

January 2008

Maplewood

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NEWS



LIFE SAVERS AWARDS NIGHT

Alison Kurzhal was given an award for her efforts at the scene of a head-on collision on Highway 61 on October 5th. She assisted a doctor and nurse at the scene before Maplewood emergency personnel arrived and continued to assist the emergency personnel after they arrived. She received her lifeguard training at MCC this past summer and currently works at MCC as a lifeguard.

Andy Proesch and Michael Saucerman revived a child at the MCC pool on November 9th using Red Cross CPR techniques; each received an award for their efforts.



From left to right: Alison Kurzhal, Michael Saucerman, Andy Proesch, Chief Steve Lukin, Aquatic Program Supervisor Ron Horwath. Awards were presented at the Maplewood City Council Meeting, December 10, 2007.

MAPLEWOOD FIRE DEPARTMENT IS NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR JANUARY '08 HIRES



Maplewood is a combination municipal fire department made up of full-time and paid-per-call firefighters.

All paid-per-call firefighters are required to complete Firefighter I and II, HazMat and Emergency Medical Technician training during the first year, make a minimum of 25% of calls and attend a minimum of five drills each quarter.

All applicants must be in good medical/physical condition. You will need to pass a written, pre-employment medical, physical ability and psychological exam to join the Department. A thorough background investigation will also be done.

If you've always thought about becoming a firefighter and serving your community, now is the time to apply. You can earn up to \$15.31 per call. You can pickup an application by stopping by Maplewood City Hall at 1830 County Road B East, calling 651-249-2800 or visiting our web page at www.ci.maplewood.mn.us under City Jobs.

Dear Friends and Neighbors *By Mayor Diana Longrie*



Greetings!

I hope your Holiday season was joyous and that somewhere amid the hectic pace of the festivities, working, cooking, and snow shoveling you've been able to set aside a moment to reflect upon those little things that bring joy to your heart. For me, a smile comes to my face when I watch children slide down a snowy hill, recall childhood memories of singing Christmas carols with my brother, win a game of BINGO, or sign my name as "Secret Santa".

Maplewood:

A positive and successful 2007.

Wow! Maplewood has certainly been moving in a positive and successful direction this past year. Shortly after starting off 2007 with Mr. Copeland as the new permanent City Manager, Maplewood was awarded a 1.8 million dollar grant from the Metropolitan Council to begin Phase I of the Gladstone Redevelopment. It's my understanding that this is the largest single grant Maplewood has ever been awarded. This accomplishment set the stage for the rest of the year! Following are some of the 2007 highlights.

Enhanced Public Participation in Municipal Government.

- Implemented cable casting of all council meetings, workshops, board and commission meetings;
- Utilized Town Hall Meetings as the spring board for the community driven South Maplewood Moratorium Study;
- Established 249-CODE Hot Line to report City Code enforcement matters;
- Implemented an automatic email notification system currently serving 1,900 citizen subscribers;
- Established neighborhood citizen committees to provide recommendations on neighborhood projects *i.e.* DeSoto Street road reconstruction, the Monastery Project, Mississippi Street playground initiative;
- 50th Anniversary Celebration events throughout the year.

Public Service Improvements.

- Established Saturday hours at City Hall for Passports and Drivers Licenses;
- Hired additional police and paramedics for increased public safety;
- Installed an ATM machine at City Hall and the Community Center;
- Established a City Code Enforcement and Education program;

- Improved customer satisfaction and service delivery at the Community Center;
- Implemented greater on-line accessibility to up-to-date City information by expanded use of the City web site (this is especially important to me); and
- Increased communication and responsiveness to make City government more accountable and transparent.

The "Inside Fastballs".

- Maplewood ambulance rates will increase for 2008;
- Revenues from planning applications and construction permits are down;
- On November 26, 2007, at the Sheryl Le vs. City of Maplewood et al. trial, Ms. Le's attorney informed the Court that Council members Juenemann and Rossbach and Council member elect Nephew supported Le's trial being postponed because they "intend to, when taking office (Jan. 2008), terminate the City Manger".....and that the Council is not bound by any amount of money an insurance company may pay or not pay – the council members could choose to pay more money than the insurance company wants to put forward. (The insurance company determination of settlement figures is case specific and their settlement offer was rejected by Le. The City Manager discharged Ms. Le, for cause, from her position as the Human Resource Director in 2006. The trial was not postponed and the Court's decision is pending.)
- Environmental Utility Tax rates will increase for 2008.

Economic Report Card.

- Housing/development approval requests for the construction of senior housing continues in response to the need for senior housing in our community;
- Maplewood property tax levy set at 0% increase for 2008;
- New Costco, approved in 2007, to open in 2008 (late fall) providing 175 to 200 new jobs;

- Wipers Recycling, an innovative company (recently featured on KARE 11 News) relocated to Maplewood from St. Paul Park; and
- No new tax increment financing ("TIF") districts created or committed to.

Public Policy Initiatives.

- Established Environmental & Natural Resources Commission as a regular standing citizen commission;
- Enhanced the Tree Protection ordinance;
- Improved internal efficiencies within City Hall by merging Public Works and Parks maintenance crews;
- Improved the financial operations and condition of the Community Center;
- Promoted community awareness of the vulnerability of our Neighborhood Preserves as permanent open space assets initiated Phase One of the Open Space Protection Program;
- Integrated the Nature Center and Open Space programs with our environmental department;
- Re-engaged the process to enhance the Wetland Protection Ordinance.
- Evaluated energy saving initiatives at City Hall.

Boy, have we been busy! I lament that we haven't the time to list more.

May you and your families have a bright and prosperous New Year!

As always, the Council and I appreciate your advice, encouragement and suggestions. I welcome your comments and invite one and all to attend the monthly Citizen's Forum, hosted by myself, held the first Saturday at Maplewood City Hall in the Maplewood Room from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Call me at 651-774-1490 or email to mayorlongrie@yahoo.com.

Best Regards.



Come and Celebrate Maplewood's 51st and the State of Minnesota's 150th Birthday on Feb. 23rd, 2008, 2-6 PM at The Maplewood Community Center 2100 White Bear Avenue



Dear Friends and Neighbors *By Councilmember Will Rossbach*

As I write this letter I am looking forward to the dinner tonight to thank all the members of the numerous commissions and boards that volunteer their time to help Maplewood to be a better place. The people who choose to step forward are doing so only because they want to do what they can to help their city. In return the city asks for their time, some times late at night or weekends, asks them to provide answers to difficult issues, or to give their interpretation of a dizzying array of codes. At times they may have to decide issues that could put them at odds with their neighbors. Their role

from my prospective is to give the council their opinion of what the city should be doing with whatever topic is at hand.

There are a few who would argue that the commissioners should just be working to advance the councils agenda, but if they were there to only say yes, why would we need them? As payment for their efforts we give them a meal and usually some minor parting gift. I would guess though, that most of them are happy in their role.

During the years that I served on a commission it was not uncommon for me leave meetings either feeling

exhilarated or depressed, depending on how the night had gone. There was enough of a balance though, so that I always felt excited for the next meeting. There is a special satisfaction to serving your city and its citizens that you have to experience to understand.

Tonight I will do my best to say thank you to all of the people that have chosen to serve us and I would ask you to do the same if you know one of them. They have a job that many refer to as "thankless", that is of course, only because not nearly enough people say "thank you".

Winter Skating Rinks in Maplewood



Get Out and Enjoy Winter Skating in Maplewood!

Maplewood operates nine skating rinks throughout the city, four of which have supervised warming houses. If the temperature falls below 10 degrees zero or the windshield reaches 25 degrees below zero shelters will not open. Weather information: 651-249-2190.

Afton Heights	63 N. Sterling St.	Shelter and Rink
Four Seasons	1685 Gervais Ave	Shelter and Rink
Gethsemane	2401 E 7th St.	Shelter and Rink
Wakefield	1590 Frost Ave	Shelter and Rink
Edgerton	2001 Bradley St	Rink Only
Harvest	2561 Barclay St	Rink Only
Kohlman	1000 Co. Rd. C	Rink Only
Maplecrest	2101 Arcade St.	Rink Only
Pleasantview	1100 Marnie St.	Rink Only

Shelter Hours:

Monday thru Friday
4:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Saturday
12:00 (noon) to 8:00 pm

Sunday
12:00 (noon) to 6:00 pm



Everyone Is Invited!

To The
City Councilmembers

Swearing In . . .

John Nephew

Will Rossbach



Monday,

January 7th,

7:00 PM,

City Hall Council

Chambers.

Cake and coffee

will be served.

MAPLEWOOD'S WILD GARDENER SERIES



Landscaping With Native Plants Seminar

- Become familiar with our native woodland and prairie plants
- View superb landscape designs and learn about site analysis, planting and maintenance
- Transform that tough, shady spot into a woodland garden retreat
- Attract butterflies to your garden with prairie wildflowers

Registration deadline: 2/22/2008

Participants may order woodland and prairie wildflowers at discount.

Date: Saturday, March 1
Time: 12:30 – 4:30 PM

Fee: Maplewood Residents: \$20/person or
2 adults/same household
Non-residents: \$30/person or
2 adults/same household

Native Trees & Shrubs

Our natives celebrate the seasons with flowers, fruits and colorful leaves. Dr. Jim Calkins, U of MN, will help you select trees and shrubs to provide beauty, shade, privacy, and wildlife habitat in your landscape.

Registration deadline: 2/27/2008 *Participants may order shrubs at discount.*

Date: Wednesday, March 5
Time: 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Fee: Maplewood Residents: \$5/person
Non-residents: \$10/person

Wild Gardener Design Workshop

PREREQUISITE: Attendance at March 1st, 2008 Wild Gardener Seminar or equivalent

Attend this hands-on session to get some personalized help with your design. Bring to class a completed base plan, site analysis, and your vision for one of the following sessions: butterfly garden, woodland wildflower & fern garden, or a whole yard design.

Registration deadline: 3/27/2008

Date: Thursday, April 3
Time: 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Fee: Maplewood Residents: \$10/person
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PERSONAL SAFETY & THREAT AWARENESS CLASS

Learn to identify threats and how to react as well as different tools that can be used for self defense. Receive a quick study of local crime trends both current and older scams used on people. You will see video clips of local crimes that have happened and cover what to do to avoid being a victim. Other items covered include defense tactics and hands on practice, the correct frame of mind to survive attacks and current crime trends.

Location: Maplewood Community Center
Instructor: Scott Steffen
Sergeant Maplewood Police Department
Dates: Tuesday, January 8, 2008
Tuesday, March 4, 2008
Time: 7:00pm – 8:00 pm

NO COST • FREE

Don't become a

VICTIM

Three ways to register:

Online: www.maplewoodcommunitycenter.com
Phone: MCC (651)249-2230
In Person: Maplewood Community Center
2100 White Bear Avenue
Maplewood, MN 55109

2008 BUDGET ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

City Council Retains All Current City Employees in 2008.

On December 10, 2007 the City Council adopted the 2008 City Budget of 39.7 million dollars. In a 5 – 0 vote the City Council passed the budget and declared that **all current city employees would be retained in the 2008 budget.** The City Council gave unanimous direction to reduce spending without eliminating any position that was currently filled.

City Manager Greg Copeland advised the City Council reductions in spending of the required \$260,000, could be found by eliminating vacant city jobs and reducing travel and training budgets to balance the budget.

The 2008 Budget was prepared with the City Councils policy of using the 2007 property tax levy of \$15.5 million

for 2008. Using the same property tax levy for 2008 that was used in the 2007 Budget resulted in the majority of Maplewood property tax payers seeing a reduction in city taxes for 2008.

City taxes on the average value \$222,600 Maplewood Home with the 2008 Budget and no levy increase will be \$684.00. This is a \$25 decrease from 2007, which is a reduction of 3.5%. 50.8% of Maplewood homes will see a decrease in their 2008 city property taxes. To the extent that the county has increased the assessed value of their home, some residents may still experience increases.

60% of City revenues come from sources other than property taxes. Maplewood citizens will see increases in

utility rates for 2008. Environmental fees will increase 10% to help pay for increasing state and federal requirements for storm water treatment and other environmental initiatives of the City. Sanitarysewer rates will increase 5%.

Approximately 78% of the levy will be used for operations and the balance is for principal and interest payments on bonds. Expenditures for operations in 2008 will be \$31.4 million, an increase of 4.7%. Debt Service will be \$6.8 million, an increase of 3.0%

The emphasis in recent years on increased police and fire fighters is maintained in 2008. The number of full-time employees included in the 2008 Budget is 163. This is a decrease of 11 from 2007, due primarily to the transfer of emergency dispatching to Ramsey County. Part-time employees equivalent to 21 full-time employees are also included in the 2008 Budget. There were 22 corresponding FTE positions in the 2007 Budget.

The 2008 capital improvement expenditures are \$1.6 million, an increase of 89.3%. The increase of \$735,000 is due to increased funding for the City parks and trails. These will be paid for from Park Acquisition Charges (PAC) generated in 2008 and those PAC fees currently on hand.

Neighborhood Street Projects

2007 Projects

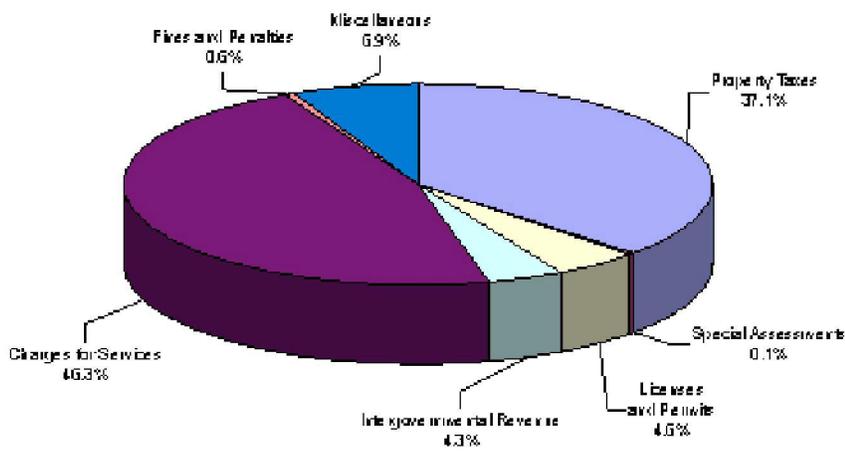
- Beam Ave
- DeSoto Area
- Brookview Area
- Ferndale-Geranium Area
- Lark-Prosperity Area
- Pond Overlook

2008 Projects

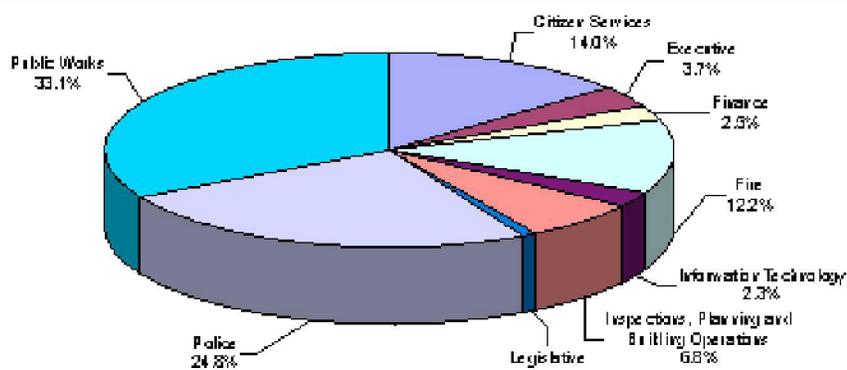
- Myrtle/Sterling/Idaho Area
- Pond Ave./Dorland Road Area
- Kohlman Lane Area
- Hazelwood-Frost Area
- Sterling St, Larpenteur to Holloway
- Upper Afton Road
- Century Ave., I-94 to Lower Afton
- Beam Ave.

2008 OPERATING BUDGET

Summary of Revenues and Expenditures



Revenues by Source \$32.2 Million





MAPLEWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER
 "Everything you need to plan your special day"
BRIDAL EXPO
 SATURDAY, JANUARY 26, 2008
 1:00 - 4:30 PM
 Maplewood Community Center
 2100 White Bear Avenue ~ Maplewood, MN
 \$5 Advanced Tickets or \$7 At The Door
 For more information call: (651) 249.2230
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Join as a new member and pay NO Initial Fee.*

A \$75 VALUE!

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Take advantage of this cool savings and join today!

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Maplewood Community Center

* Where applicable. Some restrictions apply.

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DEPUTY REGISTRAR AND PASSPORT HOURS

Monday – Friday: 8:00 am – 4:30 pm
 Saturday: 8:00 am – 12:00 noon

Upon request, this newsletter will be made available in an alternate format.

CITY MEETINGS:

City Hall Holiday Hours

December 31 Closed at Noon
 January 1 New Years Day-Closed
 January 21 Martin Luther King Day-Closed

City Council Meetings:

Council Meetings at 7:00 p.m.
 January 14th & 28th

Citizens Forum:

City Hall, Maplewood Room
 January 5th at 10:00 a.m.

Community Design Review Board:

Meetings at 6:00 p.m.
 January 8th & 22nd

Environmental & Natural Resources:

January 9th at 4:45 p.m.

Housing & Redevelopment Authority:

January 9th at 7:00 p.m.

Planning Commission:

Commission Meetings at 7:00 p.m.
 January 2nd & 15th

Parks, Trails & Open Space Task Force:

January 16th at 6:00 p.m.

Parks & Recreation Commission:

January 23rd at 7:00 p.m.

Historic Preservation Commission:

January 17th at 7:00 p.m.

All meetings are held at City Hall
 1830 County Road B East, Maplewood.
 Any meeting cancellations are posted on the
 City's website.

www.ci.maplewood.mn.us

If you have basic cable service, all City Commissions, information and programs can be viewed on Channel 16. 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.

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CHANGES PROPOSED FOR MAPLEWOOD WETLAND ORDINANCE How Important is Wetland Habitat to Maplewood?

On a crisp winter day at the Maplewood Nature Center, a class of 4th graders out snowshoeing, came upon mink tracks. Mink in Maplewood?! Yes, it's true. Mink live on wetlands, lakes, or rivers and the adjacent upland habitat. The Nature Center's Green Heron Pond and its adjacent upland is a delicatessen for this sleek mammal, abundant with minnows, crayfish, amphibians, small mammals and more. Without wetlands, mink and many other animal species would not have a home in our community.

In addition to providing habitat, wetlands maintain water quality by filtering pollutants and reducing flooding. They provide open space for recreation, education, and aesthetic enjoyment. They are an integral part of the city's environment.

This winter Maplewood will decide how to best protect its wetlands and wetland habitat. The Environment and Natural Resources Commission has been working with

Wetland Ordinance continued on page 4



Dear Friends and Neighbors *By Mayor Diana Longrie*



Greetings!

I hope your new year is off to a terrific start! The birth of a new year is an event that motivates many of us to have fresh inspiration, renewed resolve, and dreams of new opportunity for our family, ourselves and our community. The birth of a new year is also an excellent time to take a moment to review the mission and value statements of an organization; to take the pulse of the organization; to affirm the direction charted by those statements; and to plan for the future. The same holds true for us at City Hall. Let's take a look at Maplewood's mission statement:

Mission Statement

The mission of the City of Maplewood is to provide high quality and cost-effective public services.

Continuing into 2008, we welcome and invite all Maplewood citizens to a part of, and participate in, volunteer activities, public policy development, city planning, crafting neighborhood solutions to neighborhood concerns, the beautification of our town, preserving the history of Maplewood and providing your input on setting the annual budget or how we should spend your tax money. Our mission statement is a simple one, grounded in the values set forth in our City's Value Statements.

City Value Statements

EXCELLENCE AND QUALITY IN THE DELIVERY OF SERVICES

—We believe that service to the public is our reason for being and strive to deliver quality services in a highly professional and cost-effective manner.

FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

—We believe that fiscal responsibility and the prudent stewardship of public funds is essential for citizen confidence in government.

ETHICS AND INTEGRITY

—We believe that ethics and integrity are the foundation blocks of public trust and confidence and that all meaningful relationships are built on these values.

TREATING CITIZENS AS OUR PARTNERS

—We strive to treat all citizens with courtesy and as valued partners who deserve the best services we can provide.

OPEN AND HONEST COMMUNICATION

—We believe that open and honest communication is essential for an informed and involved citizenry and to foster a positive working environment for employees.

POSITIVE RELATIONS WITH THE COMMUNITY

—We believe that positive relations with the community and the public we serve leads to positive, involved, and active citizens.

VISIONARY LEADERSHIP AND PLANNING

—We believe that the very essence of leadership is to be visionary and to plan for the future.

COOPERATION AND TEAMWORK

—We believe that the public is best served when departments and employees work cooperatively as a team rather than at cross purposes.

Your opinions and ideas are valuable input as the council faces important matters such as:

1. permanently protecting our neighborhood preserves;
2. defining development levels for our southern most part of the City located in the Mississippi Critical Area;
3. dishing-out tax increment financing ("TIF") to development projects to support the private market;

4. deciding what level of long term debt is appropriate for our community;
5. setting the property tax levy for 2009;
6. enacting the comprehensive plan amendment in 2008;
7. developing initiatives to retain existing businesses, welcome new businesses and bring good jobs to Maplewood; and
8. maintaining Maplewood as a healthy, vibrant, affordable community where people want to live and work.

How well each of us do our job for the citizens, as your elected officials, can be measured by comparing what we say, and do, against the mission and value statements of the City. These statements are the City's commitment to serve you.

I know many of the council members read and respond to phone calls, letters and emails on an almost daily basis. Although all of this communication is wonderful, in the end it's meaningless if the citizen driven solutions don't make it to the council table to be acted upon. It comes as no surprise to those who know me that I appreciate citizen driven, alternative solutions which are more inventive, efficient and more competitive than the way we do business today. The most important thing you can do, to help us in our work for you, is to get involved, stay informed, and be active in our community to bring citizen driven solutions to the council table.

As always, I welcome your comments and invite one and all to attend the monthly Citizen's Forum, hosted by myself, held the first Saturday at Maplewood City Hall in the Maplewood Room from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Call me at 651-774-1490 or email to mayorlongrie@yahoo.com.



**The Maplewood Community Center
NOW offers 3-month memberships.**

- Join with NO initial fee
- All insurance benefits apply
- Get full use of the facility with a short-term membership

Great Option for retirees who leave for the winter, college students who return for the summer and individuals who want to experience the MCC before purchasing an annual membership.

**PUT YOUR FITNESS PLAN INTO ACTION BY JOINING THE
MAPLEWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER.**

Stop by customer service or call 651.249.2230 today!

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FAMILY HEALTH FAIR

March 15, 2005

**Maplewood Community Center
1pm-4:30pm**

This health fair will give participants and their families the opportunity to take advantage of free health screenings and gather important information from local health care professionals and organizations.

- FREE** Health Screenings
- FREE** Blood Pressure Checks
- FREE** Family Health Information
- FREE** Admission!

MAPLEWOOD LOOKING TO IMPROVE RECYCLING RATES IN 2008



In 2006, 2,614 tons of recyclables were picked up at the curb by Eureka Recycling. In 2007 recycling increased by 4 percent to 2,710 tons. The increase in recycling participation in Maplewood is commendable. However, we still have a long way to go since each year 1.3 million tons of recyclables are thrown away in Minnesota at a cost of \$312 million. Nationally an estimated 86 percent of single serving plastic drink bottles are not recycled. *The Environmental and Natural Resource Commission and*

Maplewood staff are offering a challenge to all residents to increase their recycling efforts. During 2008, we will be publishing a monthly article that will offer recycling tips and information that will help you recycle more.

The 2008 Guide to Recycling has been mailed to all residents of Maplewood by Eureka Recycling and should be in your homes. Please remember these tips to help increase recycling in Maplewood:

AT THE CURB BY 7:00 A.M.

Sometimes the routes change and Eureka Recycling may come through your neighborhood at a different time of the day from week to week. To ensure that your materials are collected, always set them at the curb by 7:00 a.m.

RECYCLING BINS

Use recycling bins or paper bags to sort your materials into two categories: Bottles and Cans, and Paper and Cardboard. Please do not use plastic bags (except for clothes and linens). To obtain a red Maplewood recycling bin, go to the Maplewood Public Works building at 1902 County Road B East on Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

In 2007, Eureka Recycling started accepting milk cartons, juice boxes and soup and broth cartons (commonly known as Tetra Paks). Please recycle these items with your bottles and cans after you have rinsed, removed caps and flattened. Flattening cartons and plastic bottles is important since they are bulky and fill the recycling truck more quickly. Help Eureka Recycling save time and fuel by reducing the number of trips to the recycling center. And, even though Tetra Paks are mostly paper, they need to be collected with bottles and cans.

Eureka Recycling also accepts Clothes and Linens that are in good, clean and reusable condition. Place these items in a sturdy plastic bag, fasten and mark "Clothes and Linens" on the bag.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Call the Eureka Recycling Hotline at 651-222-7678 to speak to one of their friendly staff who can answer your questions about recycling. Or, visit the Eureka website at www.eurekarecycling.org which is loaded with program basics and additional waste reduction information.



city staff on changes to the city's wetland ordinance. A copy of the proposed changes to the wetland ordinance will be available on the city's website (www.ci.maplewood.mn.us) in February. The City Council will take formal action in late winter or Spring.

When setting environmental policies the city strives to balance financial hardship for landowners with protection of the environment and the public good. Are wetlands and wildlife habitat important to you? Voice your opinion.

For additional information on the proposed changes, please contact Virginia Gaynor, Open Space Naturalist, at 651-249-2416 or Shann Finwall, Planner, at 651-249-2304.



Key Changes Proposed for the Wetland Ordinance

Adopt new wetland classifications

The proposed ordinance adopts Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District's (RWMWD) new wetland classifications. RWMWD visited 242 Maplewood wetlands and classified each using the Minnesota Routine Assessment Method.

Changing buffer width requirements

The buffer is the zone of vegetation around a pond or wetland. It is an area where no building, mowing, or cutting would be allowed. Buffers help filter pollutants and protect the wetland from human disturbance. Research suggests that a 50' buffer is the minimal buffer that will adequately filter pollutants. Thus, the proposed minimum buffer is 50'. As the quality of the wetland increases, the buffer would increase. Class C: 50' buffer, Class B: 75' Buffer, Class A: 100' buffer, Class A+: 200' buffer.

Establishing a Class A+

The proposed ordinance would establish a Class A+. A+ wetlands would be the highest quality, most diverse, or most unique wetlands in the city. These would have a minimum 200' buffer. While smaller buffers can filter pollutants, a 100' buffer is not wide enough to provide habitat for many species. For example, snapping turtles have a mean nesting distance of 196 feet from the wetland; tiger salamanders may roam over 656 feet from the wetlands; wood frogs commonly use 200 feet of buffer and may feed over 1/2 mile from a wetland. And that mink at the Maplewood Nature Center? Female mink need about 40 acres of wetland/upland habitat but male mink hunt up to 1/2 miles away from the water.

Require best management practices

The proposed changes would require that projects requesting a variance to encroach on the required install best management practices, such as restoring native vegetation in the buffer or reducing storm water impacts outside the buffer.



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT



In November of 2007 the City Council passed the 2008-2012 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for expanding and maintaining the infrastructure within the City over the next five years. In 2008 alone approximately thirty Capital Improvement Projects are listed for the Public Works Department ranging from park improvements to street reconstruction projects. The majority of the five-year CIP addresses reconstructing streets and utilities within older neighborhoods; with seven neighborhoods planned for reconstruction in 2008. A portion of costs for these projects is recovered through special assessments.

In 1999 the City implemented a Pavement Management Policy that defines a special assessment levy for properties receiving a direct benefit from a street improvement project. For example: In 2008 the levy to a residential property benefiting from full street reconstruction is \$5,460 compared to \$4,960 last year (10% increase). It is an opportune time to upgrade your streets with the special levy likely to rise in the coming years until it covers 50% of project costs. And with current market conditions the City has been receiving favorable construction bids from contractors resulting in cost savings of roughly 25%. The seven 2008 neighborhood reconstruction projects would likely see construction beginning in early to mid spring after the public improvement process is completed which entails neighborhood meetings and a series of public hearings.



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LIFESAVING AWARD



**Lifesaving Award recipient
Jonah Hale and Chief Steve Lukin.**

Jonah received the Lifesaving Award for his fast thinking in a swimming pool when he called for help and swam over to assist his brother Micah to the side of the pool.

Romance

at the Maplewood Community Center

Featuring: The George Maurer Trio

"One of Central Minnesota's sparkling contributions to the arts."
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Maplewood's 51st and
the State of Minnesota's 150th
Birthday on
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The Maplewood Community Center
2100 White Bear Avenue



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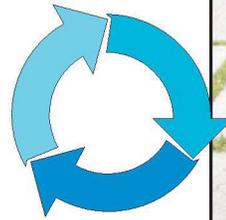
NEWS



EXTRA! EXTRA! E-NEWS

NOW IT IS EASIER THAN EVER TO KEEP INFORMED ABOUT HAPPENINGS IN THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD. Maplewood residents and other interested parties can now sign up for FREE e-mail messages from the city on a variety of topics (crime statistics, employment opportunities, MCC fitness schedules, sports cancellations and more). Here's an example: someone subscribing to "City Council Agendas" would receive notifications regarding upcoming Council meeting and workshop agendas and special announcements relating to the activities of the City Council. A notice would be sent to subscribers of this list when an agenda has been posted on the Web. The user would click on the link included within the e-mail to view the Council agenda. To sign up, visit our website, www.ci.maplewood.mn.us and click on "E-mail Updates". Enter your e-mail address and check which items you'd like to subscribe to and that's it. **You're signed up!**

MAPLEWOOD RECYCLING CHALLENGE



Although many communities across the metro area have seen recycling volumes steadily decline, the city of Maplewood's recycling program bucked the trend and experienced additional growth for the second year in a row! However, there is still great opportunity to increase participation since three out of ten Maplewood residents aren't recycling at the curb...yet! Maplewood's Environmental and Natural Resource Commission along with staff are encouraging every household to participate in the recycling program so we can see an even greater increase in 2008.

The more we all recycle, the more natural resources and energy we conserve. Recycling eliminates pollution and greenhouse gas emissions caused when waste is sent to landfills or incinerators. Your daily decision to recycle really DOES make a big difference!

Getting started is EASY

Call the Recycling Hotline at 651-222-SORT (7678) and ask to have a recycling guide and schedule mailed to your home. Eureka Recycling's friendly staff are happy to

Recycling Challenge continued on page 4

Dear Friends and Neighbors *By Mayor Diana Longrie*



Greetings!

Besides attending Council meetings and Council workshops, your Council members and Mayor represent Maplewood as members of various organizations in the metro area. Every year in January, the Council designates our annual assignments. This year was no different and at the January 14, 2008 meeting the following appointments were approved:

- 800 MHz Representative: Kathleen Juenemann; Will Rossbach (Alternate)
- Fire Relief Association: Mayor Longrie (Relief By-Laws require Mayor)
- Joint Ice Arena Board: Erik Hjelle; Mayor Longrie
- Municipal Legislative Comm: Mayor Longrie; Kathleen Juenemann (Alternate)
- N.E.S.T: Will Rossbach; Mayor Longrie
- The Partnership: John Nephew
- Ramsey County League of Local Governments: Will Rossbach; John Nephew (Alternate)
- Ramsey/Washington Suburban Cable Commission: Kim Facile (citizen volunteer); John Nephew (Alternate)
- Rush Line Corridor: Will Rossbach; Mayor Longrie
- Suburban Area Chamber of Commerce: Mayor Longrie
- Suburban Rate Authority: Mayor Longrie
- Auditor Contact: John Nephew; Mayor Longrie (Alternate)

- St. Paul Water Utility Board of Commissioners: Will Rossbach (Elected by another city)

Our Council also appointed a council liaison to each of our standing citizen commissions or boards as follows:

- Community Design Review Board: John Nephew
- Environment & Natural Resources Commission: Kathleen Juenemann
- Historical Preservation Commission: Mayor Longrie
- Maplewood Community Outreach Committee: Mayor Longrie
- Parks & Recreation Commission: Will Rossbach
- Planning Commission: John Nephew
- Police Civil Service Commission: Kathleen Juenemann
- Housing & Redevelopment Authority: Mayor Longrie

The Metropolitan Land Planning Act, a state law first passed in 1976 and amended several times since, requires local governments in the seven-county Twin Cities area to develop local comprehensive land use plans. These plans are then submitted to the Metropolitan Council. Maplewood, like our neighboring communities, is currently involved in making revisions to its current comprehensive land use plan which must be completed (and submitted) later this year. Each of our commissions and boards are working, together with our staff and hired consultants, to provide

feedback in each of their respective areas of review.

The final plan must include a number of elements, such as (but not limited to):

- Maps and data showing current and future land use;
- A housing plan;
- A surface water management plan; and
- Plans for public facilities, like transportation, sewers and parks.

The various meetings where Maplewood is discussing and developing the revised land use plan for our community are televised on cable access television for the benefit of our citizens. At the recent Planning Commission meeting, they discussed the importance of creating and maintaining good paying jobs in our community to sustain a healthy local economy to support future residential and commercial development. What are your thoughts on how Maplewood should plan for the future? Contact any one of your council members and let us know your ideas.

As always, I welcome your comments and invite one and all to attend the monthly Citizen's Forum, hosted by myself, held the first Saturday at Maplewood City Hall in the Maplewood Room from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Call me at 651-774-1490 or email to mayorlongrie@yahoo.com.

LIVING ON THE WATER'S EDGE



If you live near a wetland, pond, or lake, don't miss this homeowners' guide to living on the water's edge. Learn about wetlands, shorelines, and natural buffers. See how residents and local agencies are restoring and managing their wetlands and shorelines.

Date: Thursday, March 20 • Time: 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Fee: **Free** — Registration required by March 18

Call 651-792-7950 to register

Location: Gladstone Fire Station 2

1955 Clarence Street, Maplewood

Dear Friends and Neighbors *By Councilmember Erik Hjelle*

City news articles written by members of the City Council have become a topic of concern for a vocal portion of our city. Some people prefer a "softer" approach to include past published submissions dealing with trees and grass. Meanwhile, other citizens appreciate having at least one opportunity to learn about how their tax money is being spent and issues that directly affect them. I prefer to inform vs. entertain.

Some recent council events that residents need to be aware of:

— At the February 11 council meeting, an agenda item was requested by Councilmember Rossbach, he recommended limiting public comments at council meetings to city residents and city business owners only. This action spurred an obvious response from the Minnesota chapter of the ACLU due to the fact that it is clearly unconstitutional. All elected officials in Maplewood swore an oath to protect the Constitution, this action clearly violates the 1st amendment and will result in a lawsuit. I strongly urge ALL residents to contact the new council majority to voice opposition to this attack on personal liberty. If we lose our right to free speech, nothing else will matter.

— Another concern regarding personal liberty is the question of a citizens' right to burn wood either using fireplaces/stoves or backyard bonfires. At councilmember Rossbach's political meeting last month at Fire Station 4 in south Maplewood, the topic of wood burning was discussed and despite neighbors immediate opposition to any additional regulations, it appears to have support by some on the council. So I encourage residents who want to protect their ability to use their fireplaces or have traditional backyard bonfires to keep vigilant and watch for the coming debate.

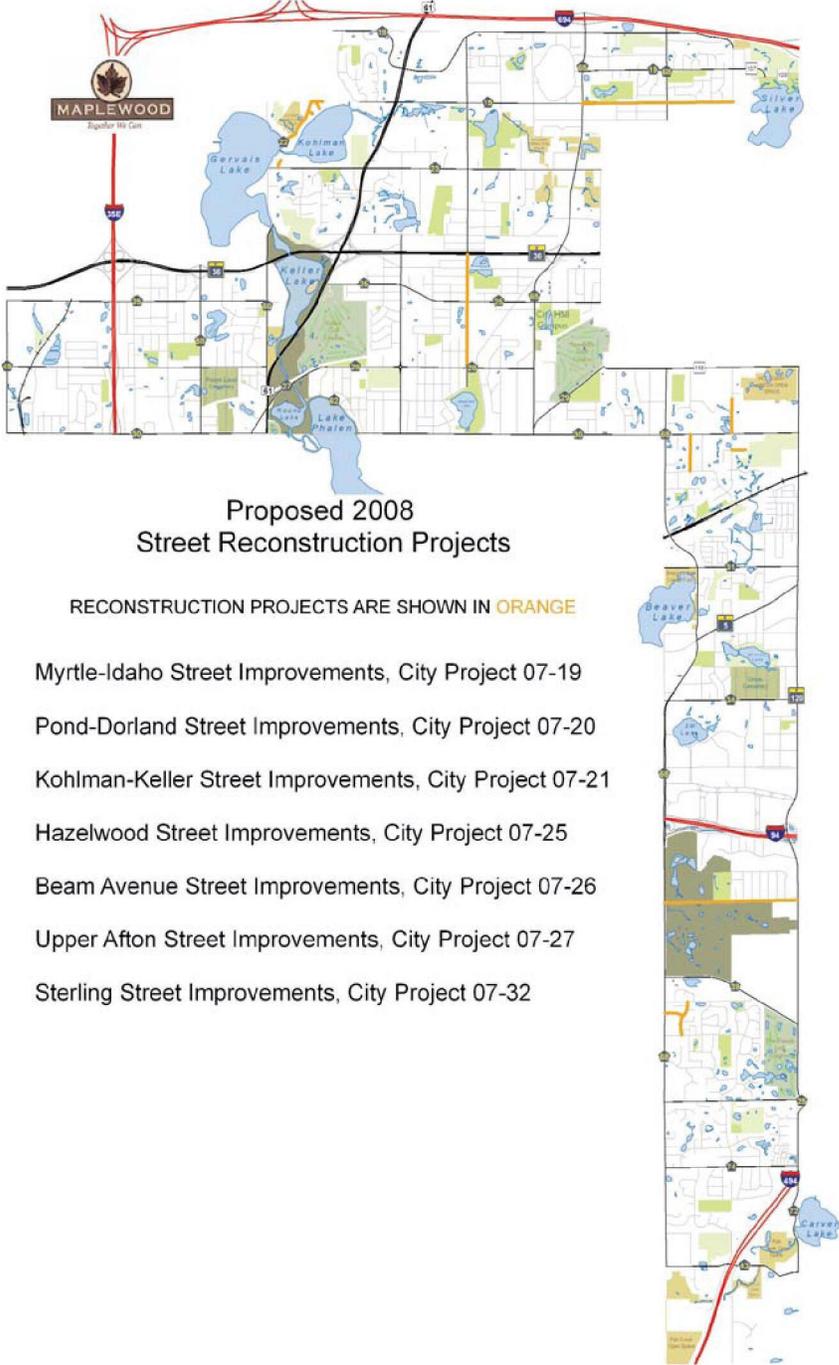
— The city is now under new leadership and the new council majority

is making itself felt. One area of great concern is their recent budget cuts to Public Safety made in February. I promise all those that are concerned about how this will affect critical services that it is my No. 1 priority to stop this action and restore the funding. Some have fought very hard to increase the numbers of Police Officers and Paramedics in Maplewood along with

Public Safety funding in general.

We have a new City Manager, Chuck Ahl. Chuck is familiar to many in Maplewood as he also is the City Engineer/Public Works Director. We all wish Chuck the best of luck in his new position.

Have a safe day and remember that freedom is not free, it has been paid for in blood and tears.



Proposed 2008 Street Reconstruction Projects

RECONSTRUCTION PROJECTS ARE SHOWN IN ORANGE

- Myrtle-Idaho Street Improvements, City Project 07-19
- Pond-Dorland Street Improvements, City Project 07-20
- Kohlman-Keller Street Improvements, City Project 07-21
- Hazelwood Street Improvements, City Project 07-25
- Beam Avenue Street Improvements, City Project 07-26
- Upper Afton Street Improvements, City Project 07-27
- Sterling Street Improvements, City Project 07-32

The Maplewood Community Center is extremely excited for the grand opening of our

NEW Strength/Weightlifting Center & newly renovated and expanded Cardio Center.



The strength center renovation will be complete in approximately 6 weeks and will include 16 additional pieces of Nautilus strength equipment and a Nautilus cable crossover tower. The cardio center will be adding

8 pieces of Nautilus and StairMaster cardio equipment (treadmills, ellipticals, recumbent bikes and a StepMill.)

Nautilus has been designing and building the highest quality fitness product for more than 35 years. Their equipment combines cutting-edge technology and superb craftsmanship resulting in highly functional fitness equipment that ensures a better feel and proper form.

WATCH for the New Activity Center.

Activities that will be offered will include

Tots-a-Go Go, Beginning Tumbling,

Tots in Motion, Youth Yoga,

Kids Boot Camp, KidsBeat,

Table Tennis, Senior Programs,

Sing-a-longs, Card Club,

Self Defense Classes, Adult Table Tennis,

Progressive Pilates, and Power Kick .

Schedules will be available after March 1st.



Recycling Challenge...continued

to answer all your questions about Maplewood's recycling program or questions about recycling in general.

If you are already recycling (whether you just started recently, or have been recycling for years), it's good to refresh your recycling knowledge by reading the 2008 Guide to Recycling to make sure you are recycling everything that you can. There might be something new—like milk cartons and juice boxes—since Eureka Recycling is constantly working to add new materials to the program so you can recycle more.

Spread the Word

One easy way that you can encourage others to recycle is to demonstrate that you are recycling by using the

Maplewood's red recycling bins. The bins are easy to see, easy to carry, and they are the right size for our drivers to lift safely to our trucks. If you are not currently using one of Maplewood's bins, call Maplewood's Public Works office at 651-249-2400 to get one, and encourage your neighbors to do the same.

You can go one step further, too. When you set out your recycling, take a look up and down your street. Are your neighbors participating in the recycling program? Talk with your neighbors. If they are not recycling, ask them why. Eureka Recycling will make special arrangements for residents who are unable to carry their recycling to the curb.

Remember, recycling is great for the environment, and it's great for Maplewood too. When the recyclable materials that you place at the curb are sold, the City receives revenues back for these materials. This money offsets the cost of recycling to residents and allows Maplewood to make choices about funding other environmental programs, too.

Why destroy resources that can easily be used again? Let's make a city wide commitment to make 2008 the year that Maplewood recycles more materials than in the last few years combined! Let's be leaders – recycle because it is the right thing to do!

ST. PATRICK'S DAY IS MONDAY, MARCH 17th

While we want everyone to be able to celebrate and enjoy St. Patrick's Day, we would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that if they are going to drink, they must not drive. Arrange to have a designated driver or call a cab to ensure that the holiday is a happy and festive one.

In Minnesota, it is illegal to drive if your alcohol level is .08 or greater. Many factors may determine how you will be affected by alcohol, including your gender, age, physical condition, amount of food consumed, medication taken, etc., so the following tables are only estimates of how alcohol may affect you.

Remember that an arrest for DWI can mean revocation of your driver's license; losing your driving privileges for up to a year, after which you will have to re-take the written exam and road test and pay a reinstatement fee; towing and impound charges; mandatory alcohol assessment; attorney fees; court fines; and additional high-risk car insurance for up to three years.

Estimating Table For Women

Drinks	Alcohol fl. oz.	Body Weight - Pounds							
		100	120	140	160	180	200	220	240
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1		.05	.04	.03	.03	.03	.02	.02	.02
2	1	.09	.08	.06	.06	.05	.05	.04	.04
3	1	.14	.11	.10	.09	.08	.07	.06	.06
4	2	.18	.15	.13	.11	.10	.09	.08	.08
5	2	.23	.19	.16	.14	.13	.11	.10	.09
6	3	.27	.23	.19	.17	.15	.14	.12	.11
7	3	.32	.27	.23	.20	.18	.16	.14	.13
8	4	.36	.30	.26	.23	.20	.18	.17	.15

Subtract .01% for each 40 minutes of drinking. One-half ounce of pure ethyl alcohol can be found in 1 ounce of 80-proof liquor, 12 ounces of beer or 5 ounces of wine.

Estimating Table For Men

Drinks	Alcohol fl. oz.	Body Weight - Pounds							
		100	120	140	160	180	200	220	240
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1		.04	.03	.03	.02	.02	.02	.02	.02
2	1	.07	.06	.05	.05	.04	.03	.03	.03
3	1	.11	.09	.08	.07	.06	.06	.05	.05
4	2	.15	.12	.11	.09	.08	.07	.07	.06
5	2	.19	.16	.13	.12	.10	.09	.08	.08
6	3	.22	.19	.16	.14	.12	.11	.10	.09
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RAIN GARDEN WORKSHOP SERIES



Learn a Do-It-Yourself approach to rain garden installation to capture rain water in a beautiful garden and help prevent storm water pollution. Series includes classroom session on the basics and optional sessions on Field Practicum and Design Coaching.



Location: North St. Paul Community Center
2290 First Street E, North St. Paul (location of field session TBA)

Dates: Tuesdays, March 25, April 8 and 22nd
Fee: \$10/session, Pre-registration required
Time: 6:00 p.m.

To register on-line visit, www.metroblooms.org or call 612-554-9261

Events are co-sponsored by Maplewood Public Works and Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District.



MAPLEWOOD Community Center

MAPLEWOOD HEALTH FAIR

March 15, 2005

1pm-4:30pm

Maplewood Community Center



This health fair will give participants and their families the opportunity to take advantage of free health screenings and gather important information from local health care professionals and organizations.

FREE Health Screenings
FREE Blood Pressure Checks
FREE Family Health Information
FREE Admission!

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NEWS



MAPLEWOOD FIRE DEPARTMENT'S NEWEST FULL-TIME FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDICS

A swearing in ceremony was held during the Maplewood Council Meeting on Monday, February 25, 2008 for Maplewood Fire Department's newest full-time firefighter/paramedics.

From left to right - Andrea Richardson, Chuck Perbix, Jeff Sedlacek, Andy Bauman, Mike Streff standing with Fire Chief Steve Lukin.



**Maplewood's Annual Spring Clean-up Day Saturday, April 26th
7 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Aldrich Arena parking lot
1850 White Bear Avenue.**

Maplewood residents, with proof of residency, will be able to dispose of appliances, tires, construction debris, mattresses, furniture, car parts, scrap metal, other assorted junk, and all electronic equipment such as

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MAPLEWOOD RESIDENTS HAVE A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE POSTCONSUMER RECYCLED COPY PAPER AT A REDUCED PRICE.

All the details on page 4.

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T'AI CHI CH'UAN EXERCISE CLASS

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T'ai chi Ch'uan has been practiced in China for 2500 years. T'ai chi exercise uses slow relaxed movements to develop strength while eliminating tension. This type of exercise will offer a practical way to eliminate stress and tension along with increasing energy levels. Energizing and Fun!
Class Taught by Gold T'ai Chi group,
Elaine Schrade Head instructor.

ELAINE'S CREDENTIALS:

- 18 years of experience teaching T'ai Chi Ch'uan
- Attended the International Taiji Forum 2006, in Thunder Bay, Canada
- Started Tai Chi studies under Master Harold Davies
- Studied Sword Form with Master Deema Chen
- Studied Chen Style T'ai Chi Ch'uan with Master Deema Chen
- Master Deema Chen placed second

in the 1974 Wushu National Sword Competition

When: Wednesdays
Dates: April 2nd through May 21st
Time: 7:30-8:30 p.m.
Where: Dragons Kung Fu Studio,
2572 7th Ave E., N. St. Paul
Fee: \$50.00 per session – (8 weeks)
Activity #: 3007.201
Register online or by calling
651-249-2230

GET YOUR PASSPORTS AT CITY OF MAPLEWOOD DMV



If you're hoping to fly anywhere outside the country this year, you're going to need a passport. But don't wait until the last minute. The

documentation takes six to eight weeks to process (you may shorten processing time to two to three weeks with an additional charge of \$60). So, if you're planning a trip, apply for a passport now.

The City of Maplewood Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV) has been issuing passports since 1998. The cost for adults is \$110 (\$75 for the passport, with a \$25 processing fee and \$10 photo fee). For those under age 16 the total cost is \$95 (\$60 for the passport, with the same processing and photo fees). Both parents must also be present.

When you come to apply bring you will need to bring proof of citizenship (such as a birth certificate) and two checks, one payable to the US Department of State and one payable to the City of Maplewood.

Fill out the paperwork at the DMV, or save some time and do it beforehand at www.travel.state.gov (click on the "Passports" link). Remember to bring the printouts with you.

Passports expire after 10 years for adults and after five years for those under 16.

Owning a passport is more important than ever. Under new border security laws, even just driving to Canada can be difficult without a passport book or passport card, and beginning in June 2009, it may be illegal without a passport.

The City of Maplewood DMV is open weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. call 651-249-2003 for more information.

Dear Friends and Neighbors *By Councilmember Will Rossbach*

What's up with Smoke?

Several citizens have voiced concerns about the effects of wood burning and recreational smoke on their health and general well being over the last year and the council has held some brief discussions on the issue in the past. The southleg citizens meeting in January featured this topic and attracted approximately 25 people to exchange their thoughts on smoke and regulations. There has also been limited discussion of the issue by other metro cities and some state legislators.

The City Council at its February 25th meeting approved the formation of a

citizen task force for the purpose of gathering information regarding recreational and wood burning smoke.

Maplewood has current ordinances in place that provide for the regulation of recreational fires and nuisance ordinances that could apply to smoke problems. You are also required to have a building permit for the installation of any heating appliance. The task force will review all of Maplewood's existing ordinances and also the ordinances used by other communities along with sharing their thoughts on what changes might be appropriate.

An informational meeting will be held at City Hall in council chambers on May 1st at 7:00 p.m. All citizens who are interested in hearing some information on wood burning and smoke issues or would like to share their thoughts are encouraged to attend. The City Council has asked that people who wish to serve on the task force be drawn from participants at this meeting. If you are interested in serving but cannot attend the meeting please notify Lisa Kroll at 651-249-2001 or via e-mail at lisa.kroll@ci.maplewood.mn.us

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televisions, computers, monitors and cell phones. **NO BRUSH OR TREE WASTE WILL BE ACCEPTED**

There will be no fee for the disposal of electronic equipment such as televisions, computers, monitors, cell phones and other "e-waste". A new Minnesota law requires electronics manufacturers to help pay for recycling of e-waste which allows Maplewood to waive the fees that we have charged in the past. If you are disposing of e-waste only, we encourage you to work with your neighbors to combine your e-waste into one vehicle so that the lines and your wait in line will be shorter.

In conjunction with Maplewood's Spring Clean-up day, Ramsey County will be collecting household hazardous waste starting at 7 a.m. Household hazardous waste including oil, antifreeze, paint and other hazardous waste items will be accepted free of charge. Combining these two services will offer residents the opportunity to participate in both events without making additional trips for disposal. If you only have hazardous waste to dispose of, Ramsey County will also be collecting hazardous waste at Aldrich Arena on Friday, April 25th from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

A new effort this year includes the collection of bicycles by Re-Cycle, a used bicycle shop in Minneapolis. Re-Cycle will be

collecting bicycles in ANY CONDITION. Many of the bicycles will be restored and returned to the road for re-use. Others will be stripped for parts. A re-used bicycle saves approximately 175 pounds of carbon dioxide emissions by reducing the need to produce a new bicycle. For more information, visit re-cycle.com.

In conjunction with this event, Maplewood will also be sponsoring a food drive for the Second Harvest Food Bank. Containers will be set up to collect food items. Tuna, peanut butter, macaroni and cheese, canned soups and vegetables, infant items, dried foods and cash are needed.

COLLECTION FEES (CASH OR CHECK ONLY)

TYPE OF LOAD

Cars without a trailer	\$10
Cars with a trailer	\$15
Pick-up trucks	\$15
Large loads (determined by city)	\$50 plus

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS

Car tires with or without rims	\$3 each
Appliances	\$10 each

Please call 651-249-2400 with any questions that you may have.

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Twice a year, Eureka Recycling coordinates a buying cooperative that allows individuals, businesses, and other organizations in the Twin Cities area to purchase recycled paper at a reduced cost. This spring get your orders in by April 8th!

Eureka Recycling believes every consumer should have access to affordable ways to be environmentally responsible. By combining many smaller or larger orders together, we get a bulk discount from the supplier and pass the savings on to you. Buying through our co-op is the easiest and most affordable way for you to purchase environmentally friendly copy paper and for yourself and your office.

The co-op currently offers white 100% postconsumer recycled copy paper in letter, legal, and tabloid sizes as well as 3-hole punch letter size. We also offer 30% postconsumer recycled white cardstock, and green, canary, blue, pink, and cream letter size copy papers. Furthermore, the paper is re-processed without the use of chlorine.

What is "postconsumer" paper?

"Postconsumer" means that the paper came from someone's office or home recycling bin - in contrast to recycled material from paper mill scrap pieces. Using postconsumer paper is important because it helps create a demand for the paper being used and recycled by consumers. Whereas most recycled copy paper has 30% postconsumer content, Eureka Recycling's paper co-op offers 100% postconsumer recycled paper.

Thanks to two decades of experience in the manufacturing of recycled paper, recycled papers now perform just as well as virgin papers in copiers, printers, and other equipment. Eureka Recycling's co-op offers high quality postconsumer

paper that looks and performs like virgin paper (20 lb., 90 bright). You can now use recycled paper without sacrificing quality, appearance, or cost. In the last 6 years, Eureka Recycling and its co-op partners have purchased and successfully used over 16 million sheets of recycled paper!

Bleaching Without Chlorine

The paper we sell is certified processed chlorine free (PCF), which means the bleaching system used to whiten this paper is free of chlorine and chlorine compounds. This eliminates the discharge of dioxin, a potent cancer-causing gas, and other pollutants that contaminate water. The most common PCF bleaching agent is hydrogen peroxide (which breaks down into water and oxygen). The paper produced has an appearance equal to paper processed with chlorine bleaching, only without the environmental consequences. Another form of bleaching is a process called elemental chlorine free (ECF) bleaching, which uses chlorine in an alternate form - chlorine dioxide. Although an improvement over chlorine gas bleaching, it still uses chlorine compounds, such as chlorine dioxide, to whiten paper.

Environmental Benefits of Postconsumer Paper

Making paper from postconsumer recycled fiber uses fewer resources and produces less pollution than making paper from virgin fiber. Using postconsumer recycled fiber to make new paper eliminates the need to use trees in paper production, and requires less bleaching, so it saves energy as well as trees!

The Paper Task Force, convened by Environmental Defense together with its corporate partners, compared virgin and postconsumer paper throughout their entire life cycles. The Task Force took into

account the environmental impacts of harvesting timber, collecting postconsumer paper, manufacturing paper, and disposing of end products. Their findings, updated in February 2002, show that, compared to virgin paper, postconsumer paper:

- uses 44% less energy
- reduces greenhouse gas emissions by 37%
- reduces nitrogen oxide emissions by 23%
- reduces particulate emissions by 41%
- produces 48% less solid waste

Paper still accounts for nearly 40% of waste sent to landfills and incinerators. One crucial step in addition to recycling the paper we use is buying the products that are made of discarded paper. Buying postconsumer paper is critical to making recycling work, because it creates markets and demand for postconsumer fiber. The 100% postconsumer recycled paper available through Eureka Recycling closes the recycling loop more effectively than paper with lower percentages of recycled content, without sacrificing value, appearance, or performance. Using postconsumer paper is just one step in our mission to create a waste-free tomorrow!

How to Order

Please call Eureka Recycling at (651) 222-7678 or visit www.eurekarecycling.org for more information on products and pricing, to place your order, or to request a paper sample. To be added to an email notification list, please email: buyrecycled@eurekarecycling.org. Remember the deadline for getting your order in is April 8th. Eureka Recycling is proud to offer this service and would happily provide the answers to your questions!

WHY DO WE HAVE BUILDING CODES AND HOW DO THEY BENEFIT MAPLEWOOD RESIDENTS?

Codes are a cooperative relationship between code officials and the groups they are responsible to serve - homeowners, designers, developers, city planners and mortgage lenders. They are a responsive tool to ensure the government's need to protect the public.

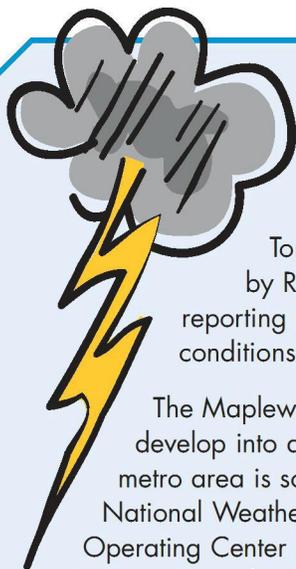
Even the founding government of America understood the development of regulations that provided for minimum health and safety standards was an important responsibility. This forethought evolved into minimum safety standards enforced throughout most of the United States to protect us in the areas of fire and structural safety, health, security and conservation of energy.

The enforcement of the building codes has been accomplished by defraying the costs of administration through a system of fees relating to the specifics of a project. This system is self-supporting, but federally and locally regulated. These fees are generally one to three percent of the overall cost of the building project's value, thereby providing public protection in a cost-effective manner. This method presents an organized system of professional plan review, skillful construction and qualified field inspection.

Public safety being the primary objective, the consequence of creating building codes is an environment of innovation and conservation that propagates technological advancements, vast improvements in design and techniques, and results in cost savings in the production and operation of our structures.

Plan Reviewers and Building Inspectors are required by State statutes to stay current with changes in building code language as well as maintaining a heightened level of product installation requirements in a world of ever-changing products and industry innovations. The Building Departments are also a venue for educating the contractors and homeowners in appropriate Building Code requirements.

Currently, the Minnesota Building Code is comprised of 26 chapters and 19 statutes compiled in about 30 different referencing documents.



BASIC SKYWARN SPOTTER COURSE

Sign up for a Basic Skywarn Spotter Course. Learn how severe weather develops, what actions you should take, and if interested, join the Skywarn Spotter Unit.

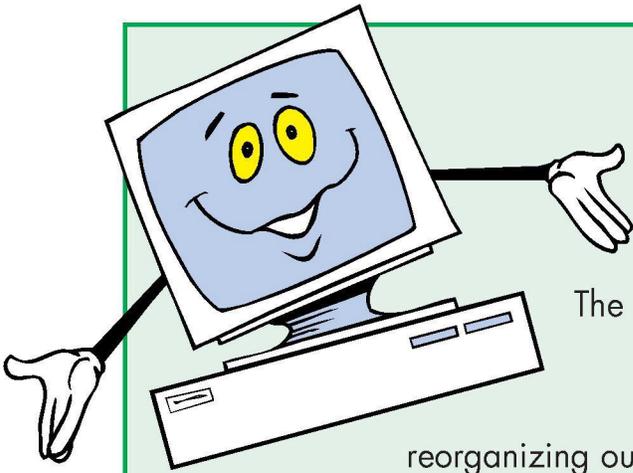
Tornadoes and severe thunderstorms will be topics at a Basic Skywarn Spotter course offered by Ramsey County and Maplewood Emergency Management. This free course teaches Spotter reporting procedures, how to interpret cloud formations and recognize potentially severe weather conditions.

The Maplewood Skywarn Unit is activated when there are indications that conditions exist which could develop into a tornado or other damaging weather situations. The effectiveness of Doppler radar in the metro area is somewhat limited for several reasons. Skywarn Spotters become, in part, the eyes of the National Weather Service. In an activation, Maplewood Skywarn volunteers report to the Emergency Operating Center (EOC), pick up two-way radios and go into the field. Selecting points of high visibility, Spotters report their observations and changes, which take place. This information is then passed onto the National Weather Service.

The course meets Saturday, April 26, 2008 at Maplewood Fire Station #2, 1955 Clarence Street. The course runs from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Those interested in joining the Skywarn Unit or just wanting to learn more about severe weather should call Maplewood Emergency Management at 651-249-2800 by April 21. There is no fee for the course and persons need not be Maplewood residents to join the Unit. Class size is limited.

Contact: Robert Dollerschell, Deputy Director Maplewood Emergency Management 651-249-2800



WE'D LIKE YOUR INPUT

The City of Maplewood is in the process of redesigning and reorganizing our website and we'd like your input. During the month of April please share with us any design ideas or improvements that you'd like to see incorporated into the new site. You can do this by visiting <http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/input> and filling out the form found on that page. We will be accepting your submissions till the end of April, at which time we'll compile them and begin constructing our new site. We thank you in advance for helping shape the reconstruction of our presence on the web.

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Parks, Trails & Open Space Advisory Board:

April 10th & April 24th at 6:30 p.m.

Parks & Recreation Commission:

April 16th at 7:00 p.m.

Historic Preservation Commission:

April 17th at 7:00 p.m.

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Monday – Friday: 8:00 am – 4:30 pm

Saturday: 8:00 am – 12:00 noon

Upon request, this newsletter will be made available in an alternate format.

✓ Save The Date! Watch for more information.

June 19th

Taste of Maplewood and Grand Re-Opening of the Maplewood Community Center Featuring the Rockin' Hollywoods!

July 4th

Fireworks, Family Fun and Music by Lamont Cranston Band at Hazelwood Park!

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AN OPEN LETTER TO MAPLEWOOD RESIDENTS FROM ACTING CITY MANAGER CHUCK AHL ON THE FINANCIAL STATE OF MAPLEWOOD.

On March 26, 2008, the St. Paul Pioneer Press led their front page with a headline that indicated "Maplewood Sorting Out City Hall Financial Mess". Clearly this type of headline can and has provided a tremendous amount of consternation and concern with the overall financial state of your City. I am sending this letter to every residence in the City to attempt to provide some clarity on the current status of the City's financial reporting and monitoring systems.

First and foremost let me assure you that I do not believe that your tax dollars or fees paid to the City have been mis-appropriated. I have found no evidence of dollars that are missing and have never made any claims or reports to the City Council or media to that end. Furthermore, I do not believe that has occurred or will be discovered as we continue preparing for our annual audit.

I reported to the City Council on February 10, 2008, after I assumed the role of Acting City Manager, that the issues with our financial situation related to the process of reporting and monitoring, which are required by government accounting standards. The City is required to have an audit of our finances on an annual basis. The last audit was completed in July 2007

for the financial period that ended on December 31, 2006. That report, the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for 2006, won an award for financial reporting. Our financial staff is in the process of preparing the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for 2007, which will be the subject of the audit of the 2007 financial transactions. The City's auditing firm is aware of these issues and will be reviewing all transaction from 2007 and making their report to the City Council later this summer.

The financial issues relate to an appropriate level of timely accounting or, in this case, lack there of. One example noted within the Pioneer Press article: Just like in your home, the City gets statements from the bank about the amount of funds we have in various accounts. The City of Maplewood has over \$2.0 million in monthly transactions, so we have numerous accounts to track. Our financial staff attempted numerous times in 2007 to reconcile what the amount of funds that the bank believed was in the various accounts; however, we were unable to agree with what we had within our records since February 2007. In some circumstances, our bank indicated that we had more money than we thought and in other circumstances, we had less. Early in

March 2008, our former Assistant Finance Director helped train our current staff on the process for reconciling statements and many of the bank issues were resolved and the remainder should be resolved within the next few days.

Another item within the article indicated that Department Heads did not have information "...to know if they are over or under budget on a monthly basis...". Since I reported that information to the City Council in February, the Finance staff has provided that information and the monthly budgets are continuously being reviewed to assure compliance with the allocated amounts. I am confident that there is no longer a Department in Maplewood that is "...operating in the dark...". As was indicated in the article, I am confident that the changes that have been made will return the confidence in our financial monitoring and management of funds.

I reported at a Work Shop of the City Council on March 10, 2008, about the Financial State of The City. The 2008 Budget for the City presented to the City Council on December 3rd and December 10th of 2007 estimated that the City would end 2007 with a surplus of \$308,570.

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Dear Friends and Neighbors *By Mayor Diana Longrie*



Greetings!

Earlier this month, after our first spring rain, I was struck by the "smell of spring" in the air. A person never really thinks about how spring smells until you find your self surrounded by the sweet earthy aroma of wet dirt and fresh rainwater. For me, spring is a time of new growth, new beginnings, new life. However, while I wish to look forward to the future, to speak of positive initiatives to address citizen concerns over a slowing economy, 2009 property tax levies, and preserving our neighborhood preserves for future generations in this month's column, I can not because issues of the past continue to beset our city and must be addressed today.

Many of you may have noticed last month that there was a different look to the City Newsletter and that the monthly Mayor's Column was missing. Why was the Mayor's Column missing? Was it because 1.) I was on vacation; 2.) I was too busy; 3.) There wasn't enough room; or 4.) I decided to "shirk" my Mayoral duties? No.

The elimination of the monthly Mayor's Column was spear-headed by Council member William "Will" Rossbach and enacted by council vote. I voted "Nay".

The rationale for the Council majority's vote to eliminate the monthly Mayor's column was 1.) the mayor is no different than a Council person – we are all the same; 2.) there will be more space in the newsletter for staff to get out "real" information to the citizens; 3.) we'll "save money"; 4.) there will be no more highlighting of the mayor above the individual council members; and 5.) it will stop the use of the Mayor's Column for "political purposes".

Citizens are smart. Those of you who watched the Council meeting have your own ideas as to the real rationale for the Council's action in eliminating my monthly Mayor's Column in the City Newsletter. During the Council's discussion, prior to the vote, I suggested an alternative action to address council "concerns". Indeed, if the Council felt they were not afforded the same opportunity as the Mayor to address citizens and that they wanted the same visibility as elected officials, I suggested that they join me. Each of them

could write a short monthly column informing the citizens of actions taken by them as council members, meetings they attended and community events. They declined the suggestion.

In reality, it is my belief the council's underlying rationale for their action to eliminate the monthly Mayor's Column in the City Newsletter has more to do with limiting me, as your Mayor, to address and inform Citizens; to diminish the office of Mayor to better enhance their majority power; to squelch my minority voice on the Council; and give Citizens the impression I have become disinterested or neglectful of my mayoral duties.

Some of you may ask, how did I get to write this column if all I said is true? Well, I was lucky. My name, along with the other council members, was placed "in a hat" and drawn at random. My name was drawn for this month, the first month of the "new system".

In this column, I also wish to take some time to address the recent Pioneer Press article regarding the city finances. It is my belief that this article, like many articles in the past, was generated as a result of a staff email sent to Council. It is my belief this staff email, like other past staff emails was calculated for release to the press and to advance political agendas.* These may seem like strong words, but it is my belief. While it appears the reporters have all the information to make forgone conclusions that the finances of Maplewood are "in a mess", I as the Mayor of the City, still have outstanding requests for information, generated by the initial email from Mr. Ahl, that remain unanswered today.

I spoke to the two Pioneer Press reporters for a total of approximately 2.5 hours. No where in their article do they speak to Maplewood's long-time issue of no continuation plan in the Financial Department, the over reliance on computer programs to generate reports, or that the Council is provided copious financial information from the Finance and Public Works Departments every council meeting purporting to be accurate. So what is going on?

When elected Mayor, just over two

years ago, because of concerns I had, I supported having an audit by the State Auditor of the City's financial records maintained by the finance and public works departments.

However, I was scoffed at!

On March 29, 2008, the Pioneer Press opinion page writer became an unexpected ally, taking up the cause, calling for the Minnesota State Auditor to meet Maplewood.

While I commend their calling for a State Audit, I can't help but ask why didn't they report stories of other, equally disconcerting, matters in the past? Why this? Why today?

Prior to 2006, more was amiss in Maplewood than just City financials:

1. City property sold, below appraised value, to a developer not in good standing with the Secretary of State.*
2. Maplewood staff hawking the sale of publicly owned neighborhood preserve land, purchased with citizens' referendum money, for redevelopment.*
3. Unbeknownst to citizens, Maplewood staff reading/replying to citizen emails addressed to council members.*
4. Council member Will Rossbach joking with staff about renaming Henry Lane, located in Maplewood's Mississippi Critical Area, as "Will's Way" after his meeting where developers rolled out their plans for a large housing development in South Maplewood.*
5. Council member Juenemann participating in a 2003 open meeting violation.*

When I took office in January 2006, I knew I had a big job ahead of me and it would be "uphill both ways". However, during my first four months in office, I discovered things were worse than I thought:

1. Maplewood had no appointed "Responsible Authority" as required under state law for data practices requests.* Then Manager, Fursman, stating a

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MAPLEWOOD COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

What is a Comprehensive Plan?

The City of Maplewood is in the process of updating its Comprehensive Plan as is required by the Metropolitan Council. The Comprehensive Plan is a policy document for guiding city land use and capital improvement spending decisions in the city for the next several years. A major element of the Comprehensive Plan is the land use plan. This section establishes what land uses (whether it be commercial, residential, industrial or parks) the city envisions and expects for all property in Maplewood.

Public Involvement

The city will be holding two open houses to get public input for the Comprehensive Plan update. The first will be at Carver Elementary School (2680 Upper Afton Road) on Tuesday, April 22, from 6 to 8 pm. On May 22 from 6 to 8 pm, the city will be hosting a second open

house at the Maplewood Community Center (2100 White Bear Avenue). These open houses are a chance for the citizens and other interested parties to review the updated plan materials and to give the city comments on the proposed comprehensive plan update. Please join us at one or both of these meetings.

Plan Update Process

City staff is encouraging the consideration of all views and perspectives during this update process. To help get a wide range of views, all existing city commissions are involved in the update process. In addition, the city council appointed a Parks, Trails and Open Space Advisory Board (PTOS) to review and consider city park issues. The PTOS includes members of the Parks Commission, Environment and Natural Resources Commission, Historic Preservation Commission and several

Maplewood residents. The PTOS Advisory Board is to advise and make recommendations to the existing city commissions and to the city council about goals, policies and updates to the Maplewood Comprehensive Plan.

City staff anticipates that this process (including the open houses), will provide the city the best document for Maplewood to meet the planning needs of the city for at least the next 10 years.

For more information, please check the city website for copies of presentations and reports about the comprehensive plan update. You also may contact Tom Ekstrand, Senior Planner, at 651-249-2302 or Tom.Ekstrand@ci.maplewood.mn.us or Ken Roberts, Planner at 651-249-2303 or Ken.Roberts@ci.maplewood.mn.us with any questions or comments.

SPRING HAS ARRIVED AND ALONG WITH IT COMES THE POTENTIAL FOR SEVERE WEATHER.

THUNDERSTORMS—affect relatively small areas when compared with most other storms. The typical thunderstorm is 15 miles in diameter and lasts for 30 minutes — but whatever their size, all thunderstorms are dangerous. Severe thunderstorms produce large hail or winds of at least 58 mph. Some wind gusts can exceed 100 mph and produce tornado-like damage. That's why many communities will sound their outdoor sirens for damaging straight-line winds. When a severe thunderstorm threatens, move inside a strong structure. Mobile home occupants should go to a more permanent structure.

HAIL—is a product of thunderstorms that causes nearly one billion dollars in damage every year. Most hail is pea-sized. Much of it is the size of baseballs and it can reach grapefruit-size. Large hail stones fall faster than 100 mph and have been known to kill people.

THUNDERSTORM WINDS—

Thunderstorms can produce straight-line winds that exceed 100 miles per hour. For this reason you should treat severe thunderstorms just as you would tornadoes. Move to an appropriate shelter if you are in the path of the storm. The strong rush of wind from a thunderstorm is called a downburst. One of the primary causes is rain-cooled air which accelerates downward, producing potentially damaging gusts of wind. Strong downbursts can be mistaken for tornadoes. They are often accompanied by a roaring sound similar to that of a tornado. Downbursts can easily overturn mobile homes, tear roofs off houses and topple trees. Campers are especially vulnerable because trees can fall into campsites and onto tents. Minnesota's strongest thunderstorm gust in 2006 was 85 mph, near Jackson on August 1.

LIGHTNING—Every thunderstorm produces lightning. Lightning kills about 100 Americans each year — more than tornadoes —and causes about 300 injuries.

Lightning Safety Tips:

1. All thunderstorms produce lightning.
2. Get inside a building or enclosed vehicle. Many fatalities occur when warning signs are ignored.
3. If you are caught in an open area with lightning around, crouch down immediately! Put your hands on your knees, but don't lie down on the ground.
4. Do not use a telephone or electrical appliance when lightning is taking place. A nearby lightning strike can travel through phone or power lines, right into the home.
5. Never seek shelter beneath one lone tree.

ARBOR DAY EVENTS

Saturday, April 26
Maplewood Nature Center



**After Buckthorn -
Restore Oaks to Your Woods**
10:00 am - 11:30 am
FREE - Call to register 651-249-2170



Walking Stick Hike
2:00 - 3:30 pm
Children 6 - 12 yrs
and Adults

Make your own walking stick using buckthorn, an invasive shrub. Then go on a walking stick hike.

For additional information call 249-2170
or go to the web page:
www.ci.maplewood.mn.us

MAPLEWOOD'S ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY



Saturday, April 26th
7 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Aldrich Arena parking lot
1850 White Bear Avenue.

Maplewood residents, with proof of residency, will be able to dispose of appliances, tires, construction debris, mattresses, furniture, car parts, scrap metal and electronic equipment such as televisions, computers, monitors, cell phones and other "e-waste". There will be no fee for the disposal of electronic equipment.

NO BRUSH OR TREE WASTE WILL BE ACCEPTED.

COLLECTION FEES (CASH OR CHECK ONLY)

TYPE OF LOAD

Cars without a trailer	\$10
Cars with a trailer	\$15
Pick-up trucks	\$15
Large loads (determined by city)	\$50 plus

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS

Car tires with or without rims	\$3 each
Appliances	\$10 each

Please call 651-249-2400 with any questions that you may have or check the web page at www.ci.maplewood.mn.us.

ADOPT A PARK FOR CLEAN UP

Saturday, April 19

Get together with your neighbors, team or group to help pick up Trash at the city park you use the most!
Call the Maplewood Nature Center to reserve a FREE kit.
Call 651-249-2170 or go to the web page:
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OPEN LETTER FROM ACTING CITY MANAGER.

After a detailed analysis of all the 2007 expenditures, the City actually ended 2007 with a small deficit of \$42,360, which was deducted from operating reserves, which is not at all uncommon in local government. A portion of the problem relates to deficits at the Maplewood Community Center and the Recreation Program Funds. While this situation may alarm some, it is not a unique situation and has also occurred in past years, not just in 2007. A deficit of \$42,360 out of a \$37 million dollar annual budget is manageable. On March 10th, in my report on the Financial State of the City, I reported a plan to the City Council that involves a small (2%) reduction in the allocation of funds to all Departments for 2008. Each Department Head has been instructed to implement these overall cuts to their allocations of funds. I do not anticipate further cuts will be necessary in

2008 to ensure that the City finishes the year within our budget. The Community Center and Recreation staff has already implemented a number of changes to improve the financial performance of those areas. I am confident that these changes will put those programs back on budget.

Lastly, the issue of accountability has been raised about your City staff. In other words, as the Pioneer Press story attempts to address: who should be blamed? It was noted in the article and I also reported to the City Council on March 10, 2008 that I do not support "assigning blame" for the financial accounting issues from 2007. If you read the article, there are plenty of diverse opinions about who is responsible. I believe that assigning blame will not solve any of the issues nor result in a process to allow for your City to move forward. The accountability for 2008 is, however, a different matter. As the Acting City Manager, I have informed each

Department Head, which includes the Finance Director, that "...each Department Head is personally responsible..." for their revenue estimates and expenditure plans for 2008. That includes the reconciling of the bank statements in a timely manner, tracking the City's fixed assets, processing budget transfers and checking of journal entries all consistent with Government Accounting Standards. I am confident that your City staff are prepared and trained appropriately to establish a trust that your City is well run from a financial as well as operational standpoint.

My hope is that this letter provides some clarity and assurances about your City's financial situation. If you have comments or questions, you can contact me at the address listed above or at chuck.ahl@ci.maplewood.mn.us.

R. Charles Ahl
Acting City Manager

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LETTER FROM MAYOR DIANA LONGRIE.

specific designation wasn't necessary.*

2. January 2006, a respected developer notified us of "improper interference" by senior city staff and " 'good old boy' practices".*
3. April 2006, the State Auditor asked Maplewood for our business plan to address financial concerns at the community center.*
4. Then Manager, Fursman acknowledged, at a televised council meeting, that using a concealed recorder, he secretly taped Council Member Bartol (without Bartol's permission or knowledge) in a meeting between himself, Mr. Charles R. "Chuck" Ahl and Bartol in Fursman's office.* Fursman stated he had recorded conversations throughout his career throughout his career.*
5. When repeatedly asked for the fund balance of the Environmental Utility Tax fund, prior to council votes to spend the money, Mr. Ahl didn't have an answer.*

Yes, when Mr. Copeland was hired as City Manager of Maplewood, he stepped into a mess.

- Copeland discovered the Maplewood Community Center had no current business plan* – only a folder of brochures.

- Copeland objected to Ahl's attempts to convince the Council to use public money to repair a private retaining wall to the tune of \$450K*.
- Copeland predicted a downturn in building permit revenues, suggesting cuts in the planning department.*
- Copeland, to the dismay of some staff and a strident handful of distracters, published in the City Newsletter, statistics documenting Maplewood's upper level staff earned higher than average salaries in comparison to similar positions in same-sized communities.*

Today, we face unresolved financial issues because of how TIF housing district 1-3 was tracked in the financial records by pre-Copeland management.* Our Ambulance enterprise fund consistently runs in the red since its inception years ago.* And now we have to fund 350K in road improvements from cash funds because the bonding scenario sold to the council by Ahl is not permitted.*

On April 3, 2008, Mr. Ahl met with the State Auditor.* The Council is informed that Ahl reviewed, with the Auditor, the steps the city is taking today to correct the 'problem' and showed records of the work completed.* No audit was called for.

As a part-time council, the Council relies on Maplewood's professional staff to provide accurate information. For the past two

years, while I have been Mayor, the Council has received extensive financial information from the finance and public works departments purporting to be accurate.* Today, we are told differently?

Who was controlling the "smoke and mirrors" during the pre-Copeland era? ...During the Copeland era?and Now?

Rest assured, although I may be in the minority on the Council, there is no going back to the "good old days". Citizens have become accustomed to a responsive, welcoming, candid city hall and will demand, and expect, no less.

To clear up the "smoke and mirrors" and to bring transparency to our financial records, I request an audit by the State Auditor covering the past 7 years.

As always, the Council and I appreciate your advice, encouragement and suggestions. I welcome your comments and invite one and all to attend the monthly Citizen's Forum, hosted by myself, held the first Saturday at Maplewood City Hall in the Maplewood Room from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Call me at 651-774-1490 or email to mayorlongrie@yahoo.com.

Best Regards,
Mayor Diana Longrie

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MAPLEWOOD AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Spring Tea



**SATURDAY, MAY 10
BRUENTRUP
HERITAGE FARM
2170 E. COUNTY ROAD D**

*There will be two seatings and registration
is required with fee.*

*The first seating is 11:30 am and
the second seating is 2:30 pm.*

*Fee is \$25/adults,
\$15/students (15 yrs. and younger)*

*Hawaiian Theme –
feel free to dress for the occasion.*

Reservations call 651-776-7183.

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Parks & Recreation Commission:

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June 2008

NEWS

Maplewood

Together We Can!



More Businesses Move To Maplewood

By Tom Ekstrand, Senior Planner

Maplewood continues to grow, creating new economy for the city. Watch for the following businesses as you drive around your community!



Costco Development Site

1. Costco Costco has just broken ground with their new 158,000-square-foot store with fuel sales on the north side of Beam Avenue east of Highway 61.

2. St. Paul's Monastery The St. Paul's Monastery property at the corner of Larpenteur and Century Avenues is under site redevelopment. This project includes the following:

- A 40-unit senior-housing apartment building
- A 48-unit town house development (under construction)
- A conversion of the monastery to a family-violence shelter
- A new monastery on the north end of the property

3. Maplewood Town Center Maplewood Town Center at 1845 County Road D is upgrading their building, east of the Pannekoeken Huis Restaurant, with a face lift. The owners



Maplewood Town Center

of this building are beginning with the west half of the multi-tenant structure to begin their exterior improvements with the remaining portion of the building to follow.

4. Caribou Coffee and Walgreens

A new Caribou Coffee and Walgreens just opened on the corner of Rice Street and Larpenteur Ave.

5. Walgreens Walgreens also recently opened a new store on the corner of White Bear Avenue and Beam Ave.

6. Community Dental Care Community Dental Care has recently opened a new facility in the newly remodeled former Ramsey County Library building on the south side of Beam Avenue at Kennard Street.

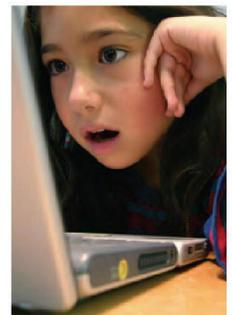
Please call us at 651.249.2300 if you have any questions about these or other sites in Maplewood.

Attention Parents: Are You Aware Of Your Child's Internet Safety

Over 60% of young males met someone offline when asked to do so, and 40% of those that were violated, didn't report it.

**Monday, June 16, 2008
7:00 pm FREE!**

at the Maplewood Community Center,
2100 White Bear Ave.



Join the Maplewood Police Department and learn valuable internet safety tips.

- Crimes that have occurred from the internet
- Child/Internet Predators
- Myspace and other social networking websites (you will also learn how to create your own Myspace page)
- Cyberbullying
- Spam, Junk Email, and Scams
- Chat Rooms
- Filters

For more information, call Officer Joe Tran at 651.249.2669 or Investigator Paul Theisen at 651.249.2622.



How The Past Affects The Future *By Erik Hjelle*

In February 2001, over 1000 tons of dredged clay from a water holding pond was dumped near the 2500 Block of Carver Ave in south Maplewood. The dumping permit issued by the City of Maplewood appears to have been issued 11 days after the dumping occurred. Within months, many area residents became ill after using their drinking wells and septic systems.

At least one resident suffered from Arsenic poisoning. Septic systems have failed because of the material that leached out of the clay. Further, in 2003 the city even tried to condemn and seize the property of the person suffering from Arsenic poisoning. The fact that this event happened in 2001, not 1951, is astounding. From what I have been told, the city file of this event has been carefully purged and bears little evidence to what actually happened.

You may ask yourself, "Why has Erik mentioned this particular event?"

When I was campaigning for City Council in 2005, many of my neighbors in south Maplewood asked me why they should care about "Gladstone". The issue of re-developing Gladstone dominated the 2005 council election. Many residents in south Maplewood identify with Woodbury, or St. Paul vs. "Gladstone" or "Parkside". The confusing geography of Maplewood is a wonderful part of your City's character, but it also makes a sense of community harder to achieve.

Answering my neighbor's lack of concern for issues such as Gladstone and other topics proved easy. I simply told them, "when they come for your neighborhood, will there be anyone left to help YOU fight?" Well that time has come for south Maplewood, the development is called Carver Crossing (Co-Par), on Carver Ave. This project was first denied in 2006 by Mayor Longrie, Ms. Cave, and me for very good reasons. The developer sued the city because a staff member violated the law relating to the developers application. The Judge overseeing this particular case is well known to Maplewood. This Judge's sister is the

person who suffered from Arsenic poisoning back in 2001. The Judge helped her sister fight against the cities' efforts to condemn her property. In February 2008, the city arrested the Judge's sister, while the Judge was presiding over the case of Sheri Le vs. Maplewood. Two weeks after the City arrested her sister, the Judge called an unscheduled hearing, talked about the city arresting her sister, then ruled against the City and awarded \$170,000+ to Sheri Le. Of course, the council was told there was no bias or "appearance of impropriety". Coincidence? I will let you be the judge! Stay tuned, this Judge currently presides over the Carver Crossing case. No conflict of interest claims have been made. In fact, the city does not even intend to fight this case because no witnesses have been deposed, no evidence discovery has occurred and the time for doing so has been allowed to expire.

The residents of Gladstone were lucky, and the fight to save their neighborhood was successful. The residents of south Maplewood appear to be losing their fight, only time will tell what happens.

Property Taxpayers Beware...

Recent newspapers articles cite Cities that are implementing hiring freezes due to a bleak financial outlook. In March, Eagan announced a hiring freeze while St. Paul and Cottage Grove announced hiring freezes last year. The trend to not fill vacant positions and offer early retirements is growing, except in Maplewood. A recent request by "acting" City Manager Chuck Ahl included hiring a new Asst. City Manager and a new marketing person amongst other changes. Maplewood has a Plan B (Council/Manager) form of government. The city manager has sole management control of EVERY employee. The council ONLY has control over the city manager. Our current "acting" City Manager is a member of the managers union and was the President of that union. In fact, EVERY employee in Maplewood (except the Volunteer Firefighters) is covered under a labor contract. The contract for the managers union has not been ratified.

The labor relations attorney (whose contract is controlled by the "acting" City Manager) is "negotiating" the manager's contract on behalf of the city. The new council majority created an artificial "wall" (a written agreement) between the union "acting" City Manager and the negotiation of his union contract. But this agreement gives the "acting" City Manager full union job protection on any covered matter. So, essentially the managers union is negotiating their own labor contract by having control over the labor relation attorney's job contract and having their past President as "acting" City Manager. Trust me, I did not vote for this arrangement.

The outcome is yet to be determined, however the last point of discussion revolves around whether to give FORMER employees retroactive pay increases or not. The council majority has already agreed to double retroactive increases back to January 2007 and January 2008 respectively. For those of you who believed the recent Pioneer Press article that declared a "Financial Mess" in Maplewood, the retroactive pay raises should make taxpayers stop and think. In 2007, 3 current members of the council majority accepted cash from labor Unions. Are Maplewood Taxpayers expected to believe that nothing is expected in return for the money? The price to taxpayers will be seen next fall during budget time.

One more taxpayer item; the cost of litigation and insurance. The media has made much of Maplewood's increased insurance costs and lamented the resulting higher premiums. Keep in mind, insurance is not intended to be used as a profit center, but the city did REDUCE annual payroll by \$700,000/year as a result of redundancy. I doubt many people would hesitate spending \$28,000, to save \$700,000. Facts are facts. Nobody wanted those lawsuits, but when 2 of the lawsuits are the result of staff violating state laws and city ordinances, lawsuits are the typical result.

Remember those that serve our country and have a safe day!

NEW! BUSINESS REGISTRATION PROGRAM

The City of Maplewood will be implementing a new Business Registration program. The intent of this program is to have every business that is currently not licensed with the City to file a Business Registration Application that will include information to be used for, but not limited to, Public Safety issues. Registration forms will be mailed to all Maplewood businesses in early June and must be returned no later than June 30, 2008 with the \$50 registration fee. If you have questions regarding the Business Registration program, please call 651.249.2105.

YOUR POLICE REPORT

The Maplewood Police Department hosts a television show on GTN cable channel 16 titled "Your Police Report". The show has



Officer Steve Heinz & Sergeant Kerry Crotty

been running for 14 years and is hosted by members of the Maplewood Police Department. The show airs on different days and times so check the listing to see when it's on. Recently GTN began posting the shows on their website. The address is www.gtn.org/yourpolicereport.html, or there is a link on the Maplewood City website, www.ci.maplewood.mn.us then click on city departments, police department, then "Cops on Cable". At the bottom of the Cops on Cable page is a link to the program.

Each month the crime statistics are shown, highlights from the month are covered, special interest stories are covered and an interview is conducted. Some of the recent topics include: a story about a support group for parents of children who have been murdered, an interview about Sexual Assault Awareness month and an informational piece regarding severe weather.

If you have any suggestions for topics email kerry.crotty@ci.maplewood.mn.us.

COMMISSION CORNER

PLANNING COMMISSION *By Lorraine Fisher*

The main ongoing role of the Planning Commission is to advise the city council on matters involving development proposals as they relate to the city's zoning ordinance and to the comprehensive land use plan directives. The projects we review range from single-family residential variance requests to large-scale commercial and industrial development proposals. The planning commission also reviews development proposals like land subdivisions, right-of-way vacations and conditional use permits which are projects that require closer scrutiny by the planning commission and city council. The planning commission decisions are recommendations to the city council, which makes the final decision of the proposal.

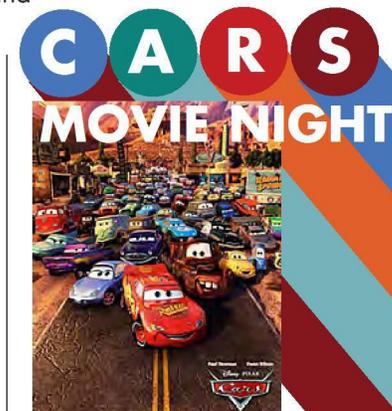


Legacy Village

(also newly construction) which will include the conversion of the use of the current building, a new monastery for the Sisters, a 40-unit seniors apartment building and 48-unit town houses.

The Planning Commission also leads the periodic updates of the city's comprehensive plan (every 10 years or so) mandated by the Metropolitan Council. The comprehensive plan is the city's planning guide for land development as well as a guide for the city in setting goals and policies for housing, parks and trail development, and transportation needs to name a few. Maplewood, like other communities in the 7-county region, is currently in the process of updating its comprehensive plan and hopes to have it completed this summer. This process involves considerable review from the planning commission as well as from the other citizen advisory commissions and boards. For more information on the Planning Commission and on-going projects, visit www.ci.maplewood.mn.us or call 651.249.2300.

Some examples of recent projects which the planning commission has reviewed include the new Costco store on Beam Avenue, east of Highway 61 (construction just beginning), the Legacy Village mixed-use development west of the Maplewood Mall and the redevelopment of the St. Paul's Monastery property at the corner of Larpenteur and Century Avenues



Live life in the fast lane as you watch **Cars** at the original Bruentrup Farm. Bring the whole family and play games, purchase hot dogs, popcorn, pop, and cookies from the Historical Society. Cozy up to the bonfire and take a tour of the old farm house. Don't miss this great event! Bring a chair, blanket, and bug spray.

FREE! Friday, August 22

Pre-show Activities: 7:30 pm

Movie: 8:30 pm

Location: Bruentrup Farm,

2170 E. County Road D

Additional parking at KinderCare, 2036 E. City Road D

A Summary On The City's Debt By Acting Manager Chuck Ahl

The City of Maplewood, like most cities in Minnesota, invest in various equipment and infrastructure through borrowing money. The City is allowed to issue debt based upon the value of the tax base within the City. The borrowing by the City involves going through a process where financial agencies bid to provide the lowest possible rate on the bonds that the City proposes to issue. Following is information on the current and future plans for Maplewood to invest your tax and utility dollars.

Annually, the City prepares a Capital Improvement Plan, or CIP, for all major expenditures that are projected to exceed \$50,000. The planning period for the City is five years into the future. Currently, city staff is reviewing with the various Commissions and the City Council the recommendations for spending for 2009 to 2013. The staff is recommending a spending plan of \$76,749,098 for this five-year period, or just over \$15.0 million per year. This is a slight increase of 0.5% from the previous year's adopted CIP plan for 2008 – 2012. A few of the largest projects planned for the next five years are:

- \$5,800,000 for street reconstruction in the Western Hills/ Larpenteur area in 2011
- \$5,750,000 for street reconstruction in the Hills and Dales area in 2010
- \$5,750,000 for a third phase of redevelopment in the Gladstone area in 2013
- \$4,300,000 in 2009–2010 to expand White Bear Avenue near Maplewood Mall

For a detailed list of all projects, go the City's webpage for a full copy of the CIP and projects in your neighborhood.

Not all the projects and equipment investments proposed by the staff get approved. During 2009 – 2013, the CIP lists over \$13 million in projects and equipment investments that are necessary, but funding is not available and the projects are deferred.

Once the CIP is completed, the City's financial staff reviews funds available to determine whether it is best to pay for the proposed projects or equipment

purchases [for example a fire truck] with funds on hand, or to issue bonds. Not all of the proposed expenditures of the next five years will be paid with borrowing. Current projections indicate that about 75% will be funded with borrowing. Bonds can range from re-payment in five years to as long as 15 years.

Currently, the City of Maplewood has total debt of \$67,192,297. That amounts to nearly \$1,833 for every person in Maplewood. However, not all of that is tax dollars. Much is assessment money that is guaranteed by developers. For example, in 2007, the City Council approved the assessment of nearly \$2.5



million to the developer of the new Costco store. That money is guaranteed, but shows up as City debt because the developer has 8 years to repay the assessment, with interest. The City also borrows money for sanitary sewer and storm sewer improvements that are repaid with your utility dollars, or from projected monies from the State of Minnesota from state aid.

The amount of interest that the City pays on the bonds is based upon a rating system that is established by Moody's Investor Service in Chicago. The rating of the bonds by Moody's looks at each bond sale to determine the City's economy, re-investment of the infrastructure, strength of leadership, long-term stability of its dominant taxpayers and well maintained financial system. Maplewood enjoys the Aa2 rating which is in the top 13.2%

nationally. Maintaining appropriate borrowing controls and tax base reinvestment along with stability are essential to maintain this excellent rating. Current bond rates range from 3.8 – 4.4 % depending upon the type of bonds to be issued.

The City staff is recommending that the City's debt increase slightly in 2009. In general, financial planning that has maintained Maplewood's excellent bond rating has limited the City's debt capacity to 2% of the City's taxable market value. In 2006, the City's market value of the tax base was \$3,789,063,000. The goal for the maximum debt is 2.0% of that market value or \$75,781,260. The actual debt was \$56,282,297 or 1.49%. The City saw a large market value increase in our tax base in 2007 to \$4,016,982,525. We probably all saw those large value increases on our property tax bill.

Unfortunately, the projections for 2008 are that residential values will fall by an average of 6.4%. This impacts the available funds for debt in Maplewood. The staff is using very conservative estimates to state our market value for 2008 at \$4,018,439,025 or about the 2007 level. We are seeing a decrease in the residential values with an increase in commercial values, so the City's market value is steady. The actual number may be slightly higher, because Maplewood still has a strong commercial and industrial tax base that continues to show growth. With the proposed debt for 2008 of \$71,902,297 that percentage of debt will be at 1.79%. The staff recommends this as a reasonable balance of investment in the community versus the risk of further property value decreases.

The City Council is expected to review this information at their regular meeting on June 9th. You can comment to your Council members by sending them an e-mail message through the webpage or to Acting City Manager Chuck Ahl at chuck.ahl@ci.maplewood.mn.us. You can also send your comments to City Hall and they will be forwarded to your City Council members.

A NEW APPROACH TO PLANNING

The idea of sustainability—using resources carefully so that future generations can also enjoy them—has caught on in the last few years. Maplewood’s comprehensive plan opens the door to the sustainable use of land, water and natural resources in the City. It does this by taking an ecological view of land use and stormwater management. In the past, land use was driven by economic and development decisions, and stormwater management was guided by a vision of draining the land as fast as possible. Maplewood reverses this in its 2008 comprehensive plan by making ecological thinking the foundation of natural



Carver Preserve

resource, parks, recreation, stormwater, transportation, land use, and capital budget planning.

One vision for sustainability in the comprehensive plan is to mimic the ecological

processes of natural watersheds. Instead of shipping runoff and phosphorus as fast as possible into the City’s water bodies, the City will require stormwater infiltration and filtration approaches in development and redevelopment projects. As in natural watersheds, these techniques shrink the runoff volume and capture phosphorus as stormwater runs off the land.

Wildlife habitat is another area where Maplewood can make rapid strides toward sustainability. The four levels of natural resource planning in the comprehensive plan—greenways, local habitats, parks and trails, and City-wide issues—will work together to ensure quality wildlife habitat in the city. Connecting these regional and local resources will help sustain wildlife and plant habitat, and will shape how future development looks on the ground.

Planning for sustainability is practical and cost-conscious. The goal is to improve quality of life and property values in Maplewood, reduce or hold the line on long-term construction and



Rainwater Garden in Maplewood

operation costs, and protect Maplewood’s irreplaceable natural beauty and variety of native wildlife and plant life for this and future generations.

Share the City’s vision of sustainability by viewing and making comments on the City’s 2008 comprehensive planning process at www.ci.maplewood.mn.us.

STOP SIGN REQUESTS



Each year the city receives requests for installing or removing stop signs. Proponents of stop signs typically present a relatively emotional appeal based on a recent accident, speeding, or “near misses.” Opponents typically voice dissatisfaction with increased noise

associated with braking and acceleration, pollution, providing a false sense of security for pedestrians, inconvenience, and motorists who ignore stop signs. The city council has a neighborhood stop sign policy summarized as follows:

- 1) Requests from citizens require a minimum of 12 property owner signatures in order to show neighborhood support and hopefully 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. Staff will notify the party of the date and time.
- 3) Depending on the number of requests, either a special meeting or regular council meeting will serve as the open meeting for public discussion.

This policy generally encompasses neighborhood stop signs while other warranted stop sign requests will still be considered on a case by case basis.

If you feel a stop sign condition is warranted at one of your residential neighborhood intersections, please gather neighborhood support and explain what you are proposing along with your reasoning. Please send petitions, signed by 12 fellow property owners, to the Public Works Department located at 1902 County Road B East no later than June 20th. An official notice will be mailed back to all petitioners explaining staff’s recommendation to the City Council regarding the request, along with the date and time the City Council will take action on the requests...likely in July. For more information, contact Public Works at 651.249.2400.

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Annual Public Input Meeting

Maplewood Storm Water Pollution Prevention Program (SWPPP)
7:00 pm, June 9, 2008
Maplewood City Hall, Council Chambers
1830 County Road B East

The Phase II National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Program (NPDES) requires the City to hold an annual public meeting. The meeting will be held as part of the regular City Council meeting in the council chambers at City Hall on June 9, 2008 at 7:00 pm. There will be a presentation of the Maplewood's Surface Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP), and time will be set aside for comments and questions. Comments will be addressed, and may be incorporated into the city's plan to preserve our water resources.

For more information, you may view Maplewood's SWPPP on the Stormwater Management page of the City's website or at the engineering counter at the Public Works Building at 1902 County Road B East between 8:00 am and 4:30 pm.

To submit questions or comments on the SWPPP, or to report any storm water related problems such as flooding, erosion or illicit discharges, email stormwatermanagement@ci.maplewood.mn.us or call 651.249.2400.

A New Starting Time For Council Meetings

The City Council has decided to try a new starting time for their regular Council Meetings. The Meetings, still held on the second and fourth Mondays of each month, **will now start at 6:30 pm**. The Council was concerned with the lateness of some of the public hearings and are hoping to better respect the time of the invited participants at the meeting. The 6:30 pm start is intended to allow the Council to address issues of Call to Order, Agenda Approval, Meeting Minutes Approval and Visitor Presentation before 7:00 pm. At 7:00 pm, the Council hopes to move directly into the Hearings and discussions in which residents have been invited. Public Hearing will still begin at 7:00 pm, but the Council's intention is to start the Hearing as close to 7:00 pm as possible. The Council will be monitoring this new agenda procedure over the next few meetings to determine if other adjustments are necessary. The Council meeting agendas are always posted in the lobby at City Hall and are available 3-5 days in advance of the meeting on the City's webpage.

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City Meetings:

June 3	5:15 pm	Environmental and Natural Resources Commission
	7:00 pm	Planning Commission
June 4	7:00 pm	Parks Commission
June 7	10:00 am	Citizen's Forum
June 9	6:30 pm	City Council
June 10	6:00 pm	Community Design Review Board
June 12	5:00 pm	Park, Trails Open Space Task Force
June 17	7:00 pm	Planning Commission
June 18	7:00 pm	Parks and Recreation Commission
June 19	7:00 pm	Historic Preservation Commission
June 23	6:30 pm	City Council Meeting
June 30	5:30 pm	Annual Planning Commission's City Bus Tour

All meetings are held at City Hall,
1830 County Road B East.

Any meeting cancellations are posted on the City's website.

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If you have basic cable service, all City Commissions, information and programs can be viewed on Channel 16. 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.

Register Now For Jr. Polar Football

JR. Polar Football a volunteer youth sports organization committed to building teamwork, understanding the fundamentals of the game, developing skills, encouraging sportsmanship, and having fun playing football.

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The Fun Starts Here! July 4th Celebrations At Hazelwood Park Thank you to our sponsor **Cub Foods.**

It wouldn't be the Fourth of July without Maplewood's annual festivities at Hazelwood Park (1663 County Rd. C). Past July 4th celebrations have attracted upwards of 10,000 people. This year's fete promises to be bigger and better than ever.



According to Doug Taubman, Citizen Services, recreation supervisor for the City of Maplewood, all the regular activities are back, in

addition to a beer/wine wagon and a highly anticipated performance by the legendary Lamont Cranston Blues Band.

Be sure to bring your lawn chairs for a full evening of free entertainment. The festivities start at 5:00 pm on Friday, July 4, and continue through an extravagant fireworks display.

MAPLEWOOD'S 4TH OF JULY SCHEDULE

Hazelwood Park, Maplewood

FOOD BOOTHS 5:00 to 10:00 pm

Items available for purchase include taste-tempting corn dogs, minidonuts, cotton candy, french fries, lemonade, Premier Pizza, Hometown Creamery Ice Cream, cappuccino & more

NEW this year: Beer Wagon serving beer and wine coolers

INFLATABLES FUN 5:00 to 9:00 pm

The younger set will have a great time on the Obstacle Course, Giant Twister Game and Mega Joust

FAMILY GAMES & FACE PAINTING 5:30 to 8:30 pm

People of all ages will enjoy the Gunny Sack Races, Water Balloon Toss, Hula Hoop Contests, Egg/Spoon Relays and much more

CONTESTS 6:00 to 7:00 pm

Who would win in a Jell-O/Ice Cream Eating Contest — you or your kids? Whether you win or lose, you'll know that your child got enough to eat...

LIVE MUSIC 6:00 to 10:00 pm

by the Legendary Lamont Cranston Blues Band! Sit back, relax and enjoy one of the best blues bands in the country.

FIREWORKS 10:00 pm

The best seat in the house for this firework extravaganza is right in Hazelwood Park. You definitely won't be disappointed with this 25-minute aerial pyrotechnic display.

(In the event of rain, the fireworks display will most likely be held on July 5 — same place/same time)

Lamont Cranston Blues Band

Take advantage of this great opportunity to see the Lamont Cranston Blues Band perform live at Hazelwood Park during the City of Maplewood's 4th of July festivities.

This legendary, Minneapolis-based blues band has shared the stage with almost everyone in the business, including Muddy Waters and Albert King. Considered some of the best jammers in the industry, the Cranstons have prompted such wellknown performers as Bonnie Raitt, Wilson Pickett, Keb Mo, Dan Aykroyd, Sugar Blue and Jeff Healey to jump up on the stage and join in.

The Lamont Cranston Blues Band will perform at Hazelwood Park on Friday, July 4, from 6:00 to 10:00 pm, on the Big Stage. **No charge for admission.**

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Three Cheers For Us! *By Will Rossbach*

Picture this, me wearing one of those high school letter sweaters with a big "M" on the front running as fast as I can for 50 feet, springing into a couple of cart wheels, a flip or two and a round off and landing in a complete split on the ground with one hand on my side and the other hand straight up in the air, shouting yah rah rah, MAPLEWOOD. I of course can't actually do that, the fifty foot run is about the most that I can handle, but symbolically that is one of the jobs that I, and all the council members, should have in our job description.

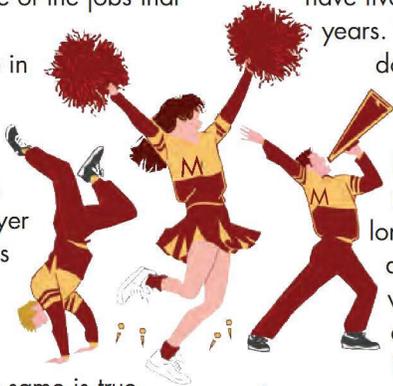
The Council is the figure head of the city. We are not the employer for the city's employees but we can have a huge impact on their morale and thus their job performance. The same is true for the morale of the city's citizens and the opinion of our sister cities. Have you ever been having a great day and then someone comes in and with their poor attitude completely ruins it in about half a second? How many times does it take for someone with that type of attitude who continually insists on telling you that you, or your work, or your city, are bad before you start to question weather maybe you are a bad person, or that your work is poor, or your city is sub-par?

Well right now go look in the mirror. See you're an okay person. Maybe a couple of hairs are out of place but its nothing that a comb can't fix. All you

city employees should throw your shoulders back and hold your heads high because you are some of the most talented and dedicated people with which I have ever had the pleasure of being associated. It isn't just me saying so either. The citizens tell me and you that same thing all the time. Maplewood is a great city. Every survey that we have ever done has indicated that you, the citizens, believe that to be true. A large percent of you have lived here for years and years. You didn't decide to do that because you thought Maplewood was a bad place to live, or to work, or raise your family. As long as you believe we are more than half way to actually being a great city because it is you that decides weather we are great or not.

Certainly we have had some rough spots recently, but they are passing phases which will be overcome by the much larger, much stronger beliefs that you all hold. The next time that someone asks you where you live you should look them straight in the eye and say, "I live in Maplewood one of the best, most innovative, hard-working cities in the metro area." If you say it with authority and often enough, then the rest of the metro will also realize that you can't keep a good person, a good employee, or good city down.

"Together We Can" Will Rossbach



MAKE A NEW ADDITION TO AN OLD HABIT



Did you know that milk cartons, juice boxes and reusable clothes and linens are recyclable in Maplewood's program? This is yet another way to get

involved in recycling and accept the challenge of Maplewood's Environmental and Natural Resource Commission to increase recycling in Maplewood.

Place milk cartons and juice boxes in your recycling bin along with your bottles and cans.

Another unusual material accepted in Maplewood's recycling program is good, clean, reusable clothes and linens. Put these items in a sturdy, plastic bag clearly marked "Clothes & Linens" next to your other recycling. Eureka Recycling sells the clothing to US'Again, a company that distributes used clothing to markets in the Twin Cities, Chicago, and abroad—the same markets to which Goodwill and other thrift stores sell their excess clothing.

The folks at Eureka Recycling know that recycling is an important part of achieving its mission to reduce waste today and reach a waste-free tomorrow, so they are always actively searching for recycling markets for new types of materials. If you have questions, please call Eureka Recycling's recycling hotline at 651.222.SORT (7678). And don't forget, please have your recycling sorted and at the curb by 7:00 am.

BEST BUY OFFERS FREE ELECTRONICS RECYCLING



Richfield based electronics store, Best Buy has launched a pilot program that offers free electronics recycling for consumers. Computer processors and monitors and TVs with

screens up to 32 inches may be recycled at 17 participating Best Buy stores in the Twin Cities area, including the Maplewood store at 1795 East County Road D at Southlawn Drive. Console TVs, air conditioners, microwaves and other large appliances are not accepted. Customers are allowed to

bring in only two items per day.

Since last summer, Minnesota has had one of the toughest electronics recycling laws in the country, essentially requiring manufacturers to help pay the cost of recycling their goods. Since Best Buy makes some of the brands that it sells, the company's new program goes beyond the letter of the law and into the realm of good citizenship. Best Buy will handle a far greater volume of electronic waste than is legally required. Best Buy's effort demonstrates product stewardship by taking responsibility for products from purchase to obsolescence.

CELEBRATE 25 YEARS OF NATIONAL NIGHT OUT!



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Tuesday, August 5, 2008

This year National Night Out celebrates 25 years of bringing neighbors and neighborhoods together. Last year Maplewood residents hosted 66 block parties and this year our goal is to have over 75 parties.

National Night Out is a great way to meet and interact with your neighbors. It provides a time to get to know one another and makes your neighborhood more of a community than a common location.

Parties are held in many different formats including: pot-luck, bar-b-que, snacks and beverages, kids games, pool parties or any other ideas you may come up with.

The date for National Night Out is August 5, 2008 and parties usually take place between the hours of 5:00 pm and 9:00 pm. Police Officers and Firefighters attend most of the parties and you can request a K9 officer or the McGruff character attend your party.

For more information or to register your party, call 651-249-2700, email MaplewoodNightOut@ci.maplewood.mn.us or visit www.ci.maplewood.mn.us and fill out the party registration form.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION *By Peter Fischer*

The Parks and Recreation Commission is setup to advise the City Staff, Manager and City Council in all matters pertaining to public parks and recreation. The appearance of Maplewood Parks has changed greatly over the past 35 years. In the early 70's the parks were primarily for baseball and mowed from end to end.

Over time the commission has facilitated many neighborhood meetings to learn the needs of the community and then make recommendations to the City Council on

parks policy, facilities, programs and financial support. Once the Council approved the recommendations the Parks and Recreation Director and staff built a full active and passive park system.

There are now 35 Parks, 13 neighborhood preserves, one community center, a nature center and miles of trails. This has resulted in the major change that almost all parks now include areas that are no longer mowed, but restored to more native conditions. Programming now includes fine arts and recreation opportunities to

keep people of all ages physically and mentally healthy.

This year we are working on implementing the Joy Park master plan, developing master plans for the Gladstone area parks, redevelopment of Lions Park and providing input on the Parks section of the City's Comprehensive Plan.

For more information on the Parks and Recreation Commission visit: www.ci.maplewood.mn.us and follow the links to Resident Boards and Commission or call 651.249.2300.

LEGACY VILLAGE UPDATE

By Tom Ekstrand, Senior Planner

It's been five years now since the city council approved the planned unit development (PUD) known as Legacy Village of Maplewood, west of the Maplewood Mall. Legacy Village



Legacy Village

is an 80-acre commercial and residential project located south of County Road D between Hazelwood Street and Southlawn Drive. The exception is the Cottages at Legacy Village, a detached town house development, constructed by another developer which also fronts on the east side of Hazelwood Street. Legacy Village

is about 75 percent completed. The developer, the Hartford Group, is continuing to work on completing the entire development project.

Since the city council approved the Legacy Village PUD, the following phases of the development have been started or completed:

- Heritage Square Town Homes (220 units) – nearly finished
- Heritage Square 2nd Addition (81 units) – under construction
- Wyngate Rental Town Homes (50 units) – completed
- Ashley Furniture – completed
- Kennard Professional Building (phase one of an office site) – completed
- Maplewood Sculpture Park – completed
- Legacy Retail Shoppes – approved, but not yet started
- Ramsey County Library – completed (originally, this site was to contain stores or restaurants)
- The Regent Senior-Housing Apartments (150 units)—construction pending

There are three sites that still await development including:

1. An 11-acre site south of County Road D between Hazelwood Street and Kennard Street. This area has been approved for a small office buildings on the southwest corner of Kennard and County Road D and 91 town homes on the remaining 10 acres
2. The second phase of a larger office building site north Legacy Parkway across from the Sculpture Park, and
3. The Legacy Retail Shoppes on the vacant lot west of Ashley Furniture

Buckthorn May Be Lurking In Your Yard!

Join the city's effort this fall to remove buckthorn from Maplewood! Here's how you can help:

- Attend a Buckthorn Removal Event – see Parks issue for times and dates.
- Learn how to get rid of buckthorn by reading the Buckthorn Management Brochure, available at Maplewood Nature Center, City Hall and Community Center, and the city website.
- Check your yards and neighborhoods for buckthorn. Volunteer to be a Buckthorn Block Captain if you are in our designated neighborhood.
- Maplewood residents may check out a Weed Wrench®, from the Maplewood Nature Center, for free! Wrenches are available for a one week period. Please bring proof of residency and a returnable \$25 check deposit. Please call 651.249.2170 to check on availability.
- Drop off only buckthorn at one of Maplewood's buckthorn drop-off sites (in early November only).
- Call the Buckthorn Hotline at 651.249.2188, for answers to frequently asked questions or to leave a message.
- Maplewood has two targeted buckthorn neighborhoods this year. The first is the Sunset Ridge Park Neighborhood and the second is the area between Upper Afton Road, Maryland Ave., Century Avenue (Hwy 120) and McKnight Road. Please see our website for maps of these neighborhoods. Targeted neighborhoods receive free buckthorn only pickup in early November.

Removal Methods:

- To remove buckthorn without causing erosion and damage to nearby oaks and native, desirable vegetation, please cut your buckthorn in the fall only, and then treat the stumps with herbicide. This is essential to prevent resprouting. For more information on removal methods, please see our Buckthorn Management Brochure online at www.maplewood.ci.mn.us. Click on Nature Center, Natural Resources Conservation and then Buckthorn.
- Buckthorn should not be removed with heavy equipment. This will result in soil erosion, soil compaction, and stress of nearby trees. Our forests are under attack from several fronts, including diseases. Extra stress may guarantee an untimely death of nearby trees.

Maplewood Police Department 2007 Achievements

During the Week of May 11-17, National Police Week was celebrated. Here are some of the 2007 highlights for your Maplewood Police Department.

- Authorized hiring of three additional Officers
- Received \$80,000 grant to fund Narcotics Officer and Gang Strike Force Officer
- Trained two new canine officers and their partners
- Implemented electronic ticket writer system in squad cars purchased through grant funding
- Reached 66 neighborhood parties on National Night Out
- Graduated 10th Annual Citizen Academy
- Educated 200+ kids in DARE curriculum
- Responded to 25,000+ calls for service
- Made 323 drunk driving arrests
- Expanded bike patrol through acquisition of 4 new bikes through grant funding
- Congratulated Officer Sypniewski on his award from the MN Chiefs of Police Association

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Upon request, this newsletter will be made available in an alternate format.

City Meetings:

July 1	7:00 pm	Planning Commission
July 2	6:30 pm	Parks and Recreation Commission (special meeting)
JULY 4 & 5 CITY OFFICES ARE CLOSED		
July 5	10:00 am	Citizen's Forum
July 8	6:00 pm	Community Design Review Board
July 14	6:30 pm	City Council
July 15	5:15 pm	Environmental and Natural Resources Meeting
July 15	7:00 pm	Planning Commission
July 16	6:30 pm	Parks and Recreation Commission
July 17	7:00 pm	Historic Preservation Commission
July 22	6:00 pm	Community Design Review Board
July 28	6:30 pm	City Council Meeting

All meetings are held at City Hall, 1830 County Road B East.

Any meeting cancellations are posted on the City's website.

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City Publications & Website Redesign

The City of Maplewood is updating its monthly newsletter publication and website. Maplewood is constantly growing and changing and our goal is to provide residents and businesses with more information. Please take the time to look through the newsletter and recreation brochure and notice all the Community Center activities and programs available. We'll cover everything from new development, community events and recycling opportunities, to fun and exciting recreational activities!

Keep your eye out in the next 3-4 months for the new city website design. We'll be improving our navigation, allowing you to find what you're looking for faster and easier than ever before. We have received many excellent suggestions on new features you'd like to see. We will incorporate many of them into the new site. We're currently in the initial planning stages of this redesign so keep your eyes peeled for further information in upcoming City News publications.

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If you have comments about the newsletter, email karen.guilfoile@ci.maplewood.mn.us or call 651-249-2021. If you have any questions regarding the new website email mychal.fowlds@ci.maplewood.mn.us or call 651-249-2923.

Celebrate National Night Out!

Join your neighbors in celebrating the 25th anniversary of National Night Out on **Tuesday, August 5!** Last year Maplewood residents joined neighborhoods around the country and hosted over sixty-five block parties! With your help we are confident that Maplewood will reach its goal of having over seventy-five parties this year.

Parties can be held in any format you choose and can include pot lucks, barbecues, snacks and beverages, kids games, pool parties, or any other ideas you may come up with! Most will take place between the hours of 5:00PM and 9:00PM. Our hardworking police officers and firefighters try to attend as many parties as possible and K9 Officers and the McGruff character are also available for appearances upon request! Or visit the city website to request the Nature Center's Green Heron character stop by. Eureka Recycling representatives and city staff will be available to answer your recycling questions and to distribute recycling bins.

For more information or to register your party, call 651-249-2700, email: maplewoodnightout@ci.maplewood.mn.us or visit www.ci.maplewood.mn.us and fill out the party registration form.



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Birthday Party Information 651.249.2203

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Fitness 651.249.2207

Maplewood Recreation

General Information 651.249.2120

Maplewood Nature Center

General Information 651.249.2170

MCC Hours (October - April)

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Saturday: 6:00AM - 9:00PM

Sunday: 9:00AM - 9:00PM

City Hall and Maplewood Community Center will be closed for Labor Day, Monday, September 1.

Maplewood Meeting Schedule

City Council: August 11 & 25 at 6:30PM

Community Design Review Board: August 12 & 26 at 6:00PM

Environmental & Natural Resource Commission: August 5 at 5:15PM

Housing & Redevelopment Authority: August 13 at 7:00PM

Planning Commission: August 5 & 19 at 7:00PM

Citizen Forum: August 2 at 10:00AM

Park Commission & City Council Joint Meeting: August 4 at 5:00PM

(Comprehensive Plan meeting to follow)

Park Commission: August 20 at 7:00PM

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Mark Your Calendar:

Don't forget to mark your calendar for these two fun events coming soon at the Maplewood Community Center:

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Saturday, November 15, 5:00PM: Finding Nemo Swim-in Movie

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Dear Friends and Neighbors

When I was sworn in as the newest member of the City Council in January, controversy was in the air. As I write this on Independence Day, almost six months later, it seems to me that much of the controversy has died down. I want to spend my first column describing some of the actions taken by the council this year that demonstrate a common purpose rather than our differences. Each of these examples passed with four or five votes on the five-member council, and each is an example of a way that city government can enhance services, improve the health and safety of our community, save taxpayer money — or even all three!

U.S. Mayors' Climate Protection Agreement: At the urging of residents and with the recommendation of the Environmental & Natural Resources Commission, the City Council voted to adopt the U.S. Mayors' Climate Protection Agreement. This agreement, which has been signed by more than 850 mayors from 50 states, itemizes many of the measures that Maplewood is already taking to preserve our environment, reduce pollution and greenhouse gas emissions, and often save money along the way. One aspect of the agreement is a pledge to inventory emissions from city operations and the community; this will allow us to quantify our goals and measure our progress in the future. This should be useful when we pursue grants to help maintain Maplewood's leadership in the environmental field.

Firefighter Sleeping Quarters: In February, the council approved the remodeling of Fire Stations 1 and 2 with sleeping quarters, allowing our full-time firefighters to work 24-hour shifts. Switching to 24-hour shifts reduces overtime expenses and improves service, giving our city three fire medics on duty around the clock.

Bond Refunding: The silver lining of this year's weak economy is lower interest rates. Just as homeowners can refinance their mortgages, Maplewood "refunded" some of our outstanding debt with new, lower-interest bonds. The result will be more than \$42,000 in interest savings.

Updated Dog Ordinance: After residents came forward with concerns about some problem dogs, the city council took a look at our existing dog ordinance and recent changes in state law regarding dangerous and potentially dangerous dogs. The result is an updated dog ordinance that gives Animal Control and the police department more flexibility in dealing with problem dogs, and it also brings our code up to date with modern technology such as "invisible fences." We approved the first reading of this ordinance on June 23rd; it will likely become law after a second reading and publication.

Commitment to Public Safety: One new police officer position that was created in the budget process last year has not yet been filled, because of financial concerns and uncertainties with the economy this year. The council voted at our June 23rd meeting to direct the Acting City Manager to fill this position by the end of the year, and also to maintain the current staffing levels in the Fire Department. We told him to maintain those staffing levels in the 2009 budget that is now being developed as well.

City Manager Search Process: Our city staff has, at the council's direction, sent out a request for proposals to executive search firms, so that we can select one to coordinate our search for a permanent City Manager. This is an ongoing process, but the council has found consensus in setting high expectations for a process that will involve not only the council but residents, business owners, staff, and members of the city's citizen boards and commissions, as well.

Maplewood continues to face many challenges, and the council is made up of strong-willed individuals with different points of view, but we can share a common purpose of strengthening our community and tending to the well-being of our fellow residents across the city. Tell us what you think, and give us your ideas about how our city can better achieve that purpose, by writing to us at CityCouncil@ci.maplewood.mn.us.

Maplewood Historic Preservation Commission



Mission Statement: "To learn from the cities past, reflect on lessons from both its successes and failings, and to get engaged in planning for Maplewood's future well being."

The Historic Preservation Commission consists of seven members and was created to assist the City Council with its overall Historic Preservation goals. These goals include educating our community about the necessity to protect and conserve our historical, cultural and architectural structures, buildings and sites.

A future goal is achieving Certified Local Government status which would include recognition by the Minnesota Historical Society. This recognition would allow for funding and professional support to the city in achieving its preservation goals.

The city encourages citizen participation in Historic preservation activities and has worked on such projects as the Bruentrup Heritage Farm-Home, the National Preservation Conference, and the coordination of the cities recent 50th Anniversary celebrations. The Commission is still requesting items for the Cities Time Capsule to be stowed at City Hall and opened on the 100th Anniversary of our city.

Feel free to contact any member of the Commission with your thoughts, ideas or suggestions on how to preserve the historic values of our city at www.maplewoodmatters@yahoo.com or by calling 651-738-7233. The Historic Preservation Commission meets on the third Thursday of every month at 7:00 PM at city hall.

Finally, the Historic Preservation Commission works closely with the Maplewood Area Historical Society to attain many of our goals. Visit them at www.maplewoodhistory.blogspot.com.

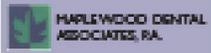
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Maplewood Police Officer Recognized as “DWI Enforcer All-Star”

The Department of Public Safety (DPS) recognized one of Maplewood’s finest this month. Officer Scott Langner, Maplewood PD, was honored as part of the DPS first-ever “DWI Enforcer All-Star Team.” The all-star team was comprised of 32 officers, deputies, and troopers that led the state of Minnesota in DWI arrests in 2007. Officer Langner made 82 DWI arrests last year alone! Please join us in congratulating him!



Citizen Police Academy

The Maplewood Police Department would like to announce the 12th annual Citizen Police Academy. This is an opportunity for citizens to learn and experience some of the aspects of police duty and day to day activities. This course is designed to introduce residents to the realities of police work. It will provide attendees an opportunity to see the challenges and dangers police officers face while protecting their communities.

Topics covered will include criminal investigation, criminal prosecution, use of force, traffic enforcement and accidents, gangs, DWI, drugs and many more. Each class is three hours long (6:30PM to 9:30PM) on Thursday nights starting September 18, 2008 and going through November 13, 2008.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn and experience the job of police officer in the City of Maplewood. The Citizen's Academy is open to anyone eighteen years of age or older who lives or works in Maplewood or a surrounding community. For more information or to have an application sent to you, please call 651-249-2650. Best of all. . . . it's free!

On the Police Scanner

In June, the Maplewood Police Department responded to 2,250 calls for service. Included in this number were the following incidents:

- 37 Assault Cases
- 2 Robbery Cases
- 30 Burglary Cases
- 150 Theft Cases
- 45 Criminal Damage to Property Cases
- 16 Auto Theft Cases
- 63 Theft from Vehicle Cases

In addition, Officers made 55 arrests for shoplifting, 24 arrests for DWI and issued 863 citations.

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Looking Ahead with the Maplewood Comprehensive Plan

The City of Maplewood is approaching completion of its update of the Comprehensive Plan. The City's Boards and Commissions and the City Council are currently reviewing draft chapters of the plan. During this review period elected and appointed officials will be making recommendations for revisions. After the review period is completed, the Comprehensive Plan will move to the Planning Commission for a public hearing and a recommendation to the City Council for approval. After approval, the Plan will be submitted to the Metropolitan Council for review, and distributed to cities adjacent and affected by Maplewood's Plan.

Background

The Comprehensive Plan is a policy document for guiding City land use and capital improvement pending decisions in the City for the next several years. A major element of the Comprehensive Plan is the land use plan. This section establishes what land uses, whether they be commercial, residential or industrial for example, the City envisions and expects for all property in Maplewood. Other components of the Plan include: Parks, Trails and Open Space, Housing, Transportation, Natural Resources, Surface Water, Sanitary Sewer, Sustainability and Historical Resources. The City of Maplewood has been working on all of the components of its Comprehensive Plan for the last year and a half. The City's Planning Commission has served as the steering body during the planning process while the other Boards and Commissions have worked on the chapters that relate to their area of interest. An advisory panel was established to provide advice on the Parks, Trails and Open Space chapter.

There have been two Open Houses held throughout the process that were intended to give the public an opportunity to learn more about the Plan and provide comment. The first Open House was held at Carver Elementary School on April 22 and gave background to what a Comprehensive Plan is and why it needs to be updated. It also provided the public an opportunity to see preliminary draft maps of the Plan. The second Open House was held at the Maplewood Community Center on May 22 and focused on how the various Comprehensive Plan elements could impact two select areas of the City. The two areas focused on were the Highway 36 Corridor and South Maplewood. Both Open Houses provided ample opportunities for concerned and interested citizens to ask questions of City Staff and consultants about the Comprehensive Plan and its process.

Looking Ahead

The Planning Commission and City Council will be finishing its review of the Comprehensive Plan in early August. At that point, the Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing. The Public Hearing is an opportunity for the public to provide comments and concerns on the Comprehensive Plan directly to the Planning Commission. The Public Hearing is tentatively scheduled to be held in late August or in September. Please check the City's website or call City Hall to find out more information on the exact date.

For more information, please check the City website (www.ci.maplewood.mn.us) for copies of presentations and reports about the Comprehensive Plan update. As Draft Chapters become available, they will be posted to the web site as well. You also may contact Tom Ekstrand, Senior Planner, at 651-249-2302 or Tom.Ekstrand@ci.maplewood.mn.us with any questions or comments.

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Maplewood residents are great recyclers. In 2007 you recycled almost 2,700 tons of material in the curbside recycling program. That amount of recycling saves a significant amount of energy and pollution. Your recycling efforts prevented the release of over 6,800 metric tons of the greenhouse gas carbon dioxide from being released into our atmosphere. To have an equivalent impact, 13% of Maplewood's households would have to give up their car for a year. That's 1,485 cars!

Unfortunately, not everyone in Maplewood is participating in the city's recycling program. An average of 67% of Maplewood households are currently recycling. While that's definitely a number to be proud of, let's see if we can do even better!

To ensure that everyone who wants a recycling bin has the chance to get one, the City of Maplewood and our recycling partner, Eureka Recycling will be distributing bins during National Night Out on August 5th. If your block is having an event and would like to distribute bins to your neighbors, please contact Eureka Recycling at 651-222-7678 to arrange for delivery. Bins are also available at the Maplewood Public Works building at 1902 County Road B East. Call 651-249-2400 for more information.



Maplewood Fire Department Is Now Accepting Applications For Oct '08 Hire

Maplewood is a combination municipal fire department made up of full-time and paid-per-call firefighters. All paid-per-call firefighters are required to complete Firefighter I and II, HazMat and Emergency Medical Technician training during the first year, make a minimum of 25% of calls and attend a minimum of five drills each quarter.

All applicants must be in good medical/physical condition. You will need to pass a written, pre-employment medical, physical ability and psychological exams to join the Department. A thorough background investigation will also be done.

If you've always thought about becoming a firefighter and serving your community, now is the time to apply. You can earn up to \$15.77 per call. You can pickup an application by stopping by Maplewood City Hall at 1830 County Road B East, calling 651-249-2800 or visiting our web page at www.ci.maplewood.mn.us under City Jobs.

Special Events



Join Us for a High School Musical 2 Movie Release Party

Once Upon A Star and the City of Maplewood have planned two great parties this fall! Join us to celebrate "The Start of Something New" at a High School Musical 2 Movie Release party! The first of two parties, recommended for children five to twelve years old, will be held on **Thursday, October 2** at Carver Community Gym (2680 Upper Afton Road), from 4:00PM - 5:30PM. The second will take place **Thursday, November 6** from 3:30PM - 5:00PM at Edgerton Gym (1929 Edgerton Street). For a registration fee of \$16.00 all participants will receive temporary red hair streaks (that wash out with just one shampoo!) and a glistening sugar tattoo. We'll make crafts, play games, dance, and even braid a "Sharpay" bracelet to match your outfit.

And watch out for a music surprise! At this party "Everybody's One For All and All For One!"

Jasmine's Magic Carpet Ride

Let your children enjoy discovering "A Whole New World" at Princess Jasmine's Magic Carpet Ride party! Children ages 3 - 7, accompanied by a parent, are invited to join us in the Maplewood Community Center Motion Zone Room from 1:00PM - 2:00PM on **Thursday, November 20**. For a \$12.00 registration fee (\$10.00 for Maplewood Community Members) participants will play movie inspired Aladdin-themed games (including a flannel board game), read pop-up books and dance with instruments. All participants will create a "castle craft" to take home and have a photo opportunity to sit on the "magic carpet" with Princess Jasmine.



Kid Parties, started in 2002, specializes in birthday parties, childcare entertainment and special events. Kim Maxwell, Owner, was an educator for 10 years before starting this Burnsville based business.



Holiday Craft Show

The Maplewood Community Center welcomes you to the 2008 Holiday Craft Show, **Saturday, November 8**, 9:00AM - 4:00PM. The show, held in the MCC Banquet Room, will feature premium arts and crafts. Artisans from around the Twin Cities and surrounding areas will be on site to present their work and offer you wonderful holiday gift choices. Here you will find something for everyone on your shopping list. Take a break during the show and enjoy a hot snack or beverage from our snack bar! If you are interested in participating as a vendor, contact Pauline at 651.249.2103 or via e-mail at pauline.staples@ci.maplewood.mn.us.

Special Events

Billy McLaughlin "Simple Gifts" Holiday Concert



Maplewood is pleased to present guitarist and composer, Billy McLaughlin live on **Wednesday, November 26** at 7:30PM at the Maplewood Community Center (2100 White Bear Ave). For over twenty years McLaughlin has impressed audiences with his innovative performances and his complex and rhythmical self-composed music. Now McLaughlin is also astounding audiences with his impressive personal story.

In 2001, McLaughlin was diagnosed with focal Dystonia, an incurable neuromuscular disease that rendered him unable to play his guitar or make his beautiful music. However, in 2006 Billy made a comeback, learning how to play the guitar left-handed! His concert, Into the Light, held at the Maplewood Community Center in 2006 was one of the highlight performances of Billy's new career. Now he is

returning to Maplewood to awe audiences once again with both his story and his outstanding music! Don't miss this great performance! Price of tickets purchased in advance are \$25.00, \$23.00 for seniors and students, or \$30.00 day of show. Call 651.249.2230 to reserve your tickets today.

Free Outdoor Movie!

Enjoy an outdoor movie screening of the family favorite "Cars" on **Friday, August 22**. Bring the whole family to the Bruentrup Farm (2170 E. County Road D) for **pre-show activities beginning at 7:30PM**, followed by the **movie at 8:30PM**. Play games, cozy up to a toasty bonfire, and take a tour of the old farm house. Hot dogs, popcorn, pop, and cookies will be available for purchase from the Historical Society. Bring a chair, blanket, and bug spray. Don't miss this great event.



SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, October 5, 2008
9:00AM - 3:00PM

Visitor Open House
Join the MCC and experience
MORE THAN EVER BEFORE.

- Drawings
- Member Specials
- Fitness Demos
- And more!

Watch for more details to come!

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New! Mid-Day Memberships Coming Soon!



Maplewood Community Center is excited to announce that mid-day memberships will be available starting October 1. Mid-day memberships are good Monday through Friday from 10:00AM to 2:00PM. They are available for family or individual purchase for three or twelve month increments. Insurance reimbursements are applicable with mid-day membership. See page 10 for more information on Maplewood Community Center rates.

Looking for even BIGGER SAVINGS?

Join as a new annual member between August 15 - October 31 and pay no initial fee AND get one month free! Call 651-249-2230 for more information. **Excludes mid-day memberships.**

Mid-Day Membership Rates

3 Months:

Individual: \$75.00
Family: \$120.00

12 Months:

Individual: \$300.00
Family: \$480.00



2100 White Bear Ave.



New Kids Menu Available!

Stop by the MCC Snack Bar to fuel up with one of these great deals from our new kids menu! Kids meals are available for group functions and birthday parties.

Corn Dog, Milk, & Chips: \$2.00
Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Milk, & Chips: \$2.50
Individual Mini Pizza & Milk: \$3.00

**Snack Bar Hours: Monday - Friday 5:30AM - 7:30PM,
Saturday 6:00AM - 7:30PM, Sunday 9:00AM - 7:30PM**

MCC Pro Shop - We've Got You Covered



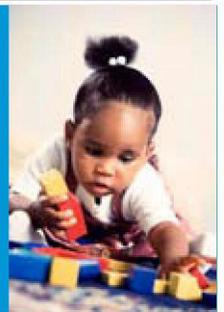
Forget something at home? Don't worry the MCC Pro Shop has you covered! Stocking community center necessities as well as other products to supplement your fitness or fun, the MCC Pro Shop has something for everyone, including:

New products arriving regularly! Stop by for great merchandise and even better deals!

Heart Rate Monitors	Water Bottles	
Headbands	Lap Counters	Shirts
Goggles	Swim Gloves	Swim Caps
Swim Diapers	Coffee Mugs	Batteries
Socks	Shoe Laces	Much More...

MCC Childcare

Need a break? MCC offers childcare for kids ages six weeks to nine years for up to ninety minutes at a time. The childcare rate is \$3.75 an hour (or \$3.00 an hour for MCC members). Punch cards are also available! So take a break to work out, attend a class, or enjoy the pool! Reservations are required at least 24 hours in advance.



Drop-in childcare is also available for reservations made less than 24 hours in advance, for children 19 months and older, provided that space is available. Please note that our childcare center will close early if there are no reservations.

**Call for your reservation today: 651.249.2218.
Don't forget to check page 11 for date night outings.**

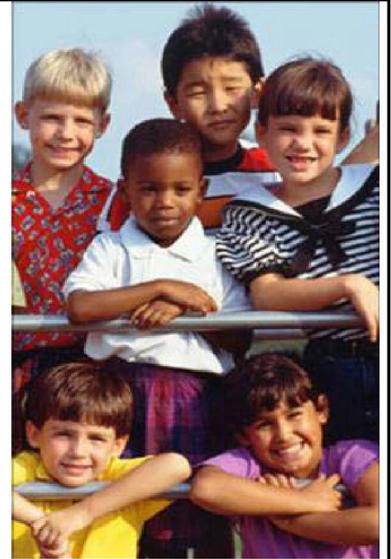
Maplewood Community Center

Gathering Your Group?

Maplewood community center offers something for everyone! Are you looking for the perfect place to hold your next lock-in or group gathering? Look no further than the Maplewood Community Center! Where else can you rocket down a 120-foot water slide, splash in spraying fountains, swim laps in the 25-yard lap pool, shoot hoops in the gym, spike a volleyball, or cool off with a sweet smoothie at the snack bar? Whether you are looking for excitement, relaxation, enjoyment, laughter, or endless fun the Maplewood Community Center Offers something for everyone!

Reserve your group's date TODAY by calling 651.249.2203. Groups registering 14 - 29 days in advance will receive a discount! And don't forget to ask about our recurring group option!

**Maplewood Community Center:
Experience Everything!**



Celebrate!

Your child's birthday only comes around once a year. This year, let your child know how much you love and appreciate them by making their birthday celebration one to remember. Contact the Maplewood Community Center to find out more about our birthday packages that incorporate all the fun the community center has to offer. From party rooms and cake to gym and pool access, our party packages offer something for everyone. Call today to book your celebration!

Book your celebration: 651.249.2203



Date Nights

Plan a night out knowing that your children are taken care of by our friendly, familiar staff. If you are an MCC member or a member of the Kids Club, you are eligible to sign up for MCC Date Nights. Offered on alternating Saturdays from 6:00PM - 8:30PM in our childcare area, MCC Date Nights cost \$12.00 for one child or \$24.00 per family (up to 4 children). Upcoming dates include:

September: 13th & 27th
October : 11th & 25th
November: 8th & 22nd

Sign up soon - space is limited!

For reservations call: 651.249.2203

An advertisement for birthday parties. It features a large, multi-layered cake with white frosting and colorful flowers. To the left of the cake are three balloons in red, yellow, and blue. Above the cake is a logo for 'DQ Cakes AND MAPLEWOOD Community Center BIRTHDAY PARTIES!'. Below the cake is a circular logo with a green dragon and the text 'HAPPY BIRTHDAY TOMMY'. The background is a bright, sunny outdoor scene with a green field and a blue sky.

What A Perfect Combination.
Call **651.249.2003** to reserve your
DQ® party cake today.

MEMBERSHIP RATE

3-MONTH RATE *NO INITIAL FEE!*

	Rate	Resident
Youth/Senior	\$110	\$104
Senior HH	\$144	\$135
Adult	\$167	\$134
Couple/Dual	\$192	\$165
Family/HH	\$200	\$185

A one time non-refundable **\$75 initial fee** is payable upon joining and will only be reassessed if a membership lapses more than 30 days.

MONTHLY RATE

	Rate	Resident
Youth/Senior	\$27	\$25
Senior HH	\$41	\$38
Adult	\$45	\$35
Couple/Dual	\$56	\$50
Family/HH	\$60	\$55

ANNUAL RATE

	Rate	Resident
Youth/Senior	\$312	\$288
Senior HH	\$408	\$372
Adult	\$540	\$408
Couple/Dual	\$600	\$492
Family/HH	\$672	\$612

DAILY ADMISSION

	Rate	Resident
Youth/Senior	\$7	\$5
Adult	\$9	\$7
Family*	\$20	\$16

*Daily admission family consists of father, mother, sons, daughters, foster children, and foreign exchange students. No more than two adults 18 years of age or older.

All rates are subject to change and will be assessed a 6.75% sales tax.

MEMBERSHIP DEFINITIONS

Youth: 17 & under Adult: 18 & older Senior: 62 & older
Senior Household: Two individuals 62 & older living in the same dwelling

Couple/Dual: Two individuals living in the same dwelling

Family/ Household: Up to 6 individuals living in the same dwelling*

*Each individual after 6 will require an additional \$4/month \$48/annually (Verification of residency will be required on all types of memberships.)

PAYMENT OPTIONS

3-Month or Annual: Use cash, check, Visa, MasterCard or Discover to pre-pay

(includes: four guest passes*, 60 & 30 day renewal notices, and insurance fitness discounts applied to on renewal)

Monthly: first month paid to Maplewood Community Center, remaining months are automatic monthly withdrawals from a checking or savings account

(includes: continual membership, four guest passes*, and insurance fitness discounts applied monthly) *per membership/per year

HEAR FROM A MEMBER!



"My family and I have been coming to the Maplewood Community Center since its inception. Its members and staff are like extended family. The community center served as a helpful resource following my surgery and is a wonderful way to bring people together. It's been a great place for our children to grow as a group, while meeting new friends and staying active."

Pamela Seivert



Monthly Membership Fees After Fitness Discount

Work out 8-12 times per month for reimbursements	Qualifying Definity, Blue Cross Blue Shield, and Health Partners Members		Qualifying UCARE Members <i>(must be 65 years of age)</i>		Qualifying Medica Members	
	Maplewood Resident	Non-Resident	Maplewood Resident	Non-Resident	Maplewood Resident	Non-Resident
Youth/Senior	\$5	\$7	\$5	\$7	\$5	\$7
Senior Household	\$0*	\$1*	\$0*	\$0*	\$18	\$21
Adult	\$15	\$25	NA	NA	\$15	\$25
Couple/Dual	\$10*	\$16*	\$30	\$36	\$30	\$36
Family/Household*	\$15	\$20*	\$15*	\$20*	\$35	\$40

*Two participants per membership.
6.75% Sales tax will be assessed before the discount.

Aquatics

Fall Swim Registration Beginning August 18 and 20!



The time has come once again for you to register your water baby (or yourself!) for Maplewood Community Swim lessons. Course descriptions may be found on our website at www.maplewoodcommunitycenter.com. Please refer to the schedule on the following pages to find the class that is right for you. All fall session classes include 8 lessons and cost \$65.00 (\$50.00 for MCC Members). Semi-private lessons are available at a rate of \$110 (\$85 for MCC members) per eight lessons.

To register, stop by the Maplewood Community Center beginning **Monday, August 18, 9:00AM (MCC members) or Wednesday, August 20, 9:00AM** (general public). Online registration is also available beginning Tuesday, August 10 at 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 pre-register for your online account before registering on this day! Or register by phone beginning Thursday, August 19, 9:00AM 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 (\$112 for MCC members) for four lessons, or \$288 (\$208 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.

Adult Only Swim Time

We now offer "Adult Only" swim times on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:00PM - 3:00PM. During this time adult non-members can pay the very low admission rate of \$3.00. Adult Only time is also offered Wednesdays from 8:00PM - 9:00PM. During these times, no one under the age of 18 will be allowed in the lap pool (please note that exception is made for school release days). Some exceptions may apply -- check the monthly pool calendar for specific dates and exceptions.

Flotation Fridays

Come jump, splash, float, and slide at Flotation Fridays held at the MCC. The inflatable magic island, beach balls, tubes, and everything else the MCC has that floats will be available in the pool for all to enjoy. Upcoming float days include **August 29, September 26, and November 28** (5:00PM - 8:00 PM) and **November 26** (1:00PM - 4:00PM). Cost is free to members and is included in the price of admission for non-members.

Pool Hours

Monthly Pool and Lap Swim Calendars are available on our website at: www.maplewoodcommunitycenter.com. Printed copies may also be picked up at the admission and customer service desks. Please note that pool hours vary during sessions of swim lessons -- these changes are listed in the Pool and Lap Swim Calendars.

Snorkeling

This training is great for those planning a warm water vacation. Whether it is a cruise or barefoot sailing to a remote island, the skills you acquire in this snorkeling class will enhance your enjoyment and safety in the water. Classes are offered **Saturdays, September 27 OR November 22**. Class for ages 6 - 11 will take place 8:30AM - 9:45AM. Class for ages 12 and above will take place 10:00AM - 11:30AM. Cost is \$15.00 (\$10.00 for MCC members).

Water Safety Instructor Training

Are you interested in being trained as a Red Cross Water Safety Instructor? We now have in-house Water Safety Instructor Trainers who will be offering at least two classes per year. For more details contact Ron at 651-249-2206 or ron.horwath@ci.maplewood.mn.us.

Water Safety Aide Program

We now offer FREE training to individuals over the age of ten, who have completed Red Cross Level 4 and are interested in being a volunteer aide for Maplewood Community Center swim lessons. Class will be offered **Saturday, September 13, 10:00AM - 3:00PM** at Community Center. For more information contact Ron at 651-249-2206 or at ron.horwath@ci.maplewood.mn.us.

FALL 2008 SWIM LESSONS: EVENINGS

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	September 22, 29, October 6, 13, 20, 27, November 3, 10	September 23, 30, October 7, 14, 21, 28, November 4, 11	Leisure Pool is closed 4:30pm-6:00pm and Lap Pool is closed 6:00-7:00pm for lessons September 24, October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, November 5, 12	September 25, November 2, 9, 23, 30, November 6, 13, 20	September 19, 26, October 3, 10, 24, November 7, 14, 21
	None	None	None	No Lessons October 16 (MEA)	No Lessons October 17 (MEA) and 31 (Halloween)

Preschool Swimming Classes (All Classes are 30 Minutes Long)

	Time	Activity #						
Parent/Child	5:30 PM	1516.331	6:00 PM	1516.341	5:00 PM	1516.351	5:00 PM	1516.361
Tot Swim	5:00 PM	1518.331	5:30 PM	1518.341	5:00 PM	1518.351	7:00 PM	1518.361
	7:00 PM	1518.332						
Preschool 1	7:00 PM	1511.331	6:30 PM	1511.341	4:30 PM	1511.351	5:30 PM	1511.361
Preschool 2	6:00 PM	1512.331	5:00 PM	1512.341	4:30 PM	1512.351	5:30 PM	1512.361
	6:30 PM	1512.332	7:00 PM	1512.342	5:30 PM	1512.352	6:30 PM	1512.362
Preschool 3	5:30 PM	1513.331	5:00 PM	1513.341	4:30 PM	1513.351	6:00 PM	1513.361
			7:00 PM	1513.342	5:30 PM	1513.352	7:00 PM	1513.362
Preschool 4	5:00 PM	1514.331	5:30 PM	1514.341	4:30 PM	1514.351	5:00 PM	1514.361

Red Cross Levels 1-6 and Adult Lessons (All Classes are 45 Minutes Long)

	Time	Activity #						
Level 1	6:00 PM	1501.331	5:00 PM	1501.341	5:00 PM	1501.351	5:00 PM	1501.361
Level 2	6:00 PM	1502.331	6:00 PM	1502.341	5:00 PM	1502.351	6:00 PM	1502.361
Level 3	7:00 PM	1503.331	7:00 PM	1503.341	6:00 PM	1503.351	7:00 PM	1503.361
Level 4	5:00 PM	1504.331	7:30 PM	1504.341	6:00 PM	1504.351	6:00 PM	1504.361
Level 5	7:30 PM	1505.331	6:00 PM	1505.341	6:00 PM	1505.351	7:30 PM	1505.361
Level 6					6:00 PM	1506.351		

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Preschool 2	6:00 PM	1512.331	5:00 PM	1512.341	4:30 PM	1512.351	5:30 PM	1512.361	4:30 PM	1512.371
	6:30 PM	1512.332	7:00 PM	1512.342	5:30 PM	1512.352	6:30 PM	1512.362		
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Level 4	5:00 PM	1504.331	7:30 PM	1504.341	6:00 PM	1504.351	6:00 PM	1504.361		
Level 5	7:30 PM	1505.331	6:00 PM	1505.341	6:00 PM	1505.351	7:30 PM	1505.361		
Level 6					6:00 PM	1506.351				

Preschool Programs

Preschool Programs

Scientific studies show that gymnastics and early childhood movement education can be directly attributed to developing neurological pathways in students and promoting reading readiness. So get your children off to the right start with one of these gym, tumbling, or movement programs designed for preschool students!

Preschool Gymboree: Preschool Gymboree is designed for children ages 1 - 5 with energy to burn. Join us in the gym for a roly-poly good time! We provide the balls, mats, toys, and games - you bring the fun! Because this is not a structured program, children must be accompanied by an adult at all times and any outside equipment brought along must be approved by the gym monitor. Join us in Maplewood Community Center Gym 3, **Thursdays October 9 - April 23** from 10:00AM - 11:30AM. Cost is \$3.00 per child, per day for members and \$4.00 per child, per day for non-members.

Gym and Swim: Give your energetic preschooler (ages 3 - 6) the opportunity to burn off some energy with gym and swim! Fun gym games and plenty of splashing in the pool is bound to make for a fun and fabulous day. We are offering two sessions both on **Mondays, September 29 - November 3**. Session I will take place 9:30AM - 10:30AM and Session II will take place 5:30PM - 6:30PM. Cost is \$35.00 (\$30.00 for MCC members). Registration by September 22 is required. Please have your child dressed with a swimsuit under their clothes. Your child must be picked up from the pool area within 15 minutes of the conclusion of class.

Tots in Motion: This class is designed for parents or grandparents and toddlers from walking age to three years old. Learn simple dance moves, activity and sing-a-long songs, and most of all, have a great time with your little ones! We will meet in the MCC Activity Room **Tuesday, September 9 - October 14, 5:15PM - 6:00PM**. Cost is \$35.00 (\$30.00 for MCC members). Registration deadline is September 2.

Beginning Tumbling: 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. All classes will meet in the MCC Motion Zone and cost \$35.00 (\$30.00 for MCC members). Session I will be offered **Fridays, September 19 - October 24 OR Saturdays, September 20 - October 25**. Ages 2-3 will meet from 9:00AM - 9:45AM and ages 4-6 will meet 9:45AM - 10:30AM. Session II will be offered **Fridays, November 7- December 19 OR Saturdays, November 8 - December 20, 9:00AM-9:45AM** (class will not meet on November 28). Ages 2-3 will meet 9:00AM - 9:45AM and ages 4-6 will meet 9:45AM - 10:30AM. Registration deadline is one week before classes begin.

Preschool Sports Spectacular: You and your child (3 - 5 years of age) will learn the ABC's of beginner sports in a fun, informative and safe way with out the threat of competition. Our goal is for both parent and child to have a positive first time experience so that they continue on in sports beyond the introductory level. We'll learn a new sport each week! Class will meet **Wednesdays, October 8 - November 12, 5:15PM - 6:00PM**. Cost is \$35.00 (MCC Members \$30.00). Parent must accompany child during class and pre-registration by October 1 is required.



Preschool Programs



If your little ones (between the ages of 3 -6) love crafts, sports, music, and fun, then the MCC Kids Club is for you! The Kids Club meets from **9:30AM - 11:00AM Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, September 8 - November 19** in the MCC Activity Room. Your child will make new friends, learn new skills, and most importantly, have a great time! Cost is \$7.00/day (\$5.00 for MCC members) or \$18.00/week (\$12.00 for MCC members). Pre-registration is required at least one week in advance of the class. Note: Parents do not need to stay at the MCC during our program but all participants must be potty-trained.

MCC Kids Club Fabulous Field Trips!

Kids Club is heading out on the road for two great adventures! Our fabulous field trips will leave after our Wednesday sessions and return to the MCC by 2:00PM. Parents are welcome to join us but must drive separately and parents will need to provide a car seat or booster when appropriate. Join us for these great trips!

Aamodt's Apple Farm:

Aamodt's Apple Farm is an Upper Midwest favorite destination but Aamodt's is more than just apples! Everyday there's something fun for the kids and the entire family. The John Deere Kiddie Trike & Tractor Farm, Hay Bale Maze & Hay Mountain, and the Animal Farm Petting Zoo are just few of the fun spots we'll stop! Join us for this fun filled afternoon from 11:30AM - 2:00PM on Wednesday, October 8. Cost is \$15.00 (\$10.00 for Kids Club members).

Children's Museum:

Minnesota Children's Museum is at the heart of where fun meets learning. It's where kids can touch, climb, splash, crawl, push, pull, and press it all. Children ages 6 months through 10 years and their adult guests are invited to explore seven galleries packed with extraordinary hands-on adventures on Wednesday, **November 19**, from 11:30AM - 2:00PM. Cost is \$15.00 (\$10.00 for Kids Club members).



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You and your child (3 - 5 years of age) will learn the ABC's of beginner sports in a fun, informative and safe way with out the threat of competition. Our goal is for both parent and child to have a positive first time experience so that they continue on in sports beyond the introductory level. We'll learn a new sport each week! Class will meet Wednesdays, **October 8 - November 12, 5:15PM - 6:00PM**. Cost is \$35.00 (MCC Members \$30.00). Parent must accompany child during class and pre-registration by October 1 is required.

Mommy and Me Yoga

Mommy and Me Yoga will allow you to bond with your child while improving your child's body awareness and physical confidence. Mothers are invited to bring children ages 3 - 5 for this morning class. We will meet Thursdays, 9:30AM - 10:10AM, **September 11 - October 23** (class will not meet on October 16). Mommies - feel free to bring more than one child! Cost of class (per mother) is \$54.00 (\$42.00 for MCC members).

Youth Programs

Also, see pages 23 - 23 for youth group fitness opportunities!

Kids! Don't miss the High School Musical Two Movie Release Party or the Magic Carpet Ride with Princess Jasmine! Check out page 8 for more information!



Safe On My Own

The American Red Cross has teamed up with us to offer this terrific safety seminar for kids grades K - 5. This one-hour program deals with the issues and concerns of parents and children when a child is left home alone. Tips and advice are offered to make it to the best and safest experience possible. Covered topics will include safety messages on answering the telephone and door, where to keep keys and emergency information, and what they need to know to call 911. First aid information will include injury prevention, choking, bleeding, and burns. Class will take place **Thursday, September 18, 6:30PM - 8:00PM** in the Maplewood Community Center Lounge. Registration deadline is one week before class. Cost is \$16.00 (\$11.00 for Maplewood residents and non-MCC members).

Holiday Crafts

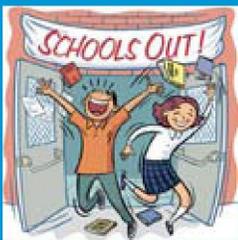
Parents, do you need a little help getting your kids in the holiday spirit? Children ages 5 - 8 are invited to the Maplewood Community Center Motion Zone to create fun and easy holiday crafts, guaranteed to put them in a festive mood. Our **Thursday, October 30** session will focus on spooky holiday crafts and on **Thursday, November 20** we will be preparing for Thanksgiving with a turkey day theme. Each session will meet from 6:15 - 7:15. Cost is \$7.00 and pre-registration is required at least one week before class date. We'll have fun music playing and a delicious snack prepared so grab your paint shirt and come join us for a great time!



Yoga for Kids

Yoga helps children develop better body awareness, self-control, flexibility, and coordination. Help your little ones find their balance with this fun class! Appropriate for children ages 6 - 12, this class will meet Thursdays, 5:15PM - 6:00PM, **October 7 - October 28**. Cost is \$32.00 (\$24.00 for MCC members).

School's Out!



Are you looking for a great way to spend those non-school days? We have the answer for you! Send children ages 6 - 12 to the Maplewood Community Center! From 9:00AM - 4:00PM on **October 16 and 17** kids are invited for action packed days full of sports, swimming, crafts and more. AND on October 16 we'll head to

Pump it up Party Zone for inflatable fun. You bring your tennis shoes, swimsuit, and towel and we'll bring the fun! Cost is \$35.00 per child for October 16 and \$25.00 per child for October 17. Before and after childcare is also available for \$5.00 per child from 7:00AM - 5:30PM. Please register at least one week in advance!

Red Cross Babysitting Class



This ever-popular class is back again! A certified Red Cross Instructor will teach this hands-on course dealing with the challenges and rewards of caring for younger children. Students will learn and put into practice valuable concepts and problem solving skills

and upon course completion will be Red Cross certified babysitters. Participants ages 11 and up may join for one of three sessions offered on **August 23, September 13, or November 1**. Each session will be held in the MCC Activity Room and will run from 9:00AM - 3:30PM. Cost is \$55.00 and includes a \$10 Red Cross Kit. Students should bring a bag lunch or money for the MCC Concessions Counter. Class size is limited so please register early!

Youth Programs



Youth Fall Soccer – K-9th Grade

The Maplewood Recreation Department's Youth Fall Soccer Program is designed to provide youth of all skill levels with an opportunity to participate in organized recreational soccer. All participants will have an equal opportunity to play. Girls and boys will play in separate leagues, except for the co-rec second grade league. Please register for the grade attending during the 2008-2009 school year. The soccer season is scheduled to run from September to late October. For K – 4th grade this will be a 10 game season. For all other ages it will be an 8 game season with a two game guarantee end of the year tournament. Co-rec leagues cost \$50.00 (\$45.00 for Maplewood residents) and all other leagues cost \$65.00 (\$60.00 for Maplewood residents). Please note that due to the growing number of participants and lack of field space, some games may be played Sunday afternoons and on other week nights.

MCC Winter Youth Soccer Clinic

Youth in grades K – 5 will fine tune their soccer skills in this fun and exciting clinic. The MCC youth soccer clinic is for beginner boy and girl players. The philosophy of the clinic is to provide a sound foundation and refine the skills for beginners, and enhance team play. Develop soccer skills such as dribbling, shooting and goaltending by using fun games and friendly competition. Enhance physical fitness, coordination and motor skills while having fun learning the booming sport of soccer. Clinic will meet Thursdays, **November 6, 13, and 20 and December 4, 11, and 18**. Grades K-1 will meet 5:00PM – 6:00PM, grades 2-3 will meet 6:00PM – 7:00PM, and grades 4-5 will meet 7:00PM – 8:00PM. All clinics will take place at the Maplewood Community Center. Cost is \$50.00 (\$40.00 for MCC members) and participants will receive a clinic shirt.

League

Co-Rec K/1st Grade
Co-Rec 2nd Grade

Game Days

Tue. & Thur.
Wed. & Sat.

Boys 3rd Grade
Boys 4th Grade
Boys 5th/6th Grade
Boys 7th/8th Grade**

Tue. & Sat.
Thur. & Sat.
Tue. & Sat.
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Girls 3rd/4th Grade
Girls 5th/6th Grade
Girls 7th/8th/9th Grade**

Mon. & Sat.
Thur. & Sat.
Tue. & Sat.

Registration Deadline: **August 10**

**Minnesota State High School League rules prohibit varsity or junior varsity players from playing in this league.

Advanced Cheer

Take your cheer experience to the next level with this exciting new, advanced cheer clinic. This clinic will incorporate a competitive cheer/Pom routine & beginner stunts. Have fun taking your passion to the next level with this challenging and rewarding program. This class is designed for children in grades 5 and 6 and will meet **Tuesdays, November 4 – December 16** (No Class December 2), in the MCC Motion Zone, 5:00PM – 6:00PM. Cost is \$45.00 (\$35.00 for MCC members).

South Maplewood Tennis

All tennis programs will be held Saturdays, **September 6 - October 11** and will take place at Vista Hills (2480 Mailand Road). Fee is \$45.00 per participant.

Little Stars (Ages 4 - 6): This innovative program gets parents on the court with their kids. Parents work one on one with their children as the instructor teaches the basic skills and hand-eye coordination. Special lightweight rackets are provided and special adaptive nets are used. Parent should bring their own rackets. Parents play free! Offered 9:00AM - 9:45AM

Big Stars (Ages 7 - 9): Cheer for your kids from the sidelines as they learn the basic tennis strokes, serve, volley, and ground strokes. Lively drills keep the class fast-moving and fun. Special lightweight rackets will be provided. Offered 9:45AM - 10:30AM.

Youth Beginning (Ages 10 - 12): This class is for young adults who want to try the game for the first time. They will learn basic introductory strokes and rules. In addition to hitting drills, each session will end with group emphasizing fun while improving strokes. Students must bring their own rackets. Offered 10:30AM - 11:30AM.



Youth Programs



Intro to Basketball

This program is designed for your son or daughter (in grades K - 2) to learn the basics of basketball in a relaxed, fun atmosphere. Skills include shooting, passing, dribbling, and team play. Basketballs and nets will be adjusted to meet the needs of each age group. All participants will receive a t-shirt and mini-basketball. We will meet **Saturdays, October 11 - November 15** in the Edgerton Community Gym. Children in grade K will meet 9:00AM - 10:00AM, grade 1 will meet 10:15AM - 11:15AM, and grade 2 will meet 11:30AM - 12:30PM. Cost is \$49.00 and the registration deadline is **September 26**.

Youth Basketball

Boys and girls in grades 3 - 8 will have a great time experiencing and learning the game of basketball. You will learn the basics of the game and also how to work as a team. Participants will play in separate leagues, divided according to grade level. To provide a positive and rewarding experience, the 3 - 4 grade division will play their games with 9-foot baskets. The 5 - 6 and 7 - 8 grade divisions will use regulation 10 - foot baskets. Teams will begin practice in mid-November and play games **Saturdays, December - March**. Games are held at various school location and at varying times. Cost is \$109.00 per participant and registration deadline is **October 17**.

Senior High Basketball League

Maplewood Park & Recreation, in cooperation with White Bear Public Schools Community Services and Recreation Department, is offering a Senior High Basketball League for boys and girls in grades 9 - 12. Players on a Varsity, Junior Varsity, or B Squad Basketball team are not eligible to play in this league. Each team must have an adult manager who is present at each game and is 21 years of age or older. Teams will be formed for boys in grades 9 - 10, girls in grades 9 - 10, boys in grades 11 - 12, and girls in grades 11 - 12. All rosters must be handed in when your register and the registration deadline is **December 19**, League will run **January to mid-March** and game play will take place at Edgerton Community Gym and WBL South Campus. Cost is \$525.00 per team and includes reversible shirts and two referees per game.

MCC Youth Floor Hockey Clinic

Minnesota is the "State of Hockey" but some people grow up without ever playing the sport. The MCC is offering our FALL '08 Youth Floor Hockey Clinic designed to give children grades K-2 an opportunity to try hockey in its less intimidating fashion; off the ice and on the gym floor! Without the need to learn how to skate for floor hockey, kids can learn the basics of the game and find out if they like the great sport of hockey. Participants will learn the basics first: the different positions, rules of the game, passing, shooting, stick handling, agility, offensive and defensive positioning among other skills and finish up putting everything together and play games the last two weeks of class. Introduce your kids to this fun and exciting sport without the intimidation of the ice! Clinic will meet **Thursdays, September 11 - October 16** at the Maplewood Community center. Students in Grade K will meet 5:00PM - 6:00PM, grade 1 will meet 6:00PM - 7:00PM, and grade 2 will meet 7:00PM - 8:00PM. Cost is \$50.00 (\$40.00 for MCC members) and each player will receive a clinic shirt and hockey puck!

Youth Volleyball

Volleyball - can you dig it? Join youth in grades 3 - 8 to form teams from Maplewood, Woodbury, Little Canada, Oakdale and Stillwater for fun, yet competitive league play. Games are played on Saturday mornings and afternoons with one practice during the week at various locations. The season will concludes with an all day tournament at Carver and Edgerton Community Gyms. This is a recreational league -- the emphasis is on good sportsmanship and fun. League will run September 20 - November 8. Cost is \$52.00. Registration deadline is September 10.

Volunteer Coaches Needed!

The Maplewood Parks and Recreation Department is in need of volunteer coaches for the Fall Volleyball Program. If you are interested, please call Audra at 651.249.2125.



Adult Programs



Cooking Class:

The Maplewood Community Center is pleased to announce the addition of two new cooking classes to our adult program offerings for fall of 2008. Join us in our fabulous kitchen for an evening of fun and flavor with our "Hip Cooks" Class. Designed for everyone from the novice to the experienced chef, this class will offer complete hands on cooking in a relaxed setting. Learn to cook a seven-course meal without stress from our professional chef instructors. Classes will be held Tuesday evenings **September 30 - October 28**, from 6:30PM - 9:00PM in the MCC Kitchen. After cooking our participants will enjoy the meal they have prepared. Each class has a \$65.00 registration fee and includes all the ingredients necessary to make your dish, take home recipes, and wine to enjoy with your dinner! Sign up for one class or for all five! Must be twenty-one years or older to participate.

Cake Decorating Class:

If you have cooking mastered, but have not yet perfected your baking techniques you may want to consider the MCC Cake Decorating Class "Bake Off 2008." This class will teach participants the techniques and tricks of decorating cakes, cupcakes, and cookies. A professional baker will guide you in making roses, memorable birthday cakes and cookies decorated for the holidays. This class will meet for four sessions on **September 25, October 2, 9, and 16** from 6:30PM - 7:45PM in the MCC Kitchen. Registration fee is \$80.00 (or \$72.00 for MCC Members) and the class is open to aspiring bakers sixteen and over!

Adult Women and Co-Rec Volleyball Leagues

Join Maplewood Recreation for women and co-rec volleyball teams. Fall leagues will begin play in late September and run through the middle of December. Winter league games are played January through March. Team registration begins in August. For complete league information visit our website at www.ci.maplewood.mn.us or call Doug Taubman at 651.249.2120.

CPR and First Aid Classes

These classes are designed to inform people how to respond in emergency situations. Their purpose is also to instruct participants how to respond in a situation when anyone is having a life-threatening emergency. Participants may receive Red Cross Certifications. All classes are held at the Maplewood Community Center. Classes for Community CPR (Adult and Child CPR/AED and Infant CPR) will meet Saturday, **October 11** OR Saturday, **December 13**, 10:00AM - 5:00PM. Classes for Child and Infant CPR and First Aid will meet on Saturday, **July 12** OR Saturday, **November 8**, 10:00AM - 5:00PM. Cost is \$80.00 (\$60.00 for MCC members).

Adult Photography Class

Calling all Shutterbugs! Have you always wanted to take a better photo? Prox to the rescue! Brian Engblom, Prox Photographer, will teach you the basics of taking great pictures. With instruction on lighting, composition and technique, this class will help you take great photos indoors or out. So bring your friends, your family, and your camera (both digital and 35mm welcome) to the Maplewood Community Center Banquet Room D on **Tuesday, November 18**. The class will run from 6:30PM - 8:30PM/. Cost is just \$3.00 per family (up to five people). Pre-registration is required no later than November 11 and space is limited.

Personal Safety and Threat Awareness Class

Learn to identify threats and how to react as well as different tools that can be used for self defense. Receive a quick study of local crime trends both current and older scams used on people. You will see video clips of local crimes that have happened and cover what to do to avoid being a victim. Other items covered include defense tactics and hands on practice and the correct frame of mind to survive attacks. Class will take place at the Maplewood Community, 7:00PM - 8:00PM, and will be offered on the following dates: **August 19, October 21, December 9, February 17 and March 10**. Please pre-register! This class is offered free of charge.

Active Adults 55+



Senior Striders

Get active and meet new people at the Maplewood Community Center with the Senior Striders! For just \$20 a month participants will receive a "Walking Club" lanyard which will get you into the MCC for free use of track, bike, and treadmills and allows you to also identify other "Walking Club" members. Each participant will receive a pedometer and water bottle. Participate **Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 10:00AM - 1:00PM**. After a great walk around the MCC Walking Track, join other members in the common area for coffee and conversation. Walkers are invited to go at their own pace and program staff will record the number of steps you walk. Senior Striders also get free admission to our Wednesday Card Sharks meeting -- just present your Senior Striders lanyard at the door!

Lunch Bunch

Looking for great food and even better company? Join the Lunch Bunch and come with us as we explore local hot spots and St. Paul eateries. The Lunch Bunch meets **September 18, October 16, and November 20 from 11:30AM to 1:30 PM**. Transportation is provided and we will depart from and return to Maplewood Community Center. Cost is \$4.00 per trip or \$3.00 if you sign up for all three dates. Please note that this fee covers only transportation and does not include the cost of the meal. Entrees will typically cost between \$6.00 - \$15.00 (plus tax and gratuity).

Our September trip will take us to Everest on Grand in St. Paul. October and November destinations will be determined by our participants! Plus - what's your great food find? Let us know and we'll add it to our "Must Visit!" list.

Space is very limited - reserve your spot today. Reservations are taken on a first come, first serve basis. Please let Customer Service know of any special dietary needs at the time of registration.

Seniors! Check out special senior pricing on dance lessons on page 29 and see page 25 for T'ai Chi Ch'uan - great for improving balance and flexibility in active adults!

Wednesday Card Sharks

During the off day of the "Walking Club" join other members of the Active Friends 55+ club from 12:00PM - 2:00PM for our Wednesday Card Sharks group. We provide the cards, coffee and tables while all we require from you is the desire to have fun and meet new people. All level of card players are welcome. The cost is \$2/week and is paid at the door or FREE for Senior Striders.

Indoor Horseshoes

Do you enjoy horseshoes but want to play year-round? Or have you always wanted to try it out? Then the Maplewood Community Center's indoor horseshoes are for you! Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 11:00AM - 2:00PM we'll provide indoor horseshoes pits in the gym FREE to MCC members! So gather your friends and come throw some shoes!

Senior Strength Group Training

Learn the smart way to workout in order to maintain strength, flexibility, and balance all while keeping your body as fit and trim as possible. The trainer will teach and coach you on how to properly lift weights, execute cardio movements, and build flexibility. You will learn why monitoring your heart rate is important and why exercising properly is essential. Don't wait to register -- this class is limited to eight participants! Class will meet Wednesdays, 9:00AM - 10:00AM, **September 10 - October 15**. Cost is \$125.00 (\$75.00 for MCC members).

Senior Fitness Strategy Seminars

Information is power! Do you have questions regarding nutrition, understanding your metabolism, weight lifting techniques, and basic workouts? These seminars are for you! We will meet Mondays, 9:30AM - 10:30AM, **September 15 - October 6**. A different topic each week, information for special health needs such as, diabetes, heart disease, osteoporosis, and more! Seminar series cost is \$40.00 (\$32.00 for MCC members). Price is based on all four seminars (individual seminars may not be purchased).

Grab Bag Bingo

Join us for a fun, new twist on Bingo the **first Thursday of each month (September 4, October 2, November 6, and December 4)** in the new Motion Zone Room! Ten games are played and winners choose from an assortment of grab bags. Bingo will run from 1:00PM - 2:30PM pm and costs \$2 at the door. Coffee and treats are provided!



Fitness Programs

Our group fitness team offers over 70 group fitness classes each month. Classes include water fitness, spinning, yoga, core training, and cardio blast. A current schedule is available at the Maplewood Community Center customer service counter or online at www.maplewoodcommunitycenter.com.

Ditch the Workout and Join the Party with Zumba at MCC



Zumba ("Zoom-Ba") is a dance fitness sensation that incorporates music from around the world into an hour-long group class. You can burn up to 1,000 calories in an hour depending upon your exertion and fitness level! The best thing about Zumba is that you forget you're exercising because you're having so much fun—it's like a dance party! When you participate in Zumba you will dance to the hottest Latin, Pop, and Reggaeton music using "interval training" which is great for your body and your heart. You will pick up Latin steps like Salsa, Meringue, Cha Cha, Bachata, and Cumbia with no partner or dance experience necessary. Zumba is appropriate for ages 16 and up. Our seven week sessions will meet on Saturdays from 11:30PM - 12:30PM, **September 6 - October 25** (class will not meet on October 4) OR on Tuesdays from 5:30PM - 6:30PM, **September 9 - October 28** (class will not meet on October 21). Cost is \$56.00 (\$42.00 for MCC members). Bring a great attitude, a towel and water. Wear comfortable and breathable workout clothing including aerobic or dance sneakers.

And because adults shouldn't get to have all the fun, MCC is also offering Kid's Zumba!

Certified ZUMBA instructor Nikki Giel is a dance instructor at 5 Star Dance Studio, and a kindergarten teacher. Miss Nikki's energy is contagious and kids love to move in her class! Kid's ZUMBA introduces a variety of Latin Dance steps along with a fitness based format. Join the dance party! Class will meet Tuesday evenings from 6:30PM - 7:15PM, **September 16 - October 21**. Cost is \$48 (\$36.00 for MCC members).

Strength & Conditioning for Athletes



Are you looking for an intense workout and the right program to fit your needs? This small group training is specifically for those who wish to improve their overall strength and stamina, while remaining accountable under the watchful eye of a certified personal trainer. Information on injury prevention, nutrition, strength & conditioning and proper use of the kinetic chain will be discussed & practiced. Nick

Jasken is Russian Kettlebell certified and will be introducing the proper use of Kettlebells during this training. This class is not only geared toward athletes, but ideal for Fire Fighters & Law Enforcement training! Class size is limited to 8 participants. Class will meet Wednesdays, 7:00PM – 8:00PM, **September 17 – October 22**. Cost is \$200 (\$150 for MCC members).

Meet with a Fitness Specialist Today!

Nationally Certified Personal Trainers are available with scheduled hours in the Strength and Cardio Centers to answer general fitness questions and to provide guidance on the use of the equipment. Hours beginning September 1:

Monday: 10:00-12:00PM & 5:00-7:00PM
Wednesday: 10:00-12:00PM & 4:00-6:00PM
Saturday: 9:00-11:00AM

Fitness Orientations are also available 11:00AM Saturday, 12:00PM Monday/Wednesday, and 7:00PM Wednesday.

Fitness Programs

Drums Alive!



Drums Alive is the latest group fitness trend challenging participants of all ages! Using rhythm as the source of inspiration, Drums Alive will help you to discover a new fitness experience! Drums Alive combines the benefits of a traditional fitness program with the fun of music and rhythm. Drums Alive is a program that fosters a healthy balance physically, mentally, emotionally and socially while providing an element of fun and creative expression. It is a program that utilizes “whole brain” – “whole body” thinking by developing sensory motor reflexes and kinesthetic awareness. The ability to drum is in all of us! Join us today to find yours!

Golden Beats: Designed for the senior population, Golden Beats allows participants to either stand or sit! Not only is this class FUN, Seniors will find that drumming improves our memory, releases endorphins,

and creates a positive emotional experience! Session 1 of Golden Beats will meet Tuesdays, **September 9 - September 30** from 9:30AM - 10:15AM. Session 2 will meet Tuesdays, **October 7 - October 28** from 9:30AM - 10:15AM. Cost of class is \$25.00 (\$20.00 for MCC members).

Family Beats: Looking for a family activity appropriate for all ages? Drums Alive - Family Beats is your answer! This class is for families with children ages 2 to 20! Kids, don't forget to bring your grandparents. Sessions are held from 6:00 - 7:00PM in the Motion Zone. Join us for a fun night of dance, drumming and music on **September 12, September 26, October 10, or October 24**. Cost of class per family (up to six people), per night is \$25.00 (MCC member \$20.00).

Kids Beats: Every child is born with the ability to move and feel rhythm. Join us in this unique activity that will guide children through a program of drumming, movement and creative exploration. Kids Beats combines learning with physical activity. The components of fitness-cardiovascular, strength and coordination are part of a successful drumming program. This class is appropriate for children ages 6 - 12. Session 1 of Kids Beats will meet Saturdays, **September 6 - September 27** from 1:00PM - 1:45PM. Session 2 will meet Saturdays, **October 4 - October 25** from 1:00PM - 1:45PM. Cost of class is \$32.00 (\$24.00 for MCC members).

Pilates: Improving strength, flexibility, and body awareness!



Pilates helps you to build strength, create an evenly conditioned body, and increase body awareness. Now the MCC is offering not one, but two great Pilates classes for participants of all levels!

Our **Progressive Mat Pilates** is designed for individuals new to Pilates. A great starting point for beginners, the Progressive Mat Pilates class teaches the principles of Pilates, and builds a foundation of exercises required to move onto the next level. You'll also establish core strength and stability and increase your body awareness. Class will meet Thursdays, 9:15AM – 10:15AM, **September 11 – October 23**. Cost is \$56.00 (\$42.00 for MCC members).

Intermediate Mat Pilates incorporates mat exercises as well as resistance equipment therefore demanding more of the body. Because this class will continue to build on the Pilates foundation, completion of Level 1/Progressive Mat Pilates is required! We will meet Wednesdays, 5:30PM – 6:30PM, **September 10 – October 22**. Cost is \$56.00 (\$42.00 for MCC members).

Group Fitness



Maplewood Community Center was voted "Best Fitness Center" for the 8th time by Lillie Suburban Newspapers! Ranked #6 in the Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal's "Top 25th Metro Area Fitness Center."



Powerkick Class

Jab, hook and snap kick to a leaner toned body! PowerKick combines basic kickboxing techniques and boxing drills on snap pads. Great for all fitness enthusiasts! This class is choreographed to challenge both the mind and body and is an invigorating, stress-relieving workout. Encourage a "sparring" partner to register with you or participants will be partnered in class. Gloves required and sold at the MCC Pro Shop. This six-week class will meet **Thursdays, 8:00PM - 8:45PM, September 18 - October 23**. Cost is \$48.00 (\$36.00 for MCC members).

Fitness Strategies for Women



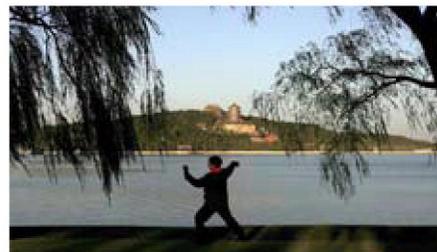
Fitness Strategies for women will help you get smart about the way you train! Are you interested in personal training but don't need the individual attention? This small group training is a great way to boost your workout intensity! You will learn how to master the training techniques of heart rate monitoring, interval training, and proper weight lifting. Certified Personal Trainer Diane Rhody will help you better understand your body and the effects of nutrition and training. If you want results, this class is for you! Class size is limited to 8 participants. Join us for Session 1, meeting Wednesdays, 10:00AM – 11:00AM, **September 10 – October 15** or for Session 2, meeting Mondays, 11:00AM – 12:00PM, **September 15 – October 20**. Cost for each session is \$200 (\$150 for MCC members).

BOSU Boot Camp

This program has it all! With an emphasis on form and function, BOSU Boot Camp is designed to take your workout to a new level. Strength, endurance, cardio and resistance training are all rolled into one hour. Join us Mondays, 10:30AM - 11:30AM **September 15 - October 20** for this intense class integrating the use of the BOSU balance trainer along with dumbbells, stability balls and bands. Work at your pace while completing the challenge of drills. Cost is \$48.00 (\$36.00 for MCC members).

T'ai Chi Ch'uan

Join us on **Wednesdays (September 10 - November 12)** from 7:30PM - 8:30PM for this fun and exciting new class! T'ai Chi Ch'uan, practiced in China for 2500 years, uses slow relaxed movements to develop strength while eliminating tension. While doing so you will strengthen your arms and legs, improve balance and flexibility, reduce stress and help increase energy levels. A growing body of research also suggests that practicing T'ai Chi Ch'uan has many benefits for seniors, including a reduced risk of falling and a significant improvement in quality of life! Come experience the benefits for yourself! Class will meet at Dragons Kung Fu Studio, 2572 7th Ave E., North St. Paul. This ten-week sessions costs \$50.00.



Racquet Sports

Warm Up Winter With Racquet Sports!

Are you looking for a fun way to stay active this winter? Try one of these racquet sports, offered by the Maplewood Community Center:



Table Tennis League: Join one of two adult co-ed table tennis leagues now being offered at the MCC. Leagues are being offered for both Novice (players you have played the game before but would not consider themselves a high level player) and Intermediate players (those who have played extensively and consider themselves high level). The league will run from **October 4 - December 20** during which time a schedule of weekly pairings will be generated for league participants. League members can call and arrange a time to play each other for the week they are paired. Fee of \$45.00 (or \$30.00 for MCC members) includes administration, table usage and a package of 3-Star Balls.

Registration deadline: September 25!

Winter '08 Table Tennis Tournament: The Maplewood Community Center will host a winter Table Tennis Tournament on **Saturday, December 13** (Check-in: 2:30PM, Tournament: 3:00PM). Take this opportunity to test your skills against other players -- only ONE will leave with bragging rights and the MCC Table Tennis Tournament trophy! Pre-registration is required by **Thursday, December 10**. Registration fee is \$5.00 (or \$3.00 for MCC members). The tournament will be a pool first round, with each pool winner entering the bracket tournament. Space is limited so call ahead to reserve your space!

Racquetball and Wallyball Now Available at MCC!

Are you an experienced racquetball player? Or have you always wanted to learn the game? Whatever your age or experience level, Maplewood Community Center has something for you! Check out these fun ways to learn or practice racquetball and wallyball:

Learn!

Maplewood Community Center now offers FREE racquetball clinics for those interested in learning about the game. Clinics will focus on teaching the basic skills necessary to play the game as well as cover rules and strategy. Adult clinics (players 15 and older) and youth clinics (players 10 - 14) will both be held from 12:00PM - 1:00PM **Saturday, September 20 and Saturday, November 1**.

Practice!

To challenge yourself with one of these enjoyable sports, reserve a court at 651.249.2210. Wallyball fees per court/per hour/per group are \$14.00 (\$11.00 for MCC members) plus tax. Racquetball court fees are free for members and are included in the cost of daily admission for non-members. Ask about our racquetball punch cards at the admissions desk!

Play!

Adult co-ed recreation leagues are now being formed at the MCC. The league will include weekly games from **September 27 - December 5**. Both B+ (very competitive) and B- (competitive) leagues are being formed. Cost is \$44.00 (\$14 for MCC members). Registration deadline is September 19 (sorry - no exceptions). Following registration the coordinator will generate a schedule of players and numbers for weekly matches. Opponents will call each other to schedule matches and court times when it is convenient for them. Schedule can be picked up beginning September 24 at 5:00PM. Any schedules not picked up will be mailed out on Friday, September 26.



Martial Arts

Maplewood Community Center Teams Up with The Edge Martial Arts!

The Maplewood Community Center is pleased to announce its recent partnership with The Edge Martial Arts, based in Stillwater, Minnesota. This premier karate studio was founded to promote and practice a hybrid style of martial arts that combines both competition and self-defense. Now "The Edge" Instructor Mr. Joe Abboud, invites you to join him for new karate programs offered in the Maplewood Community Center Motion Zone. Classes include:

Lil' Dragons Program: This beginner karate class is designed for students 4 - 6 years old. Class will meet **Mondays, 5:15PM - 6:00PM**. Registration is for a full calendar month (classes will begin in August). Cost \$60 (\$45 for MCC members). Participation requires the purchase of a uniform, available for \$30.00 on the first day of class.

Kids Beginner Karate: This class is for students ages 7 - 12. Class will meet **Mondays, 6:15PM - 7:00PM**. Registration is for a full calendar month (classes will begin in August). Cost \$60 (\$45 for MCC members). Participation requires the purchase of a uniform, available for \$30.00 on the first day of class.

Teen to Adult: Teen to adult beginner karate is offered for participants 13 and older. This class will meet **Monday nights from 7:15PM - 8:00PM** in the Maplewood Community Center Motion Zone. Participants must register for a full calendar month (classes will begin in August) at a rate of \$60.00 per month (\$45.00 for MCC members). Participation requires the purchase of a uniform, available for \$30.00 on the first day of class.

Kids Safety Awareness: Designed for participants ages 6 - 12, this child safety program will teach your child simple martial arts self-defense techniques, as well as educate them on safer everyday practices. For example, children will learn the proper way to handle strangers and who should be considered a stranger. We will also teach your child the four different ways of dealing with bullies. This program will be held on **Saturday, September 20, 4:00PM - 5:30PM** in the MCC Motion Zone. Cost is \$45.00 (\$40.00 for MCC members).

Empower Women's Self Defense Seminar: Designed for women 16 and older the Empower Women's Self-Defense program instills a lifestyle of safe living and empowerment, encouraging women and girls to find their natural, instinctual intuition. Participants will learn basic physical techniques that are practical, easy to remember, and easy to perform. This class welcomes all fitness levels and is taught by a female martial artist in a comfortable, non-threatening atmosphere. Class will be held **Saturday, September 27, 4:00PM - 5:30PM** in the MCC Motion Zone. Cost is \$45.00 (\$40.00 for MCC members).

For more information visit www.theedgemartialarts.com.



Dance

Step it Up with MCC Youth Dance Programs!

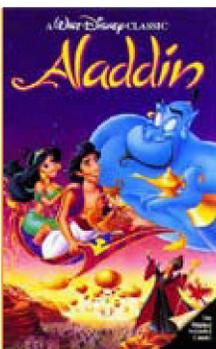
Help your children find their rhythm with Maplewood Community Center's Youth Dance Program. Our classes are instructed by Mandy Anzaldi and staff. Ms. Anzaldi and her team not only have a great love for dance, they also come with over fifteen years of experience! All classes meet once a week and are designed to promote teamwork and self-esteem. A group rehearsal and performance will conclude the session at a date to be determined. All classes and the final performance will take place at the Maplewood Community Center unless otherwise indicated. Cost for all group dance classes is \$150 (\$140 for MCC members). Please note that classes will not meet during Christmas break.

Pre-Ballet & Jazz: This class is designed for beginners, ages 3 – 4 with little to no previous dance experience. The focus will be on improving motor skills, balance, and listening and of course, having a good time! Class will meet **Mondays, September 22 – January 5, 5:15PM – 6:00PM**. Costumes are included. Ballet shoes are required.

Ballet & Jazz: Beginner level students, ages 5 – 8 will learn progressive classical ballet and modern jazz. Focus will be on improving motor skills, balance techniques, and listening skills. Class will meet **Mondays, September 22 – January 5, 6:45PM – 7:30PM**. Costumes are included. Ballet shoes are required.

Beginning Tap & Jazz Combo: This class is designed for the beginner dancer who would like to try tap and jazz dance. The focus will be on the fundamentals of movement, balance, and listening skills. Class will meet **Mondays, September 22 – January 5**. Class for **children 3 – 4** will meet from **6:00PM – 6:45PM** and **children 7 - 8** will meet from **7:30PM - 8:15PM**. Costumes are included. Ballet and tap shoes are required.

Tap & Jazz Combo: This class is meant for students ages 3 – 8 who have taken previous tap and jazz class. Focus will be on improving technique and balance and will progress in difficulty. Class will meet **Tuesdays, September 23 – January 6**. **Dancers ages 3 – 6 who consider themselves beginners will meet 5:30PM – 6:15PM. Ages 3 - 5 who consider themselves advanced will meet 6:15PM – 7:00PM and ages 6 – 8 who are considered advanced will meet 7:00PM – 7:45PM.**



Now Presenting: Aladdin!

This production class invites dancers of all ages (three and above please!) to participate in this year's community dance production of Aladdin. This class is designed for those with previous dance experience who would like to expand their horizons and try a dance production. In this class students will be given a part in the play and the entire story is told through dance. The focus will be on interactive teamwork and fun. Cost is \$180 (\$170 for MCC members) and costumes are included. Class will meet **Fridays, September 26 - April 17** at 6:30PM.

Dance

New! Line Dancing

Learn line dances you can use at weddings, on your next Florida vacation, and at country dances in this fun dance class! Instructors James and Tricia Wood will show you how line dances can be applied to different types of music, and places to show off your new dance moves! No partner required. Line dances taught include the ever-popular Electric Slide, Tush Push, Cowboy Cha-Cha, The Samba Line Dance, and more! Ready to challenge yourself and show off to everyone you know? Class will meet **Sundays, October 19 – November 23, 6:30PM – 7:30PM** at the Maplewood Community Center Fitness Studio. Cost for individuals is \$48.00 (\$36.00 for MCC members) and for couples \$84.00 (\$60.00 for MCC members). Participants must be 16 years of age or older. Register by calling 651-249-2230.

Ballroom Dancing

Find out how beneficial dancing can be for your social, mental, and physical health! Also, how much fun it can be. Register today to learn easy steps from a certified professional dance instructor. Two left feet? No problem. In this session, the instructor will help you get comfortable on the dance floor as you learn the basic steps of the most popular dances. You'll be dancing quickly and comfortably as you gain confidence in your musical and rhythmical skills. Participants must be 16 years of age or older. All classes are taught at the Maplewood Community Center Fitness Studio. Classes teaching on the waltz, swing, and cha-cha will meet on Tuesdays, **October 21 – November 25, 8:00PM – 9:00PM**. Classes teaching foxtrot, swing, and salsa will meet **Sundays, October 19 – November 23, 7:30PM – 8:30PM**. Cost per individual is \$48.00 (\$36.00 for MCC members) and per couple \$84.00 (\$60.00 for MCC members). Special senior pricing is also available for participants 62 years of age and older. Senior cost for individuals is \$38.00 (\$29.00) and per couple \$67.00 (\$48.00 for MCC members). Call 651-249-2230 to register.

Dance Team

Come learn dance technique in the styles executed by High School Dance Teams. Pom, High Kick and Jazz Basics all rolled into mega- fun dance routines and all culminating in an end of session routine performance. The students will be expected to provide the spark and the willingness to have fun and learn something new. Class will meet **Tuesdays, November 4 – December 16** (No Class December 2nd) in the MCC Motion Zone. The Mini Dance Team (grades 5 – 6) will dance 6:00PM – 7:00PM. The Junior Dance Team (grades 7 – 8) will dance 7:00PM – 8:00PM. Cost is \$45.00 (\$35.00 for MCC members).

Cheer/Dance Clinic

Come join other mini-cheerers in this structured introduction to cheer and dance. The instructors will teach the basics of cheering, including: arm movements, jumps, along with chants and cheers all incorporating these newly learned skills. Family and friends are welcome to join us for our Showcase, where all the cheerleaders will put their new skills on display! Class will meet **Thursdays, September 18 - October 23** in the MCC Motion Zone. Participants in grade K - 2 will meet 5:00PM - 5:45PM, grades 3 - 4 will meet 6:00PM - 7:00PM, and grades 5 - 6 will meet 7:00PM - 8:00PM. Cost is \$45.00 (\$35.00 for MCC members).



“For years we kept saying we were going to try a ballroom dance class. We are so glad we finally signed up! The class was a lot of fun while we were learning the steps. We’ll try another class in the future.”

-Diann & Steve Lindeman

“Aaron was great! He was very knowledgeable, patient, a good teacher and has a very good sense of humor. He made learning the dance steps very enjoyable. I would recommend Aaron to anyone looking to learn ballroom dancing.”

-The Ustipaks



Carver/Edgerton

Carver Community Gym

2680 Upper Afton Road
Maplewood, MN 55119
651.249.2135

Rental Information:

The gymnasiums are available for rental for basketball, tournaments, volleyball, birthday parties, and special events.

Rates: \$25.00 /court/hour
 \$35/full court/hour
 \$500.00/entire gym/8 hours
 \$25.00/court/hour (Birthday Parties)

Edgerton Community Gym

1929 Edgerton Street
Maplewood, MN 55117
651.249.2145

Rental Information:

The gymnasium is available for rental for basketball, tournaments, volleyball, birthday parties and special events.

Rates: \$25/court/hour
 \$35/Full Court/Hour
 \$500/entire gym/8 hours
 \$25/court/hour (Birthday Parties)

Open Gym Schedule:

Adult Open Volleyball: Tuesdays 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm

(Schedule is subject to change without notice. Check the posting on the front windows of the school or call 651.249.2145).



Carver Gym Jammers

Looking for an alternative after school program from K - 5th grader? Carver Community Gym offers structured games and activities both inside and outside **Monday - Friday, 3:45PM - 5:30PM**. Activities are held in the Carver Gym and focus on fun! Cost is \$4.50 per day. To register your child call Carver Community Gym: 651.249.2135

Looking to spend some time in the great outdoors?

Stop by the Maplewood Nature Center & Neighborhood Preserves!



Free nature exhibits for families including a crawl through log, children's puppet theatre, Alex the Frog computer game, real skulls and fur to touch and feel, and much more!

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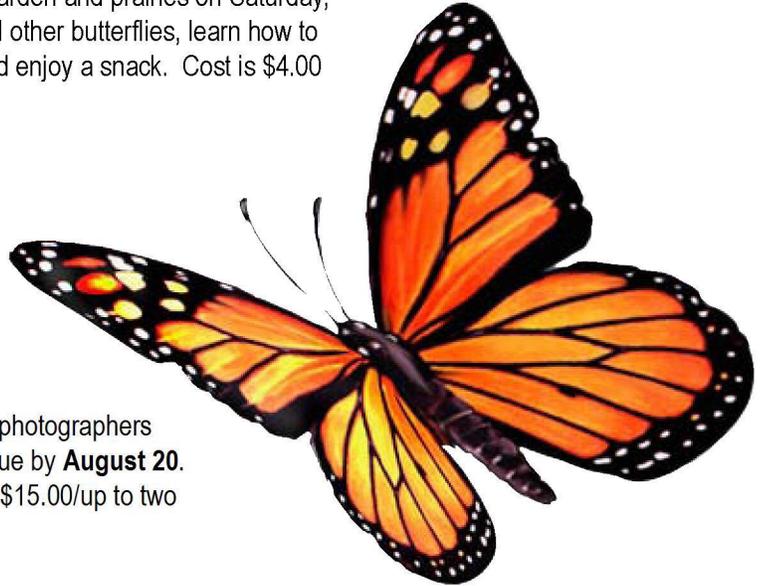
Check out these great nature center programs coming soon! For more programs and events offered at the Maplewood Nature Center visit: www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/nc. To register for nature center programs please send check and information to the Nature Center (2659 East Seventh Street). For free programs simply call 651.249.2170.

Magnificent Monarchs

Children 4 - 10 (with an adult) are invited to visit our butterfly garden and prairies on Saturday, **August 9**, 10:00AM - 11:30AM. We will look for Monarchs and other butterflies, learn how to safely catch and release one, make our own crafty butterfly and enjoy a snack. Cost is \$4.00 per child. Please pre-pay by **August 7**.

Digital Dragonflies in an Analog World

Join photographers John Arthur and Pamela Deerwood in hunting dragonflies and damselflies with nets and cameras on Saturday, **August 23**, 1:00PM-4:00PM at the Maplewood Nature Center. Learn to identify and photograph several species, see them enlarged on a big screen, and participate in the MN Odonata Survey Project. Bring a digital camera and close focusing binoculars, if you have them. Non-photographers welcome. Please register early as space is limited, payment due by **August 20**. Adults and children ten years of age and up welcome. Cost is \$15.00/up to two people (or free to "Friends of the Maplewood Nature Center")



Nature in your Backyard Series - Butterfly Fun

Join us for this Nature Play Series for young children (ages 5 and under with an adult). Learn where to look for caterpillars and butterflies, and then practice your new exploring skills in the butterfly garden outside. We will meet **Saturday, August 30**, 10:00AM – 11:15AM. Cost is \$4.00 per person. Please pre-pay by **August 28**.

Acorns & Animals

Children ages 3 - 8 (with an adult) are invited to the Maplewood Nature Center for a hike on **Saturday, September 13**, 10:00AM - 11:15AM. Hike to collect acorns for nature center projects, look for animals that depend on acorns, and laugh along with our squirrel puppet. We'll wrap up the day by making a nutty craft. Cost is \$4 per child (please pre-pay by **September 11**).

Woollybear Caterpillars

Children ages 3-8 (with an adult) are invited to visit with a woollybear caterpillar puppet and make a pet caterpillar to take home. Search outdoors for animals getting ready for winter. This event will take place **Saturday, October 4**, 2:00PM – 3:15PM. Cost is \$4.00 per child. Please prepay by **Thursday, October 2**.

Birdfeeder Watch

Kids ages 6 and up (with an adult), join us on Saturday, **November 1**, 9:30AM – 11:00AM as we use our binoculars to spy on those hardy chickadees, cardinals and woodpeckers at the feeders and on the trail. Warm up with hot cocoa as we tally our counts. Get some great tips on feeding the birds this winter. **Event is free but please pre-register.**

Restore Our Oaks!

Join us for one or all four of the events in this series, designed to restore oaks to our woods!

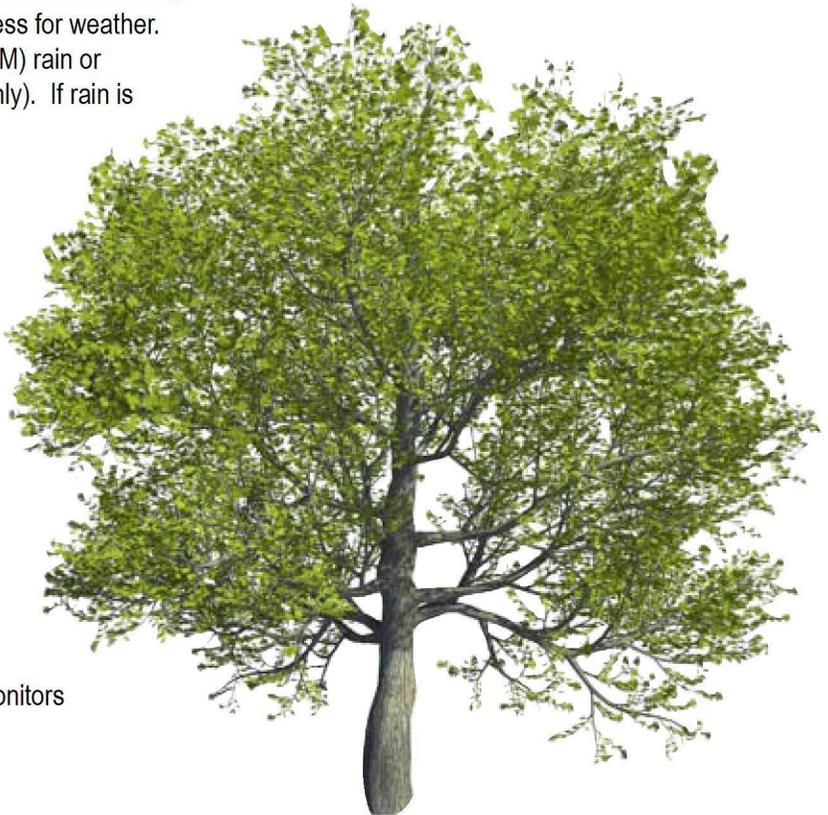
1. Collect Acorns: Adults, join the naturalist as we go on a collecting spree for acorns on Thursday, **September 4**, 4:00PM - 6:00PM. We'll also take time to hike the natural area and learn about oaks-acorns life cycle. We'll identify acorns, learn the float test, and discuss how to store them for future planting. Learn about Great River Greenings' Million Acorn program. We will meet at the Maplewood Nature Center and visit one other neighborhood preserve (to be determined). This event is free, however please **pre-register**.

2. After Buckthorn— Restore Oaks to Your Woods: A healthy oak forest has oaks in all sizes from seedlings to majestic trees. Maplewood residents have been removing invasive buckthorn from their woods for many years. Now it's time to take the next step to restore oaks and wildflowers to the woods. On Saturday, **September 27**, 10:00AM - 11:30AM, adults are invited to the Maplewood Nature Center to learn strategies for integrating buckthorn removal with restoration of your oak woods, discuss the effectiveness of removal techniques on various terrain, and how to prevent soil erosion and get some tips on protecting oak seedlings from deer and rabbits. Free potted oak trees available to replace the buckthorn in your woods. This event is free, however please **pre-register**. *This event is co-sponsored by the city of Maplewood Urban Forest Program and the Friends of Maplewood Nature (a non-profit group supporting the mission of Maplewood Nature Center & Neighborhood Preserves)*

3. Remove Buckthorn and Plant Acorns: Restore the oaks and Battle Buckthorn! Individuals (adults and kids ages 11 and older) and groups welcome! We will meet at the Maplewood Nature Center on Saturday, **October 11**, 10:00AM. Help pull, cut and herbicide buckthorn at Vista Hills city park. Training, tools, gloves, and refreshments provided. Wear, long pants, sturdy socks and shoes. Dress for weather. We will pull buckthorn in the morning (10:00AM - 11:15 AM) rain or shine. Cutting and herbicide will begin at noon (adults only). If rain is in the forecast, please call the nature center for further instruction. Otherwise meet in the Vista Hills parking lot (2480 Mailand). This event is free, however please **pre-register by Wednesday, October 8**.

4. Oak ID and Inventory

A healthy oak forest has oaks in all sizes from seedlings to majestic trees. Adults, delve into the ecology of the Oak community on **Saturday, October 25** at the Maplewood Nature Center. Discover strategies for bringing oaks back to our woods. Assist the naturalist with oak seedling and sapling inventory, mark and map plots, at both the nature center and the Priory Preserve. Training will be provided from 10:00AM - 12:00PM, followed by plotting and inventory 1:00PM - 4:00PM. Cost is \$15.00 (to register contact the Maplewood Nature Center.) FREE for open space monitors and nature center volunteers. Bring a lunch.



Wildflowers & Seeds

Adults and families with older children are invited to join the naturalist on three different afternoons to collect seeds at our various open space sites. There will be an orientation on the first evening to a variety of plants and their seeds, followed by two field trips to nature center gardens, Priory open space and Jim's prairie. Participants carpool to the sites. Color handouts provided. Sessions will meet **Monday, August 11, 7:00PM - 9:00PM** at the Maplewood Nature Center, **Thursday, September 11, 4:00PM - 6:00PM**, at the Maplewood Nature Center and Priory Preserve, and **Wednesday, October 1, 4:00PM - 6:00PM** at the Maplewood Nature Center and other sites to be determined. Cost is \$15.00 per person (free to open space monitors and nature center volunteers).

Fall Hike and Tree Quest

Grandparents, kids, scouts, youth groups ages 8 and up - take your grandparents for a hike this fall! First create and decorate your hiking stick. Then follow the tree quest - follow the clues to find the marked trees and the hidden treasure chest and learn which ones will stay for the winter. Our hike will take place, **Saturday, September 20, 2:00PM - 3:45PM**. Cost is \$4.00 per person. Please prepay by **September 18**.

Meet the Animals!

Children of all ages and small daycares are invited to meet our snake, toad and salamander. Watch them slurp up a treat that you find under a log. Touch and see them up close. Come **10:00AM - 11:15A on Wednesday, September 10 OR Saturday, November 22**. This event is free but please call ahead to register!



Buckthorn Removal Demonstration

Learn how to identify and safely and effectively remove buckthorn at this demonstration on **Saturday, August 16, 10:00AM - 11:00AM**. We'll make a branch-rubbing booklet to learn to recognize easily confused beneficial plants. The demonstration will take place at Vista Hills Park. Please meet in the parking lot at 2480 Mailand Road. Event is free but please pre-register by calling 651.249.2170 by **August 13**.

And don't forget to check out the "Remove Buckthorn and Plant Acorns" event - part of our "Restore Our Oak Series" listed on page 32!



Exploring Nature & Take Care Of The Earth

A series offered at the Nature Center with Early Childhood & Family Education (ECFE)

This parent/child class appropriate for children ages birth to five year, will meet each month at the Maplewood Nature Center during the school year beginning in October. This **eight week session** will meet **Saturdays, 10:00AM - 11:30AM, October - May**. ECFE teachers are collaborating with nature center naturalists for this unique program. Fun activities highlight a different theme each month with stories, crafts, puppets, and exploring in the woods. Adults will learn about resources that help them become eco-friendly parents as well as ways to teach their children about the outdoors. **Sign up for one, two or all the classes**. To register: Call 651-748-7280 (Early Childhood & Family Education Programs Office) or go to the district website at www.isd622.org (click on Early Childhood & Family Education Program) for the registration flyer. Cost is \$4.00 per child, per session.

Dates and topics:

Oct 18- Terrific Trees/ Getting Kids Outdoors

Nov 15- Animal Homes/ Creating Animal Habitat in our Yards

Dec 13- Brrr! Animals in Winter/ Reducing Energy Use

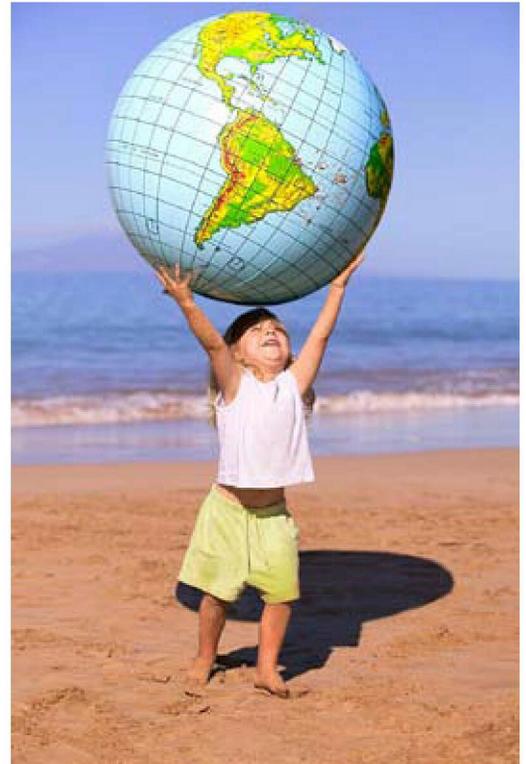
Jan 17- Fox and Rabbit; Tracks in the Snow/ Environmental Footprint

Feb 14- Wild about Owls/ MN Endangered Species

Mar 14- Meet the Live Animals/ Composting and Worm Bins

Apr 18- Froggy Fun/ Rainbarrels & Raingardens

May 9- Bugs Rule/ Planting Native Plants



Upcoming Adult Seminars!

Energyscaping

Learn about ways to landscape around your house to save energy and reduce storm water runoff from Douglas Owens-Pike, who founded EnergyScapes nearly 20 years ago with the goal of creating beautiful landscapes that benefit people as well as our environment. Douglas will share slides, design tips and plant species information on the best trees and shrubs for planting that provide summer cooling as well as wind protection in winter. Bring in a plan of your yard. Compare and contrast the sun's height and angles from summer to winter on the yard model provided by Tree Trust. Join us for this fun and informational session, Saturday, **September 6**, 10:00AM - 11:30AM at the Maplewood Nature Center. Cost is \$5.00 per person. Please pre-pay by **September 3**.

Protect Your Trees From Winter & The Celebration Of Friends Picnic Sponsored By Friends Of Maplewood Nature

Join us on Saturday, **September 20**, 10:30AM - 1:00PM for a fun day of nature activities. Come to one event or all! Join this fun and dynamic group of people committed to help support Maplewood's nature. The picnic lunch and a silent auction provided by Friends, will be served this year at the Prairie Farm Neighborhood Preserve - Bruentrup Farm (2170 E. County Road D). At 10:30AM a certified arborist from Rainbow Tree Care Company will talk about how to protect your trees from winter damage. At 11:30 we will have a picnic lunch and silent action. We will wrap up our day at 12:30 with a tour of the Bruentrup Farm and a short open space hike. To join us for this day of natural fun, please send in your \$15.00 minimum donation to the Friends Group to the Maplewood Nature Center (event is FREE to Friends members).

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Primary Election September 9, 2008 Polls Open at 7:00AM

With this being a presidential election year it is more important than ever to get out and vote. However voting in any type of election, whether its for local government or the presidential primaries, provides a unique opportunity to voice your opinion. Despite the important decisions determined through elections (for example, who our local, state, and national leaders will be or whether a referendum will pass or fail) most presidential races are participated in by less than 70 percent of the eligible voting public. These numbers drop even lower in off-presidential years or in the case of local elections. So this year make your vote count, beginning by participating in the Primary Election on September 9. See **page three** to find your voting precinct! *Please note that there are new precincts and/or precinct boundaries for many polling sites! Postal verification cards, which is a blue postcard, are being sent to those affected by changes made in some of our precincts. You can find your precinct by visiting www.ci.maplewood.mn.us and clicking on "Find your polling precinct."*



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MCC is excited to announce that mid-day memberships will be available starting October 1. Mid-day memberships are valid Monday through Friday from 10:00AM to 2:00PM. They are available for family or individual purchase for three (\$75 for individual, \$120 for family) or twelve month increments (\$300 for individual, \$480 for family).

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VISITOR OPEN HOUSE

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YOUR FREE ADMISSION INCLUDES:

- Access to Strength and Cardio Centers (ages 16+) and Pool
- Drawings and Prizes
- Child Care 9:00AM - 3:00PM for visitors ages 2+
- Group Fitness Classes Beginning at 9:15AM
- Dance and Fitness Programs starting at 12:00PM
- Family Flotation Party -- bring your swimsuit!

Join as an annual member and get one month FREE and pay NO initial fees! (Mid-day Memberships excluded. Offer ends 10/31/08.)

Visit www.maplewoodcommunitycenter.com or call 651-249-2230 for a complete schedule of events.

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Maplewood Community Center

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 Birthday Party Information 651.249.2203
 Aquatics 651.249.2206
 Child Care 651.249.2218
 Fitness 651.249.2207

Maplewood Recreation

General Information 651.249.2120

Maplewood Nature Center

General Information 651.249.2170

Maplewood Meeting Schedule

City Council: September 8 & 22 at 6:30PM
 Community Design Review Board: September 9 & 23 at 6:00PM
 Environmental & Natural Resource Commission: September 9 at 5:15PM
 Housing & Redevelopment Authority: September 10 at 7:00PM
 Citizen Forum: September 6 at 10:00AM
 Park Commission: September 17 at 7:00PM
 Planning Commission: September 16 at 7:00PM
 Historical Preservation Committee: September 18 at 7:00PM
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Unfortunately, not everyone in Maplewood is participating in the city's recycling program. An average of 67% of Maplewood households are currently recycling. While that's definitely a number to be proud of, let's see if we can do even better! Recycling bins are available at the Public Works building at 1902 County Road B East, Monday through Friday from 8:00AM to 4:30PM. Call 651-249-2400 for more information or Eureka Recycling at 651-222-SORT (7678) for recycling questions.

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During Maplewood's formative years (1957-1970's), the city trustees (council members) and staff took the responsibilities for building a community framework, establishing a system of basic services and visioning for the future. Their legacy to us includes strong police and fire departments, great public works services, a stable financial status, an excellent park system, and great amenities such as the Nature Center.

We, too, the recent and current city councils are charged with upgrading that community structure and process, maintaining and improving our basic services and visioning for the future stability, renewal and redevelopment of our city. What will be our legacy to future Maplewood residents?

Let us all move forward together working to keep Maplewood a good, stable community.

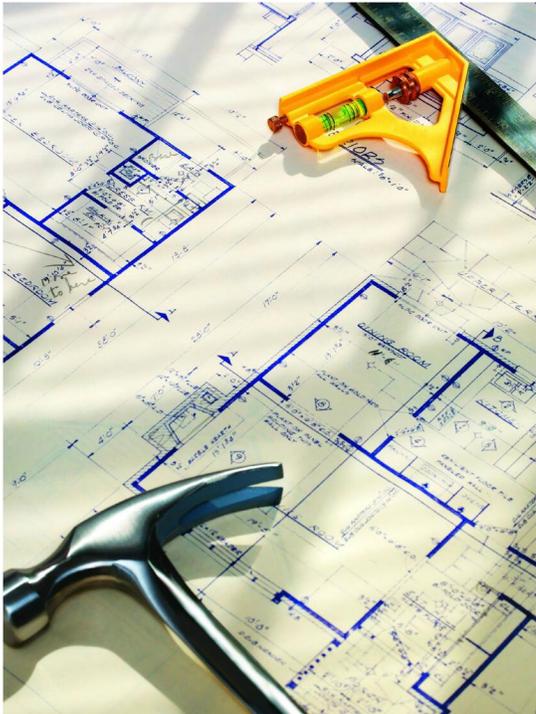


Check out Maplewood Community Center's new sign for upcoming events and announcements!

Precinct Locations

Precinct 1: Maplewood Fire Station #3 (Parkside) 2001 McMenemy Road (Boundary Change)	Precinct 9: Maplewood Community Center 2100 White Bear Avenue (Formerly located at Maplewood City Hall)
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Precinct 3: Edgerton School 1929 Edgerton Street	Precinct 11: Maplewood Middle School 1896 Lakewood Drive N. (Boundary Change)
Precinct 4: Maplewood Fire Station #2 (Gladstone) 1955 Clarence Street	Precinct 12: Beaver Lake School 1060 Sterling Street N.
Precinct 5: Gladstone Community Center Frost Avenue at Manton Street	Precinct 13: Maplewood Fire Station #1 (E. Co. Line) 1177 Century N.
Precinct 6: Maplewood Fire Station #7 (Hazelwood) 1530 County Road C	Precinct 14: Carver School 2680 Upper Afton Road (Boundary Change)
Precinct 7: First Evangelical Free Church 2696 Hazelwood Street	Precinct 15: Lutheran Church of Peace 47 Century Avenue S. (Boundary Change) (Formerly located at Londin Lane Fire Station)
Precinct 8: Ramsey County Library 3025 Southlawn Drive (Formerly located at Concordia Arms)	Precinct 16: Maplewood Fire Station #4 (E. Co. Line 2) 2501 Londin Lane (Boundary Change)

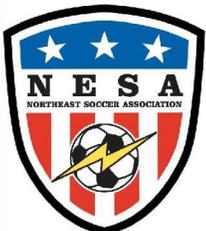
Commission Corner: Community Design Review Board



The CDRB is the city's architectural and site-design review committee. The board reviews all development proposals larger than a single-family home. The CDRB is currently comprised of some very experienced volunteers: Matt Ledvina, Anath Shankar, Matt Wise, John Demko and myself. With our varied background we provide a wide range of professional experience in Environmental, Architectural, and Civil Engineering, Corporate Development and Infrastructure. Our issues of concern focuses on 'aesthetic management' and includes site access, parking, on-site traffic flow, architectural features, exterior treatments, grading and drainage, landscaping and lighting. We work in tandem with the Planning Commission and staff liaison Senior Planner Tom Ekstand and we make our recommendations directly to the City Council.

The CDRB has studied the issues of light pollution and the Dark Skys Initiative as they affect Maplewood, and with staff and City Council drafted the city's Lighting Ordinance. We also spent several years revising the sign code, including the recently passed dynamic signs. One of our initiatives is to promote sidewalks and improve pedestrian access, both increasingly necessary for mobility and safety. Another goal is retaining permeable surfaces and return rainwater to the ground, rather than channeling it into our storm sewer systems. Ultimately, as volunteers we depend on City staff, and the City Manager's directions. Acting City Manager Chuck Ahl, has been very forward thinking in promoting rain gardens, roundabouts and walkability. The Board values Chuck Ahl's depth of knowledge and years of

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City Now Accepting Applications for 2009 Charitable Gambling Funds

The City of Maplewood is now accepting applications for the use of the 2009 proceeds of the City's 10% Charitable Gambling Tax. The application deadline is **September 12, 2008**. 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 \$35,000 in Charitable Gambling Tax Funds in 2008. Funds went to the following groups: the Ramsey County Fair, the American Red Cross, Heritage Theater Company, Maplewood Area Historical Society, Tubman Family Alliance, Friends of the Nature Center and several city activities including Police Explorers and Police Reserves as well as the Maplewood Firefighters.

The funds are awarded by a vote of the Maplewood City Council. Applications are available on the city website www.ci.maplewood.mn.us or by calling Sarah Burlingame at 651.249.2051.



Ready to Talk Transit?

By Assistant City Engineer Michael Thompson

Get ready to offer your comments about transit options on the proposed Rush Line Corridor, an 80-mile corridor from downtown St. Paul north to Hinckley. As growth continues in the north metro, it's time to begin thinking about how to provide transit service within the corridor. Several bus rapid transit, light rail transit, and commuter rail options are being analyzed by the community at a series of open houses, the first is to be held at the Maplewood Community Center (Room C), 2100 White Bear Avenue, on October 2nd from 5:30 to 8:00PM., with presentations at 6:00 and 7:00PM. The second open house will be held on October 7th at the North Branch Library, 6355 379th Street, from 5:30 to 8:00PM, with presentations also at 6:00 and 7:00PM. For more information, visit the project website at www.rushline.org or call Tim Mayasich at 651.266.2762.

Buyer Beware!

Purchasing items on Craigslist or Ebay have become a great way to find "good deals". But a word of caution -- when something sounds too good to be true, it probably is. On June 26, 2008, a Maplewood Police Officer had his vehicle broken into in a St. Paul park. Stolen items included a cell phone, a camera, various personal items and a Department issued 800 MHz portable radio.

Concerned over the loss of his and the departments' property, the officer began checking Craigslist, a popular on-line "want ads". A few days after the theft, he noticed his PDA listed on Craigslist. The officer contacted the "seller" and made arrangements to meet in a public parking lot. St. Paul Police Officers had also been made aware of this meeting, and upon the officer getting his property back, proceeded to arrest the "seller".

Officers also obtained a search warrant for the "Seller's" home and found many more stolen items including most of the officer's other property and the Police Department portable radio. St. Paul Police are attempting to locate the owners of property seized in the search warrant including several laptop computers, cameras and other personal items.

On the Police Scanner

In July, the Maplewood Police Department responded to 2,527 calls for service. Included in this number were the following incidents:

- 31 Assault Cases
- 5 Robbery Cases
- 39 Burglary Cases
- 152 Theft Cases
- 52 Criminal Damage to Property Cases
- 28 Auto Theft Cases
- 86 Theft from Vehicle Cases

In addition, Officers made 48 arrests for shoplifting, 29 arrests for DWI and issued 1,014 citations.

Maplewood Buckthorn Management Program Announcements

- Buckthorn Removal Day at Vista Hills Park! Saturday, October 11, From 10:00 - 11:15AM, adults and kids (11+) will pull buckthorn and plant an acorn in its place! From noon—2:00PM, adults will cut and herbicide buckthorn. Training, tools, gloves and refreshments are provided. Call the Maplewood Nature Center to register and for more information, 651.249.2170.
- Buckthorn Drop-Off : Buckthorn drop-off will be the first two weekends of November. Drop off sites will be announced in the October issue of the Maplewood City News. Do not drop off trees or any other brush, instead bring them to a Ramsey County Compost Brush Site. Visit the Ramsey County website or call 651.266.1155 for more information.
- Volunteer to be a Buckthorn Block Captain! Block captains distribute door hangers, check out tools and promote buckthorn removal in their neighborhoods! Leave a message at 651.249.2188 to sign up!

Buckthorn Target Neighborhoods:

1. Sunset Ridge Park Neighborhood -- bordered by Walter Street, Highway 61, County Road D and Beam Avenue.
2. Maryland to Upper Afton Neighborhood including Maplewood households between Upper Afton Road, Maryland Avenue, Century Avenue (**Hwy 120**) and McKnight Road.

Residents in targeted neighborhoods receive free, buckthorn only, pickup on November 3rd and November 10th. You must register for pick up by October 28. To register, leave your name, address and phone or email on the Maplewood Buckthorn Hotline voice mail: 651. 249.2188. You will receive further information after registration.

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!

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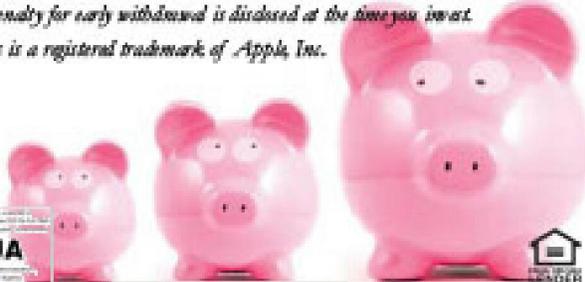
When purchasing new fluorescent bulbs, ask the retailer if they will take back your old bulbs for recycling. Home Depot and Menards will only accept CFLs for recycling- no fluorescent tubes or HID lamps. The Ramsey County Household Hazardous Waste sites will accept all types of fluorescent lights from households only. Residents of Ramsey County should call 651-633-EASY (3279) or visit www.co.ramsey.mn.us for the locations of the Household Hazardous Waste sites. Businesses should call 651-266-1199 for recycling options.

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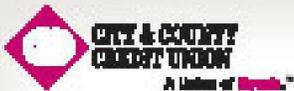
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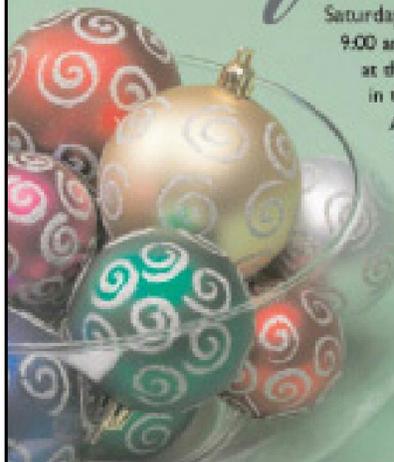
Holiday Craft Fair

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Financial State of the City Good

By Acting City Manager, Chuck Ahl

The City of Maplewood received a good report (called a "clean opinion") from an independent audit firm that reviewed the finances of the City for the 2007 calendar year. The audit was performed by HLB Tautges, Redpath, Ltd. of White Bear Lake and was received by the City Council at their meeting on Thursday, August 28, 2008. The Auditor found some issues within the Finance Department regarding procedures and standards; however, the Audit Partner, Dave Mol, indicated that "...other cities have similar findings."

When referring to "The Audit," the City is referring to a number of documents that are part of the process. The main document is a detailed report that is to be prepared by the City's Finance Department and is called The Comprehensive Annual Financial Report or CAFR. The CAFR reports on all financial activity during 2007 for all City functions. The independent audit reviews this document along with procedures within the City that provide the information for the CAFR to determine if the CAFR provides an accurate reflection of the financial state of the City. As noted earlier, the finding was that the CAFR is a "clean opinion" of the financial state of the City.

The CAFR documented that the City is in a "good" financial condition. The General Fund exceeded the budgeted revenue and expenses were well below that budgeted. From 2006 to 2007, revenues of the general fund increased 7.6% while expenditures increased 3.4%. This resulted in a General Fund increase of \$612,860 which exceeded the budgeted increase of \$223,410. This translates into a reduced need for property taxes, as the General Fund is supported by approximately 67% from property taxes. The CAFR also documented that other funds (such as the Ambulance Service Fund, Environmental Utility Fund, the Sanitary Sewer Fund, the Street Light Utility Fund and the Recycling Program Fund that are supported by fees) operated with income slightly above expenses. Two Funds operated at a deficit in 2007 that required support from property taxes. The Maplewood Community Center operated at a loss of \$485,372 and the Recreation Program Fund operated at a loss of \$330,320. These deficits are slightly above the amount budgeted, and a transfer from available funds was approved.

The CAFR documented that the City has fully funded the liabilities for employee leave and benefit expenses. There has been recent news that the City of Duluth faces major problems because of their lack of funding for these expenses. Maplewood does not face that issue and has a surplus in that fund. This surplus will be returned to the funds they were collected from and will assist with expenses in 2009 as a method to reduce property taxes.

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 Erik Hjelle: Councilmember 651.217.2172
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 Chuck Ahl: Acting City Manager 651.249.2050

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General Information 651.249.2000
 Deputy Registrar and Passport Hours:
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Maplewood Community Center

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 Group Information 651.249.2203
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 Aquatics 651.249.2206
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 Fitness 651.249.2207

Maplewood Recreation

General Information 651.249.2120

Maplewood Nature Center

General Information 651.249.2170

Maplewood Meeting Schedule

City Council: Monday, October 13 & 27 at 6:30PM
 City Council Work Session: Monday, October 6 at 5:00PM
 Citizen Forum: Saturday, October 4 at 10:00AM
 Environmental & Natural Resource Commission: Tuesday, October 7 at 5:15PM
 Planning Commission: Tuesday, October 7 & 21 at 7:00PM
 Community Design Review Board: Thursday, October 14 & 28 at 6:00PM
 Park Commission: Wednesday, October 15 at 7:00PM
 Housing & Redevelopment Authority: Wednesday, October 8 at 7:00PM
 Historical Preservation Committee: Thursday, October 16 at 7:00PM

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Maplewood's Fall Clean-Up Day

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Maplewood residents, with proof of residency, will be able to dispose of appliances, tires, construction debris, mattresses, 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.** If you are disposing of e-waste only, we encourage you to work with your neighbors to combine your e-waste into one vehicle so that the lines and your wait in line will be shorter.

A new effort this year includes the collection of bicycles IN ANY CONDITION by Re-Cycle, a used bicycle shop in Minneapolis. For more information, visit www.re-cycle.com. Also in conjunction with this event, Maplewood will be sponsoring a food drive for the Second Harvest Food Bank. Containers will be set up to collect food items. Tuna, peanut butter, macaroni and cheese, canned soups and vegetables, infant items, dried foods and cash are needed.

Collection Fees (Cash or Check Only):

Cars without a trailer:	\$10	Cars with a trailer:	\$15
Pick-up trucks:	\$15	Large loads (determined by city):	\$50 plus
Car tires:	\$3 each	Appliances:	\$10 each

NO FEE for e-waste such as tvs, computers, cell phones, etc.
For more information, call 651.249.2400.

2008 Buckthorn Drop-Off Sites

If you live in Maplewood drop off your buckthorn at one of these sites, **ONLY** on November 1st, 2nd, 8th and 9th. Dumping of other materials 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 (1830 County Road B East)

Place buckthorn by signs near the Public Works fuel pumps.

2. Londin Lane Fire Station (2501 Londin Lane)

Place your buckthorn between signs, west of the parking lot. Do not block fire station traffic or drive off paved parking area.

After these dates, bring your buckthorn to one of the four Ramsey County compost sites that accept brush. Remove all roots! Bring proof of residency. Site maps and hours are available online at www.co.ramsey.mn.us or call the Ramsey County Yard Waste Hotline at 651.266.1155.

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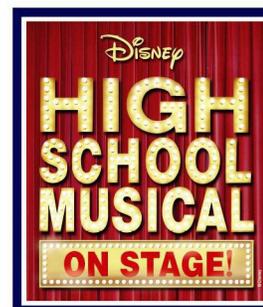
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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I try to update residents about news that impacts all of us. Hopefully the City will someday start to re-cap Council actions/news in this newsletter. Full disclosure; I am not running for re-election and have never accepted campaign bribes (oh, excuse me...donations).

In June, I wrote about a 2001 issue that impacted South Maplewood. The City of Maplewood tried to condemn private property on Carver Ave after allowing soils to be dumped which resulted in claims of contaminated septic systems and wells. The landowner successfully stopped the City from taking her home and property while battling severe poisoning. In February 2008, this resident was arrested by Maplewood after moving her 14 year old business from St. Paul Park to Maplewood. The issues surrounding that move and events from 2001 have resulted in a Federal Lawsuit being filed against Maplewood on August 25, 2008. The lawsuit itself can be viewed at www.friendsofmaplewood.com.

The 2007 Maplewood Financial Audit has been completed by the city's independent auditor. A copy can be found on the City website. Page 32 of the Audit shows REVENUES of 101.6% ABOVE budget, and EXPENDITURES of 96.5% BELOW budget. End result; a +\$903,873 SURPLUS in 2007 General Fund revenues over expenditures, not a deficit as previously reported. The Audit also revealed that actual City spending only increased 0.6% in 2007 after inflation. The cost of long-term debt service as a percentage of total expenses was reduced from 18.5% in 2006 to 17.8% in 2007. The Employee Benefits Fund which ended 2006 with a deficit balance of (-\$387,896), now has a positive balance of +\$1.2 million! The annual Audit provides factual reporting of Maplewood's sound financial health in 2007. The Audit also identified challenges that resulted from employee retirements and staff changes. Employees leave, 30 year employees retire, life happens. The question the City and taxpayers need to ask is why there were NO plans to cross train staff and provide for continuity planning? What if one day, these same Staff members had all went to lunch together (employees do that!) and suffered a tragic car accident? The City would have been in the exact same situation. The "political" answer from certain council members is to hire MORE employees. Maybe Maplewood should do what other cities have done and outsource these transactions to Payroll firms and other Cities. Lake Elmo recently just hired Roseville to handle most of its' Finance Operations. It is easy for Politicians to simply raise taxes and hire MORE people. The current Council has members that LOVE to raise your taxes and have done so every time they have been able to. My question is, when are +\$100,000/ year employees going to be held to the same standards that are expected in the "real world"? No private business would survive without proper planning, yet public government always falls back on the taxpayer to cover the costs!

2008 Financial News. If you believe the Pioneer Press article on Maplewood's financial state, then why did the new 2008 Council majority approve retroactive pay raises for city staff back to January 2007 and 2008? Why did they vote to delay hiring an additional Police Officer already budgeted for 2008? Why did the City transfer \$532,000 from the General Fund SURPLUS to pay for Capital projects and Recreation programming. In September 2008, the Council was shown a 2009 Property Tax Levy that proposed taking money from the Employee Benefits Fund to subsidize the Tax levy. Spending surplus money to subsidize increased spending is like "robbing Peter, to pay Paul". Keep in mind, the 2007 City Council voted to freeze the Property Tax Levy for 2008 at the 2007 tax rate. This was done by making tough decisions and with the conviction that City government should not take MORE of YOUR money! Maplewood was the ONLY city in Ramsey County to reduce its' net tax levy in 2008!

City Manager Search. The Par Group has been selected to search for a new city manager. The firm selection process was NOT without controversy. A different firm, The Brimeyer Group, had submitted a proposal that included biographies of three "senior" firm employees. The company website however listed five biographies of "senior" firm employees. The two Brimeyer Group "senior" employees NOT disclosed were former Maplewood City Manager Richard Fursman and his wife, both Vice-Presidents of The Brimeyer Group. Former City Manager Fursman was fired by the City Council in April 2006 and this attempt to deceive only confirms that action. After this fact was revealed, the council voted to hire the Par Group. The Par Group is nationally respected and regarded for its integrity and professionalism. The process should be complete by Jan. 2009.

Maplewood Citizens Group organizes for secession from Maplewood. Since February 2008, a growing group of residents in southern Maplewood have been organizing with the intent of seceding from the City of Maplewood. While the 2008 Council majority ignores the issues and concerns of these citizens, the dissent and anger grows. The group is alarmed by recent city-wide attempts to control private landowners within 200ft of Wetlands, city efforts to regulate bonfires and wood burning, etc. The other main concern was the 2008 Council majority vote to approve the Co-Par development on Carver Ave. The complete disregard for environmental protections and the Mississippi River Critical Area has fueled the debate along with blind City \$\$\$ support for a financially stressed developer. During National Night Out on August 5, I was asked at 4 separate meetings about the secession group. While the new council majority is dismissive of citizens concerns, the anger and distrust continues to grow. Maybe we need a reminder of how our great country was founded? I am very fearful that the arrogance of current City leadership towards many residents is taking us in the wrong direction.

There are many more issues I would like to discuss (Corruption on City Commissions, Proposed Higher Taxes, Increased Spending, Voting District boundary changes, etc) but I am limited to 1000 words. Please call or e-mail for further information. Remember, Freedom is not free. It is earned through blood and tears.

Police Civil Service Commission



The Police Civil Service Commission is a three-member group responsible for overseeing selection processes for sworn officers and acting as a hearing body for discipline and discharge issues for the Maplewood Police Department in accordance with M.S. Chapter 419. For further information on this statute, please go to the following link: www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us/statutes/?id=419. The Commission meets as needed.

The Commissioners are normally appointed to three-year terms by the City Council and volunteer their services as interested residents. The current Commissioners are: Marlene Palkovich, Chair, Lisa Liddell, Secretary and Steven Gunn. The City has a full-time Human Resource Coordinator that serves as a staff liaison for the Commission. The Commission decides which of several types of tests to use for sworn positions, the weighting of the exam components, and the minimum qualifications. We also certify names to the City Manager from eligibility lists and review and approve background investigations for police officer candidates.

The Police Civil Service Commission is not a civilian review board. We do not take complaints from the public nor do we review or conduct internal investigations. We do not direct or oversee police operations nor do we have input into the Police Department budget. We have no involvement in compensation or benefits for the officers.

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Financial State of the City Good (continued from cover)

One of the major findings by the audit firm was that there was a major turnover of staff in the City's Finance Department in 2007 that resulted in a number of tasks that did not get completed in a timely manner. A number of these issues have been reported in numerous publications. The lack of a continuation plan for the retirements and relocations of 'key' personnel resulted in procedures that did not follow proper internal control procedures and processes. Specific items that were referenced were:

- Reliance upon the audit team to assist with preparation of the CAFR
- Failure to timely reconcile bank balances in various accounts
- Failure to timely turnover un-cashed checks to the State of Minnesota
- Failure to timely return escrow funds to developers and contractors
- Failure to timely book new assets from street reconstruction projects

Each of these items are important financial procedures and steps have been taken to address each within the City's Finance Department such that the findings of the 2008 CAFR Audit will not be similar. Copies of the CAFR and the Auditor's letters to the City Council are available on the City's website or can be viewed at City Hall. Questions or comments on the Audit can be sent to the City Council members or to Acting City Manager Chuck Ahl (chuck.ahl@ci.maplewood.mn.us).

City Council Searching for New City Manager

The City Council is well into a process to appoint a new City Manager. After preparing a proposal and reviewing various firms, the Council, at their July 25th meeting, unanimously agreed to enter into a contract with The Par Group, LLC. of Chicago to assist with the selection process. Throughout August, representatives of The Par Group have been interviewing the Council, commission chairs, department heads and city bargaining group representatives in order to prepare a profile of the position for interested candidates. The profile will be used to recruit candidates on a regional basis throughout September. The Council approved a calendar documenting their goals to have finalists for the position available for interviewing and final selection in November 2008. The Council has indicated that process is likely to include a Citizen's Committee and a Business Committee to assist the Council in the selection process. Watch the city website for methods to indicate interest in these committees and ways to provide your input on the qualities of the new City Manager.

2008 Bridal Expo

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Thursday	October 9	4:30PM-8:00PM
Friday	October 10	4:30PM-8:00PM
Saturday	October 11	10:00AM-2:00PM

You can also pick up a recycling bin at the Public Works building during regular business hours, Monday thru Friday, 8:00AM-4:30PM. Stop by or call us at 651.249.2400.

Our recycling partner, Eureka Recycling, has experienced increased recycling volumes in communities where recycling bins are widely used. The more we recycle, the more natural resources and energy we conserve. Recycling also reduces waste, which eliminates the pollution and greenhouse gas emissions caused when waste is sent to landfills or incinerators. So when you recycle, your efforts really DO contribute to the conservation of energy and the preservation of the environment.

Caught Recycling: 1608 Legacy Parkway

One of the residents at the townhouses at 1608 Legacy Parkway East is the lucky winner of \$50 for recycling during the month of September. Each month, through December 2008, one randomly selected resident in one of Maplewood's five trash hauling/recycling districts will be the winner of \$50 cash. The recyclables must be set out by 7:00AM that morning. It's that simple.

Although Maplewood residents are great recyclers, only 67% of Maplewood's households are currently recycling. To help you recycle more, recycling bins are available at the Public Works building at 1902 County Road B East during regular business hours, Monday thru Friday, 8:00AM-4:30PM. Call 651.249.2400 for more information or Eureka Recycling at 651.222.SORT (7678) with recycling questions.



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Location:	Maplewood Community Center
Dates:	October 21, December 9, February 17, and March 10
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A total of 30 Maplewood officers worked at the RNC. Of those 30, six were part of the bike unit, four were assigned to intelligence gathering and the remaining 20 were assigned to transportation security. For the Department's participation in the bike unit, the Department will receive the six bicycles officers used during the convention. The City of Maplewood will be reimbursed for all officers' wages.

Officers worked 12-18 hour shifts each day of the convention with some also working in the days leading up to the start of the convention. Services in Maplewood were not impacted during the RNC, as most officers working the RNC did so on their days off.

On the Police Scanner

In August, the Maplewood Police Department responded to 2,287 calls for service. Included in this number were the following incidents:

- 28 Assault Cases
- 3 Robbery Cases
- 30 Burglary Cases
- 155 Theft Cases
- 70 Criminal Damage to Property Cases
- 23 Auto Theft Cases
- 50 Theft from Vehicle Cases

In addition, Officers made 59 arrests for shoplifting and 33 arrests for DWI.

Holiday Craft Fair

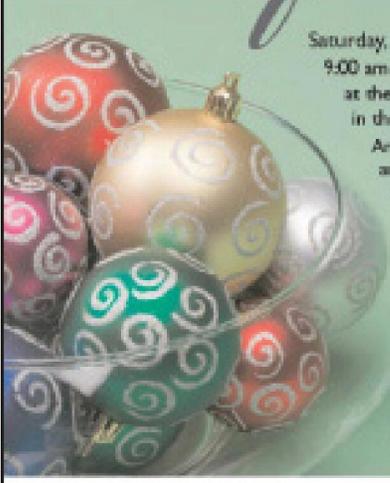
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What's New In Maplewood?

On September 22, City Council approved the plans for HealthEast to enlarge the St. John's Hospital Campus. This proposal included several expansion elements:

- Adding two stories onto the Ambulatory Care Center for an expanded floor area totaling 60,000 additional square feet. This addition consists of two floors totaling 30,000 square feet each for the total of 60,000 square feet. The proposed third floor would add 32 beds and the proposed fourth floor would have the capacity for an additional 32 future beds.
- Adding two stories onto the Maternity Care Center/Emergency Department for an additional 35,300 square feet of floor area. This addition would consist of 17,000 square feet of additional floor area for the Emergency Department and 18,300 square feet for the proposed Maternity Care Center for the total of 35,300 square feet. This addition to the Maternity Care Center would add 11 beds and the proposed addition to the Emergency Department would add 10 to 14 exam rooms. This portion of the remodeling includes 5,850 square feet within the Maternity Care Center and 13,500 square feet within the Emergency Department.
- Adding an additional parking level onto the parking ramp with 123 more parking spaces.
- Adding 150 surface parking spaces in the northeast corner of the site.



On May 20, 1982, City Council first approved the plans for HealthEast to build the hospital in Maplewood on Hazelwood Street and Beam Avenue. Construction soon followed. Maplewood has always been proud to be the home of St. John's Hospital, and after several subsequent expansions, St. John's Hospital is growing again as a major medical center. Maplewood looks forward to working with St. John's Hospital during this expansion and continuing this successful relationship.

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Visit Our New Site

Over the past four months we've been redesigning and rebuilding our website. On November 17 we invite you to visit us at www.ci.maplewood.mn.us to see the end result. We know you're going to love the new look and feel of our site and we are confident that the new menus and structure will make finding what you're looking for easier than ever. Feel free to e-mail any comments to info@ci.maplewood.mn.us.



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 Child Care 651.249.2218
 Fitness 651.249.2207

Maplewood Recreation

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Maplewood Nature Center

General Information 651.249.2170

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Maplewood Meeting Schedule

City Council: Monday, November 10 & 24 at 6:30PM
 Community Design Review Board: Tuesday, November 25 at 6:00PM
 Environmental & Natural Resource Commission: Thursday, November 6 at 5:15PM
 Housing & Redevelopment Authority: Wednesday, November 12 at 7:00PM
 Citizen Forum: Saturday, November 1 at 10:00AM
 Park Commission: Wednesday, November 19 at 7:00PM
 Planning Commission: Thursday, November 6 & Tuesday, November 18 at 7:00PM
 Historical Preservation Committee: Thursday, November 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. Any meeting cancellations are posted on the City's website.

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What's That?



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Dear Friends and Neighbors. Greetings!

It's good to be back again! I MISSED you!

In the past few months, there has been a tremendous amount of news I wanted to share with you:

1. Council decisions being made;
2. Recommendations coming down from the various Commissions and Boards;
3. Public policy discussions by the Council; and
4. Budgetary actions, by staff and Council alike, that affect us all.

However, the Maplewood citizens' right to a monthly Mayor's column was taken away in the Spring of 2008.

As you may recall, the elimination of the monthly Mayor's Column was spear-headed by Council member William "Will" Rossbach and enacted by the Council majority. Obviously, I voted "Nay". At the time, the rationale for the Council majority's vote to eliminate the monthly Mayor's column and have the Mayor write occasionally under the Council Corner was:

1. There will be more space in the newsletter for Staff to get out "real" information to the citizens;
2. We'll "save money"; and
3. There will be no more highlighting the Mayor above the individual council members.

Now that some months have passed after the Council majority's arbitrary and capricious action, take a moment and ask yourself, "Is the proof in the pudding" ? Has the City really "saved" any money by cutting out the Mayor's column? Has the newsletter, over the past few months, been more informative, more inclusive of facts or news important to you as a citizen?

Citizens I've spoken with want to read more about the hot topics at the council meetings and what their elected officials are doing. Following is a very small portion of such information:

CITY MANAGER SEARCH

Ten months after releasing Mr. Copeland as City Manager, the Council majority is finally moving forward to find a permanent city manager. Quite some time ago, Acting City Manager, Mr. Chuck Ahl, clearly told the Council he did not want the position.

Back on March 24, 2008, I placed the City Manager search process on the Council agenda to get the ball rolling. The stated goal of this process was to cast the net far and wide for numerous applicants from which to select and to include all council members in the process. This process and the ultimate selection of the city manager was presumably based upon the Council's values, goals, objectives and a sensitivity to the citizens of Maplewood. It wasn't until August 2008 that Mr. Steve Bernard of the PAR Group, out of Chicago, was selected to aid the City Council in its search.

PAR Group conducted interviews of the Mayor and Council, along with Department Heads, Union representatives and Commission/Board Chairs selected by Mr. Ahl, Acting City Manager, and Mr. Bernard for a total of 28 interviews. From these interviews, a city manager recruitment profile was created. After Council review of this initial profile, I was of the opinion that the input of one very important continuant group was missing – that of citizens. After council discussion, the council followed my lead and supported the addition of several citizen oriented criteria to the profile. See www.pargroupltd.com for the final profile.

While the profile is a composite of the interview results, the council was provided no analytical information as to how the specific profile criteria was arrived at or which criteria was of greater importance, or attributable, to one constituent group over another. This information, I believe would be helpful in the final selection when the Council needs to weigh the qualifications each candidate brings to the table. How can the Council responsibly fulfill its duty to hire the "best" candidate if we don't understand the prioritization of profile criteria from the council perspective? The citizens' perspective? The business community's perspective? The staff's perspective? It is doubtful that we will recruit candidates that can "Do all, Be all" and this prioritized information could be a valuable tool when reviewing the pool of candidates to select that one individual who is the best fit for our community. Unfortunately, I was told this information would be too complicated to produce and wasn't part of the contract.

On October 13, 2008, the Council voted to form two panels to assist the Council in the city manager selection process: one panel of 9 members, comprised of staff, and another panel of 9 members comprised of citizens, commission members and business representatives. We have included two social meet-and-greets where the panel members, Council and the community can interact informally with the final 3 - 6 candidates.

With all of the foregoing said, the jury is still out on whether Maplewood will truly have a genuine city manager search process, with significant citizen input, or whether the PAR group and the Council majority will "manage" the process to produce a manufactured, predetermined result.

CITY FINANCES

Financially, 2007 was a good year for Maplewood. Under the management of former City Manager, Greg Copeland, Maplewood ended 2007 with a general operating fund balance in excess of the amount budgeted and projected for year end. This was accomplished, in part, through decreased spending. Consequently, this financial safety net placed Maplewood in a less financially precarious position than many cities in these times of increased energy costs, health care premiums and the like.

However, starting in January 2008, with the new Council majority, the check book was thrown wide open with big retroactive pay increases for top Maplewood administrators and pet projects. The impact of these actions remains to be seen on the final 2009 property tax levy. Currently, the Council majority has set 6.2% as the maximum property tax levy. Watch for details at the end of the year. It is still unclear how the new council majority will wrestle with the tough choices necessary as a result of their spending spree at a time of statewide and national economic crisis.

NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVES – UPDATE

Despite concerns over increased government spending and property tax increases, citizens remain committed to protecting our environmental resources. For those citizens who are concerned about permanently protecting our Neighborhood Preserves purchased with the open space referendum dollars a few years back, keep your eyes and ears open! You will want to watch the Parks and Recreation Commission meetings.

Recently, a proposal came before the Parks Commission for their consideration: Should Maplewood protect the Priory Neighborhood Preserve with a conservation easement? Keep in mind, a conservation easement is most easily thought of as a promise to permanently preserve land from development. The vote for recommending permanent protection of the Priory Preserve, from development, was split 4 to 4. While this split vote was surprising, the most astonishing observation was the comments of the most senior members on the commission, who voted 'no' for permanent protection. They were of the mind that the original 1993 referendum ballot language did not specifically state that any property subsequently purchased as open space with the 1993 referendum money was to be preserved forever. Therefore, the City had no mandate to enact permanent protections, from development, for these publicly owned open space properties – i.e. the Neighborhood Preserves. Mark my words, this will be the same rationale used when other Neighborhood Preserves come up before the Commissions and Council for possible permanent protection.

If this issue is important to you because a Neighborhood Preserve is in your neighborhood or you have a commitment to preserving publicly owned open space for future generations, call the Council and myself to let us know your recollection of the purpose of Maplewood's 1993 open space referendum. Was the purpose just to buy land with public money to land bank the properties for sale or trade at some future time? Or was the purpose of the referendum to purchase properties with the public purpose and intent of permanently preserving them from future development? Help us remember history.

CABLE CASTING AND MEETING REPLAYS

Lastly, I have had a lot of feedback from citizens asking why the meetings of the council, commissions and boards are not being cable cast like they used to be. This issue has come up at several council meetings and at the last 3 or 4 citizen forums with no one single reliable answer from management. Is it the equipment? Is it the know-how? Is it the time? Is it the money? Some insiders have told me that it's the directive of management. If the meetings are not re-broadcast then citizens are less likely to catch what is being said, the decisions being made and the public policy being formed. Transparency is fundamental to an informed citizenry and democracy. In an effort to get more information to the Maplewood citizens, I currently host and produce a one hour program every Friday evening on Channel 15 at 10:00PM called "On the Agenda – In Review" where I show select footage of the key issues facing the Council, Commissions and Boards.

MAPLEWOOD NEWSLETTER

Citizens are smart. The Council majority has it within their power to support open communication, accountability and transparency. Prior to the Council's action to eliminate the monthly Mayor's Column in the Maplewood Newsletter, I suggested an alternative action. Each Council member could write a short monthly column informing the citizens of actions taken by them as council members, meetings they attended and community events. At the time, they rejected the idea. As a valued member of our Maplewood community, what do you think of this concept? Is this something you would like to see in our monthly newsletter? If so, please call, send emails or write to the Council, City Hall and myself with your input.

As always, I welcome your comments and suggestions on all matters. One and all are invited to attend the monthly Citizen's Forum, hosted by myself, held the first Saturday at Maplewood City Hall in the Maplewood Room from 10:00AM to noon or call me at 651.774.1490 or email to mayorlongrie@yahoo.com.

Best Regards,
Mayor Diana Longrie

Proposed 2009 Neighborhood Street Improvements

By Michael Thompson, Assistant City Engineer

On August 25 City Council approved preliminary funding that allowed the engineering department to begin the planning process for reconstructing streets within three Maplewood neighborhoods (refer to map). A feasibility report must be written for each project which contains information such as a preliminary street and utility design, cost and funding analysis, and project schedule. The streets currently have a very poor pavement condition rating of 35, on of a scale from 1 to 100, which signifies numerous pavement cracks, pot holes, and other street failures. The goal is to have Maplewood streets at a rating of 70 or above.



Rainwater Garden



Before Street Improvements



After Street Improvements

Construction is proposed to begin in the spring of 2009, but a series of neighborhood meetings and public hearings must first be conducted. The neighborhood meetings will likely take place at the end of 2008 with the Public Hearings to follow likely in early 2009. Typically two neighborhood meetings are held with homeowners in order to provide information on the public improvement process and the proposed street improvement. But more importantly these meetings allow the engineering department to gather feedback from homeowners on problems that can be fixed as part of the project, such as sewer backups and drainage issues. Residents are encouraged to get involved with the street improvement process and take a stake in the future design and look of their neighborhood.

Typical funding sources for these infrastructure projects are Public Works Improvement Bonds, the Saint Paul Water fund, and the Sanitary Sewer Utility fund. Also any property receiving a direct benefit from the street improvement is assessed a fixed rate, which is set by the City Council each year.

The Maplewood Public Works Department is a leader in promoting green practices on reconstruction projects by installing rainwater gardens, pervious pavement, and underground infiltrative piping in order to reduce pollutants entering our lakes, streams and wetlands. If you are a homeowner residing on a proposed street improvement you can request a rainwater garden, and this is a simple way to continue "greening" the city and improving the water quality within your own neighborhood. Please contact the Public Works Department at 651.249.2400 with any questions or concerns.





Commission Corner: The Maplewood Housing & Redevelopment Authority

Hello. I'm Beth Ulrich, Vice Chair Person to the Maplewood Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA). For those of you that may not be familiar with our committee, I'd like to introduce you to what our function is and to some of the issues our committee has addressed. First of all we are a five-member volunteer committee. We meet the second Wednesday of each month in the Maplewood City Council Chambers at 7:00PM.

Our main duty is to advise the city council on matters that relate to housing in Maplewood. Like all of Maplewood's advisory committees, the HRA submits their recommendation on various matters to the City Council to help guide them in their decisions.

We review development projects including proposals for Tax Increment Financing (TIF) and conduit bond financing that developers request to help fund their projects. The committee has recently been providing input into the city's housing maintenance code requirements (currently a work in progress) and one of our most noteworthy accomplishments is working closely with staff and council in the creation of Maplewood's Truth in Housing requirements in order that potential home buyers are assured of the basic condition of a house prior to their purchase.



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Snow Plowing Reminders

With winter approaching, it won't be long until our snowplow drivers are out in force clearing snow and ice, making the roads safe for motorists. Our snowplow drivers urge you to remember:

- Keep a safe distance from the snowplow. Stay back at least 100 feet.
- Slow down. Yield to snowplows. Give the plow driver room.
- Be patient. Never drive into a snow cloud. Remember, an average 3" snowfall can take 8 hours to complete full width plowing of all streets.
- Think safety, plan on traffic delays.
- Do not allow children to make tunnels in snow piles on the boulevard.
- Stay alert. A snowplow weighs 17 times more than your car.
- Do not shovel or blow snow back into a plowed street.

The City of Maplewood has established a goal of plowing all streets within our 13 plow routes full width within eight hours after snow has quit falling. The sidewalk/trail system will be opened within 48 hours of completion of the street plowing. The city has established parking ordinances that when adhered to result in faster, more thorough service, and provide safer driving conditions. Parking for more than 30 minutes during a snowfall and the plowing of snow is prohibited. Parking is also banned year round between 2:00AM - 6:00AM. Parking on bridge approaches or on boulevards or medians is also prohibited.

For the complete snow plowing policy and city ordinances, please go to the city website at www.ci.maplewood.mn.us under city departments, public works street division, or call the Public Works Department at 651.249.2400.



Snow Removal Around Mailboxes and Fire Hydrants

Inspect your mailbox to make sure it can withstand snow rolling off the snow plow. It is also to your advantage to help keep fire hydrants clear of snow so the fire department has quicker access in case of a fire.

Winter Outdoor Skating

Maplewood maintains nine skating rinks throughout the city, four of which have supervised shelters. Skating facilities and shelters, depending on weather conditions, will open December 22 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.

Shelter Hours:

Monday - Friday	5:00 - 8:00PM
Saturday	12:00 - 8:00PM
Sunday	12:00 - 6:00PM
December 24 - 25	RINKS CLOSED
January 1 & 19	12:00 - 8:00PM

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
Edgerton	2001 Bradley St
Harvest	2561 Barclay St
Kohlman	1000 County Road C
Maplecrest	2101 Arcade St
Pleasantview	1100 Marine St



Maplewood Community Policing

Many years ago, the Maplewood Police Department adopted the community policing philosophy in an effort to make Maplewood a safer place to live and engage our citizens in that effort. The principles of this philosophy are problem solving and partnership building. Some of the components the department offers have included a cable television show, Neighborhood Watch, National Night Out, Citizens Academy, bike patrol, and volunteer opportunities for citizens. In addition to these components, the department makes a great deal of information available through its website including neighborhood crime statistics and media releases.

Citizens are encouraged to call the police immediately if they see suspicious or illegal activity occurring. The police count on the public to be their eyes and ears since the police can't be everywhere, all the time. The department has established contacts for citizens to call to discuss non-emergency issues. An officer, sergeant and lieutenant are assigned responsibility for each neighborhood of the city. The map is available on the police department website at www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/police. If you don't have internet access, you can seek out the resources you need by contacting the North District Lieutenant Kevin Rabbett at 651.249.2604 or the South District Lieutenant Mike Shortreed at 651.249.2605.

Caught Recycling: 114 Skillman Avenue East

The residents at 114 Skillman Avenue East are the lucky winners of \$50 for recycling during October. Each month through December, one randomly selected resident from each of Maplewood's five trash/recycling districts will be caught recycling and be the winner of \$50. The recyclables must be on the curb by 7:00AM that morning. It's that simple.

We have already caught residents recycling on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. It's now the residents who recycle on Monday and Tuesday who have a chance to win \$50. (HINT: the Monday winner will be caught recycling during November and the Tuesday winner in December).

Even though Ramsey County residents recycled 312,000 tons of material in 2007 (including 2,700 tons by Maplewood residents), over 400,000 tons of trash still went to landfills or was turned into energy. And, we continue to create more trash. However, some of what we throw away could be reused, repaired, recycled, composted or disposed of in special ways. To take the mystery out of trash disposal, Ramsey County has created the A to Z Disposal Guide for residents. The A to Z Disposal Guide is an easy-to-use, online reference guide for disposal information.

Don't know what to do with old antifreeze? With that old couch? Do you have expired or unwanted prescription drugs? An old mercury thermometer? Other hazardous household waste? Just go online to www.co.ramsey.mn.us, click on Health & Environment and find the A to Z Disposal Guide. If you have any other questions, you can also call 651.633.EASY (3279).

Remember to rethink, reduce, reuse and recycle. If you don't recycle, you don't win. And neither does our environment.

On the Police Scanner

In September, the Maplewood Police Department responded to 2,049 calls for service. Included in this number were the following incidents:

- 33 Assault Cases
- 4 Robbery Cases
- 34 Burglary Cases
- 125 Theft Cases
- 47 Criminal Damage to Property Cases
- 17 Auto Theft Cases
- 48 Theft from Vehicle Cases

In addition, officers made 54 arrests for shoplifting, 15 arrests for DWI and issued 659 citations.



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A to Z
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Special Events

Holiday Gift Expo

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5, 3:00 - 8:00PM

Are you a last minute shopper? Do you have a holiday to-do list a mile long? If so, then Maplewood Community Center's Holiday Gift Expo is the place for you! Admission is FREE! You will find a variety of Twin Cities vendors offering gift certificates, gift baskets, and other holiday-ready merchandise. This holiday season avoid the crowded malls and streets and utilize this one-stop-shop to simplify your holiday gift purchasing. In addition to our wide selection of vendors, the Maplewood Community Center will also offer childcare. AND just for stopping by to register you are eligible to win one of many fabulous door prizes. So this year come to the Maplewood Community Center for all of your last-minute holiday shopping needs! For more information contact Pauline Staples at 651.249.2103.

Are you a vendor looking for holiday shoppers who are ready to buy? If so, consider participating in the Holiday Gift Expo! This is your exclusive opportunity as a business owner to get in front of hundreds of local shoppers. Set your business up for a successful year! To reserve your booth space contact Pauline Staples at 651.249.2103 or pauline.staples@ci.maplewood.mn.us. Ask about how you can get added exposure by advertising in the Holiday Gift Guide!



The Maplewood Community Center Presents...

Billy McLaughlin "Simple Gifts" Holiday Concert



Wednesday, November 26, 7:30PM

Call 651-249-2230 to reserve your ticket today!

Tickets:

\$ 25 in advance

\$ 23 seniors, students, & MCC members

\$ 30 day of show for everyone



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New Year's Party at the Nature Center!

**Wednesday, December 31, 2008
6:00 - 8:00PM**

\$10/family (best for families with kids 3 - 10)

Register today! Call 651-249-2170.

Join us as we bring in the New Year with outdoor family fun. Take part in a glow in the dark scavenger hunt along the trail. Make music and a party hat. Roast marshmallows and listen to stories by the campfire. Alternate indoor activities are planned in case of severe weather.

Maplewood Nature Center

(2659 East Seventh Street, Maplewood, MN 55119)

Maplewood Community Center

MCC Hours (October - April)

Monday - Friday: 5:30AM - 10:00PM

Saturday: 6:00AM - 9:00PM

Sunday: 9:00AM - 9:00PM

Holiday Schedule

Nov. 11 (Veteran's Day): Customer Service CLOSED, MCC Building OPEN

Nov. 27 (Thanksgiving Holiday): Customer Service and MCC Building CLOSED

Nov. 28 (Thanksgiving Holiday): Customer Service CLOSED, MCC Building OPEN

Dec. 24 - 25 (Christmas Holiday): Customer Service and MCC Building CLOSED

Dec. 31 (New Year's Eve Holiday): Customer Service and MCC Building CLOSED AT 3:00PM

Jan. 1 (New Year's Day Holiday): Customer Service and MCC Building CLOSED

Mid-Day Memberships Now Available

Maplewood Community Center is excited to announce that mid-day memberships are now available. Mid-day memberships are valid Monday through Friday from 10:00AM to 2:00PM and are perfect for home schools, daycares and parents with preschoolers. 3-month family mid-day memberships are available for \$120.00 (\$75.00 for individuals) and 12-month family mid-day memberships are available for \$480 (\$300 for individuals). Insurance reimbursements are applicable with mid-day membership. See page 12 for more on Maplewood Community Center rates.

Maplewood Community Center 10 Visit Pass Card - GREAT GIFT IDEA!

Maplewood Community Center 10 Visit Pass Cards are now available. Pass Cards can be used for daily admission, strength and cardio centers, aquatics, basketball, fitness classes, racquetball, or all of the above. Cards can be renewed for 10, 20, or more additional passes! Each 10 Visit Pass Card is available for \$60.00. Buy your card today at MCC customer service.

Corporate Memberships

Request that your business participate in an MCC Corporate Membership! Earn 15 - 25% off each membership for 10 or more participants. The MCC will help your company stay fit and encourage a healthy lifestyle! Call 651.249.2201 for more information!

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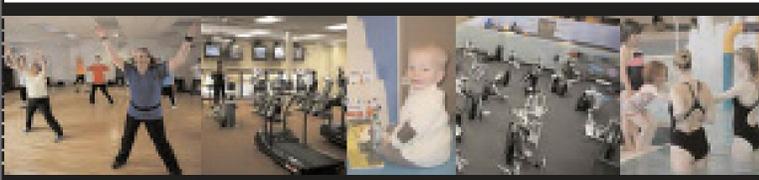
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Maplewood Community Center

Gathering Your Group?

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Lock-Ins/After Hour Groups

Calling all schools, churches, and businesses who would like to hold a large gathering and are looking for a place to have an overnight party or would like to have the pool/gym to themselves. The Maplewood Community Center offers both of these options. Don't forget to check out our new lock-in options! Let us do the work. We can reserve your entertainment and food for you. Just let us know what you want and we'll do our best to get it for you!

CALL 651.249.2203 TO RESERVE YOUR DATE!

Banquet

The Maplewood Community Center is a state-of-the-art meeting and banquet facility offering over 5,000 square feet of functional space that includes four exquisite chandeliers, large carpeted seating area for 350 people and a 1,300 square foot parquet dance floor. The banquet hall has many windows offering natural light and a 21 foot bay window showcasing the head of the room; additionally, we include a sheltered patio area located off the two large rooms at no additional charge. This combination of banquet hall and sheltered outdoor patio makes it a premier facility for weddings, trade shows, meetings and other events.



CALL 651.249.2103 TO BOOK YOUR NEXT EVENT!

Child Care

Child Care provides a stimulating environment for your child to explore and interact with other children while you enjoy all the benefits that the MCC has to offer. Child Care is located on the upper level of the MCC. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 8:00AM to 1:00PM and 4:00PM to 7:00PM, Saturday 9:00AM to 1:00PM and Sunday 9:00AM to 1:00PM. *Subject to change.

Child Care is provided for children ages 6 weeks through 9 years of age and up to 90 minutes per reservation. If a reservation is made within 24 hours of visit, it can be guaranteed. We do offer drop-off but request that you call to make sure space is available.

Drop in fees are for reservations made less than 24 hours in advance. Child care punch cards are available for \$20/month at customer service. See page 10 for \$10 OFF coupon!

CHILD CARE: 651.249.2218



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MEMBERSHIP RATES

	MONTHLY		3-MONTH		ANNUAL	
	Rate	Resident	Rate	Resident	Rate	Resident
Youth/Senior	\$27	\$25	\$118	\$104	\$312	\$288
Senior HH	\$41	\$38	\$144	\$135	\$408	\$372
Adult	\$45	\$35	\$167	\$134	\$450	\$408
Couple/Dual	\$56	\$58	\$192	\$165	\$480	\$492
Family/HH	\$48	\$55	\$208	\$185	\$472	\$412

A one time non-refundable \$75 initial fee is payable upon joining and will only be reassessed if a membership lapses more than 30 days.

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Youth/Senior	\$7 \$5		3 Months Annual
Adult	\$9 \$7		Individual \$75 Individual \$308
Family*	\$20 \$16		Family \$120 Family \$480

*Daily admission family consists of father, mother, sons, daughters, foster children, and foreign exchange students. No more than two adults 18 years of age or older.

All rates are subject to change and will be assessed a 6.75% sales tax.

MEMBERSHIP DEFINITIONS

Youth: 17 & under Adult: 18 & older Senior: 62 & older

Senior Household: Two individuals 62 & older living in the same dwelling

Couple/Dual: Two individuals living in the same dwelling

Family/ Household: Up to 6 individuals living in the same dwelling*

*Each individual after 6 will require an additional \$4/month \$48/annually

(Verification of residency will be required on all types of memberships.)

PAYMENT OPTIONS

3-Month, Annual & Mid-Day: Use cash, check, Visa, MasterCard or Discover to pre-pay

Monthly: first month paid to Maplewood Community Center; remaining months are automatic monthly withdrawals from a checking or savings account

HEAR FROM A MEMBER!



"I'm so glad I made the commitment to join my teenage son and I used to lose weight. I'm a single working mom and find it difficult to make the time. I come in 3 days a week and do 15 minutes of cycling and 15 minutes of weights. I eat normally and the weight comes off like duck-duck, about 1-2 pounds every week. I never have to worry about the facility or equipment being too crowded. The staff is great. I have more energy for the rest of my life and my insurance pays me \$20 every month toward my dent!"

"My 4th grade class came from school today and announced "My teacher is the best teacher in the whole school. She stopped me in the hall today to let me know she noticed that I had lost weight (about 2009)." Talk about a boost to a previously self-conscious adolescent's self-esteem and it's due to the Empowered Community Center—Thank!!"

Mary Gomez, BCC Member

Monthly Membership Fees After Fitness Discount

Work out 8-12 times per month for reimbursements	Qualifying Delia , Blue Cross Blue Shield , and Health Partners Members		Qualifying UCare Members (must be 45 years of age)		Qualifying Health Members	
	Maplewood Resident	Non-Resident	Maplewood Resident	Non-Resident	Maplewood Resident	Non-Resident
Youth/Senior	\$5	\$7	\$5	\$7	\$5	\$7
Senior Household	\$0*	\$1*	\$0*	\$0*	\$18	\$21
Adult	\$15	\$25	\$8	\$8	\$15	\$25
Couple/Dual	\$10*	\$16*	\$30	\$36	\$30	\$36
Family/Household*	\$15	\$20*	\$15*	\$20*	\$35	\$40

*Two participants per membership.
6.75% Sales tax will be assessed before the discount.



Aquatics

SWIM REGISTRATION IS GOING ON NOW! December Mini and Winter Full Session

The time has come once again for you to register your water baby (or yourself!) for Maplewood Community Center swim lessons. Course descriptions may be found on our website at www.maplewoodcommunitycenter.com. Please refer to the schedule on the following pages to find the class that is right for you. All December mini-session classes include six lessons and cost \$50.00 (\$40.00 for MCC members). All winter full session classes include eight lessons and cost \$68.00 (\$53.00 for MCC members). Semi-private lessons are available on Saturdays at a rate of \$115 (\$90 for MCC members) per eight lessons.

To register, stop by the Maplewood Community Center Customer Service Desk (Monday 9:00AM - 7:00PM, Tuesday - Friday 9:00AM - 5:00PM, Saturday 8:00AM - 12:00PM). Online registration is also available at 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 pre-register for your online account before registering on this day! 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 (\$112 for MCC members) for four lessons, or \$288 (\$208 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.

Pool Hours

Monthly pool and lap swim calendars are available on our website at: www.maplewoodcommunitycenter.com. Printed copies may also be picked up at the admissions and customer service desks. Please note that pool hours vary during sessions of swim lessons; those changes are listed in the pool and lap swim calendars.



Adult Only Swim Time

We now offer "Adult Only" swim times on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:00 - 3:00PM. We've also added an adult only time on Wednesday nights from 8:00 - 9:00PM. 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 (plus tax) on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:00 - 3:00PM. Some exceptions may apply. Check the monthly pool schedule for specific dates and exceptions.

Water Safety Instructor Training

Are you interested in being trained as a Red Cross Water Safety Instructor? We now have in-house Water Safety Instructor Trainers who will be offering at least two classes per year. For more details contact Ron at 651.249.2206 or ron.horwath@ci.maplewood.mn.us.

Water Safety Aide Program

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 10:00AM - 3:00PM

We now offer FREE training to individuals over the age of ten, who have completed Red Cross Level 4 and are interested in being a volunteer aide for Maplewood Community Center swim lessons. For more information contact Ron at 651.249.2206 or at ron.horwath@ci.maplewood.mn.us.

Aquatics

Snorkeling

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22 AND JANUARY 24 (2 SEPARATE SESSIONS)

8:30 - 9:45AM (AGES 6 - 11)

10:00 - 11:30AM (AGES 12 AND UP)

This training is great for those planning a warm water vacation. Whether it is a cruise, barefoot sailing to remote islands, or a popular destination such as Hawaii, Cayman Islands, or the Bahamas - the skills you acquire in this snorkeling class will enhance your enjoyment and safety in the water. Private snorkeling lessons may be arranged at the private swim lesson rate. For more information or to arrange a private lesson, contact Ron Horwath at 651.249.2206 or ron.horwath@ci.maplewood.mn.us.

Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts Swimming Programs

The Maplewood Community Center offers Swimming Merit Badge Training as well as summer camp swimming tests. For more information or to arrange a program for your scouts, contact Ron Horwath at 651.249.2206 or ron.horwath@ci.maplewood.mn.us.

Aquatic Center Events

Flotation Fridays

FRIDAYS, NOVEMBER 28, DECEMBER 26, AND JANUARY 30, 5:00 - 8:00PM

Come jump, splash, float, slide and meet lots of people. On Flotation Fridays we bring out the best inflatable fun the MCC has to offer. The Inflatable Magic Island, beach balls, tubes and everything else the MCC has that floats will be available in the pool for everyone to enjoy. Bring your friends and family! Cost is free to members and included in the price of daily admission for non-members.

Other Flotation Days

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1:00 - 4:00PM,

Special flotation days are held either during days off from school or for a Maplewood Community Center special event. They're just as much fun during the day! Cost is free to members and included in the price of daily admission for non-members.

Swim-In Movie Night

FINDING NEMO: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 5:00PM (6:00PM MOVIE)

RUDOLPH THE RED NOSED REINDEER AND FROSTY THE SNOWMAN:

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 5:00PM (6:00PM MOVIE)

DISNEY'S PETER PAN: SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 5:00PM (6:00PM)

Take time out from your family's busy schedule and have a splashing good time floating on a tube and watching a movie. The evening will begin with flotation fun at 5:00PM, followed by the movie showing at 6:00PM. Event is free for members and included in the cost of admission for non-members.

**If you love movies in the pool be sure to check out movies in the park.
See page 23 for more information!**



December 2008 Mini Session

Monday and Wednesday Evenings December 1-17		Tuesday and Thursday Evenings December 2-18	
Preschool Swimming Classes (All Classes are 30 Minutes Long)			
	Time	Activity #	Activity #
Preschool 2	6:00 PM	1512-401	1512-402
Preschool 3	6:30 PM	1515-401	1515-402
Red Cross Levels 1-6 and Adult Lessons (All Classes are 45 Minutes Long)			
	Time	Activity #	Activity #
Level 1	6:00 PM	1501-401	
Level 2	6:30 PM	1502-401	1502-402
Level 3	6:45 PM	1503-401	1503-402
Level 4	6:45 PM	1504-401	1504-402
Level 5			1505-402

Winter 2009 Evenings

Mondays January 5 - February 23		Tuesdays January 6 - February 24		Wednesdays January 7 - February 25		Thursdays January 8 - February 26		Fridays January 9 - February 27		
Preschool Swimming Classes (All Classes are 30 Minutes Long)										
	Time	Activity #	Time	Activity #	Time	Activity #	Time	Activity #	Time	Activity #
Parent/Child	5:30 PM	1516-481	6:00 PM	1516-441	5:00 PM	1516-451	5:00 PM	1516-461		
Tot Swim	6:00 PM	1516-481	6:30 PM	1516-441	6:00 PM	1516-451	6:30 PM	1516-461	4:30 PM	1516-471
Preschool 1	7:00 PM	1511-481	6:30 PM	1511-441	4:30 PM	1511-451	5:30 PM	1511-461	4:00 PM	1511-471
Preschool 2	6:00 PM	1512-481	5:30 PM	1512-441	4:00 PM	1512-451	5:30 PM	1512-461	4:30 PM	1512-471
	7:00 PM	1512-482	7:30 PM	1512-442	6:30 PM	1512-452	7:00 PM	1512-462		
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Level 4	6:00 PM	1504-481	7:30 PM	1504-441	6:00 PM	1504-451	6:00 PM	1504-461		
Level 5	7:30 PM	1505-481	6:00 PM	1505-441	6:00 PM	1505-451	7:30 PM	1505-461		
Level 6 Fitness			6:00 PM	1506-441	6:00 PM	1506-451				

Preschool Programs

Preschool Programs

Scientific studies show that gymnastics and early childhood movement education can be directly attributed to developing neurological pathways in students and promoting reading readiness. So get your children off to the right start with one of these gym, tumbling, or movement programs designed for preschool students!

Beginning Tumbling

SESSION ONE (A): FRIDAYS, NOVEMBER 7 - DECEMBER 19, 9:00 - 9:45AM (AGES 2 - 3) OR 9:45 - 10:30AM (AGES 4 - 6)

SESSION ONE (B): SATURDAYS, NOVEMBER 8 - DECEMBER 20, 9:00 - 9:45AM (AGES 2 - 3) OR 9:45 - 10:30AM (AGES 4 - 6)

SESSION TWO (A): FRIDAYS, FEBRUARY 6 - MARCH 13, 9:00 - 9:45AM (AGES 2 - 3) OR 9:45 - 10:30AM (AGES 4 - 6)

SESSION TWO (B): SATURDAYS, FEBRUARY 7 - MARCH 14, 9:00 - 9:45AM (AGES 2 - 3) OR 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. All classes will meet in the MCC Motion Zone and cost \$35.00 (\$30.00 for MCC members). Registration deadline is one week before classes begin.

Preschool Gymboree

THURSDAYS, GOING ON NOW - APRIL 23, 10:00 - 11:30AM

Preschool Gymboree is designed for children ages 1 - 5 with energy to burn. Join us in the gym for a roly-poly good time! We provide the balls, mats, toys, and games - you bring the fun! Because this is not a structured program, children must be accompanied by an adult at all times and any outside equipment brought along must be approved by the gym monitor. Cost is \$3.00 per child, per day for members and \$4.00 per child, per day for non-members.

Gym and Swim

SESSION ONE: MONDAYS, FEBRUARY 2 - MARCH 9, 9:30 - 10:30AM

SESSION TWO: MONDAYS, FEBRUARY 2 - MARCH 9, 6:00 - 7:00PM

Give your energetic preschooler (ages 3 - 6) the opportunity to burn off some energy with gym and swim! Fun gym games and plenty of splashing in the pool is bound to make for a fun and fabulous day. Cost is \$35.00 (\$30.00 for MCC members). Please have your child dressed with a swimsuit under their clothes. Your child must be picked up from the pool area within 15 minutes of the conclusion of class.

Tots in Motion

SESSION ONE: TUESDAYS, NOVEMBER 11 - DECEMBER 16, 5:15 - 6:00PM

SESSION TWO: TUESDAYS, FEBRUARY 3 - MARCH 10, 5:15 - 6:00PM

This class is designed for parents or grandparents and toddlers from walking age - 3 years old. Learn simple dance moves, activity and sing-a-long songs, and most of all, have a great time with your little ones! Cost is \$35.00 (\$30.00 for MCC members). Class will meet in Motion Zone.

Preschool Sports Spectacular

WEDNESDAYS, FEBRUARY 4 - MARCH 11, 5:00 - 5:45PM

You and your child (3 - 5 years of age) will learn the ABC's of beginner sports in a fun, informative and safe way without the threat of competition. Our goal is for both parent and child to have a positive first time experience so that they continue on in sports beyond the introductory level. We'll learn a new sport each week! Cost is \$35.00 (\$30.00 for MCC members). Parent must accompany child during class.

Parents! Check out page 26 for fun group fitness classes that you can take with your child!



Preschool Programs



MCC Kids Club

MONDAY, TUESDAY, & WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3 - 26, 9:30 - 11:00AM

MONDAY, TUESDAY, & WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1 - JANUARY 28, 9:00 - 11:00AM

If your little ones between the ages of 3 - 6 love crafts, swimming, sports, music, and fun, then the MCC Kids Club is for you! The Kids Club meets in the MCC Activity Room. Your child will make new friends, learn new skills, and most importantly, have a great time! Sign up for one day or the whole week. Cost is \$7.00/day (\$5.00 for MCC members) or \$18.00/week (\$12.00 for MCC members). Pre-registration is required at least one week in advance of the class. Note: Parents do not need to stay at the MCC during our program but all participants must be potty-trained.

MCC Kids Club Fabulous Field Trip: Children's Museum!

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 11:30AM - 2:00PM

Kids Club is heading out on the road for a great adventure! Our fabulous field trip will leave right after our Wednesday session and return to the MCC by 2:00PM. Parents are welcome to join us but must drive separately and parents will need to provide a car seat or booster when appropriate. Minnesota Children's Museum is at the heart of where fun meets learning. It's where kids can touch, climb, splash, crawl, push, pull, and press it all. Children ages 6 months through 10 years and their adult guests are invited to explore seven galleries packed with extraordinary hands-on adventures. Cost is \$15.00 (\$10.00 for Kids Club members or MCC members).

Exploring Nature & Taking Care Of The Earth

A SERIES OFFERED AT THE NATURE CENTER WITH EARLY CHILDHOOD & FAMILY EDUCATION (ECFE)

SATURDAYS, OCTOBER - MAY, 10:00 - 11:30AM

This parent/child class, for children ages infant to five years, will meet each month at the Maplewood Nature Center during the school year beginning in October. ECFE teachers are collaborating with nature center naturalists for this unique program. Fun activities highlight a different theme each month with stories, crafts, puppets, and exploring in the woods. Adults will learn about resources that help them become eco-friendly parents as well as teach their children about the outdoors. Sign up for one, two or all of the classes. Cost is \$4 per child, per time. **To register call 651.748.7280 (Early Childhood & Family Education Programs Office) or go to the district website at www.isd622.org (click on Early Childhood & Family Education Program) for the registration flyer**

Dates and topics:

November 15 - Animal Homes/Creating Animal Habitat in our Yards

December 13 - Brrr! Animals in Winter/Reducing Energy Use

January 17- Fox and Rabbit; Tracks in the Snow/Environmental



Jasmine's Magic Carpet Ride

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1:00 - 2:00PM

Let your children enjoy discovering "A Whole New World" at Princess Jasmine's Magic Carpet Ride party! Children ages 3 - 7, accompanied by a parent, are invited to join us in the Maplewood Community Center Motion Zone Room. For a \$12.00 registration fee (\$10.00 for MCC members) participants will play movie inspired Aladdin-themed games (including a flannel board game), read pop-up books and dance with instruments. All participants will create a "castle craft" to take home and have a photo opportunity to sit on the "magic carpet" with Princess Jasmine.

Once Upon a Star Kid Parties, started in 2002, specializes in birthday parties, childcare entertainment and special events. Kim Maxwell, Owner, was an educator for 10 years before starting this Burnsville based business.



Youth Programs

School's Out!

SEE DATES BELOW

Are you looking for a great way to spend those non-school days? We have the answer for you! Send children ages 5 - 12 to the Maplewood Community Center! From 9:00AM - 4:00PM kids are invited for action packed days full of sports, swimming, crafts and more. AND check out our great field trips! Bring your tennis shoes, swimsuit, and towel and we'll bring the fun! Cost is \$35.00 per child for field trip days and \$25.00 per child for all other days. **Register for 5 or more days and each day (including field trips!) is just \$25.00.** Before and after childcare is also available for \$5.00 per child from 7:00AM - 5:30PM. Please register by December 17.

SCHOOL'S OUT DATES:

December 22 - Marcus Theater/Pizza Lunch
December 23
December 29
December 30 - Cosmic Bowling/Pizza Lunch
December 31

SCHOOL'S OUT WILL BE OFFERED AT CARVER COMMUNITY GYM ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

January 19
January 20 - SPECIAL SUPRISE by Once Upon a Star

Holiday Crafts

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 6:15 - 7:15PM

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 6:15 - 7:15PM

Parents, do you need a little help getting your kids in the holiday spirit? Children ages 5 - 8 are invited to the Maplewood Community Center Motion Zone to create fun and easy holiday crafts, guaranteed to put them in a festive mood. Cost is \$7.00 and pre-registration is required at least one week before class date. We'll have fun music playing and a delicious snack prepared so grab your paint shirt and come join us for a great time!



Maplewood Recreation Drama Classes



Flights of Fancy

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15 - FEBRUARY 26, 6:00 - 7:00PM

Students will create their own flights of fancy: characters, a play and dialogue. They will explore and create characters through movement, improvisation, and a process called "the interview." This is a great introduction to the world of theatre for the young performer. Our last session will be a performance to show off what we've learned! The class, designed for students in grades 1 - 3, costs \$80.00 (\$75.00 for MCC members). Please register by January 8.

Characters Wanted

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15 - FEBRUARY 26, 7:00 - 8:00PM

Students will work on different characters from acclaimed plays for youth while also creating a unique character of their own. They will discover new ways of walking, speaking and behaving in their journey to discover their own unique gifts. A mixture of short scenes and improvisation will be used to maximize all of the student's talents. Our last session will be a performance to show off what we've learned! The class, designed for students in grades 4 - 6, costs \$80.00 (\$75.00 for MCC members). Please register by January 8.

Meet the Instructor: Claudia Haas

Claudia, an award winning playwright and director will take you on an adventure into the world of theater! She has over 17 years of experience sharing her love of drama with both children and adults.

Youth Programs



Senior High Basketball League

Maplewood Recreation, in cooperation with White Bear Public Schools Community Services and Recreation Department, is offering a Senior High Basketball League for boys and girls in grades 9 - 12. Players on a Varsity, Junior Varsity, or B Squad Basketball team are not eligible to play in this league. Each team must have an adult manager who is present at each game and is 21 years of age or older. Teams will be formed for boys in grades 9 - 10, girls in grades 9 - 10, boys in grades 11 - 12, and girls in grades 11 - 12. All rosters must be handed in when you register and the registration deadline is **December 19**. League will run **January to mid-March** and game play will take place at Edgerton Community Gym and WBL South Campus. Cost is \$525.00 per team and includes reversible shirts and two referees per game.

Youth Basketball Clinic

GRADES K-1: THURSDAYS, JANUARY 8 - FEBRUARY 13, 5:30 - 6:30PM

GRADES 2-3: THURSDAYS, JANUARY 8 - FEBRUARY 13, 6:30 - 7:30PM

GRADES 4-5: THURSDAYS, JANUARY 8 - FEBRUARY 13, 7:30 - 8:30PM

This clinic is designed for boys and girls who want to learn the basic skills of basketball or want to be introduced to a new sport. Participants will learn the basics first: rules of the game, the different lines on a court, dribbling, passing, shooting, offensive and defensive positioning among other skills. All building up to playing games the last two weeks of class. Basketball hoop heights will be adjusted to meet the needs of participants. Each player will receive a cool clinic shirt! This is a great opportunity for your child to try something new. Cost is \$50 (\$40 for MCC members).

Hey kids! Check out page 24 for information regarding guitar lessons.

Maplewood Community Center and American Red Cross Present...

Safe On My Own

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 6:30 - 8:00PM

The American Red Cross has teamed up with us to offer this terrific safety seminar for kids grades K - 5. This 90-minute program deals with the issues and concerns of parents and children when a child is left home alone. Tips and advice are offered to make it the best and safest experience possible. Covered topics will include safety messages on answering the telephone and door, where to keep keys and emergency information, and what they need to know to call 911. First aid information will include injury prevention, choking, bleeding, and burns. Class will take place in the Maplewood Community Center Room E. Registration deadline is one week before class. Cost is \$16.00 (\$11.00 for Maplewood residents and MCC members).

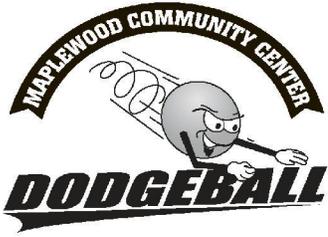
Red Cross Babysitting Class

SESSION ONE: SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 9:00AM - 3:00PM

SESSION TWO: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 9:00AM - 3:00PM

This ever-popular class is back again! A certified Red Cross Instructor will teach this hands-on course dealing with the challenges and rewards of caring for younger children. Students will learn and put into practice valuable concepts and problem solving skills and upon course completion will be Red Cross certified babysitters. Class is appropriate for participants ages 11 and up and will meet in the MCC Activity Room. Cost is \$60.00 and includes a \$10.00 Red Cross Kit. Students should bring a bag lunch or money for the MCC Concessions Counter. Class size is limited so please register early!

Adult Programs



NEW! 18+ Open Dodgeball League

SUNDAYS, NOVEMBER 23 - FEBRUARY 15 (NO GAMES DEC. 7 OR DEC. 28)

Dodge, duck, run and throw to a fun time! For all those who loved the childhood game, here is a ramped up adult league allowing you to play this exciting, old school game! Join other people interested in experiencing the fun of a recreational dodgeball league in a structured and exciting environment! Each team will consist of six to ten participants containing any combination of males and females. The league will be ten weeks starting Sunday, November 23. Games will be played early in the evening on Sundays with a referee provided. A one week playoff containing the leagues top four teams will take place February 15. League champions will receive FREE entry to the spring league and their name on the MCC Dodgeball League Champions Plaque! Rate is \$300 per team. Registration deadline is November 14.

Adult Volleyball Leagues

MEN'S LEAGUE: MONDAYS, BEGINNING NOVEMBER, START TIMES BETWEEN 6:15 - 9:00PM

WOMEN'S LEAGUE: WEDNESDAYS, BEGINNING NOVEMBER, START TIMES BETWEEN 6:15 - 9:00PM

CO-REC LEAGUE: FRIDAYS, BEGINNING NOVEMBER, START TIMES BETWEEN 6:15 - 9:00PM

The Maplewood Recreation Division offers volleyball leagues for women's, co-rec, and men's teams. Women's and co-rec leagues are offered in the fall, winter and spring. Registration is for teams only, not individuals. Individuals wishing to play volleyball may participate in open volleyball on Tuesday evenings at the Edgerton Community Gym. Visit our website or call 651.249.2125 or 651.249.2120 for information on current league offerings.

Adult Softball Leagues

Maplewood Recreation offers both summer and fall softball leagues. Leagues are available for men's, women's and co-rec teams. Summer league information will be available no later than January 15 with registration beginning in early February. Visit our website or call 651.249.2120 more information.

Winter Botany Event



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 9:00AM - 12:00PM

Join a botanist at the Maplewood Nature Center for some in-depth identification and study of our hardy winter native plants. We'll be studying a wide assortment of woody and herbaceous species likely to be found at the nature center. Dress for the outdoors! This event is free but pre-registration is required by calling 651.249.2170.

T'ai Chi Ch'uan

WEDNESDAYS, JANUARY 14 - MARCH 4, 7:30 - 8:30PM (FREE DEMONSTRATION NIGHT ON JANUARY 7)

LOCATION: DRAGONS KUNG FU STUDIO, 2572 7TH AVE E., NORTH ST. PAUL

Join us on Wednesdays (January 14 - March 4) from 7:30 - 8:30PM for this fun and exciting new class! T'ai Chi Ch'uan, practiced in China for 2,500 years, uses slow relaxed movements to develop strength while eliminating tension. Doing so you will strengthen your arms and legs, improve balance and flexibility, reduce stress and help increase energy levels. A growing body of research also suggests that practicing T'ai Chi Ch'uan has many benefits for seniors, including a reduced risk of falling and a significant improvement in quality of life! Come experience the benefits for yourself!

Adult Photography Class

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 6:30 - 8:30PM

Calling all Shutterbugs! Have you always wanted to take a better photo? Proex to the rescue! Brian Engblom, Proex Photographer, will teach you the basics of taking great pictures. With instruction on lighting, composition and technique, this class will help you take great photos indoors or out. So bring your friends, your family, and your camera (both digital and 35mm welcome) to the Maplewood Community Center Banquet Room D. Cost is just \$3.00 per family (up to five people). Pre-registration is required no later than November 11 and space is limited.

New! Adult Ceramics Starting January!

Learn various techniques on Greenware and Bisque, using underglazes, glazes, or acrylics. Taught by Pat Karth or Dianne Quast from Quast Ceramics. Check online at: www.ci.maplewood.mn.us for class dates and registration information.

Active Adults 55+

Senior Striders

MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY, & FRIDAY, 10:00AM - 1:00PM, ONGOING

Get active and meet new people at the Maplewood Community Center with the Senior Striders! Program participants will receive a "Walking Club" lanyard which will get you into the MCC for free use of track, bike, and treadmills and allows you to also identify other "Walking Club" members. Each participant will receive a pedometer and water bottle. Participate Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 10:00AM - 1:00PM. After a great walk around the MCC Walking Track, join other members in the common area for coffee and conversation. Walkers are invited to go at their own pace and program staff will record the number of steps you walk. Senior Striders also get free admission to our Wednesday Card Sharks meeting -- just present your Senior Striders lanyard at the door! Cost is \$20.00/first month and \$13.00/month renewal rate.

Lunch Bunch

SEE DATES BELOW

Looking for great food and even better company? Join the Lunch Bunch and come with us as we explore local hot spots and St. Paul eateries. The Lunch Bunch meets **November 20, January 22, February 19, and March 26 from 11:30AM to 1:30PM.** Transportation is provided and we will depart from and return to Maplewood Community Center. 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 \$6.00 - \$15.00 (plus tax and gratuity).

Our November trip will take us to Savories Bistro in Stillwater. The rest of our destinations will be determined by our participants! Plus - what's your great food find? Let us know and we'll add it to our "Must Visit!" list.

Space is very limited - reserve your spot today. Reservations are taken on a first come, first serve basis. Please let Customer Service know of any special dietary needs at the time of registration.

Seniors! Check out page 21 for T'ai Chi Ch'uan and see page 26 for BOSU Senior Balance Training. Both great programs for improving balance and flexibility.

Wednesday Card Sharks

WEDNESDAY, 12:00 - 2:00PM, ONGOING

Wednesday is the meeting of the MCC Card Sharks Club from 12:00 - 2:00PM. We provide the cards, coffee and tables while all we require from you is the desire to have fun and meet new people. All level of card players are welcome. Open to everyone so bring your friends! The cost is \$1.00/week and is paid at the door or FREE for Senior Striders.

Grab Bag Bingo

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6 & DECEMBER 4, 1:00 - 2:00PM

Join us for a fun, new twist on Bingo in the new Motion Zone Room! Ten games are played and winners choose from an assortment of grab bags. Bingo costs \$2.00 (payable at the door). Coffee and treats are provided!

FREE Senior Health and Well Being Seminars

WEDNESDAYS, GOING ON NOW - DECEMBER 17, 10:00 - 11:00AM

The Maplewood Community Center and HealthEast Optimum Rehabilitation are partnering to bring seniors in the community the opportunity to attend FREE seminars touching many topics, all concerning the health and well being of your mind and body. Seminars will be held at the MCC. Pre-registration REQUIRED as space is limited, so call early to reserve your spot. Don't forget to tell your friends -- it is not necessary to be an MCC member to attend.

Topics and Dates:

Osteoporosis	November 5
Fall Prevention/Balance	November 12
Depression/Mental Health	November 19
Hearing issues/test	November 26
Lower Back Pain	December 3
Cardiovascular Disease	December 10
Healthy Nutrition/Diet	December 17



Family Programs

Maplewood Movie Nights

KUNG FU PANDA - FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, 6:15PM (MOVIE AT 7:00PM)

WALL-E - FRIDAY, JANUARY 2, 6:15PM (MOVIE AT 7:00PM)

Maplewood Movie Nights are back at Carver and Edgerton Community Gyms! Bring the whole family and join us before the show for games and relays. Glow necklaces, candy, popcorn and drinks will be sold and we'll draw names for prizes right before the movies begin. Our December 12 movie, Kung Fu Panda, will be shown at Carver Community Gym (2680 Upper Afton Road). On January 2, Wall-E will be shown at Edgerton Community Gym (1929 Edgerton Street). Folding chairs and mats are provided, but feel free to bring a blanket or a comfy chair of your own!

If you love Maplewood Movie Nights check out page 14 for information on the Maplewood Community Center Swim-In Movies!

Maplewood Nature Center Family Events!



Feed the Animals

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 10:00 – 11:15AM

Families with children of all ages are invited to meet our snake, toad and salamander. Watch them slurp up a treat that you find under a log. Touch and see them up close. This event is free but pre-registration is required.

Full Moon Walk

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, 7:00 – 8:30PM

Adults and children 7 and up are invited to join our naturalist for a hike under the light of the full moon. Learn the calls of four Minnesota owls. Hear the legend of the owl and Nanabojou. Bring a mug for a hot beverage. Small youth groups welcome. Cost is \$4.00 per person and pre-payment is required by December 10.

Wildlife Holiday

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20, 10:00 – 11:30AM

Make treats to bring home. Take a turn in the bird blind. Bring a cardboard box to make your own bird blind to take home. This activity, appropriate for children ages 7 and up, is free but pre-registration is required.

Snowshoe Frolic

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 1:00 – 2:30PM

Explore the nature center on foot or by snowshoe. Identify animal tracks, watch for winter wildlife. Please register and prepay by January 29. Cost is \$4.00 per person.

All events listed here take place at the Maplewood Nature Center and Neighborhood Preserves (2659 East 7th Street).

Call 651.249.2170 to register!



Family Programs

Beginning Guitar Lessons

TUESDAYS, DECEMBER 2 – JANUARY 13, 7:00 – 8:00PM

(NO CLASS 12/23)

This class is for all beginner guitar players ages ten and up. If you always wanted to learn how to play guitar, here is your chance. Dave Roby, a local musician is offering beginning guitar lessons for those who want to learn to play guitar the easy way. Learn to play chords, your favorite songs and tune your guitar with one-on-one instruction! Participants are required to bring their own guitar. Dave's years of experience as a performer and professional music teacher will help you to simplify the art of playing. We will meet in the Maplewood Community Center Room E. Cost is \$70.00 (\$60.00 for MCC members)



CPR and First Aid Classes

ADULT & CHILD CPR/AED & INFANT CPR: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13 OR SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 10:00AM - 5:00PM

CHILD CPR/AED & INFANT CPR WITH FIRST AID: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8 OR SATURDAY, JANUARY 10, 10:00AM - 5:00PM

These classes are designed to inform people how to respond in emergency situations. Their purpose is also to instruct participants how to respond in a situation when anyone is having a life-threatening emergency. Participants may receive Red Cross Certifications. All classes are held at the Maplewood Community Center. Cost is \$80.00 (\$60.00 for MCC members).

Wii Bowl Together

MONDAY, DECEMBER 29, 6:00 - 8:00PM

Face off for a good time! The Ramsey County Library and the Maplewood Community Center invite adults and children ages eight and up to a night of Wii Bowling at the Community Center. Form an inter-generational team (youth or teen with a parent or grandparent) and join the Wii Bowling competition. Compete for great prizes and enjoy free pizza and refreshments. Cost is \$8.00/team (\$6.00/team for team's composed of Maplewood Community Center members). Sign up at the Community Center or by calling 651.249.2230.

ATTENTION CHILDCARE PROVIDERS!
Child CPR/AED & Infant CPR with First Aid is designed to meet state CPR and First Aid requirements.



Looking to spend some time in the great outdoors?

Stop by the Maplewood Nature Center & Neighborhood Preserves!



Free nature exhibits for families including a crawl through log, children's puppet theatre, Alex the Frog computer game, real skulls and fur to touch and feel, and much more!

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

Fitness Programs

Our group fitness team offers over 70 group fitness classes each month. Classes include water fitness, spinning, yoga, core training, and cardio blast. A current schedule is available at the Maplewood Community Center customer service counter or online at www.maplewoodcommunitycenter.com.

Ditch the Workout and Join the Party with Zumba at MCC!

SIX-WEEK SESSION: TUESDAYS, 5:30 - 6:30PM, NOVEMBER 4 - DECEMBER 16

SIX-WEEK SESSION: SATURDAYS, NOVEMBER 1 - DECEMBER 20, 11:30AM - 12:30PM (NO CLASS NOV. 15 & 22)

SEVEN-WEEK SESSION: THURSDAYS, OCTOBER 23 - DECEMBER 11, 5:30 - 6:30PM (NO CLASS NOV. 27)

Zumba ("Zoom-Ba") is a dance fitness sensation that incorporates music from around the world into an hour-long group class. You can burn up to 1,000 calories in an hour depending upon your exertion and fitness level! The best thing about Zumba is that you forget you're exercising because you're having so much fun—it's like a dance party! When you participate in Zumba you will dance to the hottest Latin, Pop, and Reggaeton music using "interval training" which is great for your body and your heart. You will pick up Latin steps like Salsa, Meringue, Cha Cha, Bachata, and Cumbia with no partner or dance experience necessary. Zumba is appropriate for ages 16 and up. Cost for a six-week session is \$48.00 (\$36.00 for MCC members). Cost for a seven-week session is \$56.00 (\$42.00 for MCC members). Bring a great attitude, a towel and water. Wear comfortable and breathable workout clothing including aerobic or dance sneakers.



Zumba Express

THURSDAYS, JANUARY 15 - FEBRUARY 26, 4:30 - 5:15PM

Don't have an hour to workout? ZUMBA Express is a 45-minute class that has it all! High energy, fun, & fitness!

Cost is \$49.00 (\$35.00 for MCC members).

PowerKick Class

SESSION ONE: THURSDAYS, NOVEMBER 6 - DECEMBER 18, 5:45 - 6:30PM

SESSION TWO: THURSDAYS, JANUARY 8 - FEBRUARY 12, 5:45 - 6:30PM

Jab, hook and snap kick to a leaner toned body! PowerKick combines basic kickboxing techniques and boxing drills on snap pads. Great for all fitness enthusiasts. This class is choreographed to challenge both the mind and body in an invigorating, stress-relieving workout. Encourage a "sparring" partner to register with you or participants will be partnered in class. Gloves required and sold at the MCC Pro Shop. Cost is \$48.00 (\$36.00 for MCC members).

Intermediate Mat Pilates

(MONDAYS) SESSION 1: NOVEMBER 3 - DECEMBER 8, 10:30 - 11:30AM

(MONDAYS) SESSION 2: JANUARY 5 - FEBRUARY 9, 10:30 - 11:30 AM

(WEDNESDAYS) SESSION 1: NOVEMBER 5 - DECEMBER 17, 5:20 - 6:20PM

(WEDNESDAYS) SESSION 2: JANUARY 7 - FEBRUARY 11, 5:20 - 6:20PM

(THURSDAYS) SESSION 1: NOVEMBER 6 - DECEMBER 18, 9:15 - 10:15AM

(THURSDAYS) SESSION 2: JANUARY 8 - FEBRUARY 12, 9:15 - 10:15AM

This course incorporates mat exercises as well as resistance equipment therefore demanding more of the body. Because this class will continue to build on the Pilates foundation, completion of Level 1/Progressive Mat Pilates is required for participation in this class. Cost is \$48.00 (\$36.00 for MCC members).



Fitness Programs

NEW! Walk N' Stroll

SESSION ONE: FRIDAYS, NOVEMBER 7 - DECEMBER 19, 11:00AM - 11:45AM

SESSION TWO: FRIDAYS, JANUARY 9 - FEBRUARY 13, 11:00AM - 11:45AM

Functional stroller fitness gets you moving and energized as you exercise and strengthen the muscles necessary to keep up with the day-to-day care of your baby! Keeping your baby within arm's reach while you exercise is the ultimate time and energy saver; no nursery or baby sitters needed. Turn your stroller into a portable fitness machine!

Walk N' Stroll Fitness lets you play with your baby while you exercise. This class also encourages plenty of group interaction so baby is always having new experiences! Time at the end of class is used to take baby out of the stroller for strength, stretching, and interactive play. This program is not just for moms! Dads and their babies are welcome as well! Please bring your stroller, water bottle and a towel and wear comfortable workout clothing and athletic shoes. Your child should be able to sit comfortably in the stroller for approximately 30 minutes. Cost is \$48.00 (\$36.00 for MCC members).

Mommy and Me Yoga

SESSION ONE: THURSDAYS, NOVEMBER 6, 13, 20 & DECEMBER 4, 11, 18, 9:30 - 10:10AM

SESSION TWO: THURSDAYS, JANUARY 8, 15, 22, 29 & FEBRUARY 5, 12, 9:30 - 10:10AM

Mommy and Me Yoga will allow you to bond with your child while improving your child's body awareness and physical confidence. Mothers are invited to bring children ages 3 - 5 for this morning class. Mommies - feel free to bring more than one child! Cost of class (per mother) is \$54.00 (\$42.00 for MCC members).

Yoga For Kids

SESSION ONE: TUESDAYS, NOVEMBER 11 - DECEMBER 2, 5:15 - 6:00PM

SESSION TWO: TUESDAYS, JANUARY 6 - FEBRUARY 12, 5:15 - 6:00PM

Yoga helps children develop better body awareness, self-control, flexibility, and coordination. Help your little ones find their balance with this fun class! Best for ages 6 - 12 years. Cost is \$32.00 (\$24.00 for MCC members).

Senior Group Fitness

Senior BOSU Balance Training

SESSION ONE - THURSDAYS, NOVEMBER 6 - DECEMBER 18 (NO CLASS NOVEMBER 27), 8:15 - 9:00AM

SESSION TWO - THURSDAYS, JANUARY 8 - FEBRUARY 12, 8:15 - 9:00AM

This class, using the BOSU Balance Trainer, will improve your balance and stability and overall body control like no other training device! Because of its versatility and quality the BOSU is excellent for all aspects of training and rehabilitation. It provides training of both upper and lower extremities as well as core. Improve your motor skills, strength, balance and stability using the BOSU Balance Trainer! Cost is \$48.00 (\$36.00 for MCC members).

Senior Strength Group Training

SESSION ONE: WEDNESDAYS, NOVEMBER 5 - DECEMBER 17, 9:00AM - 10:00AM

SESSION TWO: WEDNESDAYS, JANUARY 14 - FEBRUARY 18, 9:00AM - 10:00AM

Learn the smart way to workout in order to maintain strength, flexibility, and balance all while keeping your body as fit and trim as possible. The trainer will teach and coach you on how to properly lift weights, execute cardio movements, and build flexibility. You will learn why monitoring your heart rate is important and why exercising properly is essential. Don't wait to register - this class is limited to eight participants! Cost is \$125.00 (\$75.00 for MCC members).

Seniors! Check out page 22 for more Active Adult activities!

Court/Racquet Sports

NEW! Wallyball Leagues

JANUARY 10 TO APPROXIMATELY MARCH 20

Get a group of friends together and have some fun competing in the first-ever MCC Wallyball league! This non-officiated fun league offers opportunities for teams of 2 - 4 players (ages 15 and up). Teams do not have to be balanced to play against each other. Team captains will contact their opponents to arrange each week's match. If you have questions or are interested in enrolling please contact Ron Horwath at 651.249.2206 or ron.horwath@ci.maplewood.mn.us. Registration deadline is January 2. Cost is \$64.00 (\$24.00 for MCC members).

Winter Table Tennis Tournament

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2:30PM (CHECK-IN), 3:00PM (TOURNAMENT BEGINS)

The Maplewood Community Center will host a winter Table Tennis Tournament on Saturday, December 13. All players 13 and over are invited to take this opportunity to test your skills against other players - only ONE will leave with bragging rights and the MCC Table Tennis Tournament trophy. Pre-registration is required by Thursday, December 10. Registration fee is \$5.00 (\$3.00 for MCC members). The tournament will be a pool first round with each pool winner entering the bracket tournament. Space is limited so call ahead to reserve your spot!

Learn! Racquetball Clinics - Free for everyone!

ADULT CLINIC: SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 12:00 - 1:00PM

KIDS CLINIC: SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 1:00 - 2:00PM

We now offer FREE racquetball clinics for individuals interested in learning about the game. We will work on basic skills necessary to play the game as well as discuss the rules and strategy. Our kids clinic is designed for ages 10 - 14 while those 15 years of age and older are invited to participate in our adult clinic.

Play! Racquetball and Wallyball at the MCC

Challenge yourself with one of these enjoyable sports. To reserve a court call 651.249.2210. Wallyball fees per court/per hour/per group are \$14.00 plus tax (\$11.00 plus tax for MCC members). Racquetball court fees are free for members and are included in the cost of daily admission for non-members. Ask about our racquetball punch cards at the admissions desk!

Compete! Racquetball Leagues

JANUARY 10 - APPROXIMATELY MARCH 20

Adult (ages 15 and up) co-ed recreation leagues are now being formed at the MCC. The league will include weekly games beginning January 10 and running through approximately March 20. Both B+ (very competitive) and B- (competitive) leagues are being formed. Cost is \$64.00 (\$14.00 for MCC members). Registration deadline is January 2 (sorry - no exceptions). Following registration the coordinator will generate a schedule of players and numbers for weekly matches. Opponents will call each other to schedule matches and court times when it is convenient for them. Schedule can be picked up beginning Wednesday, January 24 at 5:00PM. Any schedules not picked up will be mailed out on Friday, January 9.

New! Doubles Leagues – In addition to our singles league, MCC will also be offering a doubles league. This is free for players signed up for the singles leagues! You must sign-up for both at the same time for free enrollment. Cost for all other players is \$64.00 (\$14.00 if both players are MCC members).



Dance Programs

Step it Up with MCC Youth Dance Programs!

Help your children find their rhythm with Maplewood Community Center's Youth Dance Program. All classes meet once a week and are designed to promote teamwork and self-esteem. A group rehearsal and performance, held on April 4, will conclude the session. All classes and the final performance will take place at the Maplewood Community Center unless otherwise indicated. Cost for all youth group dance classes is \$150 (\$140 for MCC members).

Pre-Ballet & Jazz

MONDAYS, JANUARY 12 - MARCH 30, 5:15 - 6:00PM

This class is designed for beginners, ages 3 - 4 with little to no previous dance experience. The focus will be on improving motor skills, balance and listening and of course, having a good time! Costumes are included. Ballet shoes are required.

Ballet & Jazz

AGES 3 - 5: TUESDAYS, JANUARY 13 - MARCH 31, 5:30 - 6:15PM

AGES 6 - 8: MONDAYS, JANUARY 12 - MARCH 30, 6:45 - 7:30PM

Beginner level students (ages 3 - 8) will learn progressive classical ballet and modern jazz. Focus will be on improving motor skills, balance techniques and listening skills. Costumes are included. Ballet shoes are required.

Beginning Tap & Jazz Combo

AGES 3 - 5: MONDAYS, JANUARY 12 - MARCH 30, 6:00 - 6:45PM

AGES 6 - 8: MONDAYS, JANUARY 12 - MARCH 30, 7:30 - 8:15PM

This class is designed for the beginner dancer (ages 3 - 8) who would like to try tap and jazz dance. The focus will be on the fundamentals of movement, balance, and listening skills. Costumes are included. Ballet and tap shoes are required.

Tap & Jazz Combo

AGES 3 - 5: TUESDAYS, JANUARY 13 - MARCH 30, 6:15 - 7:00PM

AGES 6 - 8: TUESDAYS, JANUARY 13 - MARCH 30, 7:00 - 7:45PM

These classes are for students ages 3 - 8 who have taken previous tap and jazz class. Focus will be on improving technique and balance and will progress in difficulty.

Adult Dance Classes

All adult dance classes are designed for ages 16 and up, meet in the MCC Fitness Studio and are taught by professional instructors from Tropical Ballroom. Cost for couples is \$110.00 (\$85.00 for MCC members) and cost for individuals is \$65.00 (\$50.00 for MCC members).

Latin Night Club

SUNDAYS, JANUARY 4 - FEBRUARY 8, 7:30 - 8:30PM

Twin Cities clubs and hot spots offer Latin dancing almost every night of the week, so what are you waiting for? Meet new people and have fun learning Salsa, Cha-cha and Bachata. Or get ready for your upcoming vacation and learn the dances of the southern regions!

Wedding Dance Survival

SESSION ONE: SUNDAYS, JANUARY 4 - FEBRUARY 8, 6:30 - 7:30PM

SESSION TWO: TUESDAYS, FEBRUARY 10 - MARCH 17, 8:00 - 9:00PM

Are you about to get married? Will you be attending a wedding soon? Then this class is for you! There is more to the night than just the chicken dance or the electric slide. Try easy Swing, Rumba, and Waltz steps to show off a first dance at your wedding or learn to keep up with a DJ or band. Don't be a spectator!

Best of Ballroom: Foxtrot, Swing, and Mambo

TUESDAYS, FEBRUARY 10 - MARCH 17, 9:00 - 10:00PM

Get the best of all worlds and learn ballroom, latin and swing dancing in our fun and easy class. We'll cover the Foxtrot, Swing, and Mambo. This is a great class for anyone wanting to learn a variety of dances.

Martial Arts

Maplewood Community Center Teams Up with The Edge Martial Arts!

Unleash your child's potential with the power of martial arts! Hear your voice, find your strength, and become empowered! The Maplewood Community Center is pleased to announce its recent partnership with The Edge Martial Arts, based in Stillwater, Minnesota. This premier karate studio was founded to promote and practice a hybrid style of martial arts that combines both competition and self-defense. Now "The Edge" Instructor Mr. Joe Abboud, invites you to join him for new karate programs offered in the Maplewood Community Center Motion Zone. Classes include:

Lil' Dragons Program

MONDAYS, 5:15 - 6:00PM - AGES 4 TO 6

Put your child in center stage with their participation in Martial Arts! Your child will learn basic karate techniques in addition to essential developmental skills such as taking turns, respect, listening, sharing, body control and movement and following directions. Abduction prevention is a key element and students learn in a fun, yet progressively challenging way to ensure that safe living is a normal part of their day.

Kids Beginner Karate

MONDAYS, 6:15 - 7:00PM - AGES 7 TO 12

Help your child to become more focused, disciplined, and confident while having fun and learning to be more respectful! Kids progress at their own pace, and learn that achieving success is only possible with hard work and dedication. The foundations of the Martial Arts will be emphasized, which brings their training outside of the classroom.

Teen To Adult

MONDAYS, 7:15 - 8:00PM - AGES 13 TO ADULT

Mr. Joe Abboud's teaching style, knowledge and talent draws a high demand for training. Each student receives the individual attention they deserve, ensuring success and helping them attain their highest personal potential.

Kids Safety Awareness

SEE WEBSITE FOR UPCOMING PROGRAM DATES

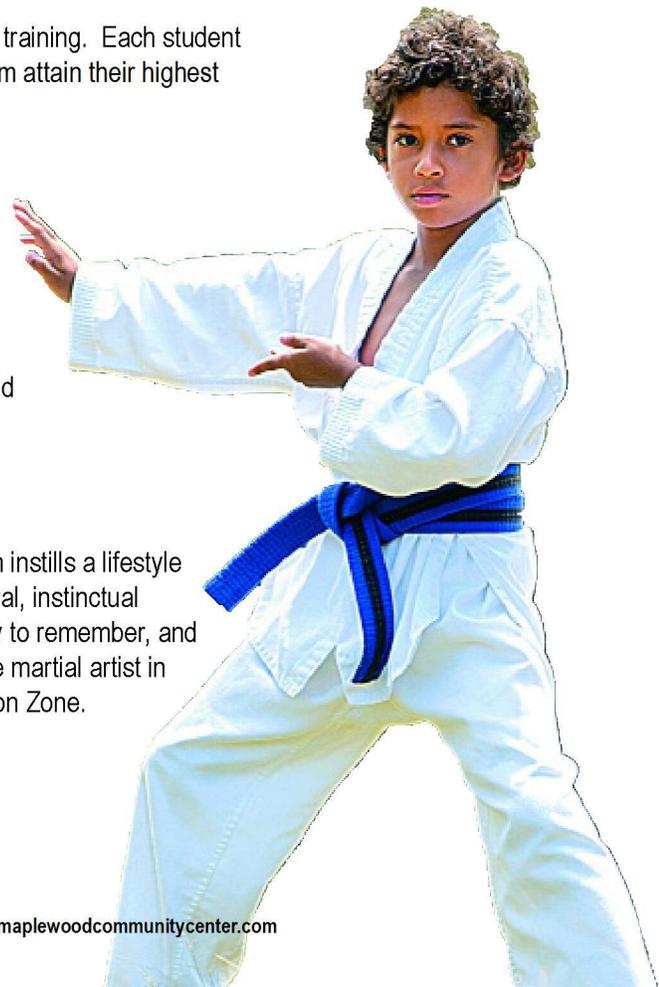
Designed for participants ages 6 - 12, this child safety program will teach your child simple martial arts self-defense techniques, as well as educate them on safer everyday practices. For example, children will learn the proper way to handle strangers and who should be considered a stranger. We will also teach your child the four different ways of dealing with bullies. This program will be held in the MCC Motion Zone. Cost is \$45.00 (\$40.00 for MCC members).

Empower Women's Self Defense Seminar

SEE WEBSITE FOR UPCOMING PROGRAM DATES

Designed for women 16 and older the Empower Women's Self-Defense program instills a lifestyle of safe living and empowerment, encouraging women and girls to find their natural, instinctual intuition. Participants will learn basic physical techniques that are practical, easy to remember, and easy to perform. This class welcomes all fitness levels and is taught by a female martial artist in a comfortable, non-threatening atmosphere. Class will be held in the MCC Motion Zone. Cost is \$45.00 (\$40.00 for MCC members).

For more information, visit www.theedgemartialarts.com.



Carver/Edgerton

Carver Community Gym

2680 Upper Afton Road
Maplewood, MN 55119
651.249.2135

Rental Information:

The gymnasiums are available for rental for basketball, tournaments, volleyball, birthday parties, and special events.

Rates: \$25.00 /court/hour
\$35/full court/hour
\$500.00/entire gym/8 hours
\$25.00/court/hour (Birthday Parties)

Carver Gym Jammers

MONDAY - FRIDAY, 3:45 - 5:30PM

Looking for an alternative after school program for your K - 5th grader? Carver Community Gym offers structured games and activities both inside and outside. Activities are held in the Carver Gym and focus on fun! Cost is \$4.50 per day. To register your child call Carver Community Gym: 651.249.2135

Edgerton Community Gym

1929 Edgerton Street
Maplewood, MN 55117
651.249.2145

Rental Information:

The gymnasium is available for rental for basketball, tournaments, volleyball, birthday parties and special events.

Rates: \$25/court/hour
\$35/Full Court/Hour
\$500/entire gym/8 hours
\$25/court/hour (Birthday Parties)

Open Gym Schedule:

Adult Open Volleyball: Tuesdays 6:30 - 9:30PM

(Schedule is subject to change without notice. Check the posting on the front windows of the school or call 651.249.2145).

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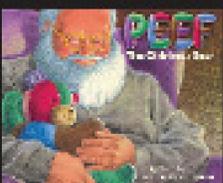
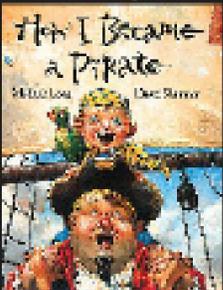
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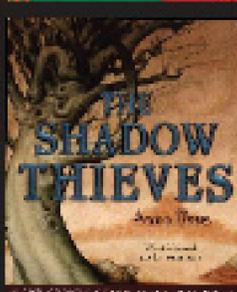
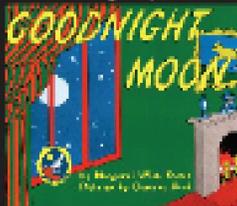
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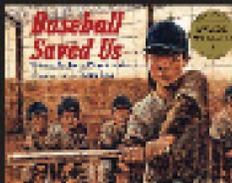
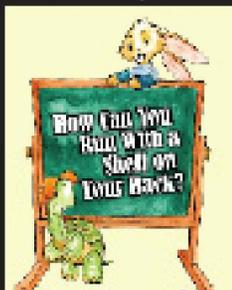
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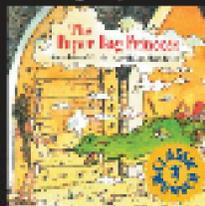
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Council Considers Options for Levy Reduction on 2009 Budget

By Acting City Manager, Chuck Ahl

On September 8, 2008, the City Council adopted a resolution setting the maximum levy increase for the 2009 Budget at a 6.0% increase over the 2008 levy amount. In total dollars, this levy increase is: \$15,546,450 [08 Levy] X 6% = \$935,370. The tax levy is the amount of funds that the City collects from property taxes. The tax levy of \$16,481,820 proposed for 2009 is out of a total budget of over \$39 million. The other revenues in the budget are sewer fees, environmental utility fees, service fees associated with the Maplewood Community Center and Recreation programs, ambulance service fees, and building permit fees. The 6% tax levy increase was set based upon a preliminary analysis of the City's needs. A tracking of governmental expenses, called the Implicit Price Deflator, indicated that typical costs for governmental services have increased by 6.2%. Major expenses increasing for the city include fuel and utilities up nearly \$175,000 from 2008, bituminous materials for roadway maintenance, employee health care costs, and debt service to pay for bonds sold to pay for neighborhood roadway reconstruction. Included in the proposed 2009 budget are expenses for re-creating the position of Deputy Police Chief to help administer our Police Department Services, a new ¾ time technician to assist with computer and technical services for the new web page and a new building maintenance technician to assist with repairs to City Hall, the Community Center and our Fire Stations.



Property tax statements have been mailed to all property owners estimating taxes on their property in 2009. The amount shown is the maximum amount that the City Council can approve in their final budget. The Council will debate options to reduce the levy amount at their Truth in Taxation Hearing that is scheduled for Monday, December 8, 2008 at 7:00PM in the City Council Chambers. All persons wishing to be heard should either appear at this hearing, or provide comments to the Council members prior to this date.

Levy Reduction Options

The City Council will be considering five options for the levy on December 8th:

Option #1: Keep the levy at the maximum 6.0% increase set in September.

The breakdown of the 6.0% proposed maximum levy increases are as follows:

1) Additional Funds in General Fund for operations:	\$507,955
2) Additional subsidy for Community Center operations:	\$ 70,000
3) Additional funds for the Debt Service Fund for bonded debt:	<u>\$357,415</u>
TOTAL LEVY INCREASE	\$935,370

Option #2: Make cuts to reduce the increase to 4.5%

This option proposes that savings from a re-assignment of duties implemented in October 2008, that eliminated the Deputy Director of Public Works position and created the Parks and Community Development Director position be accounted for in this budget.

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City of Maplewood Elected Officials

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 Will Rossbach: Councilmember 651.779.0220
 Erik Hjelle: Councilmember 651.846.4328
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 Theater/Banquet Room Information 651.249.2103
 Group Information 651.249.2203
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 Aquatics 651.249.2206
 Child Care 651.249.2218
 Fitness 651.249.2207

Maplewood Recreation

General Information 651.249.2120

Maplewood Nature Center

General Information 651.249.2170

Code Enforcement

Hotline 651.249.CODE (2633)

Maplewood Meeting Schedule

City Council: Monday, January 12 & 26 at 6:30PM
 Citizen Forum: Saturday, January 3 at 10:00AM
 Environmental & Natural Resource Commission: Tuesday, January 6 at 5:15PM
 Planning Commission: Tuesday, January 6 & 20 at 7:00PM
 Community Design Review Board: Thursday, January 9 & 23 at 6:00PM
 Park Commission: Wednesday, January 21 at 7:00PM
 Housing & Redevelopment Authority: Wednesday, January 14 at 7:00PM
 Historical Preservation Committee: Thursday, January 15 at 7:00PM
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Ramsey County Traffic Safety Initiative

The Ramsey County Traffic Safety Initiative began in November of this year with the mission of creating safer roadways throughout Ramsey County collaboratively by raising public awareness and enforcing all traffic regulations. All of the law enforcement agencies throughout Ramsey County (Maplewood Police, Minnesota State Patrol, Mounds View Police, New Brighton Police, North St. Paul Police, Ramsey County Sheriff, Roseville Police, St. Anthony Police, St. Paul Police, and White Bear lake Police) work together on selected roadways throughout Ramsey County providing high visibility traffic enforcement saturations in order to reduce traffic related deaths and injuries.

On November 16, 2008, officers from the listed agencies worked a high visibility traffic enforcement saturation on Highway 61 from Wheelock Parkway up to County Road J. On November 26, 2008, a second high visibility traffic enforcement saturation was conducted on the Highway 36 corridor between Highway 280 and Century Avenue. These two events resulted in removing 36 intoxicated or impaired drivers from the road those nights.

The Ramsey County Traffic Safety Initiative is funded through grant money received from the Minnesota Office of Traffic Safety and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Officers working the high visibility traffic enforcement saturations are required to wear high visibility traffic safety vests. High visibility mobile signs announcing "DWI ENFORCEMENT ZONE" are also utilized throughout the selected roadways during the high visibility traffic saturation in order to educate the public about the increased law enforcement presence. Please drive safely and responsibly during the upcoming holiday season.

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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

As I write this letter, it is only two weeks before Thanksgiving and six weeks until Christmas/winter holidays. This is the time of the year when we are reminded of the reasons we find to feel gratitude and a sense of peace and hope now and for the new year.

In addition to our personal reasons for gratitude, I believe we all have cause to be thankful for the positive conditions and good services we experience in our city, even in difficult economic times. I hope you appreciate, as I do, the efforts of volunteer citizens, city staff and our fellow proactive residents. While there is always room for change and improvements, we are indeed fortunate to enjoy the quality of life we have in this community.

As the holiday season approaches, there is always a sense of renewed hope, peace and resolve. It is my hope that we will all – city council, staff and citizens – move into the new year with hope for a better, more productive year ahead; with serious intent to create genuine peace and acceptance in our community; with true resolve to work together to achieve reasonable goals for maintenance and revitalization of our city with the guidance and assistance of our new city manager.

I wish everyone, staff and residents a holiday season filled with gratitude, joy and hope!

New Pedestrian Trail Constructed: Hazelwood/HWY 36 Crossing Closed

By Michael Thompson, Acting Public Works Director



Pedestrian crossing on Highway 36 at Hazelwood Street is no longer permitted. During the improvements to Hazelwood Street this summer the City worked with Mn/DOT to provide

an alternative pedestrian route. A trail was installed on the south side of the highway connecting Hazelwood Street directly to the Bruce Vento Trail, which utilizes the bridge overpass. Mn/DOT is continuing to work on solutions to dissuade pedestrians from crossing at the old location and just recently excavated the center median. The City continues to work with Mn/DOT on addressing pedestrian safety.

Also as part of the street improvement project, a sidewalk was installed along the east side of Hazelwood Street between Highway 36 and Frost Avenue, which now provides a direct connection to the Gateway Trail. A second trail was constructed providing a connection between Sherwood Park and the new sidewalk on Hazelwood Street. The sidewalk and trails have greatly improved the walkability for neighborhood residents and students attending nearby John Glenn Middle and Weaver Elementary.

Ditch the Workout and Join the Party with Winter Zumba at MCC!

Zumba is a dance fitness sensation that incorporates music from around the world into a group fitness class. The best thing about Zumba is that you'll forget you're exercising because you are having so much fun! To register for one of these great classes, call 651.249.2230 or visit MCC Customer Service.

- Session One: Tuesdays, 5:30-6:30PM, Jan. 6 - Feb. 24
Cost: \$56 (\$42 for MCC members)
- Session Two: Thursdays, 5:30-6:30PM, Jan. 15 - Feb. 26
Cost: \$56 (\$42 for MCC members)
- Session Three: Saturdays, 11:30-12:30PM, Jan. 10 - Feb. 28
No class on January 24
Cost: \$56 (\$42 for MCC members)

ZUMBA EXPRESS: Don't have time for an hour-long workout? Check out the condensed, forty-five minute version, Zumba Express!

Thursdays, 4:30 - 5:15PM, Jan. 15 - Feb. 26
Cost: \$49.00 (\$35.00 for MCC members)



T'ai Chi Ch'uan

Wednesdays, Jan. 14 - March 4, 7:30-8:30PM (Free Demo On Jan. 7)

Location: Dragons Kung Fun Studio, 2572 7th Ave E., North St. Paul

T'ai Chi Ch'uan, practiced in China for 2,500 years, uses relaxed movements to develop strength and eliminate tension. Doing so will strengthen arms and legs, improve balance and flexibility, and boost energy levels. Come experience the benefits for yourself. **Cost is \$50.00.** Register by calling 651.249.2230 or by visiting MCC Customer Service.

Holiday ²⁰⁰⁸ GiftGuide

Holiday Happenings in Your Neighborhood

This season, get into the holiday spirit with these fun events happening right in your backyard at the Maplewood Community Center (2100 White Bear Avenue, Maplewood, MN 55109).

HOLIDAY GIFT EXPO

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5, 3:00 - 8:00PM

Are you a last minute shopper? Do you have a holiday to-do list a mile long? If so, then Maplewood Community Center's Holiday Gift Expo is the place for you! Admission is FREE! You will find a variety of Twin Cities vendors offering gift certificates, gift baskets, and other holiday-ready merchandise. This holiday season avoid the crowded malls and streets and utilize this one-stop-shop to simplify your holiday gift purchasing. In addition to our wide selection of vendors, the Maplewood Community Center will also offer childcare. AND just for stopping by to register you are eligible to win one of many fabulous door prizes. So this year come to the Maplewood Community Center for all of your last-minute holiday shopping needs! For more information contact Pauline Staples at 651.249.2103.

COOKIES WITH MRS. CLAUS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1:00 - 3:00PM

Come spend an afternoon with Mrs. Claus! Children ages 5 - 9 are invited to the Maplewood Community Center to decorate holiday cookies with Mrs. Claus. After finishing your cookie creation, enjoy a snack and gather around Mrs. Claus as she reads *The Night Before Christmas*. Cost is \$5.00 per child. Parents are welcome to stay as well! Call the Maplewood Community Center at 651.249.2230 to register.

HOLIDAY CRAFTS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 6:15 - 7:15PM

Parents, do you need a little help getting your kids in the holiday spirit? Children ages 5 - 8 are invited to the Maplewood Community Center Motion Zone to create fun and easy holiday crafts, guaranteed to put them in a festive mood. Cost is \$7.00 and pre-registration is required at least one week before class date. We'll have fun music playing and a delicious snack prepared so grab your paint shirt and come join us for a great time! Call the Maplewood Community Center at 651.249.2230 to register.

HOLIDAY SING-A-LONG

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22, 11:00AM - 12:00PM

Join Maplewood Community Center's guitar instructor and local musician Dave Roby for a holiday sing-a-long. Participants will sing along to the great seasonal and holiday musical that we all know and love. Don't miss this FREE, festive event! For more information call 651.249.2204.



Gift Giving Made Easy!

Holiday season is upon us and with that comes the rush of holiday shopping and the oftentimes daunting task of determining the best gift for everyone on your shopping list. This year, skip the stress and show loved ones you really care with one of these unique and thoughtful gift ideas:

1. **Give An Experience:** Does your wife love theater? Is your sister a baseball fan? If so, consider giving tickets to sporting events, concerts, plays, or other entertainment venue.
2. **Give Custom:** Not only are customized gifts guaranteed to be unique, they also show the recipient that you put special thought into your purchase. Many customized items can be created online and, depending on the item designed, can incorporate a name, message or photo. However, be sure to allow extra time for customizing in your holiday planning!
3. **Give All Year:** Whether your dad is a wine connoisseur or your mother is a chocolate addict you can arrange to have these (or many other items) delivered each month to your gift recipient. Visit www.club-offers.com for information on available clubs.
4. **Give Education:** Give your adventurous friend or family member a crash course in something they haven't tried before with lessons for activities such as scuba diving, in line skating, snowboarding or mountain climbing. If your gift recipient is more of a watcher than a doer, buy them a magazine subscription to keep them informed throughout the year.
5. **Give Membership:** Another gift that keeps on giving is a year-long membership. For the active athlete consider a gym membership so they can get their exercise high even in winter months. The life-long learner will appreciate a Science Museum or Historical Society membership and children are sure to love a membership to the zoo!
6. **Give Homemade:** Taking the time to make your gift, rather than purchase it is another great way to show your recipient that you care. The key is to play to your strengths and make your gift unique. For example, if you love to cook start with a basic cookie recipe that you can modify for a variety of tastes and shapes.
7. **Give the Gift of Giving:** Are you shopping for someone who literally has everything? This year, instead of purchasing another redundant tie or kitchen appliance consider making a charitable donation organization personal to your recipient in that person's name.

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Picking Out The Perfect Pine

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- **Measure Twice:** Before you begin shopping for your “perfect tree” decide where it will fit in your home. Once a spot is chosen be sure to measure both the space’s ceiling height and width. Also measure your tree stand to determine the maximum diameter of the tree trunk it can hold.
- **Come Prepared:** Bring the above measurements and a tape measure, as well as gloves (to protect your hands) with you when you shop.
- **Shop Fresh:** Fresh trees will not only stay green longer, they are also less of a fire hazard than dry trees. Fresh trees should have shiny green needles that do not fall off when you pull on a branch and the trunk butt of a fresh tree should be sticky with resin.
- **Needle Notes:** Trees with shorter needles are often easier to decorate as they offer more space between branches and typically have stronger stems to hold heavier ornaments.
- **Final Cut:** Once you get your tree home, cut off at least 1/2” from the trunk bottom so the tree will begin to soak water immediately.

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Holiday Recipe Article

Delight your friends with these fun and festive holiday recipes!

Candy-Coated Marshmallows and Caramels

Use store-bought marshmallows and caramels for these fun holiday treats! Skewer one marshmallow or two caramels with a colored wooden or plastic toothpick, then separately melt Candy Melts (white and cocoa varieties; available at Michaels and wilton.com) according to package directions. Dip marshmallows or caramels into Candy Melts, then roll in decorative sprinkles, red and green sugar or nonpareils, or use a spoon to drizzle with melted red and green Candy Melts. Let treats set, then place each one in a



small paper cup to serve.

For a fun gift idea, line a small gift box with colored tissue paper and arrange the candies inside. Before closing boxes, carefully remove toothpicks from treats and tuck them inside the box. Tie with a ribbon.

Cute Snowmen Cookies

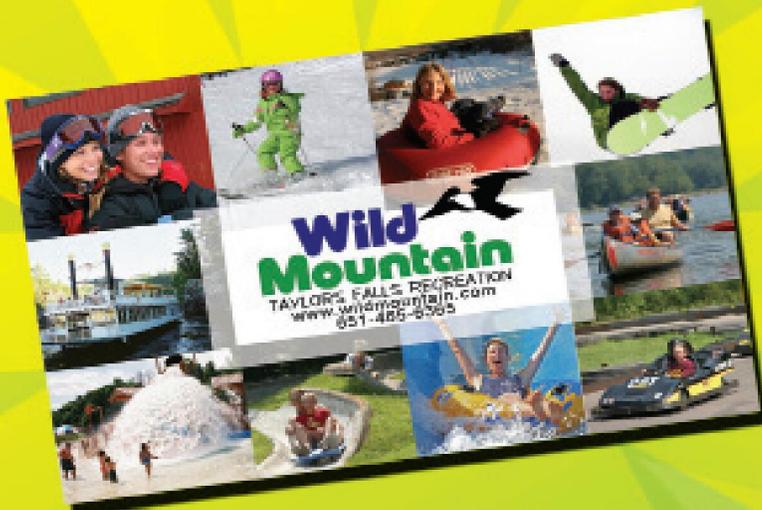
1. Preheat oven to 350°F. Knead 2/3 cup of all-purpose flour into a 16 1/2-oz. roll of refrigerated sugar-cookie dough.

2. Tear off a piece of dough and roll it in your palms to form a 3/4-inch ball. Roll a slightly larger piece into a 1-inch ball, and a still slightly larger piece into a 1 1/4-inch ball. Repeat with remaining dough. Place 1 of each size ball close together on parchment-lined baking sheets; flatten balls slightly.

3. Bake cookies for 12 minutes. Cool on rack. Pipe frosting for scarves and use the frosting to attach M&M's Minis buttons, mini-chocolate-chip eyes, snowflake sprinkles and Hershey's kisses for hats. Makes 18.



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Everything Has Its Place

Holiday decorations are fun to take out but can be a hassle to put away. Simplify your holiday storage and manage your post-party cleanup with these tips and tricks for keeping holiday trim and accents in order.

- **Party While You Pack:** Set a date to undecorate. Get family and friends involved, and you'll get it all done in no time! Make it a party. After everything is stored away and cleaned up, enjoy food, music and conversation with everyone who helped.
- **Upgrade Your Containers:** If you haven't done so already upgrade your storage containers to plastic containers with secure lids to protect from moisture and critters. Buying containers in the same size will also make for neat and orderly stacking and save space in your storage area.

- **Pack and Plan:** Pack and label each box according to when the items are used. Box one can contain first-to-open items while box ten can hold last minute decorations. Label each box neatly with the contents or, for a visual reference, take a picture of the inventory and place it on the front.
- **Wind It Up:** To keep your lights from becoming a tangled mess, use a piece of masking tape to ID each string as indoor or outdoor. Then wind the lights around sturdy cardboard or tubing (old gift wrapping tubes work well).
- **Fragile Favorites:** Post-season, keep ornaments safe by wrapping them in bubble wrap to help keep them from breaking or chipping while in storage. Line the container with bubble wrap for additional protection and label the container as "Fragile" and "This Side Up" to prevent accidents.

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City Council to Consider Options (continued from cover)

This re-assignment of duties resulted in one less city building inspector. The reported savings from this re-assignment of duties is estimated at \$23,220 for the General Fund, with savings in other Funds that do not impact the tax levy. The proposed budget included an Additional Insurance Program to cover potential costs in 2009 for unforeseen expenses, such as increased litigation payments, employee wage and benefit cost increases above the 2% proposed in the budget, and higher than anticipated fuel expenses for police patrols, fire trucks, ambulances and public works/parks maintenance equipment. This option proposed to reduce that \$250,000 Insurance Reserve by 85% and to cover that potential expense with other City reserve funds. This plan would require that the Council revise priorities during the year, should the situation arrive that these unexpected funds be needed. There are currently no indications that the reasons for the Additional Insurance Fund Program will be forthcoming.

Option #3 make cuts to reduce the increase to 3.0% [Acting City Manager Recommendation]

This option proposes that the levy increase be set at one-half the maximum levy set in September which would be a 3.0% levy increase or \$467,685 over the 2008 levy. The allocation would be:

1) Additional funds in the General Fund for operations:	\$ 82,845
2) Additional subsidy for Community Center operations:	\$ 27,425
3) Additional funds for the Debt Service Fund for bonded debt:	<u>\$357,415</u>
TOTAL LEVY INCREASE	\$467,685

This is the recommended option from the Acting City Manager. This option would permanently account for the savings from the reorganization of Community Development and Parks and would fully eliminate the \$250,000 proposed in the Additional Insurance Program. Regarding the later, although we not anticipate a need for those funds in 2009, other funding options are available should a need arise. The Council will also consider a reduction in the Fund Balance (city reserves needed for operations to cover expenses prior to the receipt of revenues) to 37.5% as part of an analysis of risk factors. A number of risk factors that could cause budget problems in 2009 were considered and weighed by the financial staff and the City Council prior to reaching this recommended option. Issues of risk to the city include the possibility of extensive foreclosure and non-payment of taxes, decreased building permit revenue due to the stalled economy, possible increases in fuel and utility expenses or employee wage increases or Departmental Budget expenditures exceeding estimates. The final recommended reduction is to fund the proposed Deputy Police Chief position from internal Police Department savings from an Early Retirement Incentive Program.

Option #4 make cuts to reduce the increase to 2.0%

This option proposes that the levy increase be set at a 2.0% levy increase or \$310,930 over the 2008 levy. The allocation would be:

1) Reduce funds in the General Fund for operations:	(\$ 46,485)
2) No additional subsidy for Community Center operations:	\$ 0
3) Debt Service Fund:	<u>\$357,415</u>
TOTAL LEVY INCREASE	\$310,930

This option proposes all of the reduced costs included in Option 3 while further reducing allocated operations reserves. Financial staff is not recommending the reduction of reserve funds given the current uncertainties affecting the City. A more prudent approach would be mid-year budget adjustments only if necessary, including staff reductions to meet unexpected expenditures. This option also requires elimination of the proposed building maintenance staff, which is a position that was originally within the budget in 2006, but was eliminated in cost savings measures when an employee left. Our building maintenance is in need of improvements, especially missing has been the City's efforts at recycling and green initiatives. Our investment in facilities has suffered slightly due to the lack of preventive maintenance and cleaning. Further reductions in this option are reductions in expenses at Maplewood Community Center. This could further delay needed building improvements at MCC. This option also would require an increase in fees charged for our recreation programs. Our staff analysis indicates that our current fees are high but competitive and that raising the fees could result in reduced participation in our youth programs. The final reduction in this option would be encouraging long-term employees to retire early through an Early Retirement Incentive Program. This Program could potentially save \$30,000 but is an unknown at this time. This Early Retirement Program is not more than a single year fix.

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City Council to Continue Options (continued from page four)

Option #5 make cuts to eliminate the increase for a 0.0% Levy Increase

This option proposes that the levy increase be set at the 2008 levy. The following is a list of likely impacts from cuts for implementing this option:

The following reductions would be necessary to implement this option:

a) Savings from the Community Dev – Parks Re-org -	\$ 23,220
b) Reduce the Additional Insurance Program by 100%:	\$250,000
c) Reduce the Fund Balance to 37.0%	\$206,400
d) Fund the Deputy Police Chief position from Early Retire Savings:	\$ 25,000
e) Cut the new Building Maintenance Technician from budget:	\$ 45,900
f) Reduce the MCC operations subsidy to 2008 level:	\$ 27,425
g) Increase Recreation Program Fees by 8%	\$ 16,495
h) Plan for savings from the Early Retirement Program:	\$ 30,000
i) Cut temporary staff from Community Development	\$ 19,100
j) Cut the 0.75 FTE Info Technician from IT Dept	\$ 30,000
k) Cut Part-time staff at Nature Center	\$ 20,000
l) Cut Maintenance Materials and Overtime from Public Works	\$ 36,000
m) Cut Overtime-Part-time in City Clerk and Deputy Registrar	\$ 9,500
n) Cut Overtime in Fire Department Budget	\$ 17,400
o) Cut Overtime in Police Department Budget	\$ 51,000
p) Use one-time cash for Debt Service Fund	<u>\$127,930</u>
Total Reduction for Option #5	\$935,370

The impact of these cuts would be the same as previously indicated in this article and would also include reductions in staffing levels in a majority of the departments. This could result in a reduction of staff within our Community Development department that provide us support to Commissions and Committees. The City would eliminate the new $\frac{3}{4}$ time person proposed in our IT Department that was proposed to return staff levels to that in 2005, when a departure was left vacant. Staffing cuts will be necessary at the Community Center and Nature Center under this option. It is likely that service would be reduced at the Nature Center to 3-4 days per week. The City would also likely see a reduction in maintenance materials for street repair and snow/ice control, along with a reduction in service. Plowing of sidewalks after a snow event would be extended out during working hours only and pothole repair and boulevard maintenance would be reduced. A reduction in hours for our Deputy Registrar and City Clerk functions would likely occur resulting in longer lines at the counter, and delays in responding to data requests. Further, this option would require a reduction in training hours and backup duties at our Fire Stations where our personnel are supplemented by paid-per-call firefighters. Reductions in our Police Department would result in a reduction in overtime for patrol and medics. This would reduce service to our community and is not recommended. Finally, the reduction in Debt Service payments would be a last resort. This would propose to use one-time funds that are dedicated to Capital Improvement Projects and provide this year's increase to the Debt Service Fund.

The City's Debt is currently well managed as reported by an independent study performed by an outside consultant hired by the City Council. Maplewood currently is on track to have over 75% of our debt retired (or paid off) in less than 10 years. This far exceeds a majority of municipalities nationally and results in very favorable rates for borrowing. Cuts in funding our debt payments is not a sustainable reduction and may impact this bond rating. A recent Moody's rating service on Maplewood's most recent bond issue acknowledged that the city's 0% levy increase in 2008 did not impact our sustained funding of debt service. However, a repeat of this in 2009 with "One-time money" would mean that the proposed increase in 2010 would need to be covered by a near doubling of funds. While many of the reductions are not recommended, this option should be the last considered by the City Council.

Voice your Opinion

As noted, the City Council will consider all of these options, plus other potential reductions at their hearing on December 8, 2008. Property owners are welcome to attend or can provide written correspondence to the attention of Acting City Manager, Chuck Ahl, at chuck.ahl@ci.maplewood.mn.us or by mailing comments to City Hall prior to the hearing date.

Commission Corner: Environmental and Natural Resources



The Maplewood Environmental and Natural Resources (ENR) Commission was established to provide advice to the city council on environmental priorities; review existing environmental policies, procedures, and ordinances; and promote greater use, understanding and appreciation of the city's environmental assets. As part of our work, the ENR Commission has recently completed review and revisions to the city's wetland ordinance, to protect this vital component of our natural environment.

The major objectives of the wetland ordinance are to: protect and enhance water quality in the bodies of water the wetlands surround, provide critical habitat to plant and animal species that depend on wetlands, and protect the aesthetic aspects of wetlands for the benefit of residents and visitors. To accomplish this, several major changes have been proposed to the ordinance. First, the draft ordinance would adopt the new wetlands classification system recently adopted by the Ramsey Washington Metro Watershed District. Second, the width of buffers surrounding the various wetland classes have been increased, based on scientific research regarding the amount of buffer needed to remove polluted runoff and the needs of upland habitat and nesting areas for wetland species. Finally, additional language was added to grandfather in most existing uses of residential properties.

The city council will likely take up consideration of the wetland ordinance early next year. Maplewood residents are encouraged to provide feedback to the city council on this important ordinance. For more specifics please visit the city website at: www.ci.maplewood.mn.us.

Working Together With Our Neighbors

By Bryan Nagel, Street Maintenance Superintendent

Recently the idea of working with our neighboring communities has been suggested as a cost and energy saving measure. Some people's reaction has been one of surprise when they discover that the City of Maplewood is not only currently doing, but has done so for many years. Here are a few examples of how the City of Maplewood works directly with our neighboring cities:

- In 1996 the cities of Maplewood and Oakdale jointly purchased crack sealing equipment, consisting of a router and a melter. Even now, twelve years later, we continue to share this equipment.
- While the City of Maplewood does not own a clam truck, which is used for loading piles of debris, the City of North St. Paul does. However, the City of North St. Paul does not have a sign shop and the City of Maplewood does. Sharing these resources between the two cities has been a mutually beneficial experience. For example, every fall the City of North St. Paul's clam truck can be seen picking up buckthorn piles throughout Maplewood. The clam truck has also been used to assist our city crews during storm cleanup and tree removal situations. In return, North St. Paul benefits by receiving sign support from the City of Maplewood.
- Oakdale and North St. Paul both own and operate hook trucks -- or trucks capable of switching bodies, thus making one vehicle capable of many functions. To allow for the interchange of truck bodies and roll-offs between these municipalities and our own, Maplewood's newest replacement plow truck was also ordered as a hook truck, built to the same specifications as those owned by North St. Paul and Oakdale.

These are just a few examples of how equipment sharing has worked over the years and resulted in a positive experience for all entities involved.

Code Compliance in Maplewood: An Introduction

By Gene Johnson, Code Enforcement Officer

Code Enforcement is responsible for identifying citizens who are violating property-related laws. If they won't change their behavior voluntarily, Code Enforcement has the authority to issue a citation or to resolve the issue in other manners as permitted by the City Code. The most common complaints include:

- Grass more than 8" tall or noxious weeds on the property
- Parking on the grass in front of a home
- Inoperable or improperly licensed vehicles parked in front of a home
- Outside storage of personal items that belong in the house or the garage
- Poor housing maintenance

Before you call with a complaint, please discuss the problem with your neighbor. If you are unable to resolve the issue, call 651-249-CODE (2633) or visit www.ci.maplewood.mn.us to submit a code violation.

What happens after you call?

- **Inspection:** The code enforcement officer goes to the property and informs the resident of the purpose of their visit. If the resident denies access to the property the investigation will be limited to what can be viewed from the street. In some instance the City may petition the court for a search warrant. If the complaint cannot be verified the case will be closed. If the complaint is valid, the officer will document the situation.
- **Notification:** The violation is explained to the resident and a date by which the situation must be resolved. If the resident is not present for the inspection a compliance order may be issued. To be admissible in court the Compliance Order must be written, it must describe the location and nature of the violation, it must establish a time for the correction of the violation and give notice of how to appeal any decision, it must be served upon the owner and/or resident of the property either in person or by registered or certified mail and if service by mail is not possible, the notice must be posted on the property or dwelling.
- **Compliance or Citation:** The primary goal of code enforcement is voluntary compliance, not punishment. The courts are only used as a last resort. After reasonable attempts to obtain compliance, a citation will be issued and the case will be turned over to the City Attorney for resolution. When this happens, the resident must appear before a judge in Ramsey County Housing Court. The judge determines if a fine must be paid and how the matter will be resolved.

To submit a code violation call 651-249-CODE (2633) or visit www.ci.maplewood.mn.us.

2009/2010 Pet License Application

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\$21 Male \$18 Neutered Male (Seniors 62 or older receive discounts,
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Cat _____ Dog _____ Rabies Shot Date _____ Next Due _____ Color _____

Breed _____ Pet's Name _____ Age _____

Date _____ Owner's Signature _____

Pet Licensing

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

Cat/Dog License

1830 East County Road B
Maplewood, MN 55109

Applications can also be obtained online at www.ci.maplewood.mn.us. Call 651-249-2000 for more information.

Holiday Safety Tips

The holidays are a special time of year, but they can also leave individuals especially vulnerable to theft and other crimes. Here are some tips to help make your holidays safe and happy:

Out & About

- Stay alert to your surroundings and the people around you.
- Park in well-lit areas and avoid parking next to vans, trucks with camper shells, or cars with tinted windows.
- Lock your car and close the windows, even if you're only going to be gone for a few minutes.
- Lock packages in the trunk as opposed to leaving them visible.
- Have your keys out before you approach your parked vehicle.
- Wait for public transportation or your ride in busy, well-lit places.
- Teach your children to go to a store clerk to ask for help if you become separated in a store or shopping mall. They should never go to the parking lot alone or leave with a stranger.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash by paying for purchases with a check or credit card when possible (and have a record of all your credit card numbers in a secure place).
- Avoid wearing expensive jewelry or watches while shopping.
- Always use an ATM in a secure location, such as inside a mall or store and shield your PIN number from the view of others.
- Carry purses under your arm and never leave them in a cart or on a shelf while distracted by shopping. Keep wallets in an inside pocket.

At Home

- Lock doors and windows when you leave the house, even if it's only for a few minutes. Leave lights and a radio or television on so the house looks and sounds occupied.
- Don't display gifts where they can be seen from a window or doorway.
- Check the IDs of all people delivering packages to your home.
- If you leave town, get an automatic timer for your lights. Have a trusted neighbor watch your house and pick up the mail and newspapers, and make arrangements for your driveway to be plowed in the event of snow.



On the Police Scanner

In October, the Maplewood Police Department responded to 2,122 calls for service. Included in this number were the following incidents:

- 30 Assault Cases
- 3 Robbery Cases
- 37 Burglary Cases
- 125 Theft Cases
- 41 Criminal Damage to Property Cases
- 19 Auto Theft Cases
- 77 Theft from Vehicle Cases

In addition, Officers made 55 arrests for shoplifting and 23 arrests for DWI.



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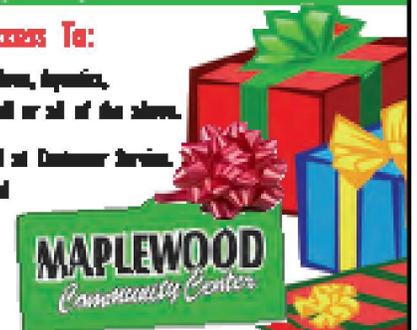
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What's New In Maplewood?

By Tom Ekstrand, Senior Planner

Menard's Store Improvements: Although Menards is not new to Maplewood the store's extensive building and site improvements may certainly make you think otherwise. Recent improvements include a remodeled entryway with log and stone entry columns and the addition of a new garden center extending west of the main building. These changes represent beautiful improvements fro both Menards and the community.

Menards has also proposed a new lumber storage building designed to be built within their fenced outdoor storage yard. This proposal is currently under review and will be brought before Council in December.

Projects Under Review: Look in future issues of Maplewood Monthly for updates from the office of community development on development projects throughout Maplewood.



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