consider most of what the city council deals with as everyday and routine so sometimes it seems like a challenge to come up with an answer to what is happening in Maplewood. I tend to assume that the person asking is interested in special activities which are above and beyond an everyday occurrence. As I took time to make a list of current activities in the city it became clear that we have a lot happening.

Fish Creek is a parcel of land that is as far south in Maplewood as you can go. Some residents in Maplewood have been working to preserve Fish Creek as open space for more than twenty years. The parcel combines native plants and trees, open meadows, and from some areas, views of the Mississippi River. Ramsey County owns most of the land around it and it has some level of protection from several sources due to its proximity to the bluffs and the river. The Council recently approved the purchase of this parcel. In the deal we have two years to complete the funding for the acquisition. The vast majority of any funds will come from sources outside of the city.

The Fire Department has several new initiatives. The department recently changed the way which they deliver service within the city. In the past the greatest number of firefighters were paid per call. These firefighters were paged when needed and would respond to a station from wherever they were at the time. It worked well but the number of PPC members had continued to decline to a point that the city was not certain that we could guarantee enough members would respond to a call to insure proper response. We now have converted to part time fire fighters to compliment the full time fire fighters in the city. The part time members sign up for shifts at the stations so they are at the station ready to respond as needed. These cuts down on the time needed to reach the scene and requires us to have fewer stations throughout the city. Due to the twenty four hour presence at the stations there is a need for sleeping quarters. When the transition is complete we will have three stations all of which will have the proper facilities to house the fire fighters. The city was also surprised and pleased to learn that in the last legislative session that we were granted three million dollars to build a public safety training center in the city. Twenty-six east metro departments have expressed interest in partnering with Maplewood to build and operate the facility.



Councilmembers Nephew and Koppen, Mayor Rossbach, Councilmembers Llanas and Juenemann

Our police station was built in 1986 and was intended to house 40 sworn officers and some civilian staff. The current level of sworn officers is fifty five and the number of staff has also increased. The practices and procedures used by the police force have also changed. There were no Kevlar vests in 1986 or much in the way of computers or cell phones for that matter. We also have an increasing number of female officers. There is also a much greater need for investigations due to internet crime. All of these items have created the need to expand and reorganize the portion of city hall which houses the police department.

The community center has had major maintenance of the building deferred for as long as I can remember. The council recently approved some renovation of the pool area and locker rooms as some first steps to establishing regular maintenance of the building. Along with these improvements the council has approved a five year planning process to move the facility towards sustainability. A small step in that direction is the agreement with Subway to provide the food service in the community center. This is the first time nation wide that Subway has made this type of arrangement with a fitness center.

My allowed space for this article will limit much discussion of the other projects but there are major upgrades occurring both inside and outside at the Maplewood Mall, we are rebuilding the historic bridge on Frost Ave. in the Gladstone neighborhood, we are continuing our street improvements with a project in the Western Hills Area along with our continued efforts to advance the Hwy. 36 and English Street interchange and complete the White Bear Ave reconstruction project.

These examples are just an indication of the many projects and activities which the staff and Council work on each week here in Maplewood. It is important to remember that while these major projects are proceeding, and tend to be the items that get the most attention, that all of the daily services which we sometimes take for granted are taken care of each day. All our services and projects continue to improve the quality of life in our city now and in the future. I want to thank all of you who help us to understand how these activities help to improve your lives.

## Maplewood Police Department Highlights

The Maplewood Police Department continues to welcome new faces as we wish those who have reached retirement our best. Sgt. Flint Karis retired in April of this year after serving the department for 28 years. Jerrold Martin was promoted to Sergeant in July to fill the vacancy created by Sgt. Karis' retirement. Officer Marcus Forsythe was hired in January of this year and joined the ranks of new Officers Katie Lynch and Ryan Parker who became Maplewood Officers in 2010. They both come to Maplewood with experience as police officers in other communities.

As everyone is aware, in 2010 Sgt. Joe Bergeron was killed in the line of duty. On the one-year anniversary of his murder, a memorial on the lawn of City Hall was dedicated in his memory. The memorial is a work in progress with several more cosmetic improvements planned including lighting and landscaping. Please stop and visit the memorial from time to time and as you visit this fitting tribute, please always remember Sgt. Bergeron's sacrifice.

Earlier this year, we lost a piece of Maplewood Police Department history with the passing of Sgt. John McNulty. Retired Sgt. McNulty had served the department from 1959 until his retirement in July of 1984.

The Maplewood Police Department serves the citizens of Maplewood and Landfall. The department has been housed in the same space for the past 25 years. The number of employees has increased over that time as well as the technology and equipment officers use to do their job. The department has adjusted and adapted many times over those 25 years to accommodate changes, but the time has come to explore expanding our workspaces. The services of a consultant have been enlisted to explore the alternatives and their associated costs to determine the most cost effective means to provide additional space for police operations.

The citizens of Maplewood again participated in festivities for National Night Out on August 2. Neighbors met new neighbors and visited with each other to team up to be the eyes and ears of the police department. Neighborhood relationships are a vital component to crime prevention and it is encouraging to see citizens taking an active role in the safety of their community. Another opportunity for citizen involvement is the Citizen Police Academy which is scheduled to begin in September and will run for eight weeks on Thursday evenings. Participants have the opportunity to get a glimpse of the training officers experience and understand how they apply their skills. If you would like to participate in the 2011 Citizen Academy or have questions, please visit our website at

[www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/police](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/police) or call Lt. Kerry Crotty at 651.249.2605

Maplewood's 53 officers each have a human side and frequently go above and beyond to demonstrate their compassion. Recently an officer was called to deal with a juvenile shoplifter who had stolen a pair of pants because the family had become homeless due to the ominous economy. The juvenile's mother had sent the child to the mall with some money she had scraped together to purchase something the child would enjoy, but not necessarily essential. When the officer saw the choice the child had made, he instructed the child to return the non-essential item on which he had spent the money and purchase a desperately needed pair of shoes. Prior to the child returning to purchase the shoes, the officer had paid half the price of the shoes and told the child to treat their mother to dinner with the remaining money. Few people see this side of our officers and fewer appreciate it.

We look forward to continued service to the citizens of Maplewood and Landfall and encourage everyone to become involved in the numerous volunteer opportunities within the department and join us in making a greater and safer community.

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## Buckthorn May Be Lurking In Your Yard

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. This is the easiest way to identify buckthorn for removal.

Buckthorn prevents the growth of native species such as oaks, ferns and wildflowers. Uncontrolled buckthorn growth may lead to the loss of our native woodlands.

Nominate your Maplewood neighborhood for free curbside pick-up of buckthorn only. This service will be available to neighborhoods with three or more registered households. To register:

- Contact your neighbors about joining the buckthorn removal program! Make sure to get permission from your neighbors first!
- Send your contact information (names, daytime phone, email and address) and that of at least 2 other interested households in your neighborhood to: Maplewood Nature Center, 2659 7th St. East, Maplewood, MN 55119, or, email this information to Carole Gernes at [carole.gernes@ci.maplewood.mn.us](mailto:carole.gernes@ci.maplewood.mn.us). A naturalist will confirm the presence and quantity of buckthorn in your neighborhood and contact you with instructions.

## 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. Bring your buckthorn brochure to make sure that you buy effective chemical concentrations! For more information, call the Buckthorn Hotline at 651.249.2188.

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## Chickens As Neighbors



Maplewood now allows the keeping of chickens in most residential zoning districts with a permit.

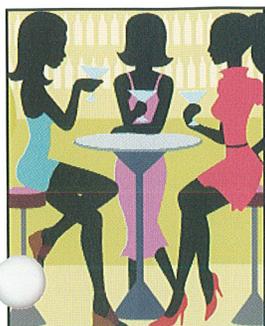
Chickens can provide you with healthy, home grown eggs and meat, quality nitrogen-rich fertilizer, pest control and companionship. But make sure you are a good neighbor before you introduce

chickens in your neighborhood. Become informed on the keeping of chickens and the city's new regulations.

Classes on backyard chickens are available through various venues. Check out the Backyard Chicken Basic class at EggPlant Urban Supply in St. Paul ([www.eggplantsupply.com](http://www.eggplantsupply.com) or 651.645.0818). Or join them for the Twin Cities Parade of Chicken Coops Tour on Saturday, September 10 from 10:00AM to 4:00PM. This is a great way to see how others have addressed the practical and aesthetic aspects of housing and caring for chickens. A basic search on the Web can lead to a number of informative chicken sites – BackYardChickens.com offers the basics on raising chickens.

Maplewood's Chicken Ordinance allows up to ten hens (no roosters) on single family residential properties (except the city's small lot zoning – R-1S) with a yearly permit. The initial permit must be approved by 100% of the property owners adjacent your property. The cost of the permit is \$75 and \$50 for yearly renewals. Chickens must be housed in a chicken coop with a run or fenced exercise area in the rear or side yard.

For more information or to apply for a chicken permit, visit the City's website at [www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/sustainability](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/sustainability) or contact Shann Finwall, Environmental Planner at 651.249.2304 or [shann.finwall@ci.maplewood.mn.us](mailto:shann.finwall@ci.maplewood.mn.us).



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## Pride Of Maplewood Award



Police Chief Dave Thomalla (left) & Officer Steve Heibert (right)

Congratulations to Officer Steve Heibert for being nominated for the Pride of Maplewood award by his co-workers. Steve has served the City of Maplewood since April 1995 and has served as a Traffic Officer since 2008.

Since becoming a Traffic Officer, Steve has averaged between 1600 to 2000 traffic citations and over 100 arrests per year. He has shown this dedication through: Organizing a Mock Car Crash at Hill Murray High School, organizing the "I got caught wearing my seatbelt" program to encourage high school students to wear seatbelts. He also participates in MADD impact panels and is on the planning committee for the state's Toward Zero Deaths conference. Steve was named the 2010 Ramsey County Traffic Safety Initiative's Traffic Enforcer of the Year and recently won the Bi-Regional Highway Traffic Safety Law Enforcement Award. Thank you Officer Steve Heibert for your service to the Maplewood Police, the citizens, and the youth of the area.

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## New! Teddy Bear Brunch Sunday, September 18 (11:00AM – 3:00PM)



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Center located at 2100 White Bear Avenue! Get the morning started with a "top-your-own" pancake bar, muffins, and juice. After our tummies are full, we'll make creative crafts including teddy bear bead necklaces, photo frames, and teddy bear pins! Play games with your bear including pin the hat on the polar bear, where is teddy and many more. Pre-registration required – call 651.249.2230 to reserve your spot today. Cost is \$15/parent and child and \$10/additional child.

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## Taste Of Maplewood Brings Variety



Halloween Express Monkey riding mechanical bull

The Taste of Maplewood took place August 19 & 20 at Goodrich Park. Thousands of attendees enjoyed delicious food, cocktails from TGI Friday's, great music, giant inflatables, human hamster ball rides and a wide variety of animals at Walton's Hallow petting zoo. Participants got to meet Dora the Explorer and vote the St. Paul Saints, Mudonna, the winner of the Mascot Mania Dance-off. Mudonna was one of six mascots who took the stage at the Taste of Maplewood. Friday

was country night and the Tim Sigler Band was the headliner taking stage next to the popular mechanical bull. A big thank you to all who participated and to our generous sponsors.

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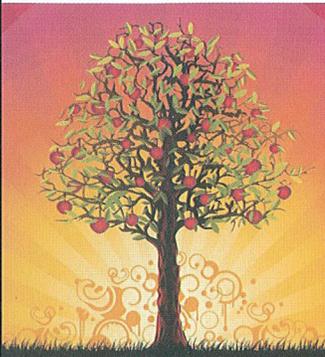




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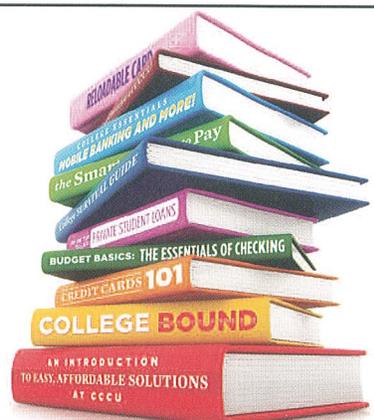
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# Maplewood Monthly

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## Save The Date

- **Women's Expo**  
Saturday, October 15, 10AM -2PM  
at Maplewood Community Center
- **Fall Clean Up**  
Saturday, October 15, 8AM -1PM  
at Aldrich Arena
- **Spooky Splash**  
Saturday, October 29, 10AM -2PM  
at Maplewood Community Center
- **Business Expo**  
Thursday, November 3, 10AM -2PM  
at Maplewood Community Center
- **Town Hall Meeting**  
Saturday, November 5, 10AM  
at Fire Station #4

## Spooky Splash: Halloween Fun For Everyone!

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 5:30 to 8:30 PM**  
**Maplewood Community Center at 2100 White Bear Avenue**



Join us at the Maplewood Community Center for our annual Halloween Celebration - the Spooky Splash Pool Party. Participate in games, bounce in the jump castle, take part in creepy crafts, get your face painted and participate in our coloring contest. Come dressed in your favorite spooky, silly or crazy Halloween costume and enter the costume contest. Prizes will be awarded for the best costume in each age group. Then change into your suit and join us in the pool. We'll leave the underwater lights on and overhead lights off for a unique swimming experience. After taking a dip meet one of the night creatures visiting from the Nature Center or visit with a Maplewood police officer to review Halloween safety tips. This event is free to MCC members and the cost of a daily admission for nonmembers. Call 651.249.2230 for more details.

## Exciting Fashion Trends, Wellness Tips, & Shopping At Maplewood's Women's Expo

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15 • 10:00AM - 4:00PM FREE ADMISSION**  
**Maplewood Community Center 2100 White Bear Avenue**

Gather your girlfriends and join us for a girl's day out at the Maplewood Women's Expo. Enjoy an entertaining and educational day featuring fashion, accessorizing, health and wellness, decorating and so much more. Explore your personal style and shop for great products from trendy jewelry to hip handbags. Get tips from industry experts on everything from beauty and makeup to financial planning for your family. Participate in a free bra fitting and undergarment consultation. With our FREE Henna tattoo artist, live music and a cash bar provided by TGI Friday's this is a party not be missed.

Be sure to stay long enough to see our fabulous fashion show sponsored by Macy's at 3:00PM. Whether you are looking for the perfect outfit for a night on the town or just the right look for the office, the Macy's fashion show will feature a variety of must-see winter looks. Be one of the first 200 to attend and get a FREE swag bag! Call 651.249.2230 for more details.



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8 Business Expo



# City of Maplewood Elected Officials

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 James Llanas: Councilmember 651.488.2745  
 John Nephew: Councilmember 651.776.5963  
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## Frequently Called Numbers

### Maplewood City Hall

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

### Maplewood Community Center

Registration 651.249.2230  
 Customer Service 651.249.2230  
 Admissions 651.249.2210  
 Theater/Banquet Room Rental 651.249.2103  
 Group Information 651.249.2204  
 Aquatics 651.249.2206  
 Fitness 651.249.2207

### Maplewood Recreation

General Information 651.249.2007

### Maplewood Nature Center

General Information 651.249.2170

### Code Enforcement

Hotline 651.249.CODE (2633)

Online: Go to [www.ci.maplewood.mn.us](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us) and click on "Report A Violation" on the right hand side of the home page.

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## Maplewood Meeting Schedule

Business & Economic Development Commission:  
 Thursday, October 20 at 6:00PM  
 City Council: Monday, October 10 & 24 at 7:00PM  
 City Council Wksp: Monday, October 3, 10, 24 at 5:15PM  
 Community Design Review Board: Tuesday, October 25 at 6:00PM  
 Environmental & Natural Resource Commission: Monday, October 17 at 7:00PM  
 Heritage Preservation Commission: Thursday, October 13 at 7:00PM  
 Housing & Redevelopment Authority: Wednesday, October 12 at 7:00PM  
 Human Rights Commission: Tuesday, October 11 at 7:00PM  
 Parks & Recreation Commission: Wednesday, October 19 at 7:00PM  
 Planning Commission: Tuesday, October 4 & 18 at 7:00PM

### Town Hall Meeting: Saturday, November 5 at Fire Station #4 at 10:00AM

All City Council and Commission meetings are broadcast live on Channel 16 and are rebroadcast on a schedule that is posted at [www.ci.maplewood.mn.us](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us). \* Any meeting cancellations are posted on the City's website.

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## Fall Clean Up Event

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 8:00AM TO 1:00PM**  
**Aldrich Arena, 1850 White Bear Avenue**

Maplewood residents, with proof of residency, will be able to dispose of appliances, tires, construction debris, furniture, car parts, scrap metal, other assorted junk, and all electronic equipment such as televisions, computers, monitors and cell phones. **NO BRUSH OR TREE WASTE WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

## Household Hazardous Waste- No Charge

In conjunction with Maplewood's Spring Clean-up day, Ramsey County will be collecting household hazardous waste including oil, antifreeze, paint, fluorescent and compact fluorescent bulbs, and other hazardous waste items. For more information, visit [www.co.ramsey.mn.us/ph/hw/index.htm](http://www.co.ramsey.mn.us/ph/hw/index.htm) or call 651.633.EASY (3279) now answered 24/7.

## Furniture Collection By Bridging- No Charge

A non-profit organization called BRIDGING will be on site to collect REUSABLE furniture and house wares which will be redistributed free of charge to families in need. BRIDGING accepts mattresses and box springs in good condition only, quality used furniture and cookware. BRIDGING asks that all donations be free of rips, stains, pet hair and be in good working condition. For more information, visit [www.bridging.org](http://www.bridging.org).

## Mattress Collection By Project for Pride In Living- No Charge

PROJECT for PRIDE IN LIVING is a non-profit organization that recycles mattresses, box springs, sleeper sofas, futons and water beds that are NOT REUSABLE, and would not be taken by BRIDGING. So, keep these items out of your trash by bringing them to our fall event. For more information, visit [www.pplindustries.org](http://www.pplindustries.org).

## Recycle That Bicycle- No Charge

Bicycles in ANY CONDITION will be collected once again by Re-Cycle, a used bicycle shop. Many of the bicycles will be restored and returned to the road for reuse. For more information, visit [www.re-cycle.com](http://www.re-cycle.com).

## Food Drive For Second Harvest Heartland Foodbank

In conjunction with this event, Maplewood will be sponsoring a food drive for the Second Harvest Heartland Food Bank. For more information, visit [www.2harvest.org](http://www.2harvest.org).

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## By Councilmember James Llanas

I am approaching the end of my second year in office and I have learned a great deal in serving the Maplewood community. There have been highs and lows during this time, but overall I believe the city council has made a positive difference for all residents. I'd like to reflect on our past, what the council is working on today and what we have to look forward to in the coming months.

I have learned that with good leadership, a municipal government can do great things. Recently some residents commented to me, "I used to watch the meetings all the time, and now they are just sort of boring...I suppose that is a good thing!" Despite the effort of a misguided few, I'd say perhaps the tumultuous days of dissent and political infighting are behind us. There is nothing glamorous about hashing over chicken ordinances, conservation easements, storm water run offs, city budgets and what hauler picks up your trash. These things do matter; they cost money, they impact our lives and I have learned that they most certainly can be contentious.

There are things I truly enjoy about the work we do like recognizing residents that help families of soldiers serving our country abroad by cutting the grass for the wife left to tend to 3 children. I appreciate the older students who donated time and talent in our parks by building a learning center for younger students. I enjoy watching or attending commission meetings where our residents give of their expertise to help the council and city staff make informed decisions. Most of all, I love hearing from resident's concerns or issues they and their families face and how we as the city council might be able to help.

There are some things I enjoy much less...the same ridiculous handful of people who disrupt our meetings with their own agenda. We all know who they are! Look, I am not saying they don't have that right but it prohibits others from wanting to attend meetings or even speak if they have to compete with this menacing group. I believe in freedom of speech but I also believe in personal responsibility.

As many of you know, we are currently evaluating our open trash hauling system. I have openly told residents and the council I do not have an opinion yet and will refrain from making a decision until all the analysis is complete. One other issue that draws far less drama but should be more important to residents is the city budget. Fixed incomes, higher unemployment rates, a flat economy, state and federal budget cuts all things we are painfully aware of whenever we make decisions. The difficulty in this balancing act is keeping services that we have come to expect and the ones that we can afford.

We are in the process of critically examining the needs of our public safety departments and how they best respond to emergencies. The physical space of our fire stations and the police department are simply not adequate for employees to do their jobs ensuring public



Councilmembers Nephew and Koppen, Mayor Rossbach, Councilmembers Llanas and Juenemann

safety for our citizens. And, they deserve better. This is the balancing act, what we need and how do we pay for it. It is like saying, "we all want new roads in front of our house, but we don't want to pay for it"... the council does not have the luxury of passing the buck but is elected to make those tough decisions.

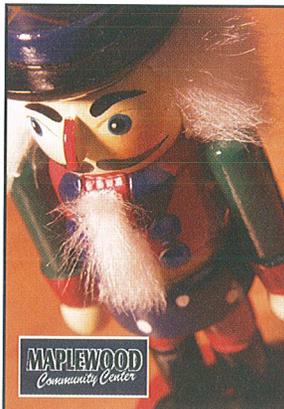
In the months ahead, we will search for ways to improve and maintain services to the degree that you the citizens have come to expect and appreciate living in our great city. It has been a privilege serving as your councilmember for the last two years and I look forward to the successes and challenges the next two years bring.

## Buckthorn Drop Off

If you live in Maplewood drop off your buckthorn at one of these sites, ONLY on October 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>.

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.

1. Maplewood City Hall Campus: Look for signs to find the designated area near the public works fuel pumps.
2. Londin Lane Fire Station: Place your buckthorn between the signs on the west side of the parking lot.
3. After October 30<sup>th</sup>, bring your buckthorn to one of the four Ramsey County Compost Sites that accept brush.  
[www.co.ramsey.mn.us/ph/rt/collection\\_sites.htm](http://www.co.ramsey.mn.us/ph/rt/collection_sites.htm).  
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# MAPLEWOOD *Community Center*

## A Message From The Parks & Recreation Director

The Maplewood Community Center, now in its 18<sup>th</sup> year of operation, has delighted in providing a recreational outlet for residents of both Maplewood and surrounding communities. It is our belief that everyone needs the opportunity for fun, adventure, self-enrichment, and fellowship. At the Maplewood Community Center we understand these needs and are dedicated to providing recreational opportunities in a safe, maintained, and inviting environment.

It is because of this dedication that we have undertaken an array of exciting new projects coming to the Community Center this fall. Children and adults alike will be mesmerized by the transformation of the aquatic center from a functional utilitarian space into an underwater adventure fit for explorers of all ages. Members and visitors looking for more nutritional meal options while at the Community Center will benefit from the healthy choices of the Community Center's newest tenant, Subway. Finally, we have recently made our facility more accessible to active older adults by becoming a Silver Sneaker<sup>®</sup> location.

You can learn more about each of these changes in the following pages and I invite you to join us to see the improvements for yourself at our grand reopening celebration on Saturday, October 8. With these improvements and many more on the docket for years to come, it is my hope that the Maplewood Community Center will continue to "Offer More Than Ever Before!"

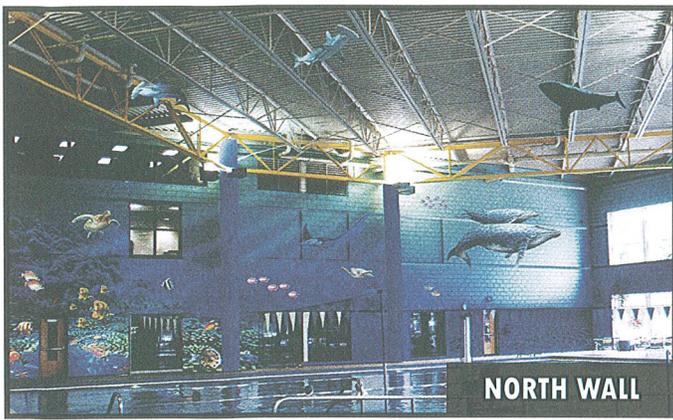
- Duwayne Konewko (Dewey), Parks & Recreation Director

## MCC Aquatic Center Dives Into The Deep!

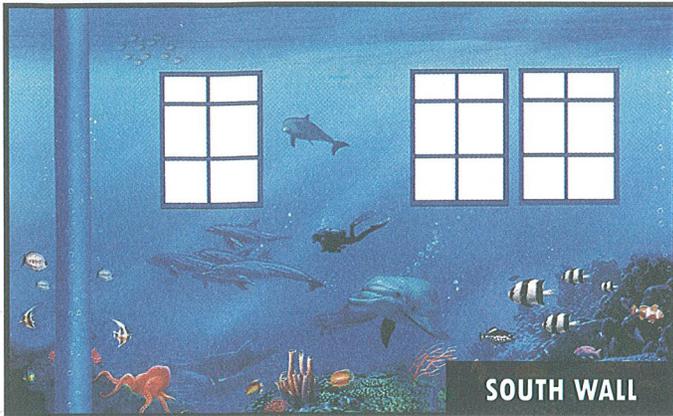
The Maplewood Community Center is undergoing a magical transformation - one that will transport guests all the way to the ocean floor! This fall the aquatic center will temporarily close and a radical renovation will be underway. Upon reopening a jaunty, interactive submarine will take center stage in the zero-depth entry leisure pool allowing children to climb inside the access hatch, slide out the turbo prop, or take a seat at the submarine's control console.

(MCC Aquatic Center Continued On Page 2)





NORTH WALL



SOUTH WALL

(MCC Aquatic Center Continued From Page One)

Children can peer through the interactive periscope, play with pressure activated sprayers and floor geysers, or use the submarine's control panel to push button activate the sub's roof-top spray guns.

Murals of the coral reef and other underwater wonders will grace the walls of the facility, bringing to life a piece of the planet that few will ever have the privilege of seeing in person. Air brushed bubbles, floating whimsically up the pool columns, will help to tie the building's infrastructure into the pool's overall design. Three 8-foot, three-dimensional sea animals will suspend from the ceiling, keeping watch over the aquatic center. All signage, small and large, will include theme elements to create a complete and fully integrated visual underwater experience.

Don't miss your chance to explore our underwater adventure on Saturday, October 8 at our grand reopening celebration! See back cover for grand reopening celebration details.

## MCC Fall Membership Special

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Maplewood Community Center members join us at the MCC for breakfast on us! Enjoy pancakes, sausage, juice and coffee all prepared by Maplewood Community Center staff. Enjoy crafts for the kids and door prizes for guests of all ages. It's all free, but you **MUST** RSVP! Non-member guests are welcome for a \$5.00 fee. Please call 651.249.2230 to reserve your spot today!



## Subway Restaurant Comes To The MCC

MCC members and the general public will now have healthier food options when visiting the Community Center. Beginning in September 2011 Subway will be operating a franchise out of the MCC in the area currently used by the concession stand.

This lease will represent the first such agreement in the country in which Subway will be leasing space within an existing community center or health club. Staff is confident that this public/private partnership model will be successful at the MCC. This arrangement will provide MCC members and the general public with healthier food options and allow customers to purchase customized, made-to-order food as opposed to choosing from a limited, pre-prepared selection. Menu items will include not only Subway's traditional offerings of salads, soups, pizzas, flatbread sandwiches and subs but also nachos, protein shakes and popcorn.



"It is great timing for the project as the community center is making other renovations. We are making some changes to the aquatics center and this will add to the improvements occurring there," explains Parks and Recreation Director, DuWayne Konewko.

## SilverSneakers® Fitness Program Now Available At MCC

Maplewood Community Center (MCC) is recognizing the unique needs of active older adults in the community by partnering with the nationally recognized Healthways SilverSneakers® Fitness Program. Through SilverSneakers MCC will be able to offer active older adults additional ways to increase their levels of physical activity while motivating them to remain active.

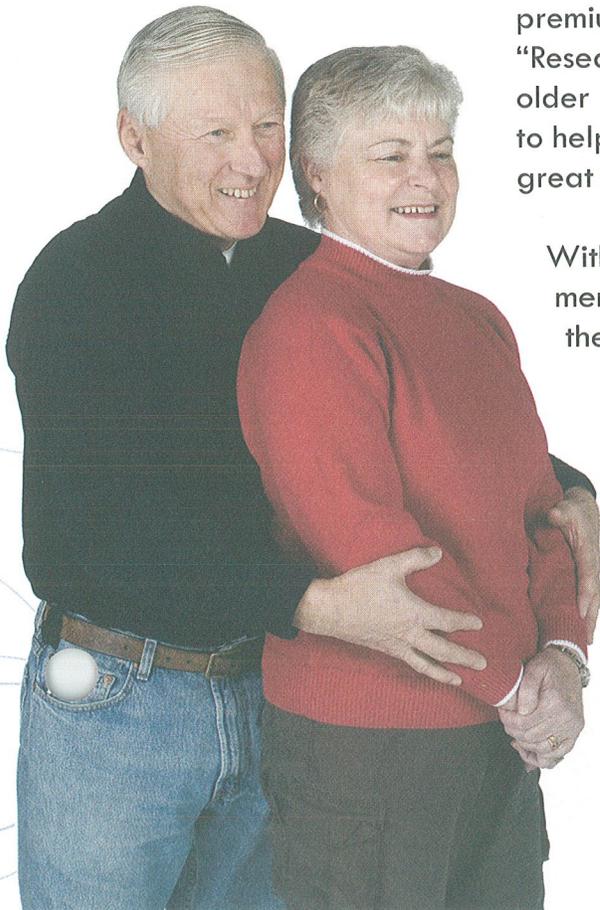
SilverSneakers is the nation's leading exercise program designed exclusively for older adults and is available at no additional cost (beyond any monthly premium) to eligible Medicare health plan and group retiree members. "Research points to the significant health benefits of regular exercise for older adults," says Jean Glass, MCC Membership Coordinator. "In addition to helping our members stay physically healthy, SilverSneakers also offers a great way for them to socialize, meet new friends and have fun."

With the SilverSneakers premier network, members have a complimentary membership with access to a variety of participating locations throughout the country.

Beginning in May, MCC began offering signature SilverSneakers Fitness Program classes, designed specifically for older adults and taught by certified instructors. A designated staff member assists members along the way.

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## City Council Considers 2012 Budget

The City Council began consideration of the 2012 Budget for City operations in February 2011 with goal setting at the Council – Staff Retreat. The Council members set a number of goals, with the primary issue being “Financial Sustainability”. The specific wording of the goal is:

*Continue to provide quality, efficient services to our Citizens while equalizing expenditures and revenues every year. Make budgeting decisions that comport with the principles of sustainability.*

In May 2011, the City Council adopted the 2012 – 2016 Capital Improvement Plan, establishing capital expenditures for the 2012 Budget that began to explore a second goal established by the Council to “Evaluate and implement facility improvements into Infrastructure Needs”. After months of evaluation and review of departmental needs, the Council established a maximum levy on September 12, 2011. The maximum levy is used for notices to property owners on the proposed tax statements that all property owners receive prior to the December 5<sup>th</sup> budget hearing. The levy not be higher than the amount adopted on September 12<sup>th</sup>, but the Council does have the option to reduce the amount of the levy.

The original recommendation from the City Manager’s finance team was to increase the levy by 4.88%. The City Council reviewed each of the proposed items and departmental requests. The Council prioritized expenditures and reduced the levy increase to a maximum of 2.0% which indicated that they may consider additional reductions prior to the December 5<sup>th</sup> Budget Hearing, where a final budget for 2012 will be approved. In order to achieve the goals from the February 2011 Retreat, the Council approved some major revisions for 2012 as compared to the 2011 Budget:

- Reduced General Fund Tax Levy, which supports a majority of the daily operating costs, by \$714,931. These reductions include reducing and re-assigning part-time and full-time employees and departmental expenses in all departments. The number of employees in the City is proposed to be reduced by four. Additionally, allocations for overtime and temporary employees will also be reduced.
- Increase the allocation for the Ambulance Program by \$350,000. The increased number of calls related to Medicare coverage has reduced the ability of the Ambulance Program to remain sustainable. In addition, as health care costs continue to increase, additional funding is necessary for this program. Maplewood, for years, has been operating our Ambulance service without a public tax subsidy. Maplewood is one of only a very few cities that were able to accomplish this, but the Council has determined that the public safety needs are such that a small portion of taxes (about 2% of the tax levy) should be dedicated to support this program.

- Increase the allocation to the Maplewood Community Center by \$120,000. The improvements at the Community Center have been deferred for a number of years, and the Council has adopted a five-year sustainability program and will be investing these funds into facility improvements, while also considering staffing reductions.
- Reduced the allocation of the levy to the Recreation Programs Fund by \$50,000. This reduction will result in a 5.0% increase in recreational program fees.
- Increase the allocation to the Capital Improvements Project Fund by \$345,000. \$200,000 of these funds will be used for future improvements for space and upgrades to our Police Department and Fire Department facilities. More studies and discussions on the approach to meeting these facility needs will occur and will be a focus in 2012. The remaining funds are for improvements to the Parks equipment that has been deferred for a number of years.
- Increase the allocation to the Fire Truck Replacement Fund by \$50,000. With a large inventory of fire equipment, the Council had determined that funds need to be set aside each year for replacement of this public safety equipment.

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## Town Hall Meeting Scheduled

The City of Maplewood will host the Quarterly Town Hall Meeting on **Saturday, November 5 from 10:00AM to 12:00PM** at Maplewood Fire Station #4. Mayor Will Rossbach and Council Member Marvin Koppen will host the meeting. There will be a presentation on the 2012 Budget with discussion to follow.

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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 three 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.

We continue to strive to offer more services and resources online. We understand that there is an expectation from our citizens regarding technology and accessibility. With the click of a mouse you now have a wealth of information at your fingertips. Searching City Council minutes back to 1956 and watching any of this year's commission meetings are just a couple of examples of resources that are available to you via our website. And we continue to add more. Keep an eye open in the near future for information on how you'll be able to browse, save and print a number of our different City maps right from your computer.

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• Increase the allocation to the Debt Service Fund by \$250,000. The City continues to invest in the replacement of our streets, storm sewers and utilities on an annual basis through our Street Renewal Program. The Maplewood bond rating is in the top 12% of all agencies within the state and is very good to excellent. With an estimated replacement cost of nearly \$400 million for the City's streets, storm sewer and utilities and with an average age of 40 years, the City Council has worked toward an annual program in the \$7 to \$10 million range. This is a 40 – 60% reduction from previous years in our investment in infrastructure; however, the Council determined that City debt levels are at acceptable levels, but further increases are not advisable.

These shifts and adjustments will result in the City Council considering an increase of \$350,069 for the 2012 Budget. As part of the budget compromise that ended the state shutdown, the 2012 Market Value Homestead Credit (MVHC) program was eliminated. During previous years, Maplewood has calculated that the MVHC program was part of the collection rate for property taxes. For example, in years that the MVHC program was likely to be reduced or payments not made by the state, the City assumed that our collection rate for taxes would be reduced. Because the program has been eliminated, it will revise the collection rate calculation and provide a certainty that the previous MVHC amount will be collected. This will create a major tax shift and large variations in taxes for 2012. For example, with the proposed 2.0% tax increase:

1. A home valued at \$100,000 would have seen a reduction in taxes under the old system of 1.3%; while under the new system, will see a reduction of 6.5%.
2. Conversely, a home valued at \$350,000 would have seen a reduction in taxes under the old system of 1.1%, but under the new system will see an increase of 4.0%.
3. Similar impacts as high value homes will be likely for Commercial and Industrial properties.

The League of Minnesota Cities estimated that this shift will also occur for both School District and County levies and results in an increase in property taxes of over \$250 million on a state-wide basis (\$23.5 million for Ramsey County and \$2.1 million in Maplewood) through this shift.

Additional budget documents and information is available on the Maplewood website. A final copy of the proposed budget will be available at the Ramsey County Library by mid-November. To provide comments on the City budget, citizens can attend the Budget hearing on December 5<sup>th</sup> at the Maplewood City Hall at 7:00PM or e-mail comments prior to that date to [chuck.ahl@ci.maplewood.mn.us](mailto:chuck.ahl@ci.maplewood.mn.us).

## Pride Of Maplewood Award

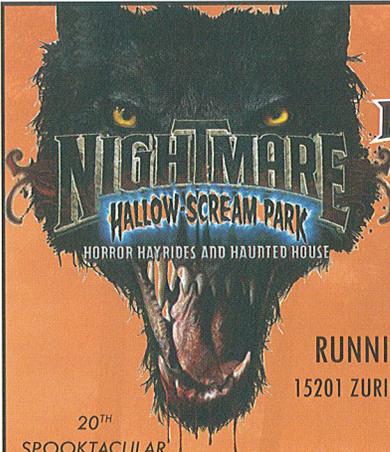


Karen Guilfoile, Citizen Services Director (left) & Pam Moy, Licensing Specialist (right)

Congratulations to Pam Moy for being nominated the Pride of Maplewood by her co-workers. Pam is a Licensing Specialist in the Division of Motor Vehicle Services. Pam began her work with the City at the Community Center in June 2001, as a customer service representative. In 2004, she was hired in the Citizens Services Department in the Motor Vehicle Division where she continues to work today. Pam is very hard-working and creates a positive work environment for customers and her co-workers alike. She is dedicated to her work and has a great and friendly attitude.

Outside of work Pam enjoys spending time with husband George and their two daughters Sarah and Courtney as a busy soccer and hockey Mom. When she has down time she enjoys fishing and water skiing.

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## Get Out And Vote Tuesday, November 8

Hours of voting in all polling places will be from 7:00AM to 8:00PM.



Voters will elect two councilmembers for the Maplewood Municipal Election. The following individuals will be on the ballot: Bob Cardinal, Rebecca Cave, Marvin C. Koppen, and John Nephew.

Roseville Schools (ISD 623) will be voting on board members, North St. Paul, Maplewood, Oakdale (ISD 622) will be voting a ballot question, and White Bear Lake Area Schools (ISD 624) will be voting for board members and a ballot question.

A public test of the voting systems to be used in the General Election will be held on October 26, 2011 at 1:00PM. The test will be conducted in council chambers at Maplewood City Hall located at 1830 County Road B East in Maplewood.

If you are eligible to vote by absentee you can do so by mail or in person at Maplewood City Hall located at 1830 County Road B East. In-person absentee voting will end at 5:00PM on Monday, November 7, 2011. To find your polling location or for more details visit the city website at [www.ci.maplewood.mn.us](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us) or call 651.249.2002.

## Move Your Business In The Right Direction At The Business Expo - Free Admission! THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 10AM-2PM (Networking Breakfast 8:45AM)



Join us on Thursday, November 3 for Maplewood's first annual Business Expo held at the Maplewood Community Center (2100 White Bear Avenue in Maplewood). The Business Expo is a business-to-business tradeshow and networking event. We'll be kicking the morning off with a Business Connections Breakfast hosted by the St. Paul Area Chamber of Commerce. Join us from 8:45-9:30AM and meet 30+ connections in the course of 45 minutes. Don't forget your business cards!

In addition, we have some great presentations, including:

10:30AM - How To Cut Energy Costs For Your Business *Presented By Xcel Energy*

11:15AM - Perfect Head Shots Can Make Or Break Your Marketing *Presented By David Grupa Portrait*

12:30PM - Remote Deposit Capture *Presented By Summit Bank*

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## Save The Date

- **Town Hall Meeting**  
Saturday, November 5, 10AM  
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- **Family Fun Nights**  
Nov 25 & Dec 30, 6-8:30PM  
Maplewood Community Center
- **Cinderella & Tea Party**  
November 18 - 20  
Maplewood Performing Arts Theatre
- **White Elephant Party**  
Sunday, December 11, 1:00-4:30PM  
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# City of Maplewood Elected Officials

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 John Nephew: Councilmember 651.776.5963  
 Marvin Koppen: Councilmember 651.770.5391  
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### Maplewood Recreation

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### Maplewood Nature Center

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## Maplewood Meeting Schedule

Business & Economic Development Commission: TBD due to Thanksgiving  
 City Council: Monday, November 14 & 28 at 7:00PM  
 City Council Wksp: Monday, November 14 & 28 at 5:15PM  
 Community Design Review Board: Tuesday, November 22 at 6:00PM  
 Environmental & Natural Resource Commission: Monday, November 21 at 7:00PM  
 Heritage Preservation Commission: Thursday, November 10 at 7:00PM  
 Housing & Redevelopment Authority: Wednesday, November 9 at 7:00PM  
 Human Rights Commission: Tuesday, November 17 at 7:00PM  
 Parks & Recreation Commission: Wednesday, November 16 at 7:00PM  
 Planning Commission: Tuesday, November 1 & 15 at 7:00PM

**Town Hall Meeting: Saturday, November 5 at Fire Station #4 at 10:00AM**

**City Hall will be closed:**  
**November 11 in observance of Veteran's Day**  
**November 24 & 25 in observance of Thanksgiving**

All City Council and Commission meetings are broadcast live on Channel 16 and are rebroadcast on a schedule that is posted at [www.ci.maplewood.mn.us](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us). \* Any meeting cancellations are posted on the City's website.

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## City Council To Decide On Trash Collection System

Since March 2011 the City has been conducting a review of our trash collection system. Maplewood has an open trash collection system which allows any number of city-licensed haulers to remove trash in any area of the city.

The review has included the analysis of two types of alternative trash collection systems including improvements to the City's existing open trash hauling system and an organized trash hauling system. The intent of the review is to determine how to best meet the trash collection system goals outlined by the City Council which include:

- 1) cost savings to residents;
- 2) increased trash collection services;
- 3) reduced environmental impacts;
- 4) increased safety;
- 5) increased efficiency; and
- 6) better aesthetics during trash pick up days.

The two alternative systems will be reviewed by the City Council November 28, 2011. The City is comparing the merits of a contract for a new organized system of residential trash hauling to recommendations for improvements to the City's open trash collection system. Both alternatives are currently under full review and consideration. The City Council will determine which of these systems best meets the goals outlined above.

For additional information on the City's Trash Collection Analysis, visit the City's website at [www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/trash](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/trash).

## Victorian Symbols & Superstitions On Maplewood Gravestones - Free Admission!

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This project is funded in part or in whole with money from the vote of the people of Minnesota on November 4, 2008 which dedicated funding to preserve Minnesota's art and cultural heritage.

## Town Hall Meeting

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By Councilmember Kathleen Juenemann

## Community Engagement and Change

**Community:** group of people living in the same locality and under the same government

**Engagement:** condition of being committed, "in gear"

**Change:** replacing one thing for another; transition from one state or condition to another

American Heritage Dictionary

We are the community of Maplewood, a suburban city established 54 years ago by a group of citizens who believed in vision and who strived to provide a framework of quality public services, stable management and finances and good government. They were active and engaged in the formation of this community, and they knew that change would be a constant as the City evolved.

We have remained a community with a good quality of life, a stable financial base, a solid core of citizens who believe in and practice community engagement, involvement, action and who work diligently to effect positive change. As a Councilmember, I am very grateful to our citizens who step forward to serve on our various commissions or volunteer in creative ways, and to our talented, dedicated staff who work steadily to keep our City operative, responsive, progressive and on task.

While we are experiencing difficult economic times and a negative political environment, we have the resources – City Council, staff and citizens – to face the task. It is not the first time in our 54 years as an incorporated community that changes, controversy, compromise and some sacrifice have been required of us. These qualities are what make a city, a community, thrive and survive.

Our questions of ourselves are apparent and similar to those of our city founders. How much vision do we have? How engaged are we willing to be? How much investment – personal and economic – are we willing to make? How can we accept the inevitable changes and make them positive for this community?



Councilmembers Nephew and Koppen, Mayor Rossbach, Councilmembers Llanas and Juenemann

How much do we care about ourselves, our neighbors, the future of our city?

As the autumn and winter holidays approach, I hope you and your families experience sufficient hope and joy. It is my wish that we all resolve to move forward and together.



## Business Owners - Increase Your Bottom Line

Are you a business owner who has tried recycling in the past but couldn't make it happen? Are you a business owner who is looking to save money by reducing waste? If so, consider recycling consultation services through the Minnesota Waste Wise program at no cost to County businesses. Through site visits and ongoing communication, Waste Wise will provide the technical assistance you need to start or enhance your recycling or waste reduction program. This free professional consultation is a limited time offer to businesses located in Ramsey County. For more information or to request assistance, email [askeh@co.ramsey.mn.us](mailto:askeh@co.ramsey.mn.us). You may also visit the Waste Wise website at [www.mnwastewise.org](http://www.mnwastewise.org) or contact Sam Hanson for more information at 651.292.4675 or [shanson@mnchamber.com](mailto:shanson@mnchamber.com).

**Cinderella**  
November 18 - 20  
Tickets: \$15.00 - \$25.00  
Reserve your seats at [www.maplewoodarts.com](http://www.maplewoodarts.com)  
Sponsored By:  
Lakeshore Learning Store, MacPhail Center for Music, Kinderberry Hill  
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**The Nutcracker**  
DEC. 10 (7:30PM) • DEC. 11 (2:00PM)  
Tickets: \$20.00 - \$30.00  
RESERVE YOUR SEATS AT [WWW.MAPLEWOODARTS.COM](http://WWW.MAPLEWOODARTS.COM)  
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## A Busy Year For Park Projects

Maplewood's 2011 park projects showcase not only new picnic and play facilities but a continued commitment to protecting natural resources and to promoting a healthy community. An edible landscape, fishing platforms, and new trails are just a few of the 2011 highlights. Read on to learn more.

**Lions Park** – Lion's Park has been completely renovated. The park boasts a new picnic shelter, funded by the Maplewood Oakdale Lions Club. Neighborhood kids love the new playground and the turf on the ballfields should be ready for play sometime in 2012. The landscaping makes this park truly special. A series of raingardens encircles the park with bridges crossing the gardens and a "creek crawl" for play. One of the design themes is an edible landscape and the park plantings include raspberries, blackberries, blueberries and strawberries. Most of the berry plants were donated and planted by Friends of Maplewood Nature.

**Joy Park** – The master plan for Joy Park strives to balance recreation with protection of the beautiful natural resources at the park. Phase II improvements for Joy Park are on schedule for completion in 2011. The park will have a new parking lot with a raingarden to filter parking lot runoff. Paved trails and rustic trails will lead visitors to the lake, the fishing pier, and through the woods. And several step access points provide access to the shoreline.

**Lake Links Trail** – Maplewood's portion of the Lake Links Trail is now complete! This regional trail connects Maplewood, North St. Paul, and Oakdale with White Bear Lake and communities to our north. In Maplewood, the Lake Links Trail runs east and west through the northern section of the city. Parts of the trail parallel County Road D, and along the way the trail goes through four Maplewood parks or preserves.

**Beaver Creek Neighborhood Preserve** – Habitat enhancement is the focus at Beaver Creek Neighborhood Preserve this year. Contractors removed buckthorn in the woodlands this past winter and in fall Eagle Scout candidate Andrew Thibideau and his crew planted 100 shrubs and understory trees. Plans call for 3.5 acres of prairie restoration at the preserve. This year was spent preparing the area for seeding and the prairie will be seeded in June 2012. A grant from Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District will help fund the planting of focal areas at the preserve.

**Gladstone Savanna and Gloster Park** – Maplewood is developing a master plan for Gladstone Savanna Neighborhood Preserve and Gloster Park. Public meetings were held this summer and fall and three commissions are participating. Join us at the November 9th public meeting (6:30PM, Maplewood Community Center) to review the draft design. The great challenge

and opportunity at this site is to integrate natural resources, the site's railroad history, soil remediation, stormwater management, trails and recreation.

**Fish Creek** – Preservation of land in the Fish Creek greenway is a dream coming true for many Maplewood residents. The City has entered into a partnership to acquire and protect a 70-acre site in south Maplewood. Adjacent to Ramsey County's Fish Creek Open Space, the site has rolling hills with woodlands, grasslands and bluff top with views over the Mississippi River Valley. In October 2011, The Conservation Fund, a non-profit conservation organization, purchased the site. The City and its partners have two years to raise the funds needed for acquisition. We're 75% of the way to our \$2.1 million goal! Fundraising events and hikes at the site are being planned for 2012.

## Get Outdoors And Enjoy Your Neighborhood Ice Rinks

Maplewood maintains nine skating rinks throughout the City, four of which have supervised shelters as well as two in North St. Paul. Skating facilities and shelters, depending on weather conditions, will open December 26 and close February 19. Shelters will not be open when temperatures reach 10 degrees below zero or the windchill reaches 25 degrees below zero. Shelters will also be closed until the rinks are cleared following snow and when warm temperature softens the ice. Call the weather information hot line for condition information details at 651.249.2190.

### Holiday Shelter Hours

December 26 - 30	12:00 - 8:00PM
December 31 & January 1	Closed

### Normal Shelter Hours

Mon – Fri	4:00 - 8:00PM
Saturday	12:00 - 8:00PM
Sunday	12:00 - 6:00PM

### Rink Locations

Afton Heights (shelter)	63 N Sterling St
Four Seasons (shelter)	1685 Gervais Ave
Gethsemane (shelter)	2401 E 7th Street
Wakefield (shelter)	1590 Frost Ave
Hause (N. St. Paul shelter)	4th Ave & Charles St
Northwood (N. St. Paul shelter)	1st St N & Northwood Dr
Edgerton	2001 Bradley St
Harvest	2561 Barclay St
Kohlman	1000 County Road C
Maplecrest	2101 Arcade St
Pleasantview	1100 Marine St



## Give The Gift Of Music

Are you looking for the perfect gift for that hard-to-please recipient or the perfect post-holiday outing? Consider tickets for a performance at the Maplewood Performing Arts Theater. Throughout the upcoming year this plush and intimate theater will play host to a variety of arts and entertainment events including a diverse and exciting music line-up. Check out these performances coming soon.

### Becky Schlegel – Friday, December 9 (7:30PM)



World-class singer/songwriter, Becky Schlegel, has a gift for taking life's experiences and transforming them into songs that are both passionate and unique. Becky will present a performance drawing on the influences of classic country, bluegrass, folk, and Becky's own thoughtful spirit. Join Becky as she takes her listeners on a musical journey, exploring new places and meeting new people in every song! Tickets: \$20/Advance - \$25/Door

### Keri Noble – January 6 & 7 (7:30PM)



Part gospel and part blues, singer-songwriter Keri Noble is a multi-faceted musician if ever there was one. Inspired by Joni Mitchell, but with a voice all of her own, Keri Noble invokes an intense mix of pop, soul, and R & B. After having performed on both sides of the globe with two innovative and critically acclaimed recordings, Noble returns home to Minnesota for an intimate evening of storytelling and song playing. Tickets: \$25/Advance - \$30/Door

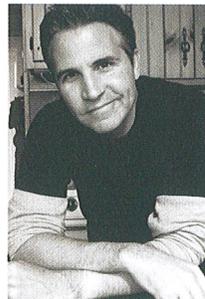
### Tonic Sol-Fa – January 13 & 14 (7:30PM)



Tonic Sol-fa has spent the past decade carving their niche as the nation's top vocal group. This quartet has been named one of the top five "must see" groups in America, has been awarded numerous original song and album awards in pop, gospel and holiday

genres, appeared on NBC's Today Show and in the pages of Newsweek magazine. Outings with Jay Leno, Shawn Colvin, Lonestar and Garrison Keillor have propelled album sales to more than 1,000,000 copies (mostly sold from the back of their trailer!) and have earned the group thousands of intensely loyal fans. Tickets: \$20/Advance - \$25/Door

### Martin Zellar – January 20 & 21 (7:30PM)



Former leader of the legendary Midwest-based and country-rock band, Gear Daddies, Martin Zellar has fashioned an equally impressive solo career. Firmly grounded in the quality craftsmanship of his songwriting, the magic of Zellar's songs is a combination of lyrical sincerity, inspired yet simple arrangements, and his unmistakable raspy voice. Tickets: \$20/Advance - \$25/Door

To purchase tickets visit [www.maplewoodarts.com](http://www.maplewoodarts.com). All shows on sale starting November 1, 2011.

A promotional poster for "Holiday Events" at Maplewood Mall. The poster features a dark blue background with a gold border. At the top, it says "HAPPY HOLIDAYS" and "MORE CHOICES". The main title is "Holiday Events" in large white letters. Below that, it says "Fun For The Entire Family!" and "HOLIDAY SPECTACULAR" in gold. The event is scheduled for "SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2011" from "10:00AM-8:00PM". It features a "Live Musical Performance By Keri Noble and Teddy Bear Band". Other details include "Santa's Arrival: 10:00AM", "Prize-Per-Hour Giveaway", and "Grand Prize \$1,500 Shopping Spree". The poster directs visitors to "Visit [www.simon.com/Maplewood](http://www.simon.com/Maplewood) for more details." and identifies the location as "MAPLEWOOD MALL" near "RASMUSSEN COLLEGE". The bottom of the poster includes social media icons and the text "simon.com" and "SIMON | with friends".

## Carbon Monoxide - A Silent, Deadly Killer

Carbon monoxide (CO) is a colorless, odorless, tasteless toxic gas produced by incomplete combustion in fuel-burning devices such as gas-powered furnaces, water heaters, motor vehicles, portable space heaters and portable generators. CO poisoning symptoms can be headache, nausea, dizziness, or confusion, and undetected, exposure can be fatal.



CO exposure accounts for an estimated 15,000 emergency department visits and 500 unintentional deaths in the United States each year. The average number of deaths was highest during January.

Source: [www.carbonmonoxidekills.com](http://www.carbonmonoxidekills.com)  
Reported by: M King, PhD, C Bailey, MS,  
National Center for Environmental Health, CDC.

The CO poisoning deaths attributed to motor vehicle exhaust accounted for about 60% of all accidental non-fire CO poisoning deaths. The remaining 40% of the deaths were associated with consumer products. Most of these CO poisoning deaths were related to the use of heating systems. Other consumer products linked with these poisoning deaths included charcoal grills, gas water heaters, camping equipment, and gas ranges and ovens.

Consumer products that burn kerosene, oil, gasoline, coal or wood (such as wood stoves, oil boilers, and kerosene heaters) produce an irritating smoke that can alert the victim to a potentially hazardous situation. Other products, such as charcoal briquettes and pressed woodchip logs, produce relatively smokeless fumes, even at times of inefficient combustion.

Any fuel-burning appliance can potentially be a source of fatal or near-fatal CO levels. Fuels, such as natural and LP gas, kerosene, oil, gasoline, coal, and wood can produce large amounts of CO when there is insufficient oxygen available for combustion. Victims receive no obvious sensory warning that high CO levels are present. A different hazard scenario is present when gas appliances are not vented properly or are malfunctioning. Natural and LP gas burn more efficiently and cleanly compared with other forms of fuel. In circumstances of inadequate ventilation or defective exhaust pathways, natural and LP gas appliances may emit potentially lethal amounts of CO without any irritating fumes. Again, many victims may be unaware of a potential problem.

Source: Consumer Product Safety Commission

During 1999 - 2004, CO poisoning was listed as a contributing cause of death on 16,447 death certificates in the United States. Of these, 2,631 (16%) were classified as unintentional and non-fire-related deaths.

For the same period, an average of 439 persons died annually from unintentional, non-fire-related CO poisoning.

The annual average age-adjusted death rate in the U.S. was 1.5 deaths per million persons.

Each year non-fire carbon monoxide poisoning causes these statistics in the US:

- Estimated 130 people die.
- Estimated 58% (75) people die caused by heating systems.
- Estimated 36.4% (28) people die from natural gas heating systems.
- Estimated 20% (26) people die caused by LP gas heating systems.
- Estimated 13% (10) people die each year caused by gas ranges or ovens.
- Estimated 18% (23) people who die are aged 25-44.
- Estimated 35% (45) people who die are aged 45-64.
- Estimated 25% (33) people who die are aged over 65.
- Estimated 70% (90) of deaths occur in homes.

(2001 US Consumer Product Safety Commission)

Source: [www.rightdiagnosis.com](http://www.rightdiagnosis.com)

### What You Need To Know

If you have unexplained headache, nausea, dizziness or confusion get help. Have your fuel burning appliances checked by a qualified professional, home inspection agency or contact the Maplewood Building Inspections Department for more information.

### Maplewood Building Inspections 651.249.2300

Just having a CO detector cannot be your security blanket. They can be a valuable detection system, but more importantly your awareness of the potential and regular monitoring and maintenance of your fuel burning appliances will be your best armor.

Because persons are relying on CO alarms to prevent CO poisoning, additional research regarding their effectiveness is needed, including an evaluation of the cost effectiveness of CO alarms used in residences. As additional years of data become available, tracking of trends in CO-related mortality should continue to guide public health measures aimed at preventing deaths from CO poisoning.

# Special Events



Happy Holidays!

## Friday Family Fun Nights

(Families & kids ages 3-17)

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25 & DECEMBER 30**

**6:00 - 8:30PM**

Gather your clan at the Maplewood Community Center and join us for a fun-filled evening! Enjoy holiday arts and crafts, jump castle, Wii bowling, story time, activities in the gym and much more. Bring your swim suit and take part in the popular Flotation Friday in the aquatic center. Cost is \$5/person or \$15/family. Children must be potty trained if parents choose to leave. Call 651.249.2230 to register one week prior to the event. *You must be a MCC or NSP Community Center member to participate.*

## Holiday Fun Hour (Ages 4-8)

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 6:15 - 7:15PM**

Get your child in the Thanksgiving spirit at the Maplewood Community Center holiday party. They will have fun creating simple crafts in time for Thanksgiving. Music, stories and tasty snacks are all part of the excitement so grab your paint shirt and come join us for a great time. Cost is \$7. Call 651.249.2230 to register.

## Santa's Workshop Party (Ages 3 and up)

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 6:00 - 8:30PM**

Hey kids, while parents are out and about shopping and preparing for the holidays, come on down to the MCC and join Santa and the gang for a razzle-dazzle good ol' time! We'll have lots of fun activities taking place including: a visit from Santa, games galore, music, snacks, movies, arts and crafts, and holiday stories. The possibilities are endless - there's no doubt that you'll have a great time! AND if you bring an unwrapped gift for Toys For Tots you'll receive a special prize! Party takes place in the Maplewood Community Center banquet room. Cost is \$10 (\$7 for MCC & NSP members). Call 651.249.2230 to register by December 2.

## Letters For Santa (Ages 2 and up)

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 6:00 - 7:00PM**

Calling all boys and girls! Bring your wish lists and join us for our Letters to Santa get together. Our elves will have everything that you need to write and decorate the perfect letter to Santa - we'll even mail it for you! Enjoy holiday stories and delicious treats while you create. Parents are welcome to stay. Space is limited, so be sure to register early! Event takes place in the Maplewood Community Center activity room. Cost is \$5. Children must be potty trained if parents choose to leave. Call 651.249.2230 to register by December 9.

## Schools Out! (Ages 6-12)

**9:00 - 4:00PM** Before/After care is available for \$5/child per day from 7:00AM to 5:30PM.

What better way to spend your days off from school with your friends than at the Maplewood Community Center! Not only will you be active in the gym, doing crafts and playing games, but you'll also get to explore the MCC's newly renovated pool area including an interactive SUBMARINE! (see photos on page 9) So cool you might as well be swimming with the fish!... Cost is \$25/child per day or \$35/child per day for field trips\* (\*\$25/child per day when registered for 5 or more). Call 651.249.2230 to register one week prior to the event.

### Days Onsite at the MCC

December: 2, 26, 28, 30

January: 2, 16, 30

February: 20

### Days With Field Trips:

December 27 Nickelodeon Universe

December 29 Cosmic Bowling

## Christmas Tea

**DECEMBER 16, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

Sponsored by HealthEast Passport

'Tis the season to be merry! Join us at the Maplewood Community Center in all its holiday finery for our first annual holiday tea! Bring your teacup and wear your best holiday hat. We'll have a special gift for all too. Registration is required. The cost is \$13.00 (\$10.00 Maplewood/N. St. Paul residents and HealthEast Passport members). To register call 651.249.2007.

## White Elephant Holiday Gathering

**SUNDAY, DEC 11, 1:00 - 4:00PM**

The holiday season is upon us. What better time to gather together and enjoy this special time? Join us at the North St. Paul Community Center for H'orderves, punch, holiday cookies, holiday music, and great conversation. Bring a white elephant gift to put under the tree for a fun ending to our party. Cost is \$15.00 (\$10.00 for MCC/NSP residents and HealthEast Passport members).

## WINTER SWIM REGISTRATION IS GOING ON NOW!

Learning to swim is not just a fun recreational activity, but a perfect way to acquire a skill that will last a lifetime. You will be delighted by Maplewood Community Center's easy registration, wide variety of class options, and flexible schedules. Pair that with warm pool water, friendly & qualified Red Cross instructors and swimming success is inevitable. Your swimming goals can be reached by enrolling in seasonal sessions designed to accommodate any busy schedule.

Course descriptions may be found on our website at [www.maplewoodcommunitycenter.com](http://www.maplewoodcommunitycenter.com), click on Aquatics and Seasonal Lesson Schedule to the right under Quick Links. Full winter session cost is \$73.00 (\$58.00 for MCC & NSP members).

To register, stop by the Maplewood Community Center customer service desk (Monday 9:00AM - 7:00PM, Tuesday - Friday 9:00AM - 5:00PM). Online registration is also available at [www.ci.maplewood.mn.us](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us) (click on Recreation Programs). If you are registering for our programs online for the first time you will need to register for your online account before registering for your class! Or register by phone at 651.249.2230.

Private lessons are also available by arrangement at a rate of \$40.00 (\$30.00 for MCC members) for one lesson, \$152.00 (\$112.00 for MCC members) for four lessons, or \$288.00 (\$208.00 for MCC members) for eight lessons. All private lessons are 30 minutes. To schedule your private lesson today, contact Ron at 651.249.2206 or [ron.horwath@ci.maplewood.mn.us](mailto:ron.horwath@ci.maplewood.mn.us).

### Aquatic Special Events

FREE for MCC Members • Daily Admission for Non-Members

**Flotation Days-** Come jump, splash, float, and slide! The inflatable magic island, beach balls, tubes, and almost everything the MCC has that floats will be available for everyone to enjoy. Bring your friends and family.

**Friday, November 25, December 30 & January 27, 5:00 - 7:30PM**

**Wednesday, December 28, 1:00 - 4:00PM**

#### Free Family Swim Time

Parents, caregivers, and Siblings of students enrolled in the Tuesday & Thursday morning swim lessons will be allowed to swim in the leisure pool for FREE during the 9:30 to 11:30AM lessons.

#### Swim-In Movie Night

Floations Fun starts at 5:00PM • Movie starts at 5:30PM

Have a splashing good time floating on a tube and watching a movie!

**Saturday, December 17 - Muppet Christmas Carol**

### Also Offering The Following Classes:

**WATER SAFETY AID** Saturday, December 10, 1:00 - 6:00PM

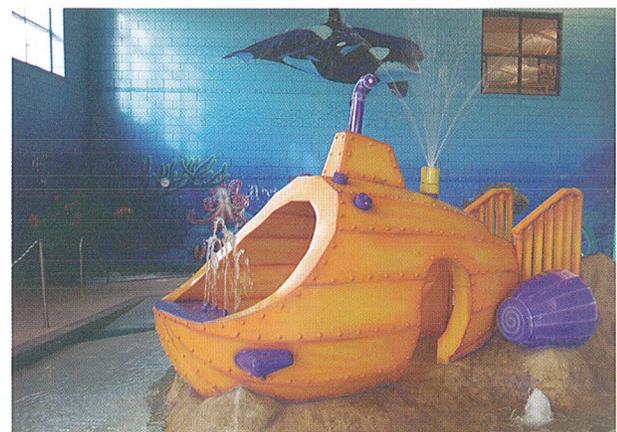
**LAP SWIM WORKOUT** Wednesdays, January 11 - February 29

**HOME SCHOOL SWIM LESSONS** Wednesdays, January 11 - February 29

Visit [www.maplewoodcommunitycenter.com](http://www.maplewoodcommunitycenter.com) or all 651.249.2230 for more details.

### Adult Only Swim

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:00 - 3:00PM. No one under the age of 18 will be allowed in the lap pool during these times except on school release days. Adult non-members can pay the very low admission rate of \$3+ Tax on Tuesday and Thursdays from 1:00 - 3:00PM. Some exceptions may apply. Check the monthly pool schedule for specific dates and exceptions.



**Have you EXPERIENCED the  
NEW Underwater Adventure at MCC?**

**1. TRX Suspension Training** is where you want to be! Short burst training is effective for all fitness levels. Build total body strength, balance, flexibility, and joint stability. Because of its demands on the core, Suspension Training essentially turns every movement into total-body activation, reducing the chance of injury. Suspension Training increases caloric demand making it an effective tool for weight loss.

MCC: Tuesday/Thursday 12:00PM and 4:00PM

NSP: Tuesdays 6:15PM

**2. The Masala Bhangra Workout®** The exercise regimen is as much fun as it is rigorous (burning over 500 calories per workout), and is suitable for people of all ages and fitness levels. People are stomping, clapping and sweating in the Masala Bhangra Workout® - repeatedly noted as one of the hottest fitness programs. Come over and journey to India with Deepali Roth on Mondays at 5:30PM and Thursdays at 9:30AM at the MCC. Drop-in anytime, or register to reserve your spot!

**3. Enroll in Boot Camp with a friend!** Using a variety of equipment, including your own body weight, your Certified Personal Trainer will blend strength, resistance, cardiovascular and flexibility training, speed and agility drills into one concentrated class. Boot Camp is for those who want to look and feel great and take on a new challenge! Designed for all fitness levels.

MCC: Monday at 12:00PM, or 5:30PM, Thursday at 6:00PM

NSP: Monday/Wednesday/Friday mornings 5:45AM and Tuesday/Thursday nights at 5:00PM

**4. ZUMBA! PARTY Yourself into SHAPE! Feel the Music and Let Loose!** Join us for this exhilarating, effective, easy-to-follow, Latin-inspired, calorie-burning dance fitness-party that's moving millions of people toward joy and health. See our Specialty Group Fitness Schedule online for the latest class times, dates, and fees. Register to reserve your spot, or drop in!

MCC:	NSP:
<b>New!</b> Tuesdays 9:30 - 10:30AM	Tuesdays 6:15 - 7:15PM
Tuesdays 5:45 - 6:45PM	Thursdays 6:15 - 7:15PM
Thursdays 5:30 - 6:30PM	Saturdays 10:15 - 11:15AM
Saturdays 11:15 - 12:15PM	

**5. Zumba Gold or Zumba Gold TONING—Not as fast, but certainly as FUN!** Get in shape at your own pace. Easy to follow so anyone at any age will be able to participate in Zumba Gold. Dances that are specifically highlighted in this program include: Merengue, Salsa Cha Cha, Cumbia, Salsa, Rock and Roll (including the Twist and Charleston), Belly Dance, Flamenco, and Tango. See our Specialty Group Fitness Schedule online for the latest class times, dates, and fees.



**6. One-on-one or Small Group Personal Training:**

Are you looking to take your program to the next level? Are you at a stand still in your routine? Have you lost the motivation to workout? MCC and NSP certified personal trainers will motivate and inspire you. One-on-one or with a friend, we have a package that will meet your needs. You do not need to be a MCC member to participate in Personal Training! Whatever your fitness need, we have an experienced trainer that can help. Call 651.249.2207 to set up a free consultation and find out if personal training is right for you!

**7. FAST: Functional Athletic Sports Training.** Build speed, explosive power, agility, strength, and endurance. Join Certified Personal Trainer Sheila Heinrich twice a week for this 6 week program that will truly change your body and your confidence level! Monday/Thursday at 4:30PM at the MCC.

**8. Group Fitness Classes** are a fun way to connect with people and stay motivated. Our instructors are inspiring, friendly, and professional. Enjoy a wide variety of over 70 group fitness classes each week. Our nationally certified instructors will keep your workout fresh and keep you motivated!

**9. Water Fitness!** Come experience a gentle for your joints, yet effective workout in the water at the MCC. Water fitness is a great way to connect with people and stay motivated. Enjoy our newly renovated aquatic center! Our nationally certified instructors will keep your workout fresh and keep you motivated!

**10. Stay up to date with the latest Fitness Offerings at the Maplewood Community Center by visiting our Website** at [www.maplewoodcommunitycenter.com](http://www.maplewoodcommunitycenter.com) Contact Lori Resendiz, Fitness Supervisor at 651.335.2922 for more information or with questions, comments, or suggestions. Call 651.249.2230 to register or for more information.

## FAMILY PROGRAMS

### Full Moon Hike At Southwood Park - Free!

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 6:30 -7:30PM

Best for adults and families with kids 7 and older  
Meet at Southwood Park Observation Deck on the north side of Holloway, between Parkway Dr. and Betty Jane Court.  
Call 651.249.2170 to register by Tuesday, Nov. 8.

### Nature Family Fun-ECFE

SATURDAYS, NOVEMBER 12, FEBRUARY 18, MARCH 24 & APRIL 28, 10:00 - 11:30AM

(For children birth - 5 years)

Make nature discoveries together and meet new friends! This class is offered at the Maplewood Nature Center in collaboration with Early Childhood and Family Education staff. Parents stay with their child(ren) during the entire class. Cost is \$5 per child per session.

Nov 12 Live Animals, Feb 18 Animal Tracks, March 24 Sap into Syrup, April 28 Spring Pond Creatures

To register contact ECFE: 651.748.7280 or register online at [www.isd622.org/ecfe](http://www.isd622.org/ecfe)

**Talk Turkey!** (All ages) Free, drop in program

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 10:30 -11:30AM

Join the North St. Paul Family Storytime and the Maplewood Nature Center in getting ready for fall with "Turkey Talk!" and other winter active animals. Program takes place at the North St. Paul Library at the NSP Community Center, 2290 N. 1st Street in North St. Paul.

**Animals That Sleep** FREE!

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 7:00 - 8:00PM

Best for ages 3-8 with adult  
Wear your pj's. Learn about deep sleepers, hibernators, as well as winter active and night creatures. Go for a night hike. Call to 651./249.2170 to register by Dec. 7.

**Let It Snow Puppet Show**

TUESDAY, DEC 27, 10:30 - 11:30AM

Best for 3 and up with adult  
Class takes place at the North St Paul Community Center, Fireside Room, 2290 N. 1st Street, North St. Paul. Cost is \$2 / child.  
Call 651.249.2170 to register by December 23.

**Youth Wildlife Badge For Scouts**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 10:00AM - NOON

Visit hands-on learning stations to identify common Minnesota wildlife and their signs. Cost is \$4/child. Scout leaders may call 651.249.2170 to make reservations by November 15.



## Looking To Spend Some Time In The Great Outdoors?

Stop by the Maplewood Nature Center & Neighborhood Preserves!

Visitor Center Hours: Tuesday - Saturday  
8:30PM - 4:30PM • Trails Open Every Day  
From 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset

2659 East Seventh Street • 651.249.2170  
[www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/nc](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/nc)



**Live Animal Show** FREE!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 10:00 - 11:00 AM

Families with children 3 - 10 years  
Get up close and personal with a friendly Hognose snake, American toad and Tiger salamander. Call 651.249.2170 for reservations.

**Nature Night Hike**

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29, 7:00 - 8:30PM

Best for Families with children ages 7+ and small youth groups  
Hike to look for nocturnal animals and check out the stars of Orion and other constellations. Make a simple glow in the dark starfinder. Warm up at the nature center with hot chocolate. Cost is \$4/person. Call 651.249.2170 to register by December 27.

**Snowshoe Open House**

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7, 10:00AM - 3:00PM

Wood or metal snowshoes available for ages 4 to adult. A naturalist will show you how to strap on and walk, run, and turn around with snowshoes, answer nature questions, and orient you to the nature center trails. Dress in layers and wear winter boots. In case of low snow conditions, winter hiking is encouraged, & the visitor center's nature exhibits are open. Snowshoe rental: \$5/pair. Hot chocolate for all attendees!

**Adults Winter Botany** FREE!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1:00 - 3:00 PM

# Recreation

## New! Stepping Stone Theater Classes At North St. Paul Community Center

Since 1987, SteppingStone Theatre has been the leader in providing theatre classes for after-school programs, recreation centers, social service agencies and other programs.

### CREATE-A-PLAY®

**S1: NOVEMBER 14 - DECEMBER 19**

**S2: JANUARY 23 - MARCH 5** (no class on 2/20)

This program is great for natural storytellers. Students will create a play using one of the themes on the opposite page. Students will learn the basics of story structure, character building and working as an ensemble. By the end of their class, students will have a short play to share! Cost is 70.00 (\$60 for MCC/NSP members).

**Super Hero Boot Camp** (Ages 6-8) 6:15 - 7:15PM

Attention all Super Powered Young People! SteppingStone Theatre Super Hero Boot Camp is now accepting new recruits. How else did the Super Hero greats like the X-Men, Super Man, Wonder Woman, Spider Man, and Cat Woman learn how to fight crime and save the world before dinner time? On the last day of class perform your play for your family and friends.

**Super Hero Academy** (Ages 9-12) 7:15 - 8:15PM

Have you ever imagined that you could fly, had super strength, or could control the weather? But what if it were true? Special Announcement for all super powered young adults - school is in session at Super Hero Academy! We know you're out there. There is no need to hide your powers anymore. Come and practice you amazing powers at Super Hero Academy. Create your own epic adventure. On the last day share your play with your family and friends.

## Mayer Arts Dance Classes at MCC

**SATURDAYS, JAN 21 - APR 28, MONDAYS, JAN 23 - APR 30, THURSDAYS, JAN 26 - MAY 3**

Dance Recital in the MCC Theatre on May 6! (Rehearsal May 5)

Call 651.249.2230 for more details or to register.

WISH UPON A BALLET (AGES 3-6) \$120 (non-members \$130)

SAT 10:15 - 11:00AM OR THURS 10:00 - 10:45AM

PRE-BALLET AND TAP (AGES 3-4) \$120 (non-members \$130)

SATURDAYS 9:30 - 10:15AM

BALLET AND TAP (AGES 5-7) \$130 (non-members \$145)

SATURDAYS 11:00AM - 12:00PM

HIP HOP AND TAP (AGES 5-7) \$135 (non-members \$145)

MONDAYS 5:30 - 6:30PM

HIP HOP (AGES 7-13) \$135 (non-members \$145)

MONDAYS (Ages 7-9) 6:30 - 7:30PM OR (Ages 10-13) 7:30 - 8:30PM

MVP's Movement Class For Little Athletes (AGES 3-6) \$65

(non-members \$75) (no recital)

THURSDAYS 11:00 - 11:30AM

*Costume fees are additional.  
Costumes are not needed for MVP's  
Movement Class.*



## Tots In Motion (MINI SESSION)

(Children walking to age 3)

**THURSDAYS, NOVEMBER 17 - DECEMBER 15**

**5:15 - 6:00PM**

This class is for parents, grandparents and toddlers. Learn simple dance moves, activity and sing-a-long songs, and most of all, have a great time with your little ones! We will enjoy some playtime in the Maplewood Community Center gym each week at the conclusion of class. Cost is \$40.00 (\$33.00 for MCC & NSP members). Call 651.249.2230 to register.

## Tumbling (MINI SESSION)

**NSP: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15 - DECEMBER 13**

**5:30 - 6:15PM (AGES 3-5)**

**MCC: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18 - DECEMBER 16**

**9:30 - 10:15AM (AGES 2-3) AND**

**10:15 - 11:00AM (AGES 4-6)**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19 - DECEMBER 17**

**9:00 - 9:45AM (AGES 2-3) AND**

**9:45 - 10:30AM (AGES 4-6)**

These classes are designed especially for little ones to practice their coordination while learning to take turns, follow directions, interact with others and most importantly, have fun! They will be introduced to floor mats, wedges, and low and high balance beams. Classes take place at both the North St. Paul and Maplewood Community Centers. Cost is \$35.00 or (\$25.00 for MCC and NSP members). Registration deadline is one week before classes begins. Call 651.249.2230 to register.

## Youth Gymnastics (MINI SESSION)

**MCC: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17 - DECEMBER 15**

**6:15 - 7:00PM**

**NSP: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15 - DECEMBER 13**

**6:15 - 7:00PM**

This class is for boys and girls ages 6 and up who have had little or no gymnastics experience. Tumbling will include forward/backward rolls, cartwheels, headstands, leaps turns and more. Equipment will consist of floor mats, beams & vault. Classes take place at both the North St. Paul and Maplewood Community Centers. Cost is \$35.00 or (\$25.00 for MCC and NSP members). Registration deadline is one week before classes begins. Call 651.249.2230 to register.

## Ballroom Dance (Ages 16+)

Salsa, Swing, Tango

**TUESDAYS, NOVEMBER 29 - JANUARY 3, 7:00 - 8:00PM**

This Sampler Class will cover many styles and tempos of music, for many dancing occasions. Find out how beneficial dancing can be for your social, mental, and physical health and how much fun it can be! Cost for couples is \$110.00 (\$85.00 for MCC members) and for individuals is \$65.00 (\$50.00 for MCC members).

## T'ai Chi Ch'uan (Ages 16+)

**WEDNESDAYS 7:30 - 8:30PM**

**JANUARY 4 - MARCH 7**

T'ai Chi Ch'uan exercises use slow relaxed movements to develop strength while eliminating tension. This will strengthen arms and legs, improve balance and flexibility, reduce stress and help increase energy levels. Class takes place at the Dragons Kung Fu Studio located at 2572 7th Avenue East. Cost is \$65.00 (\$50.00 for MCC & NSP members).

## Belly Dance With Latin Rhythms (Ages 16+)

**WEDNESDAYS, NOVEMBER 16 - DECEMBER 21**

**WEDNESDAYS, JANUARY 25 - FEBRUARY 29**

**6:00 - 7:15PM**

Experience a fantastic way to exercise, have fun & lose weight! Indulge yourself in the mystic experience of Belly Dance combined with animated Latin Rhythms. At the end of the course, you will be able to perform an easy choreography along with your peers! Ideal for beginners. No previous knowledge required. Class takes place at the NSP Community Center. Cost is \$48.00 (\$36.00 for MCC & NSP members).

## New! Beanbag League

**TUESDAYS, JANUARY 17 - FEBRUARY 21, 7:00 - 9:00PM**

Looking for affordable entertainment this winter? The City of Maplewood is now offering a fun "Bags" League. Games are played indoors at the North St. Paul Community Center Gym. Teams consist of two players and each week teams will play two matches. League champions will receive trophies. Come and join others and toss some bags in this new fun Bean Bag League. Cost is \$60.00 per team. Register by January 10.

## Youth Basketball Clinic (Grades K-5)

**MONDAYS, DECEMBER 5 - JANUARY 9**

This clinic is designed for boys and girls who want to learn the basic skills of basketball. Participants will learn the basics first leading to game play. Hoop heights will be adjusted to meet the needs of participants. Each player will receive a cool clinic shirt! Call 651.249.2230 for times.

## Racquetball & Wallyball

Challenge yourself with one of these enjoyable sports at the Maplewood Community Center. To reserve a court call 651.249.2210.

Racquetball Fees

Non-Member: Daily Admission

Member: FREE

Wallyball Fees

(Per court/per hour/per group)

Non-Member: \$14.00 (plus tax)

## Racquetball Leagues

**JANUARY 14 - APP. MARCH 17**

These are adult co-ed recreational leagues at B+ and B- levels. The coordinator will generate a schedule of players and numbers for weekly matches. Opponents call each other to schedule matches and court times during the week they are scheduled to play each other. Cost is \$44.00 (\$14.00 for MCC & NSP members). Registration deadline is JANUARY 6 at 5:00PM.

Co-Rec Leagues

Level B+ (Very Competitive)

Level B- (Competitive)

## New! Racquetball Challenge Ladders

Racquetball challenge ladders will be held on the first and third Saturday of each month (check at MCC Admissions for exceptions) from 7:00 -10:00AM. These ladders are designed for experienced to expert players. Cost is free for MCC & NSP members (\$4.00 + tax for Non-Members).

## Junior Gym (Ages 4-6)

**FRIDAYS, JANUARY 13 - FEBRUARY 17, 5:30 - 6:15PM**

Join your child in a fun, non-competitive environment at the North St. Paul Community Center and introduce them to the world of sports. Children and their parents will participate in fun games and drills using special equipment designed for the younger participants. **Parents must accompany child during all class times.** Cost is \$40.00 (\$35.00 for MCC & NSP members).

## Beginning Group Guitar Lessons

(For adults, teens and kids 10+)

**THURSDAYS, DECEMBER 29 - FEBRUARY 2, 5:30 - 6:25PM**

Music means FUN for the whole family! If you always wanted to learn how to play guitar, here is your chance. Learn to play chords, your favorite songs and tune your guitar with easy to follow instruction! This program will give students an introduction to guitar and a basic foundation in musicianship. Participants are required to bring their own guitar. **These affordable lessons average \$15.00/hour while most lessons average \$40.00/hour!** Cost is \$100.00 (\$90.00 for MCC & NSP members).

# Active Adult 55+

## 55+ Grab Bag Bingo

MCC: THURSDAY, NOV. 15, DEC. 20, JAN 17

NSP: TUESDAY, NOV. 3, DEC. 1, JAN 5

1:00 - 2:30 PM

Come join in on all of the fun! Play Grab Bag Bingo each month at the Maplewood Community Center and the North St. Paul Community Center (Fireside Room). Cost is \$2.00 at the door. Coffee and treats are provided.

## Lunch Bunch

NOVEMBER 17 & JANUARY 4, 11:30AM - 1:30PM

Join the Lunch Bunch and come with us as we explore local hot spots and St. Paul eateries. Transportation is provided and we will depart from and return to MCC. Cost is \$4.00 per trip or \$3.00 if you sign up for three or more dates. Please note that this fee covers only transportation and does not include the cost of the meal. Entrees will typically cost between \$6-\$15 (plus tax & gratuity).

## Beginner's Contract Bridge

HELD AT NORTH ST. PAUL COMMUNITY CENTER

WEDNESDAYS, NOV 2-23, 1-3PM, NOV 7-28, 6-8:30PM,

DEC 7-28, 6-3PM, JAN 4-25, 6:30- 8:30PM

Have you ever wanted to learn the game but thought it would be too difficult? Come learn the ins and outs of Bridge in a small classroom setting so you can start enjoying all the fun! This 4-week class will be held at the North St. Paul Community Center so come on down and see what all the hub-bub is about! Class size is limited. Sign up early! Cost is \$28.00 (\$24.00 MCC & NSP members). Call 651.249.2230 to register.

## Ceramic Classes

NOV 15 - DEC 12, 5:30 - 7:00PM (youth & adult)

NOV 15 - DEC 12, 7:00 - 8:30PM (adult only)

NOV 16 - DEC 7, 9:00 - 10:00AM (youth & adult)

NOV 16 - DEC 7, 10:30 - 12:00PM (adult only)

Come learn a new skill or renew your past interest in the art of Ceramics. Catalogs will be available showing various pieces to choose from to create your masterpiece. Brushes, paints, and kiln services are included in the class fee. Project pieces are not included in the class registration. Pieces range from \$6-22 depending on your choice. Class fee is \$46.00 (\$36.00 residents).

## 500 & Bridge Card Tournaments

500 CARD TOURN: MCC NOV. 8, 1-4PM ROOM A/B

BRIDGE TOURN: NSP NOV 18, 1-4PM FIRESIDE RM

Enjoy a friendly game of cards! Winners will receive gift cards to local businesses and restaurants. Cost is \$6.00 (\$4.00 for MCC/NSP members).

## Lunch & Lakeshore

Calling all theater buffs! Come to the Maplewood Community Center where we'll be off to the Lakeshore Players again to see "Laura". In this noir mystery romance, Laura was a woman who was so charming that no man could resist her. She has been murdered and the detective who is on the case finds that even in death, he is caught up in her charms as well. We'll be stopping off at Rudy's Red Eye Grill for lunch before moving onto the theater. Lunch will cost \$10-\$15 and is not included in event fee. (Transportation and theater ticket included) Space is very limited so sign up early! The cost is \$26.00. (\$24.00 for Maplewood and North St. Paul residents.)

January 15 12:00PM departure – App. 5:00PM return

January 29 12:00PM departure – App. 5:00PM return

## A Simplified Approach To Investing

HELD AT NORTH ST. PAUL COMMUNITY CENTER

TUESDAY, NOV 8, 1:00 - 3:00PM

Wall Street and the media would like you to believe that investing is complicated. But, it doesn't have to be. In the first part of this class, we will discuss investing fundamentals including: investing vs. speculating, compounding, cycles, and the emotions of investing. The second part of the class will explore specific actions such as choosing an advisor, asset allocation, diversification, and rebalancing. It is preferable that individuals taking this class have a basic understanding of some types of investments. This class is taught by Doug Bailey, CPA – Inactive. Cost is \$10.00 (\$8.00 MCC/NSP Residents).

## Lifestyles In Senior Living Home Tour

TUESDAY, NOV 1, 8:45 - 2:15PM

Let Choice connections help take the mystery out of senior living. We will meet at the Maplewood Community Center and then hop on the van for a fun visit to four different types of senior living options. No pressure; No commitments. Join us for breakfast, lunch, information, prizes and fun! The cost is \$5.00. Call 651.644.7230 to register.

## Murder Mystery Parties

Join us at the North St. Paul Community Center for one of our monthly parties. See if you can figure out "who dunit!" For more information call 651.249.2203. The cost is \$20.00 (\$15.00 for MCC/NSP residents). (Includes: Party character, appetizers, dinner, and dessert)

November 20 1:00 - 3:00PM Murder & Mayhem at 614 Scarlet Ct.

January 14 6:30 - 8:30PM Murder at the Walgrave Astoria's Annual Costume Ball

## Texas Hold 'Em

HELD AT NORTH ST. PAUL COMMUNITY CENTER

FRIDAYS, 2:00 - 4:00PM

Donation of \$2.00 for coffee and cookies appreciated.



## North St. Paul Community Center

2290 N. 1st Street, North St. Paul MN 55109  
 651.747.2411  
 Monday - Friday 5:30AM - 9:00PM  
 Saturday 8:00AM - 6:00PM  
 Sunday 10:00AM - 6:00PM

### NSP Gym Schedule

Youth & Family Open Gym  
 on Mondays and Tuesdays

Open Gym on Fridays, Saturdays & Sundays  
 Adult Open Volleyball on Thursdays (\$4)  
 This schedule is subject to change. For updates, visit [www.northstpaul.net](http://www.northstpaul.net)

### Your Health & Fitness Center... Serving you since 1992

*We shall provide a destination in the heart of the community for the improvement and promotion of health, education and cultural well being that enhances the community's quality of life.*

#### Your membership includes:

- Access to cardio & strength training equipment
- Walking/Running track
- Medical Reimbursement programs
- Access to personal trainers
- Access to gymnasium equipped for basketball, volleyball and floor hockey
- Reduced rates for fitness classes and programs
- Locker rooms with showers
- Access to XRKade exercise equipment
- Meeting rooms and gym are available for an additional fee for your for business seminars, private parties and civic groups.
- Reduced rates on Massage at Sister Rosalind's Clinic of Massage at the MCC.
- Ramsey County Library is conveniently located at the Community Center. Access to books, videos, DVD's and more!
- Polar Den Café located inside Community Center

**See page 5 For details on North St. Paul Ice Rinks! (Hause & Northwood)**

### Save Money at the Fare For All Express North St. Paul Community Center

Fare for All Express, a program of the Emergency Foodshelf Network, works with partners to offer quality, affordable grocery packages each month. The Emergency Foodshelf Network purchases in high volume and is able to purchase more for less and pass the savings onto you! Save up to 40% on your monthly groceries! No income restrictions! There is no limit to the number of packages that can be purchased each month. For more information go to: [www.northstpaul.net](http://www.northstpaul.net)

Dates Remaining in 2011: Nov. 9 & Dec. 7 from 3:30-5:30PM  
 Holiday Packages will be available at both dates. Fare for All Express 2012: Jan. 11, Feb. 8, Mar. 7, Apr. 11, May 9, June 13, July 18, Aug. 15, Sept. 12, Oct. 10, Nov. 7, and Dec. 5. 3:30-5:30PM  
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### Your're Invited To take The Polar Plunge 2012

Presented by Law Enforcement for Special Olympics Minnesota  
 North St. Paul Police Officers will be taking the plunge on January 28, 2012 in White Bear Lake. Join them! For more information go to: [www.plungemn.org](http://www.plungemn.org).

### North St. Paul Community Center Membership Rates

	Resident	Non-resident
Individual Quarterly	\$149	\$209
Family Quarterly	\$189	\$239
Individual Yearly	\$229	\$279
Family Yearly	\$309	\$349
Senior Individual Yearly	\$165	\$225
Senior Couple Yearly	\$205	\$255
Youth (17 and under)	\$4	\$4
Adult	\$5	\$7
Senior (62 yrs and older)	\$4	\$4

*Resident: Anyone who lives in or works in North St. Paul or resides in Maplewood (must show proper ID).*

### Get fit, burn calories and save money!

The center is currently enrolling for: Fit Choices<sup>SM</sup> by Medica, BCBS of MN, BCBS of ND, PreferredOne, UCare, Regency Managed Properties and America's TPA. Earn up to a \$20 monthly credit on your monthly dues (UCare \$15 single or \$30 per couple)

### PURCHASE A FITNESS PUNCH PASS!

5 Visit Punch Pass	10 Visit Punch Pass	20 Visit Punch Pass
Member \$30.00	Member \$50.00	Member \$90.00
Non-Member \$40.00	Non-Member \$70.00	Non-Member \$130.00
Senior \$20.00	Senior \$30.00	Senior \$50.00

**Call 651.249.2230 for more information.**

## City of Maplewood

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### Maplewood Commission Vacancies

The City of Maplewood is now accepting applications to fill four (4) openings; one (1) on the Business & Economic Development Commission and three (3) on the Planning Commission. The City Council will interview candidates that apply and will appoint individuals to fill these openings.

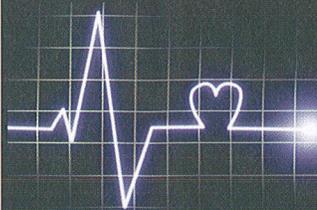
The mission of the Business & Economic Development Commission (BEDC) is to advise the Maplewood economic development authority on issues relating to maintaining, expanding and diversifying the economic and business opportunities in the city of Maplewood while addressing the needs of the city's residents' quality of life and its environment. The BEDC works to promote and develop Maplewood's high quality business environment and thriving community by promoting Maplewood's strategic location, educated workforce and desirable working environment. The commission is committed to the success of Maplewood's business community while improving employment opportunities for the residents of Maplewood. The BEDC meets monthly and consists of seven members, three which must be small business owners. Each commissioner serves a three year term.

The Maplewood 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 PC's recommendations on these and related matters.

For more information visit [www.ci.maplewood.mn.us](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us) or call 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 November 23, 2011.** Completed applications should be submitted to the City Manager's Office at 1830 County Road B E, Maplewood, MN 55109.

## Learn The Skill That Saves Lives

CPR/AED AND FIRST AID CLASSES



**FACT:** 80 percent of cardiac arrests occur at home and are witnessed by a family member.

**Fast, efficient CPR can double or triple a victim's chance of survival.**



### Community CPR (Adult and Child CPR/AED and Infant CPR)

Saturday, December 10 or February 11, 10AM - 5PM

### Child CPR/AED & Infant CPR With First Aid

Saturday, November 12 or January 14 10AM - 4PM

**Attention Childcare Providers!**

This class meets state CPR and First Aid requirements.

**CALL 651.249.2230 TO REGISTER.**



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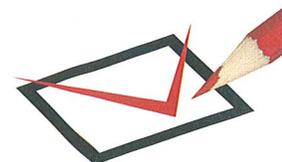
## Save The Date

- **Early Childhood Resource Fair**  
Saturday, January 28, 10AM - 1PM  
Maplewood Community Center
- **Little Heart Heart Hopper Party**  
Tuesday, February 14, 5:30PM  
Maplewood Community Center
- **Bridal Expo**  
Saturday, February 18, 12-3PM  
Maplewood Community Center
- **Full Circle: A Walk Around Lake Superior**  
Friday, February 28, 6:30-8PM  
Maplewood Library

## Municipal General Election Results

On November 14, 2011, the City Council acting as the canvassing board declared the results in the November 8, 2011, Municipal General Election for councilmember as follows:

Robert Cardinal	3,352
Marvin Koppen	2,935
Rebecca Cave	2,707
John Nephew	2,170



Robert Cardinal and Marvin Koppen, receiving the top two highest number of votes will begin their term of Councilmember on January 2, 2012. Congratulations Councilmember's Elect Cardinal and Koppen!

## Proposed 3M And Sun Ray Shopping Center Transit Stations Mean More Conveniences And Opportunities



After a year of working with the various local, state and federal agencies as well as community advocacy groups and area businesses the Gateway (I-94) Corridor transitway study is nearly 75 percent complete, emphasis is now shifting toward answering the questions, "where will it stop and how many people are going to ride it?"

For the Maplewood area, this includes proposed transit stations at 3M and the Sun Ray Shopping Center. Both stations are getting community and business leaders excited about improved connectivity and new business opportunities. The study team has worked closely with the City of Maplewood to ensure proposed transit alignments meet the needs of residents and the businesses community.

Located just off of the frontage road north of I-94 near their worldwide headquarters, the 3M station has been included and supported by City leaders and 3M as a possible transit station location. The station is included for the proposed light rail transit (LRT) and bus-rapid transit (BRT) options helping to serve the 10,000 employees on the campus.

In addition, early on in the study, local businesses and community leaders talked about the importance of connecting the transitway alternatives to the Sun Ray Shopping Center, which has been a retail anchor for the east side for many years. The proposed light rail transit (LRT) and bus-rapid transit (BRT) options include a transit station along the north frontage road, the front door to the Sun Ray Shopping Center with connections to a proposed park-and-ride facility at the existing Sun Ray bus transfer facility.

Similar to new developments along the Hiawatha and Central Corridors, local elected officials and business leaders are counting on enhanced transit in the Gateway Corridor to create new opportunities for residential, commercial and office developments. The 3M and Sun Ray Shopping Center transit stations could spark redevelopment along I-94 in St. Paul and Maplewood.

More details can be found at [www.thegatewaycorridor.com](http://www.thegatewaycorridor.com).

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## Frequently Called Numbers

### Maplewood City Hall

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

### Maplewood Community Center

Registration 651.249.2230  
 Customer Service 651.249.2230  
 Admissions 651.249.2210  
 Theater/Banquet Room Rental 651.249.2103  
 Group Information 651.249.2204  
 Aquatics 651.249.2206  
 Fitness 651.249.2207

### Maplewood Recreation

General Information 651.249.2007

### Maplewood Nature Center

General Information 651.249.2170

### Code Enforcement

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

### Maplewood Public Works

General Information 651.249.2400

## Maplewood Meeting Schedule

2012 City Council Budget Hearing: Monday, December 5 at 5:00-7PM  
 Business & Economic Development Commission: cancelled  
 City Council: Monday, December 12 at 7:00PM  
 City Council Wksp: Monday, December 12 at 5:15PM  
 Community Design Review Board: Tuesday, December 27 at 6:00PM  
 Environmental & Natural Resource Commission: Monday, December 19 at 7:00PM  
 Heritage Preservation Commission: Thursday, December 8 at 7:00PM  
 Housing & Redevelopment Authority: Wednesday, December 14 at 7:00PM  
 Human Rights Commission: Tuesday, December 13 at 7:00PM  
 Parks & Recreation Commission: Wednesday, December 21 at 7:00PM  
 Planning Commission: Tuesday, December 6 & 20 at 7:00PM

**City Hall will be closed:**  
**December 26 in observance of Christmas**  
**January 2 in observance of New Year's**

All City Council and Commission meetings are broadcast live on Channel 16 and are rebroadcast on a schedule that is posted at [www.ci.maplewood.mn.us](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us). \* Any meeting cancellations are posted on the City's website.

\*Meetings are also streamed live on the City's website.

2012 **EARLY CHILDHOOD RESOURCE FAIR**



Teddy Bear Band • Face Painting • Local Vendors • Bounce Castle • & More!

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 28 • 10:00AM - 1:00PM • FREE ADMISSION**

**MAPLEWOOD Community Center** 2100 White Bear Avenue • Maplewood, MN 55109  
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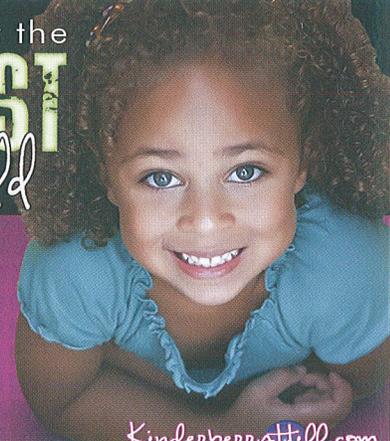


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# Seasons

## *The Greening of Maplewood*

Winter 2011-2012

### Protecting Trees In Maplewood

By Virginia Gaynor,  
Natural Resources Coordinator

The name Maplewood, as the story goes, was picked from a book of city names late one night. From an ecological view, the name doesn't quite fit – this area was historically dominated by oak savanna and oak woodland. But today, maple trees are plentiful in the City. Trees add beauty to our City, help cool buildings, provide habitat for wildlife, filter air pollutants, reduce stormwater, and have a host of other benefits. This issue of Seasons features the City programs that work together to protect and preserve trees in Maplewood.

**Disease Tree Inspection Program.** Maplewood inspects public and private lands for three tree diseases: Dutch Elm Disease (DED), Oak Wilt, and Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). To date, EAB has not been found in the City (see EAB article on page 3). DED and Oak Wilt have been present in the City for years. Proper management will help control the spread and save many elm and

oak trees, but it won't eliminate the diseases. Trees with these diseases are condemned and the landowner (public or private) is required to remove them.

**Planting Trees.** To promote tree planting throughout the City, Maplewood launched a Tree Planting Rebate Program several years ago. It provides cost-share rebates to homeowners who plant deciduous shade trees in their yards. In addition, the Friends of Parks and Trails of St. Paul and Ramsey County host a tree sale each year where residents can purchase trees for their yards or donate trees to their community. Over the years, Maplewood has received several trees through this program. Each year City staff or volunteers plant trees on at least one public site. In 2011, Eagle Scout candidate Andrew Thibideau planted trees and shrubs at Beaver Creek Neighborhood Preserve.

### Managing Boulevard Trees, Park Trees, And Woodlands.

City staff and contractors care for trees on public lands. They remove dead and dying trees in parks and boulevards. In natural areas they monitor and manage tree

diseases, but some dead trees are left as part of the natural cycle—dead trees provide great wildlife habitat and eventually return nutrients to the forest. The City also removes buckthorn on at least one site yearly. Two Neighborhood Preserves were the target of removal in 2011-Beaver Creek and Prairie Farm. To support homeowners in their buckthorn management efforts, Maplewood was one of the first cities in the metro area to offer curbside buckthorn pick-up each fall. This year, our public work crews picked up 160 cubic yards of buckthorn from 21 sites.

**Tree Education.** Maplewood Nature Center provides tree education for youth, families, and adults. Offerings run the gamut from puppet shows, to an Arbor Day Celebration, to tree identification and tree care classes.

To learn more about Maplewood's tree program and education, visit [www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/trees](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/trees).



## Environmental Benefits Of Trees



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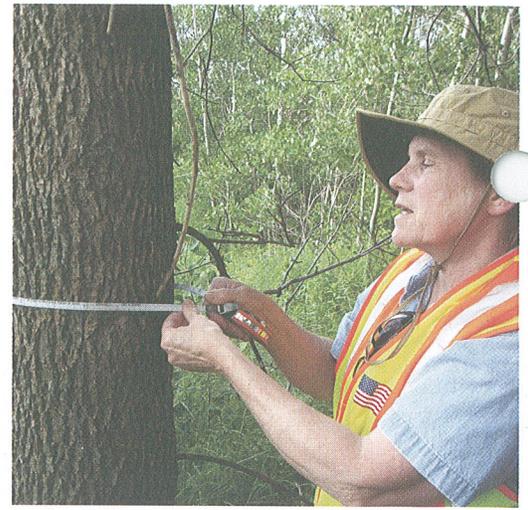


Reduce Stormwater Runoff

# Boulevard And Park Tree Inventory

By Virginia Gaynor, Natural Resources Coordinator

Earlier this year, Maplewood City Council approved a boulevard tree inventory. S&S Tree Specialists were hired to do this work and you may have seen them in your neighborhood this past fall. The inventory gathers information on each tree in the City right-of-way (or boulevard), including location, species, trunk diameter, and condition. This data will be used to help manage Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) when it arrives in Maplewood. In addition, it provides a base of information to help the City manage its boulevard trees.



Measuring Tree Trunk Diameter For Tree Inventory

The City completed a park tree inventory in 2010 and learned some interesting things. The park inventory covered manicured areas at 35 of our 36 parks; no natural areas were included. The inventory documented 2,507 park trees and included 51 different tree species.

<u>Most common species (# trees):</u>	<u>Most common genera (# trees):</u>
Green ash 484	Maples 423
White spruce 255	Spruce 373
Basswood 128	Oaks 253
Red maple 120	Pines 219
Silver maple 120	

This data will help guide future tree planting efforts to ensure our parks have a diversity of trees. There are 484 ash trees at our parks (19.3% of park trees). As EAB moves into Maplewood, we anticipate we'll lose all 484 ash trees and will need to replace them. Seventy-two of the park ash trees (15%) are currently in poor condition. The City EAB Management Plan allows for removing ash before they are infested with EAB. This would help spread out removal and replanting costs. One way to implement this strategy would be to remove the ash trees that are in poor condition and replace them with a different species.

The City's boulevard and park tree inventory will be completed in 2012 and the City will report on those statistics when they are available.



## Ash Tree and Firewood Quarantine

EAB can spread on firewood. There is a quarantine on ash trees and firewood in four Minnesota counties, including Hennepin and Ramsey counties. It is illegal to transport any non-coniferous firewood across these quarantine boundaries, including any part of an ash tree (branches, lumber, firewood, bark, chips) unless the material has undergone special treatment and has proper certification.

## Protecting Our Trees

By Shann Finwall, Environmental Planner

One of my favorite past-times while growing up in Maplewood was climbing trees in the neighborhood. I spent hours climbing an elm tree in my back yard. Over the years many of the big trees in Maplewood were cut down due to development or disease.

To help curb the loss of trees, the City adopted a tree preservation ordinance in the 1980s that required developers to replace one small tree for any tree removed (large or small), with a maximum replacement of ten trees per acre. The ordinance was a first step in the City's attempts to protect one of our most treasured assets, large trees.

Over the years the City has found that protecting trees takes more than replanting ten trees per acre. In 2006, the City adopted a revised tree preservation ordinance that encourages the protection of large trees during development.



The City Encourages Innovative Site Design To Preserve Large Trees

The revised tree preservation ordinance applies to all trees impacted by new development or by the expansion of a single family home. Tree replacement is based on a mitigation calculation that takes into account the sizes of trees removed – the larger the tree removed, the more trees that need to be replanted. This requires a more creative approach to site design, one that preserves large trees, rather than cutting them down to make room for a building or parking lot.

For more information on the City's tree preservation ordinance, visit the City's website at [www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/trees](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/trees).

# Emerald Ash Borer - What Homeowners Need To Know

By Virginia Gaynor, Natural Resources Coordinator

In spring 2009, Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) was found in St. Paul. Since then it has appeared at a handful of sites in Minneapolis, St. Paul, Falcon Heights, and Shoreview. At this point, there are no confirmed occurrences of EAB in Maplewood.

EAB is a non-native beetle that causes widespread decline and death of ash trees. The larval stage of EAB feeds on the tissue between the bark and the sapwood, disrupting the transport of nutrients and water in the trees. If the infestation is high enough, the damage will kill the tree. EAB has destroyed millions of ash trees in other states.

Typical symptoms of EAB include dying back of the canopy, lots of woodpecker activity in the tree, and epicormic sprouts (leafy branches from the base of the tree). If you think your tree has EAB, review the state's diagnostic handout on EAB (see link on [www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/trees](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/trees)). If you're pretty sure it's EAB you can contact the state's Arrest a Pest Hotline 888.545.6684, or Maplewood's Tree Hotline 641.249.2177.

If your tree has EAB, you have two options:

- 1) remove the tree and plant a new tree (not an ash);
- 2) if the infestation is minor, use a pesticide to kill the borers.

By the time the symptoms of EAB are noticeable, a tree is often too damaged for pesticide treatment to be effective. Therefore, some people treat their trees before decline is visible. There are several concerns with using pesticides to kill EAB. The chemicals used are not selective and will kill other insects that use the tree, including beneficial insects that help with pollination. The chemicals can impact surface water, groundwater and aquatic organisms. If you treat a tree, it will have to be retreated every two or three years for the rest of its life. Due to the environmental and economic concerns, the City EAB plan does not permit the use of pesticides on public ash trees.

If you decide to use pesticide on your ash tree, we strongly encourage you to hire a tree company that will do trunk injections. This method injects the chemical directly into the trunk and has much less chance of impacting surface water and groundwater than using a soil drench method to apply the chemical.



photo by Jeffrey Hahn

EAB Beetle



photo by Jeffrey Hahn

EAB Thinning Crown

## Maplewood Junior Green Team

By Shann Finwall, Environmental Planner

Did you know that oak savannas once dominated our Twin Cities landscape? Before agricultural and urban development, the Twin Cities metropolitan region had nearly two million acres of oak savannas.

An oak savanna is an ecosystem with widely scattered oak trees that allow plenty of sunlight for the prairie grasses that grow alongside the trees. It is a transition ecosystem between the prairie and the forests, and many species of birds and animals depend on this habitat for food and shelter.

But today, fewer than 3,800 acres of high-quality oak savanna remain in this region. Without human assistance, a significant part of our local natural heritage may soon be lost.

Each summer the City's environmental staff works with the Maplewood Community Center Day Camp kids on a Junior Green Team project. This summer the Junior Green Team did their part in helping restore oak savannas by participating in the Million Acorn Challenge. This is a five-year, community-based restoration campaign organized by Great River Greening. Each

year volunteers gather acorns for restoration projects. This year's restoration project is at the Lamprey Pass Wildlife Management Area (Forest Lake).

Great River Greening was offering \$40 per bushel of acorns collected this year. This really motivated the kids as they collected, shucked and cleaned 1 ¼ bushels of acorns from the Maplewood City Hall/Community Center campus. For their efforts, the Junior Green Team was presented with a GIANT check in the amount of \$50 from Great River Greening. The kids used the money to help fund their annual year-end picnic.

Thank you Junior Green Team for helping restore our region's oak savannas!



Junior Green Team Collecting Acorns

## Really Big Trees By Chris Soutter, Naturalist

What's 4½ feet wide and 93 feet tall, and provides food, shelter, shade and inspiration? Minnesota's State Champion pin oak, which just happens to live in the Maplewood Nature Center Play Yard and Picnic Area. Affectionately known as King Pin Oak, this tree was used for training Big Tree Registry volunteers on how to measure tree circumference, height and crown spread. We already knew we had a spectacular tree, but when we looked at the statistics, we realized we had identified a state champion!

So how old is King Pin? A non-invasive way to estimate the age of trees is to multiply a growth factor used by foresters (3.0 for pin oak in forest conditions) by the diameter of the tree (54 inches). The amount of water, sunlight and nutrients a tree receives can greatly affect the rate of tree growth. With this in mind, we estimate King Pin to be somewhere between 150 to 200 years old.

All trees provide ecological services - reduce air pollution, slow storm water run-off, shelter people and animals from sun and wind, protect soil from erosion, reduce a home owner's energy consumption and provide habitat for wildlife. But mature trees provide significantly more of these benefits than small trees, and are especially valuable.

Maplewood has 44 kinds of native tree species, and we would like to find the biggest tree of each species for our Big Tree Registry. If you have a favorite tremendous tree, call 651.249.2170 to nominate it. It could be a champion! For more information about Maplewood's Big Tree Registry and to check the current records, visit [www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/trees](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/trees).

## Protecting Trees For Winter

Give your trees an edge against winter. Water yard trees every week until the ground freezes. Fence saplings to discourage deer from browsing on branches and rodents and rabbits from gnawing on bark. For more information on how to protect your trees from winter cold, sun, salt and animals, read the U of M Extension publication, Protecting Trees and Shrubs Against Winter Damage (see link at [www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/trees](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/trees).)



Pin Oak Leaves Have Sharp Pointed Leaves and Oval Shaped Acorns



Kids Enjoy The Nature Center's State Champion "King Pin Oak"



Volunteers are Needed to Help Find and Measure Maplewood's Big Trees!



## TREE HOUSE

By Oakley Biesanz, Naturalist



**Discover** small holes in tree bark from a woodpecker.

**Get Outdoors and Explore!**  
Go for a walk this winter and see how wild birds and other animals use trees.

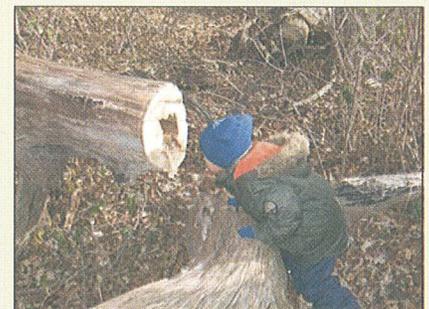


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**Look** on tree trunks for a nuthatch walking upside down & eating the hidden bugs.



Photo: Mike Steimetz

**Listen** near trees for great horned owls hooting to each other.

## Community Development



The Community Development Department is charged with protecting the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Maplewood. The Department does this by ensuring that land use and buildings meet applicable city codes, regional goals, and State and Federal laws. The staff makes recommendations to assist in guid-

ing future growth and construction in the City to enhance economic development while encouraging the conservation of our community's natural resources.

## Building and Health Inspection Division

The Building Code is not one single code, but rather a family of 12 codes designed to protect people and property. The City's Building Division has four building inspectors who are charged with review, education, and enforcement of the Building Code and City nuisance codes. Building inspectors are often the first preventer for life safety issues, more durable and energy efficient buildings, and lower insurance rates.

Through a delegation agreement with the Minnesota Department of Health, the City of Maplewood is responsible for licensing and inspecting food establishments (including schools, daycares, and special events), public swimming pools, and lodging facilities. The Health Inspection Division accomplishes this with one health officer who is registered as an Environmental Health Specialist/Registered Sanitarian.

## Land Use and Economic Development Division

There are two City planners in this division who are charged with creating a broad vision for the community by drafting and enforcing the City's comprehensive land use plan (the City's guide for land use and policies), the zoning ordinance (regulatory guidelines for land development). The planning staff act as liaisons to four citizen-volunteer commissions including the planning commission, community design review board, housing redevelopment authority, and the business and economic development commission. These commissions advise the City Council on development, land use, housing and economic development matters.

## Environmental Division

The Environmental Division attempts to balance the Department's goal of enhancing economic development while conserving natural resources through sound land use policies and environmental

protections. One environmental planner is charged with this task by working closely with all departments and acting as the Environmental and Natural Resources Commission liaison to promote sustainable development and practices for the preservation, design, and maintenance of the City's natural and built environments.

## 2011 Department Highlights

- Maplewood Mall Renovation
- The Shores (senior housing development)
- Wendy's Restaurant
- 3M Campus Community Project (involving five buildings)
- St. John's Campus Improvements
- Development and education of several Building Codes
- Participation in the Minnesota GreenStep Cities program
- Creation of the Renewable Energy Ordinance
- Creation of the Chicken Ordinance
- Review of the City's Trash Collection System

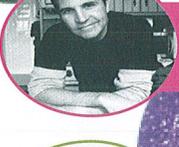
The Department staff are available to assist you in your building, land use, and environmental projects. For additional information visit the City's website at [www.ci.maplewood.mn.us](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us) (Departments: Building, Code Enforcement, Environmental and Natural Resources, and Planning) or call the Department at 651.249.2300.

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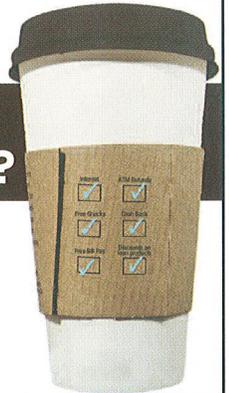
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