

MAPLEWOOD

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CITY NEWS

January 2007

A 50th Anniversary Celebration

Maplewood became a village February 28, 1957, which means we are celebrating its 50th anniversary this year! Maplewood continues to make history and we hope you will be part of it. Join us for the many events taking place throughout the year starting with the February 10 ShiverFest at Hazelwood Park (see below.)

Saturday, February 24 will be the Anniversary kick-off at the Maplewood Community Center (2100 White Bear Ave.) Come help us celebrate from 2:00 - 6:00 pm. Enjoy cake, local entertainment, and meet with long-time Maplewood business owners who can share their stories of success.

Maplewood citizens, City staff, the Historical

Preservation Commission and the Maplewood Area Historical Society are all involved in planning events in observance of the Jubilee. We invite residents and businesses to participate in planning and presenting these activities throughout this year of celebration.

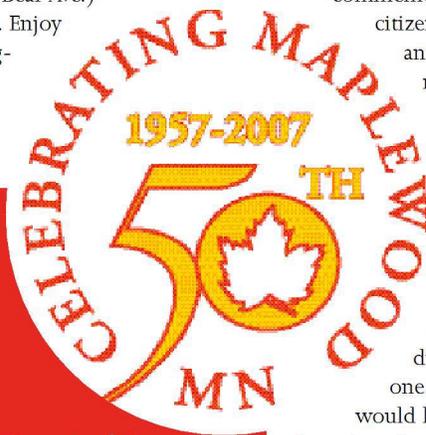
We are asking residents for ideas for meaningful ways to commemorate the history of Maplewood and its citizens, pictures of and stories about your ancestors and others who lived in the various neighborhoods during the area's earlier years, businesses that existed during that time, and perhaps still do, as well as pictures and information about early landmarks and events.

In 1997 the Historical Commission identified houses which had been built during or before 1897, and wants to add houses built during or before 1907, including any that may have been missed during the first survey. If you own or live in one of those houses, please let us know. We also would like to know about any businesses which have been in existence since the early days.

The Historical Society has been interviewing long-time residents in order to compile oral histories of their family's and Maplewood's early history. If you or someone you know is willing to participate in this endeavor, please share that information as well.

To submit information, volunteer, or if you would like to help with a donation, call Lois Behm at 651.770.8941 or email: behm@bitstream.net.

Watch the City Newsletter each month to see what's coming up. You won't want to miss one of these fantastic celebrations.



SHIVERFEST

For All Ages!
Saturday, February 10
2:00 - 4:00pm
At Hazelwood Park (1663 County Road C)
FREE to everyone (small fee for sleigh rides)

Experience SHIVERFEST! Maplewood Parks & Recreation's celebration of winter, snow, and fun in the outdoors... a sure antidote to cabin fever. Enjoy sleigh rides, a bonfire, scavenger hunt, family games, prizes, kites (Minnesota Kite Society), sledding, and peek inside a colorful hot air balloon. Sign your team up for a snow flag football tournament (You must pre-register for the tournament. Call 651.249.2125.) Sip hot chocolate, warm apple cider and enjoy cookies. Gather your friends and family and head to Hazelwood Park. We guarantee you will have a flurry of winter fun! Call 651.249.2125 for more information.



COME SEE A LIVE DOG SLED TEAM!



JOIN US FOR THE KICK OFF OF
MAPLEWOOD'S 50TH
ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION.

FITNESS SPECIALS FOR MAPLEWOOD RESIDENTS

AT THE
MAPLEWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER
NO INITIAL FEE **SAVE \$75**
AND GET A FREE GIFT

RENEW YOUR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP NOW AND
GET ONE MONTH FREE!
SAVE UP TO \$51

Some restrictions apply. Offer good through February 28, 2007.

Attention Maplewood Residents:

Join the

Maplewood Community Center

Pay NO Initial or Joiners Fee. Save \$75!
And Get A FREE Gift. Gift items vary. Quantities limited.



Now through February 28, 2007
— Maplewood's 50th Anniversary —



And! Current MCC Members!

Renew your annual membership by February 28, 2007
and get **ONE MONTH FREE!**

Some restrictions apply.

MEMBERSHIP HAS ITS BENEFITS:

- Free group fitness classes
- Free racquetball with preferred times
- Free child care service (free for family memberships only)
- Free fitness orientations
- Free daily locker service
- Free weight area and exercise room
- Free open gym at Carver and Edgerton gyms
- Discounts on theatre tickets, banquet/meeting room rental, recreation programs, massage, and swim lessons
- Four free guest passes each year
- Early registration for swim lessons
- And much more

Ask about the UCARE, Medica, and Blue Cross fitness discounts.

Join Today! 651.249.2100 ext. 0
maplewoodcommunitycenter.com

2100 White Bear Avenue
Maplewood, MN 55109
Phone: 651.249.2100
Fax: 651.249.2249

Dear Fellow Residents... By Councilmember Will Rossbach

Happy new year to all of you. I don't know about you but I am glad that 2006 is behind us. It was a year of turmoil on the city front and will be remembered as such. Good riddance. It would be easy to write many pages about last year but I will not go there, instead I would like to talk about the future. We need to move forward as a city and a council. Does this mean that I will not voice my opinion and positions when we are doing things to which I can not agree? No. To the contrary I will stand my ground as I have in the past; to do otherwise would be turning my back on the many people that look to me to express their views.

It would be nice to think that the council could resolve our differences and come together as a governing body but I doubt that is possible. We are clearly divided and those divisions run too deep to sing kum by ya and have everything be fine. Councilperson Cave suggested that we start planning a council retreat and I believe that is a good

idea. A retreat could give us a new start if it is approached properly. If a retreat has the ability to help us it needs to be centered on finding common ground. There are (I believe) some areas that we can agree on and put the full force of the city behind. We need to find those areas of consensus and bring them to the forefront. Those areas should be the bulk of the effort that we work on during 2007. If the retreat is not approached that way and instead is just an opportunity for the majority to tell everyone what they plan on doing in 2007 then we can expect that this year will be a continuation of last year. I do not want that to happen. The ball is clearly in their court. They have the votes to ignore those of us in opposition and they have in the past. On the other hand if there is a true effort to stabilize the situation and move forward with some unity they would have to be given the credit for making that happen. My hopes are that the latter course of action will prevail.

Will Rossbach

Dear Friends and Neighbors



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

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.

The Council and I look to this New Year of 2007 to be filled with just those things for our community, the City of Maplewood.

With the advent of the hiring of a permanent City Manager, along with the reorganization and realignment of the City departments, there is new opportunity for our staff to implement their fresh ideas for initiatives to improve our delivery of services to the Citizens and how we do business at City Hall. Continue to look for good things to come!

2007 also brings a new chapter to the Gladstone Neighborhood Redevelopment and to Maplewood's history. As you know, Maplewood was recently awarded a 1.8 million dollar grant from the Metropolitan Council to begin Phase I of the Gladstone Redevelopment. After many workshop hours of Council policy discussion, document review, and revision of the proposed master plan, the Council adopted the Gladstone Neighborhood Redevelopment Plan. Some of the key features included in the finally adopted plan include 1.) No sale of the neighborhood preserve "The Savanna" and only natural improvements or restoration will be allowed thereon; 2.) There will be limited changes to Flicek Park; 3.) Buildings adjacent to the streets shall be a maximum of 2 stories in height while buildings up to 4 stories in height shall be further from the streets along the "back" lot lines of parcels; 4.) The theme of the development shall be consistent with the village concept; 5.) Emphasis on working together with current Gladstone businesses to encourage them to remain in the neighborhood and to promote the available low interest loans and grants for renovation of existing buildings; 6.) support for the "blended" redevelopment concept whereby care is taken to blend the scale of new buildings with the existing buildings in the neighborhood; 8.) The Council's public policy supporting the philosophy of encouraging private investment in redevelopment and limiting or eliminating the use of tax increment financing; and 9.) Density incentives for those developers who build senior housing, assessable senior housing, senior assisted living, underground parking and/or green building construction. Copies of the final plan are available from City Hall.

As always, the Council and I appreciate your advice, encouragement, expertise, criticisms and suggestions. I welcome your comments and invite one and all to attend the Mayor's Forum held the first Saturday of each month at Maplewood City Hall in the Maplewood Room from 10:00 am to noon. Call me at 651.774.1490 or send an email to mayorlongrie@yahoo.com. Best Regards.

More Recycling Options

Eureka recycling is now collecting milk cartons, juice boxes and other beverage cartons as part of the curbside recycling program in Maplewood. These "brick" shaped cartons should be placed in your recycling bin together with bottles and cans. Please remove any straws and flatten the cartons. Plastic pour spouts do not need to be removed.

Currently, beverage containers are a small part of the waste we generate. However, this packaging is growing in popularity as more and more manufacturers use these types of containers for their product. A wide range of products are being packaged in these containers, including juice boxes, dairy products, natural and health beverages, soups and broths, sauces, desert toppings, cream, custards, detergents, wine, oil and cereal grains. Contrary to popular belief, there is NO wax coating on these cartons. They are 70% to 85% high quality paper that can be recycled to make tissue products and writing paper.

For more information, visit www.eureka recycling.org or the City of Maplewood website at www.ci.maplewood.mn.us.

2007 Property Taxes Decrease For Residents By Greg Copeland City Manager

The 2007 City Budget adopted by City Council includes \$169,350 less property taxes than the maximum property tax levy set in September.

The 2007 budget also includes no increase in the Electric Franchise Tax. The City Council tabled the proposed rate change which was mailed to residents by Xcel in November.



The 2007 Budget includes many important changes which will improve city services.

- Four new Police Patrol Officers
- One new Firefighter/Paramedic
- 18 additional Pay Per Call Firefighters
- One Full-time Code Enforcement Officer

A major initiative is to finance \$195,800 in Deferred Maintenance Projects which have not been budgeted for by previous city administrations. Many important basic maintenance needs for the Maplewood Community Center, City Hall and the Public Works building have been neglected for years to avoid asking taxpayers to spend a significant amount of tax dollars on critical maintenance items which have few advocates in the budget process.

The Maplewood Community Center alone accounts for \$107,200 or approximately 55% of all the approved 2007 Maintenance Projects. All these projects will be financed on a cash basis to avoid the costs of borrowing funds.

Maplewood Community Center Maintenance Costs

Drain Tile System Exterior Court Area	\$17,000
Exterior Door Replacement	29,200
Floor Covering Exercise Area	9,400
Electronic Sign Display	34,300
Pool Area Tile Replacement and RegROUTED	11,300
Parking Lot Pole Painting/repair	<u>6,000</u>
TOTAL	\$107,200

City Hall and Police Department

Build out Police Locker Room	\$30,000
Parking Lot Pole Painting/Repair	3,000
Caulk Building Windows	<u>8,400</u>
TOTAL	\$41,400

Public Works Building

Change Locks and rekey doors to Campus	\$5,500
Install Circulation Fans in Mechanics Shop	3,700
Lighting Retrofit in Facility to T-8 efficient lights	<u>38,000</u>
TOTAL	\$47,200

This City Council deserves credit for having the fortitude to be candid enough with tax payers to commit to the first year of a multi-year plan for Basic Building Maintenance for which there will be no ribbon cuttings to attend.

A City Reorganization Plan has been adopted as part of the 2007 Budget to ensure there is cost effective, efficient, accountable management of all city departments.

The primary focus of the reorganization is that the City of Maplewood needed to reduce administrative overhead costs. The following administrative reductions were made as a part of the 2007 Budget for a savings of over \$700,000 in avoided costs.

Eliminated Positions

Projected Avoided Costs in 2007

Human Resources Director	\$147,206
Assistant City Manager/	
Community Development Director	\$119,647
Deputy Fire Chief	\$149,708
Deputy Police Chief	\$154,926
Parks and Recreation Director	<u>\$149,973</u>
Total	\$721,460

Three new managers have been proposed in the 2007 Budget:

- Public Safety Manager for the Police and Fire Departments.
- Finance and Administration Manager for the Public Works, IT, Inspections, Planning, Building Operations and Finance Departments.
- Citizen Services Manager will manage Public Records, Elections, Motor Vehicle Services, Parks and Recreation and the Maplewood Community Center.

The proposed new management positions will be filled by promoting existing City staff where possible to reduce costs. The former City Finance Director's retirement leaves a vacancy which will be filled by the new Finance and Administration Manager at no additional cost. The Public Safety Manager will be funded in part out the elimination of the Deputy Police and Deputy Fire Chief positions. The Police Chief and Fire Chief will focus on daily operations within their departments. The managerial functions formerly performed by the Chiefs will be vested in the Public Safety Manager.

The Citizen Services, Public Safety and Finance and Administration Manager will be responsible for budget preparation and fiscal management, personnel matters, contract administration, department policy management, Capital Improvement Planning and managing staff training.

Another aspect of the reorganization changes that have been proposed is a new management structure at the Maplewood Community Center. The new MCC Director and MCC Sales Director will have as their prime directive reversing the history of annual property tax subsidies for MCC operations. The Maplewood Community Center has had one positive year-end balance in the past 10 years. The facility has required \$1.2 million in subsidies to overcome repeated annual operating deficits since 1996.



The new Maplewood Community Center, MCC, organizational structure will place an emphasis on sales of 500 new memberships; 30% increased rental of the Theater and a 25% increase in banquet sales. The goal for 2007 is to eliminate the need for operating subsidies paid with property tax dollars and end the year with a positive cash balance for operations at the MCC.

The 2007 budget adopted meets the City Council's goal set on May 8, 2006 that the 2007 Property Tax rate not exceed the 2006 tax rate. The City Council policy was established to limit new spending to only that amount of taxes which would be generated due to increases in taxable property valuations established by the Ramsey County Assessor.

2007 Wedding Fair!

Saturday, January 27
1:00 - 4:30 pm

at the
Maplewood Community Center
2100 WHITE BEAR AVENUE
651.249.2100 X0

*Everything you need to plan
your special day.*

Register to win a FREE room rental!

TICKETS: \$4/PERSON IN ADVANCE
\$5/PERSON AT THE DOOR
*Advance ticket sales available at the
Maplewood Community Center*



Bridal Boot Camp

Check out Maplewood Community Center's **FIRST EVER** Bridal Boot Camp! A group personal training program designed specifically for brides to get them in shape for the big day. Tuesdays & Thursdays, February 13-March 22, 2007 6:30-7:30 pm
Call 651.249.2100 x0 to register. (space is very limited!)

Wild Gardener Landscaping Seminar



Native trees, shrubs and wildflowers are easy care perennials that attract wildlife and have seasonal beauty. Learn how to create that beautiful, easy-care yard you've always wanted. Participants may order shrubs and wildflowers at discounted prices.

To obtain a registration form: Call Maplewood Nature Center, **651.249.2170** or go on-line at www.ci.maplewood.mn.us (Register early, series fills quickly!)

Dates: Thursday, March 1-22

Time: 6:30-8:30 pm

Location: Gladstone Fire Station 2 (1955 Clarence St.)

Fee: Maplewood Residents:

\$30/person or \$50/ 2 adults in same household

Non-Residents:

\$40/person or \$60/2 adults from same household

A True Maplewood Scout

Steven Dobihal completed his Eagle Scout Project at the Maplewood Nature Center on October 21 of this year. He and members from troop 461 created and installed 12 posts for a self guided trail. They represent 12 different interpretive points along our trail and correspond with an activity sheet and kiosk signs at the front entrance. We thank them for their donation of time, money and effort spent on the successful completion of this project.



Steve Dobihal and his family

The Nature Center trails are open all winter for hiking and snowshoeing. Snowshoes are available for rent at the Maplewood Nature Center- Come on out and explore!

Metropolitan Council Awards \$1.8 Million Grant to Maplewood For Gladstone Neighborhood Redevelopment

On December 13, 2006, the Metropolitan Council approved \$8.8 million in Livable Communities grants to ten projects in seven cities. The development/redevelopment projects all demonstrated a component of land use that connects development with transit, intensify land uses, connect housing and employment, provide a mix of housing affordability, and provide infrastructure to connect communities and attract investment. The City of Maplewood was awarded the largest grant of the ten projects including \$1.8 million to fund Phase I public improvements for the Gladstone Neighborhood.

The Gladstone Neighborhood Redevelopment Plan includes redevelopment of areas surrounding Frost Avenue and English Street with 650 new housing units and a mixture of retail and commercial uses. It also includes improvements to the 24-acre Gladstone Savanna open space which will enhance and retain its natural openspace character as an asset to the neighborhood and the city.

The proposed Phase I public improvements will coincide with private redevelopment of the St. Paul Tourist Cabin site (940 Frost Avenue) with the development of senior housing. The public improvements will include the reconstruction of Frost Avenue from Highway 61 to Phalen Place including a roundabout at the intersection of Frost Avenue and East Shore Drive, sidewalks, decorative street lighting, and landscaping. In addition to the roadway improvements are the construction of stormwater treatment ponds and devices to treat stormwater that is currently discharged directly to Lake Phalen without any form of treatment. "I am very excited by the opportunity this grant award by the Metropolitan Council gives the City of Maplewood to move forward with the Phase One of the Gladstone Neighborhood Redevelopment Plan", declared Maplewood Mayor Diana Longrie, "I believe this investment of \$1.8 million dollars will send a signal that Maplewood's Gladstone Neighborhood is open for new business and residential development, especially for senior accessible housing. "For more information on the Gladstone Neighborhood Redevelopment project visit the city's website at www.ci.maplewood.mn.us or contact Shann Finwall of the Maplewood planning department at 651.249.2304.

Winter Swim Lesson Registration Going On Now At The Maplewood Community Center!



The Maplewood Community Center is dedicated to providing quality swimming lessons for children and adults. All instructors are professionally certified by The Red Cross.

The MCC offers an exciting collection of courses designed to make learning easier and to help you benefit from the latest research on instructional techniques. The zero-depth entry aquatics center makes learning easier for children just getting used to the water.

With over 100 classes to choose from you're bound to find the perfect class to fit your busy schedule. All classes begin in January.

Call to register today! 651.249.2100 ext. 0

2100 White Bear Avenue www.maplewoodcommunitycenter.com



Evidence Specialist Certified

Phil Powell, Maplewood Police Department Administrative Operations Manager, recently completed certification as a Property and Evidence Specialist through the International Association for Property and Evidence (IAPE). Staff certification is an important step in assuring the admissibility of evidence used in criminal prosecutions, and Maplewood continues to be a leader in evidence management procedures and techniques in Ramsey County.

Volunteer To Serve On A Maplewood City Commission Or Advisory Board

The City of Maplewood is seeking applications from citizens who would like to volunteer their time to serve on City Council Citizen Advisory Boards and Commissions. There are openings on the following City Commissions/Board:

- Community Design Review Board – 4 openings
- Community Outreach Commission – 7 openings
- Housing Redevelopment Authority - 1 opening
- Parks and Recreation Commission – 3 openings
- Planning Commission – 3 openings
- Police and Civil Service Commission – 1 opening

You can download a City of Maplewood Commission Application at www.ci.maplewood.mn.us. or call 249-2051, Harriet Rydel, Senior Administrative Assistant to the City Manager's Office to have an application sent to you. Applications should be returned to the City Hall by January 26, 2007.

Information about each of the Commissions/Board is available on the website.

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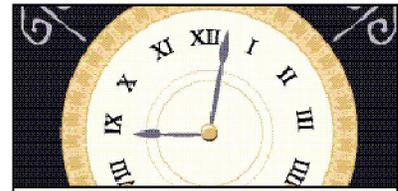
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DEPUTY REGISTRAR AND PASSPORT HOURS

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:

Council/Manager Workshops & City Council Meetings

Council meeting at 7:00pm
January 8 & 22

Pre-Agenda Meetings

January 18 at 4:45pm

Community Design Review Board

January 9 & 23 at 6:00pm

Environmental & Natural Resources Committee

January 14 at 7:00pm

Historical Preservation Commission

January 11 at 7:00pm

Housing & Redevelopment Authority

January 10 at 7:00pm

Parks & Recreation Commission

January 17 at 7:00pm

Planning Commission

January 16 at 7:00pm

Mayor's Forum

January 6 at 10:00am-noon

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

The January 8 & 22 City Council meetings will be rebroadcast at 8:00pm on the Thursday following the meeting. All meetings are held at City Hall, 1830 County Road B East, Maplewood.

Cancellations will be posted online at www.ci.maplewood.mn.us

To submit newsworthy city information, contact Heidi Carey: 651.249.2104 heidi.carey@ci.maplewood.mn.us

For other questions or comments regarding "Maplewood City News," contact the City Manager: Greg Copeland, greg.copeland@ci.maplewood.mn.us

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Gladstone Neighborhood Redevelopment Plan Complete

The City of Maplewood has been studying the Gladstone Neighborhood to evaluate opportunities for redevelopment in the area while protecting the open spaces, historical and neighborhood features residents value. The study area included the land generally surrounding the intersection of Frost Avenue and English Street west to Highway 61. The three year study involved an extensive

public input process and exploration of redevelopment opportunities focussing on senior accessible housing, commercial improvements to existing businesses and protection of the Savanna Open Spaces through permanent conservation easements. Careful preparation of the Gladstone Neighborhood Redevelopment Plan by City Council will guide future land uses and limit densities and while also protecting the environment and natural resources of the area.

On December 12, 2006, the City Council adopted the final version of the Gladstone Neighborhood Redevelopment Plan. The city will use the plan to help guide future development in the area. The Gladstone Neighborhood Redevelopment Plan establishes a vision statement for redevelopment in the area which states: "The vision for Gladstone is to be an inspiring, vital and stable neighborhood always striving to protect and portray its history, its sense of open space and ecological presence, and its qualities as a great neighborhood to live, play and work."

To view the final version of the Gladstone Neighborhood Redevelopment Plan, visit the city's website at www.ci.maplewood.mn.us. Click on the Gladstone Redevelopment Project icon on the front page. For additional information, contact Shann Finwall, AICP, planner at 651.249.2304 or shann.finwall@ci.maplewood.mn.us.



Maplewood Celebrates 50 Years!

The City of Maplewood is turning 50 this year and we want you to help us celebrate. Join us for the kickoff event on Saturday, February 24 from 2:00 - 6:00 pm at the Maplewood Community, 2100 White Bear Ave. Enjoy cake, local entertainment, view displays, and meet long time Maplewood business owners who can share stories of success.

50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION LINE-UP:

April 28	Arbor Day and Environmental Day at the Maplewood Nature Center 12:00 - 4:00 pm
April 26	Taste of Maplewood at the MCC 4:00 - 7:00 pm
May 12	Spring Tea at the Bruentrup Farm 11:30 - 2:30 pm
May 19	Pedal In the Park Bike Tour of Maplewood
June 1	Self Guided Tours of Maplewood
June 13	Ice Cream Social at the Bruentrup Farm 6:30 - 8:30 pm
June 23	Community Wide Tree Planting at the Nature Center
July 4	July 4th Celebration at Hazelwood Park
July 11 - 15	Ramsey County Fair
July 12	White Bear Avenue Parade 7:00 pm
August 6	National Night Out Celebration
August 18	Johnny Apple Seed Day at Bruentrup Farm
September 9	Back to the 50's car show and parking lot dance MCC South Parking Lot 2:00 - 9:00 pm
October TBA	Preservation Tour of the Farm Fall Barn Dance and Halloween Hoe Down
Nov TBA	Dinner and Dance at the MCC 6:00 - 10:00 pm
Dec TBA	Festival of Trees at the MCC and Open House at the Bruentrup Farm

Dear Friends and Neighbors... By Mayor Diana Longrie



Greetings! We have exciting things happening in Maplewood! WOW! I am so honored and so proud to be the Mayor of Maplewood - to be your Mayor.

Let me share a few of the things I am excited about: Positive, forward looking vision:

- Our Gladstone Redevelopment is underway with renewed excitement and enthusiasm. Our Phase I senior housing and public improvements is in progress and three new businesses have recently opened in the Gladstone area.
- The council's Conservation Easement initiative is moving forward to place protections on our publicly owned open spaces throughout Maplewood to protect them from future development.
- The construction moratorium in South Maplewood is enacted and the study period has begun.
- Pursuing clean energy options such as wind energy to power our city campus is in its infant stages.
- Ways are being explored to attract small businesses, creating more jobs, while working with existing businesses to better understand their needs.

Maplewood is known for its charming, unique neighborhoods, its extensive trail and park system, and

neighborhood preserves. Today's modern city planners often bask in the roseate glow of the optimistic vision of generic utility and universal form where all neighborhoods are uniform with the same width streets, sidewalks, identical driveways, curb, and gutter. However, the challenge for the our City Council continues to be the imaginative, but critical, task of preserving what is best in each of our neighborhoods despite modern day city planning principles. After all, it is because of the varied character of our neighborhoods that Maplewood is the viable, livable, diverse community it is today. We must be ever vigilant to protect that unique character and not "engineer" the character out of the town we love.

As the Mayor of Maplewood and a community leader, I want to hear from you on how we can better serve Maplewood. Be assured, your City Council welcomes citizen input and participation. As always, I invite one and all to attend the Mayor's Forum held the first Saturday of each month at Maplewood City Hall in the Maplewood Room from 10:00 am to noon. Call me at 651.774.1490 or send an email to mayorlongrie@yahoo.com. Remember, the Citizens are the City!

Best Regards, Diana Longrie, Mayor

Dear Citizens... By Councilmember Rebecca Cave



Hello Friend and Neighbors, January was a great month in Maplewood and February will be too!

The first Town Hall Meeting to discuss the South Maplewood Moratorium, was held at the Fire Station #4 on January 29. More than 50 residents participated in six small group sessions to offer ideas, ask questions and raise concerns with City staff. A follow up Town Hall Meeting to address all the moratorium issues and concerns is scheduled at Carver Elementary School for March 13, 2007 at 7:00 pm. Residents are very excited and thankful that the City Council took time to listen to them and established a new planning process to directly involve them in deciding the future of their neighborhood.

The Desoto/Skillman Street Reconstruction project is underway. Surveys have been sent out to citizens on Desoto Street and they're being asked about the need for sidewalks. City Council is also looking at

advancing our 2008 City Street Reconstruction Program to 2007 to include a much needed reconstruction in the Brookview area which originally was not scheduled to be done until 2008. I want to take advantage of the improved construction market this year with projected lower costs, it is in everyone's financial interest to get the job done now to potentially lower assessments.

The First Annual Maplewood Wedding Fair was held at the Maplewood Community Center and had over 260 attendees and 36 brides/grooms booked their special date with Maplewood's new caterer's.

Walgreen's will be breaking ground for a new store at Beam and White Bear. This is a great benefit to the City and to have this essential new service available to the residents in this area will be fantastic!

Costco has purchased a portion of the old County View Golf Site at Beam and SR61. Thanks to Maplewood's Bruce Mogren and his family who sold the property to bring this outstanding

national retailer to our City.

Gladstone Neighborhood Redevelopment Phase I will be the subject of several meetings with both City Council and the Planning Commission during February and March. Watch for details on proposed Senior Accessible Housing in Gladstone with assisted living and memory care services.

A Conservation Easement Workshop is scheduled with the City Council for March 5 with the Minnesota Land Trust at 5:00 pm. Anyone interested in learning more about how the City Council plans to protect our City Open Spaces permanently should come to this meeting.

Congratulation to the Maplewood Community Center staff for selling over 160 memberships in January 2007!

Don't forget when you stop in at City Hall or at a Fire House to give a special Thank You to all the men and women of the Maplewood Fire and Police Departments. They protect our City with Maplewood's BEST every day and they deserve the BEST support of all citizens!

FREE SEMINAR! What Parents Need To Know

What drugs are out there? Where do kids get it? What can we do as parents?

Thursday, February 22 7:00-9:00 pm
Maplewood Community Center
2100 White Bear Avenue



At long last, here's a concise yet comprehensive presentation that addresses:

- Up-to-date information on the drug scene and new drugs of abuse
- The signs and symptoms of abuse
- What can parents do for prevention?
- What parents can do if their child has a problem

The seminar leader will be Carol Falkowski, director of research communications at the Hazelden Foundation, has monitored drug abuse trends at the national and local level for two decades. She is author of **Dangerous Drugs: An Easy-to-Use Reference for Parents and Professionals**.

Authoritative and up-to-the-minute, this practical and current information is for any parent concerned about drug abuse and the situations that our children face every day. Come learn about current trends and issues from meth to prescription drug abuse. Whether purchased over-the-counter or under cover, what do these new, emerging drugs of abuse do, who uses them, and what's new about them? What makes youth particularly susceptible to the lure of meth? Why the rise in the non-medical use of prescription drugs? This fast-paced presentation is based on the most recent information from multiple sources including emergency rooms, medical examiners, addiction treatment centers, and law enforcement. It also addresses how parents can prevent and identify an emerging problem, and be part of the solution.

Carol Falkowski lives in the St. Paul metropolitan area and is the parent of two children. Don't miss this important FREE presentation.

Maplewood Celebrates Arbor Day And Environment Day

Saturday, April 28th, from 1:00-4:00 pm at the Maplewood Nature Center located at 2659 East 7th St.

Maplewood's Environmental and Natural Resource Commission invites you to the Maplewood Nature Center for a 50th anniversary

celebration of our natural heritage. Bring grandma and grandpa, kids and all - there will be something to do for everyone. Take action! There will be opportunities to learn how you can incorporate environmental

stewardship practices in your everyday life. Crafts, live music, food and door prizes that help you live sustainably will be available at this low-waste event. Here is a sampling of the events:

Recycling:

- Eureka Recycling Truck – naming contest winner will be unveiled
- Recycling games and information
- Recycling bins available
- Meet "Can Man"

Trees:

Heritage Trees of Maplewood Search – check out a tree guide informational packet from the Nature Center to determine whether a tree in your yard or park would rate as a heritage tree. Check for crown size, height and girth. Please refer to the city's website at www.ci.maplewood.mn.us or call the Nature Center at 651.249.2170 for additional information.

- Rides in the Cherry picker
- Attend a tree clinic and get your tree disease questions answered by a forester
- Go on a tree "QUEST" to identify and learn about trees
- "Nuts About Trees" puppet show
- Shade grown coffee saves trees and helps migrating songbirds display

Water:

- Scoop up pond bugs and learn about their habitat
- Interact with the watershed display and lake models
- Information on rain gardens and wetland buffers
- Learn about lakes in Maplewood



U.S. Passports

The City of Maplewood is a Federal Passport Agency with seven years of experience in passport processing. Come visit our experienced and customer friendly staff for your passport application process! All persons, including U.S. citizens traveling by AIR between the United States and Canada, Mexico, Central and South America the Caribbean, and Bermuda are now required to present a valid passport. City passport hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm and to better serve our customers, we are now open from 8:00 am to noon on Saturday's to assist you. For additional information please contact 651.249.2003.

FREE Self Defense/Threat Awareness Class

Learn to identify threats, react appropriately, and use different tools for self-defense. Receive an update on local crime trends. Learn "hands-on" defense tactics for self defense.

Date: Tuesday, March 6 Time: 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Instructor: Scott Steffen, Maplewood Police Department

Location: Maplewood Community Center 2100 White Bear Avenue

Call 651.249.2230 to register or email www.maplewoodcommunitycenter.com.

Nominate Your Neighborhood For FREE Buckthorn Pick-Up



Last Fall marked the fifth consecutive year of Maplewood's Buckthorn Removal program. Residents removed over 180 yards of this invasive shrub from yards and woods last year alone.

This year, you can nominate your neighborhood for curbside pick-up of buckthorn brush. This service will be available to every neighborhood with at least 5 households per block or 10 households within a radius of 1/4 mile who sign up for pick-up. This year there is no charge for this service!

2007 Buckthorn Removal Program in a Nutshell:

- Contact your neighbors about joining the buckthorn removal program
- Call the Nature Center at 651.249.2170 with the names and contact information for you and at least 2 other households.
- A naturalist will follow up with a site visit to confirm the presence and quantity of buckthorn on the properties. Necessary forms will be sent to interested residents.
- Return your completed form.
- Borrow a weed wrench for a refundable deposit from the nature center or from block captains in the neighborhood.
- Public Works provides curbside pickup of your buckthorn brush on designated Fall dates.

Note: Residents may also drop off buckthorn brush for free at two drop-off sites on designated weekends.

More information about buckthorn removal is available on the Nature Center's website: www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/nc, or call the Buckthorn Hotline, 651-249-2188.



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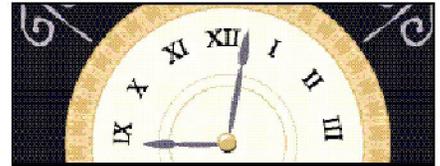
DEPUTY REGISTRAR HOURS

City Hall will be closed Monday, February 19, 2007 for Presidents Day.

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:

Council/Manager Workshops & City Council Meetings

Council meetings at 7:00pm

February 12 & 26

Workshops: (check city website)

- Firefighters Relief Association

February 12 at 5:00pm

- Gethsemane Senior Housing Project

TIF Discussion

February 12 at 6:00pm

March 5 at 5:00pm

Open Space Conservation Easements

Police Civil Service Commission

February 5 at 7:00pm

Community Design Review Board

February 13 & 27 at 6:00pm

Environmental & Natural Resources Committee

February 6 at 4:45pm

Historical Preservation Commission

February 15 at 7:00pm

Planning Commission

February 6 & 20 at 7:00pm

Mayor's Forum

March 3 at 10:00am-noon

Town Hall Meetings

March 13 at 7:00pm

Carver Elementary School

- South Maplewood Moratorium Study

Discussion of Citizen study group findings

The February 12 & 26 City Council meetings will be rebroadcast at 8:00pm on the Thursday following the meeting. All City Council and Commission meetings are broadcast live on Cable TV Ch 16 and held at City Hall, 1830 County Road B East, Maplewood.

Check the city website for cancellations, additional workshops or other meetings.

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MAPLEWOOD

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CITY NEWS

May 2007

Spring Clean Up Day



**Saturday, April 29
7:00 am to 1:00 pm**
Aldrich Arena
parking lot at
1850 White Bear Ave.

Maplewood
residents (proof of
residency is required)

will be able to dispose of old appliances, computers, monitors, TVs, tires, construction debris, mattresses, old furniture, car parts, scrap metal, and other assorted junk (refer to charges below for disposal cost). No brush or tree waste will be accepted.

Hazardous waste including oil, antifreeze, paint and other hazardous waste items will be accepted free of charge. The Household Hazardous Waste collection program will run from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

In conjunction with the clean up, the city 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, stews, infant items, dried foods, and cash are needed.

CLEAN-UP DAY COLLECTION FEES:

Cash or check only

Cars without a trailer \$10

Vehicles with trailers \$15

Large loads \$25

PLUS!

Computer/monitor \$15*

Car tires with or without rims \$3*

TVs all sizes, VCRs, Printers \$10*

Residential appliances \$10*

*these fees are in addition to above costs

Example Fees:

Car without trailer plus console TV \$20

Pick-up truck with appliance and computer \$40

Call 651.249.2400 for more information.

The fees remain unchanged from last year.

Meet The City of Maplewood's New Faces.



Robert Mittel
Finance & Administration
Manager

Bob has lived in Maplewood for the past 20 years. His wife, Liz, teaches third grade at St. Odilia School in Shoreview and his two children, Bobby and Marissa are in high school at Roseville Area High School. Bob has been active in youth soccer, as a coach, referee, board member and spectator. He also enjoys golf and boating.

Bob has held public and private sector accounting and financial management positions since 1979 and is looking forward to bringing those experiences into his new role with the City of Maplewood. "I am excited to be working with a great group of people here at the city. Everyone has been so friendly and helpful. Maplewood has some wonderful opportunities ahead and I'm thrilled to be part of it."



Michael Samuelson
Code Enforcement Officer

Michael Samuelson is 51 years old, born in St. Paul and currently lives in the Hamline Midway community with his wife of 21 years, Kiki Sonnen. Michael is a graduate of the University of Minnesota College of Human Ecology with a degree in Housing. He has worked and volunteered for several neighborhood based improvement organizations during the past 30 years. Including the Merriam Park, Frogtown and the Hamline Midway areas in St. Paul and the Elliot Park, Southeast Como, Powderhorn and Glendale neighborhoods of Minneapolis. His city government experience includes work at the City of Richfield as a Housing Technician and most recently with the City of Brooklyn Park. There he served for the past six years as a Neighborhood

Preservation Specialist for its Code Enforcement and Public Health Division. He is an avid Minnesota Twins and Golden Gopher sports fan and has season tickets for both baseball teams and the U of M's basketball team. He and his wife travel to see their beloved Twins in outdoor ballparks all over the country each summer when ever they can. They are both experienced birders and enjoy early morning walks looking for area common and rare bird species all over the state.



Jim Taylor
Recreation Supervisor II

Jim is 30 years old and was born and raised on the Eastside of Saint Paul. After graduating from Johnson High School he accepted a football scholarship at Southwest State University where he graduated in 2000 with a degree in Physical Education with a Community Recreation Emphasis. Upon graduation from college Jim accepted a position with Saint Paul Parks and Recreation where he has worked in the Citywide athletics office, ran multiple facilities, and organized and managed many special events most notably the Star of the North State Games. Jim is an avid sports fan both as a participant and a spectator and is currently living in Forest Lake with his wife Katie and two year old daughter Abby. Jim says "I am very excited to be part of a community

like the City of Maplewood and look forward to helping continue to offer excellent recreational and leisure programming to its citizens."



Attention Event Date Change!

The Taste Of Maplewood will take place June 14, 2007 instead of April 26, 2007.

Dear Friends and Neighbors...



On February 24, 2007, Maplewood began a year long celebration of its 50th anniversary as a City by hosting the 50th Anniversary Kick-Off Celebration at the Maplewood Community Center. Even though it was a snowy, blustery day, approximately 200 people showed up to join in the festivities. This event was made possible through the tireless efforts

of the Maplewood Historic Preservation Commission (with a special thanks to Richard Currie and Ron Cockriel), the Maplewood Historical Society and City staff, with a special thanks to Ms. Pauline Staples. Everyone had so much fun stopping by the booths, enjoying the entertainment throughout the day and listening to the Mayors' forum where former Mayors discussed the challenges and rewards of being a Mayor to a growing community. Mark your calendar for the next 50th Anniversary Event, Arbor Day, slated for April 28, 2007 at the Maplewood Nature Center from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. I will be there along with many of the other Council members.

During our 50th anniversary, it is only appropriate that Maplewood has achieved another milestone in citizen outreach. When tuning in to the public access government channel, you may have noticed that there are a lot more meetings being televised than ever before. Recently, the Council supported an initiative to televise all Council meetings, Council workshops and Commission or Board meetings. If you are interested in learning about what is going on in Maplewood with regard to parks, planning, design, police civil service, housing, or the environment, it is as accessible as your public access television! Additionally, as

a result of Council member Cave's efforts, we will soon be televising the Roseville School Board meetings as well. This will be of particular interest to those Maplewood residents who live in the Roseville School District. Ms. Cave is Maplewood's alternate on the Ramsey Washington County Suburban Cable Commission. Cable TV is a marvelous tool. It enables the City of Maplewood to truly be a leader in opening the doors of municipal government to its citizens. It is never too late to participate in your local government. Now, with the doors wide open, it is easier than ever to keep updated on current city matters and the development of public policy initiatives as they occur by watching the meetings first hand. Come join us! Get engaged! Stay engaged!

For a complete cable television schedule, visit the city website at www.ci.maplewood.mn.us and click on "City Meetings Television Schedule."

As always, I welcome one and all to attend the next monthly Mayor's Forum held on Saturday May 5, 2007 the first Saturday of each month at Maplewood City Hall in the Maplewood Room from 10:00 am to noon, to call me at 651.774.1490 or to send an email to mayorlongrie@yahoo.com. Best Regards!



Mayor Diana Longrie thanks Peter Bell, Chairman of the Metropolitan Council, for its award to the City of Maplewood of 1.8 million dollars in Metropolitan Livable Communities Grant funds at the State of Region. Address on February 5, 2007.

Dear Citizens... By Councilmember Will Rossbach

Maplewood and many other cities are starting the process of updating their Comprehensive Land Use Plan. This plan is one of the most important documents that the city produces. It lays out the city's plans for all future development throughout the city and is the document that the courts consider as the controlling document taken in consideration with zoning plans etc. The Comprehensive Plan as its name implies is comprehensive. It contains the city's land use goals and policies for land uses, the cities desires for types of development, types of housing, a section by section map of future land uses, environmental goals and every other development guidance statement that is important to the city.

Through the years that I have served Maplewood as a member of the Planning Commission and Council member I have sat through many development and land use decisions. It is not uncommon in those meetings to have citizens say things like "we should slow this down so we have time to consider if this is the right thing to do" or "we never had the opportunity to comment on this" or the ever popular "why don't we make this a park" and my personal favorite "we bought here because the land around us was open and we think it should stay that way". This is the time for you to be involved. Over the course of the next year we will, at a slow pace, consider all sections of the plan. We will determine what are the best plans and policies for all areas of the city and you can participate in that process. All of the city's commissions and the Council will be involved and I hope that you will be too.

Maplewood Community Center Expands Customer Service Hours



In a continuous effort to provide members with outstanding customer service, the Maplewood Community Center will be extending customer service hours. Beginning April 16, customer service will now be open on Saturday and expanded hours on Monday!

Monday 9:00 am - 7:00 pm
Tuesday-Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday 8:00 am-12:00 noon

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Dear Citizens... By Councilmember Eric Hjelle More Positive Changes

Maplewood continues to change, with the adoption of the Gladstone Comprehensive Plan and the renewed commitment to increase Public Safety resources, residents are seeing major changes in the look and feel of Maplewood.

The Gladstone area project has taken up a large amount of city resources and energy during the last couple of years. The previous council and manager spent over \$300,000 and large amounts of staff time creating a plan that many residents did not agree with or support. At the February 26 city council meeting, a crucial amendment to the comprehensive plan (which requires a 4-1 majority vote) failed. Our wonderful city staff spent the next 2 weeks working with Councilmember's Juenemann and Rossbach helping them understand the project and at the March 12 city council meeting, the amendment finally passed with a unanimous vote. In exchange for support of this amendment, a second motion was made amending the redevelopment plan by "bold" printing the first paragraph of the plan document. A minor change that was gladly accepted by city manager Copeland and staff. Gladstone activist David Bartol and the "Bartol Plan" is credited with bringing compromise and success to this project along with our hardworking city staff.

At the March 26 city council meeting, a new vehicle was approved for the new (and long overdue) Code Enforcement Officer. This position has been sorely needed for years in Maplewood and they will be busy. Enforcing city code sounds very basic, however it was a task that was simply overlooked in the past. That will change, we are committed to addressing these concerns.

The 2 new Firefighter/Paramedics the city hired are scheduled to start work very soon, by the time you read this article they will already be on the street working. The Maplewood Police Civil Service Commission has finally decided to carry out their mandate and start the process of hiring 4 new police officers as directed by the city council. The presence of these 6 newly hired public safety personnel along with the new code enforcement officer is a great beginning. For years, Maplewood has focused on development and building projects. We need to play "catch up" in the area of Public Safety. The City of St. Paul is a wonderful example of what happens when Public Safety takes a backseat to political favor. Maplewood did not need to spend over \$200,000 on a study to understand that the changes we made last winter were needed to provide better Ambulance, Fire, and Police services.

Contrary to those that continue to attack change and engage in fear, the lights are still on at city hall. Despite attacks by a biased press, the sun still manages to rise everyday. Amazingly, the streets are still being plowed and projects are moving forward. We are hiring more "foot soldiers" to protect and serve residents, while honoring our financial obligations having kept the tax rate in 2007 the same as 2006. Reality is a good judge, second only to the decision of voters!

Have a safe summer and please remember those that serve and protect our freedoms everyday, past and present. Next time you see a cop, firefighter or anyone in uniform, take a moment and thank them!

Upcoming Events!

CPR & FIRST AID CLASSES

At the MCC (2100 White Bear Avenue)

\$75 \$55 MCC members

To register, call 651.249.2230.

Community CPR

Saturday, April 21, June 9, or August 25

10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Child & Infant CPR with First Aid

Saturday, May 5 or July 14

10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Maplewood Bicycle Auction

Wednesday, April 18 at 6:30 pm

Public Works Building (1902 Co. Rd. B)



The lost and found bicycle collection is huge this year! Choose from more than 85 bicycles with many bargains to be found. Don't miss this live auction!

Maplewood Area Historical Society

Spring Tea

Saturday, May 12 at 11:30 am & 2:30 pm

At the Bruentrup Farm (2170 E. Cty. Rd. D)

Call Char at 651.776.7183 for TEA reservations.

Pedal In the Park Bike Tour of Maplewood

Saturday, May 19

For more information, contact Ron Cockriel at 651.738.7233 or maplewood50th@yahoo.com.

Kids' Stuff Sale

Friday, April 27 4:30-8:00 pm

Maplewood Community Center (2100 White Bear Ave.)



Maplewood Parks and Recreation is back with our annual Kids' Stuff Sale! Take advantage of this opportunity to buy quality children's items at a terrific price in a fun and relaxing atmosphere. All items/clothing for sale will be for children ages 0-13.

MS Bikethon

Saturday, May 12 Check in at 7:30 am

At the Maplewood Community Center

(2100 White Bear Avenue)

Contact: 612.335.7900 or biketour@mssociety.org

The MS Bike Tour, marking its 27th anniversary, is the largest organized cycling event in America with 100 tours to choose from in 48 states. About 100,000 cyclists participated in the 2006 MS Bike Tour, raising \$67 million to fight MS. Join the Minnesota Chapter's 30 or 60 mile one-day bike tour and kick off the cycling season. The route is fully supported beginning and ending at MCC and features the scenic, paved Gateway Trail. Enjoy lunch at the festive finish line (for participants only.)

Bernal Family Memorial

Saturday, April 21 7:00-11:00 pm

Landfall Community Center (Fourth Ave. behind Landfall City Hall at 52 Aspen Way)

On March 8, 2007 Louis Bernal Jr.'s family lost their lives in a house fire. His mother Sandra Bernal, little brother Erik Bernal, and father Luis Alberto Bernal who is considered a hero for saving his son's life, were tragically taken from 6 year old Louis.

The city of Landfall is organizing a benefit at the Landfall Community Center. The entry fee is \$10, which includes free food, silent auction and music. Drawings begin at 10:00 pm. All proceeds will support Luis Bernal Jr. For tickets and information, call the Landfall Terrace office at 651.739.8284.

Clean Up Maplewood Parks

Saturday, May 12 4:30-8:00 pm

Join with your friends and neighbors to clean up your local parks. Pick up plastic bags and gloves for your group at the Maplewood Nature Center. Call us at 651.249.2170 by May 10 to arrange a time for picking up the bags. Sponsored by the Maplewood Parks and Recreation Commission.

Learn How To Create A Rain Garden



Maplewood is famous for its rainwater gardens. The City planted its first rain garden ten years ago on Birmingham Street. There are now over 400 rain gardens in Maplewood neighborhoods.

What's a rain garden? A rain garden is a shallow depression planted as a garden. It collects rainwater runoff from rooftops, driveways, yards, or streets and allows it to soak into the soil. This helps prevent

polluted stormwater from entering our neighborhood lakes and streams.

A Rain Garden for Your Yard – A Seminar for Homeowners

Learn how to create a rain garden in your yard.

Thursday, April 12 & 26, 6:30-8:30pm

Location: Gladstone Fire Station 2, 1955 Clarence Street, Maplewood

\$5/adult Call 651.249.2170 to register.

City Hall will be closed May 28, 2007-Memorial Day

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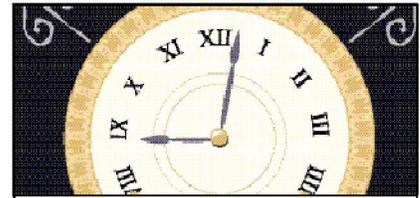
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City Meetings:

[Council/Manager Workshops]

City Council Meetings

Council meeting at 7:00pm

May 14

Special Council Meeting:

May 7 at 7:00pm

Redevelopment CUP for Planned Unit Development

MCC-Theater St. Paul Monastery

April 16 at 5:00pm- Revisions of Lawful Gambling Ordinance

6:00 pm Precinct Location Changes

April 23- TIF Application for Daba Co.

Closed Workshop:

May 14- Le vs. City of Maplewood

Community Design Review Board

May 8 at 6:00pm

Environmental & Natural Resources Committee

May 1 at 4:45pm

Historical Preservation Commission

April 12 & May 17 at 7:00pm

Housing & Redevelopment Authority

May 9 at 7:00pm

Parks & Recreation Commission

April 18 & May 16 at 7:00pm

Planning Commission

May 15 at 7:00pm

Mayor's Forum

May 5 at 10:00am-noon

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

City Council meetings will be rebroadcast at 7:00pm on the Fri day following the meeting. All meetings are held at City Hall, 1830 County Road B East, Maplewood.

Cancellations will be posted online at www.ci.maplewood.mn.us

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Maplewood

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TASTE OF MAPLEWOOD WHITE BEAR AVENUE STYLE

A 50TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT!

Thursday, June 14, 4:00 to 8:00 pm
Maplewood Community Center 2100 White Bear Ave.



Join The City of Maplewood and The White Bear Avenue Business Association for an evening of delicious entertainment. Sample spectacular food from local restaurants. Stop by the beer tent for a frosty one as you get your groove on with *Complete Music*—a DJ entertainer like no other. Enjoy a

magical moment with top-notch comic magician Jerry Frasier at 5:00 pm! You also don't want to miss Glen

Everhart—a fun, funny, totally interactive musical experience taking the stage at 6:00 pm. Test your throwing skill with an opportunity to dunk the Maplewood mayor and participating council members in the Dunk Tank! Bring the kids for fun games and giant inflatable jumping toys. Head to the MCC pool for a *Flotation Party** 4:00 pm - close (FREE pool admission). This is a first-time event in Maplewood you don't want to miss!

*Children age ten and under must be under direct supervision by an adult. The MCC reserves the right to limit participation.

MAPLEWOOD 50TH ANNIVERSARY COMMUNITY PLANTING

FREE for adults and families!
Saturday, June 23, 9:00 am - Noon
Planting sessions begin on the hour.

At City Hall 1830 E County Rd. B
Celebrate Maplewood's Natural Heritage! Plant native shrubs and perennials on the city campus. Learn while you work! Help to improve the shoreline around Wicklander pond. A great project for adults, families with kids 5+, and scout groups. Beverage and snacks provided as well as a photo opp with our large green heron! For more information call Maplewood Nature Center, 651.249.2170.



Volunteers help with community planting at Sherwood Park in 2006.

More Upcoming 50th Anniversary Events!

Maplewood Historical Society's

COMMUNITY ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Wednesday, June 13, 2007 6:30 - 8:30 pm
Sundaes • Root Beer Floats • Live Music
Bruentrup Heritage Farm
2170 E. County Rd. D, Maplewood
For more information, contact Carolyn Peterson at 651.748.9009.

Dear Friends and Neighbors

Summer is here! What a great time to use one of our many beautiful parks or neighborhood preserves!

What is it about Maplewood that makes our City so attractive to so many? Undoubtedly it is the complementary patchwork of our historic heritage, the natural beauty of our community, the abundance of activities, the wealth of employment opportunities, the housing options, and our vast recreational resources.

During its 50th anniversary, the City of Maplewood is the proud host for special events throughout the year. Our parks and neighborhood preserves serve as the backdrop for a variety of these events. On June 13, bring the family to the Bruentrup Farm off of County Road D from 6:00-8:30 pm for an old time ice cream social. On June 14, come and tempt your taste buds at the Taste of Maplewood being held right on our City campus.

Recently, I had the wonderful privilege and honor of participating in the Spring Tea hosted by the Maplewood Area Historical Society at the Bruentrup Farm on May 12, 2007. After an extensive selection process, the Historical Society selected 12 "Notable Women of Maplewood". This list of 12 notable women included Sarah Wakefield who lived with the Indians after being kidnapped, Olympics athlete Amy

Peterson, Alice Recktenwald Cook our first "Ms. Maplewood" in 1962, Char Wasiluk, Lucille Aurelius, Lorraine Fischer, Terry Stanke, Dorothy Hejny, Donna Funk, Rose Auger and Fran Juker. Imagine my surprise in "making the cut" and being selected as the 12th notable woman on that list. Needless to say, it was a humbling experience to be in the company of these great women of our community who have given so much of themselves to make Maplewood what we are today.

The commitment and accomplishments of these notable women stand in testament to a fundamental value which is woven throughout our community's heritage. This fundamental value of commitment to the community is shared and embraced by our many citizens who volunteer their time and talents, for the benefit of our community, on our City's Boards and Commissions as they plan, discuss, and provide advice on issues related to public policy initiatives for our community.

The Parks and Recreation Commission and the new Environmental and Natural Resources Commission are two of our commissions composed of such community volunteers. These two citizen commissions are dedicated to preserving and maintaining Maplewood's neighborhood preserves, parks and trails so that Maplewood continues its time honored

tradition of being an environmentally healthy, beautiful and unique place to live, work and visit.



In addition to open space initiatives, our new Environmental and Natural Resources Commission specifically addresses measures to 1.) reduce litter; 2.) eliminate graffiti; 3.) promote recycling practices to children as well as adults and businesses; 4.) protect our lakes from phosphate runoff; and 5.) "beef up" wetland protection in Maplewood.

If a park and recreation activity is of interest to you, come, visit "e Recreation" on the City's web site at www.ci.maplewood.us.mn where you can sign up for recreation activities online. It's simple, just click on the e Recreation Quick Link under Park and Rec in the lower right hand corner and see if there isn't some activity or sport that might pique your interest.

Enjoy your summer - see you and your family at the parks. As always, I welcome one and all to attend the monthly Citizen's Forum hosted by the Mayor, held the first Saturday of each month, at Maplewood City Hall in the Maplewood Room from 10:00 a.m. to noon, to call me at (651) 774-1490 or to send an email to mayorlongrie@yahoo.com. Best Regards!

Maplewood Welcomes Two New Fire Fighters and A Police Officer



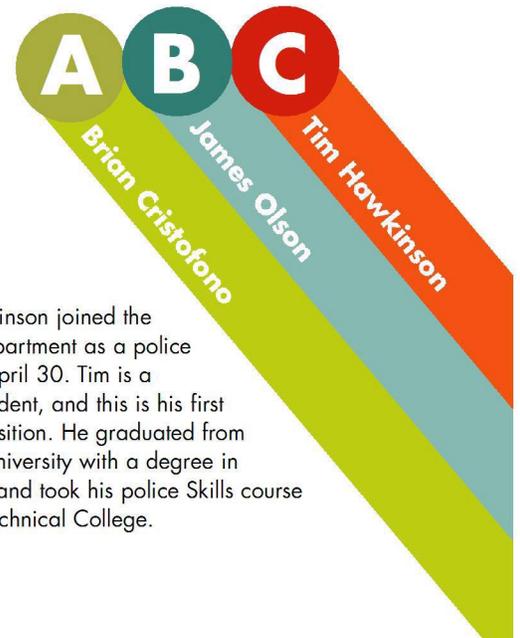
A Brian Cristofono has been married for 2.5 years and is currently expecting their first baby next month. Brian has been a firefighter for four years in which he worked for the city of Chanhassen, Excelsior, and the Mdewankanton Sioux Community. He graduated from Century College-Paramedic program.



B James Olson lives in Woodbury and is married to his best friend Jamie. He has a 5-month old son named Hayden. James has been a firefighter/EMT for the city of Woodbury for five years. He graduated from Century College-Paramedic program.



C Tim Hawkinson joined the Police Department as a police officer on April 30. Tim is a Maplewood resident, and this is his first police officer position. He graduated from Winona State University with a degree in Criminal Justice and took his police Skills course at Alexandria Technical College.



Welcome Friends & Neighbors



By Councilmember
Rebecca Cave

I am proud to announce that I have been instrumental in bringing a new business to Maplewood.

Wipers Recycling, an environmental manufacturing business has made a move to Maplewood and will be hiring around 300+ people in the next couple of years. The owner, Patti Gearin, holds a patent on a product used to absorb chemical/oil spills. This product is also used for cleaning ground contamination and she has generously offered to use the Gladstone Savannah as a clean-up test site. Her patented material will be mixed into the soil to absorb the contamination and then biodegrades and restores the earth to its natural state. This kind of initiative is one of the actions needed to; improve housing sales, stimulate economic growth, and boost the tax revenue for the City of Maplewood. I am also working with multiple other businesses to implement a business plan for them to relocate to Maplewood. I strongly believe as a council member, it is an important part of our job to promote the economic growth of our city.

The South Maplewood Moratorium—the research is going full speed ahead with Rose Lorsung in the lead. Rose is our planning consultant hired for the project by the City of Maplewood. She held a meeting at Carver School and introduced a wealth of information about the area, held a question and answers session for the neighborhood, and produced several informational maps. (All on our website). There was a large group of dedicated citizens from Maplewood who attended and made the meeting a huge success.

We started another initiative this Spring—Conservation Easements. I urge all of our citizens to get involved by requesting more information, attending meetings and helping protecting Maplewood's Parks and Public Open Spaces from being sold into future development. Minnesota Land Trust will be taking lead on this pilot project and will bring forth a proposal for the first phase, protection of Public Open Spaces soon. I strongly support Conservation Easements to protect our Open Spaces for the benefit of all Maplewood Citizens.

To celebrate Maplewood's 50th Anniversary, the City is a Taste of Maplewood—White Bear Avenue Style with the White Bear Business Association on June 14, 2007, between 4-8pm at the Community Center. This event will feature food vendors, business exhibits, and games for all. Please check out the website for more information. See you there!

CELEBRATE JULY 4TH AT HAZELWOOD PARK

This year's event will be
SPECTACULAR!



Wednesday, July 4, 2007

5:00 pm - 10:30 pm

At Hazelwood Park, 1663 County Road C

Get patriotic! Grab everything you have that's red, white, and blue and head to Hazelwood Park. Enjoy food vendors, giant inflatables for the kids, fun games and contests for the whole family, and a phenomenal fireworks display. The big stage will feature *Cedar Avenue Big Band*. This is the Twin Cities most exciting big band!!! Going strong for more than 15 years the 16 piece Cedar Ave Big Band has a great dance library. Don't forget your dancin' shoes!

Cedar Avenue Big Band: 7:30 - 10:00 pm

Fireworks Display: 10:00 pm

For more information, call 651.249.2103.

MAPLEWOOD OFFERS VIBRANT BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES



The City of Maplewood was established as a City in 1957. The population is 36,000+ and enjoys a very active citizenship.

Maplewood's economy is vibrant, diversified and remains an extremely desirable location for business and development in the Twin Cities. Maplewood is currently the address of choice for several businesses and is world headquarters for 3M Corporation.

What attracts business and people to Maplewood:

- 33 Award winning parks
 - Great Highway Access
 - Excellent School System
 - Low crime – safe community
 - Abundance of commercial and residential selections
- 13 Public Open Spaces and Neighborhood Preservation sites

People and businesses relocate to Maplewood because that is where the families and opportunities are. Maplewood offers a positive environment for growth. For more information on Maplewood Economic Development, please contact Tom Ekstrand, Senior Planner, 651.249.2302.



Pictured from left to right are Rep. Dave Olson, Mike Parrish, EMSRB Chair, Robb Prechtel, Maplewood Emergency Medical Services Director, Rep. Frank Moe and Senator Paul Koering.

“STAR OF LIFE” AWARD

Congratulations to EMS Director captain Robb Prechtel on his “Star of Life” recognition at a banquet held Tuesday, April 10, 2007. The Minnesota Ambulance Association “Star of Life” Program is an annual program designed to recognize and reward individuals for their contributions to EMS. Robb was one of four individuals nominated by Regions Hospital to receive this recognition for his dedication and leadership for improving EMS services in the east metro area. At the awards banquet, 25 EMS personnel were recognized from throughout the state for their dedication.

AVOID DUTCH ELM DISEASE.

Annual inspection of elms on public and private properties in Maplewood begins in June. Dutch elm disease is an ongoing problem, but it can be contained by identifying and removing diseased trees.



Branch death, or flagging, at multiple locations in the crown of a diseased elm. (Photo courtesy of Dr. Steve Katovich, USDA Forest Service, St. Paul, MN.)

Inspection of oaks for oak wilt will also be done throughout the city this summer. If you are concerned about a diseased elm or oak tree, call Maplewood Public Works at 651.249.2400.



MONARCH GARDEN PARTY & FUNDRAISER

Saturday, August, 18, 2007 10:30 am - 12:00 noon

Monarch butterflies, good company and savory food are key ingredients of the Monarch Garden Party at Maplewood Nature Center. Enjoy a light luncheon catered by Tasteful Thymes which will be served in the butterfly garden. Watch the naturalist tag a monarch and learn how you can plant prairie flowers to attract butterflies to your own garden. This is a unique experience you won't want to miss! *The Friends of Maplewood Nature (a private non-profit group) are sponsoring this event to raise funds for a NEW energy bike exhibit. All donations are tax exempt.*

\$25/person \$15/child (ages 10-14)

Contact the Maplewood Nature Center at 651.249.2170 or

online at www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/nc.



HELP SAVE LIVES BY BECOMING A CERT MEMBER TODAY

The City of Maplewood and Ramsey County are forming a CERT Community Emergency Response Team program. You may ask, what is a CERT program?

Natural and human-caused disasters strike Minnesota communities each year. Events range from industrial and hazardous material incidents to floods, fires, tornadoes and seasonal storms. If a disastrous event overwhelms or delays the community's professional response, CERT members can assist others by applying the basic response and organizational skills they learned during training. These skills can help save and sustain lives until help arrives. CERT promotes a partnership between emergency services and the people they serve. Emergency personnel train members of neighborhoods, community organizations and workplaces in basic response skills and then integrate the trained CERT members into the emergency response capability for their area.

If you are 18 years of age or older and are interested in becoming a CERT member, join us for an information meeting Thursday, August 23 at 7:00 pm at Maplewood Fire Station #2, 1955 Clarence Street.

For more information, contact Robert Dollerschell, Emergency Management Deputy Management Director at 651.249.2882 or visit www.citizencorps.gov/cert/

RAMSEY COUNTY CORRECTIONS CREW HELP MAPLEWOOD ON PUBLIC PROJECTS



PHOTO - compost pillow installation. Maplewood staff members install compost pillows to stabilize shoreline on a city storm pond.

Recently Ramsey County Correctional Facility reinstated its community work program, providing crews to help local communities on public projects. This was good news to the City of Maplewood, which had used crews in past years for everything from mulching rain gardens to pulling spotted knapweed and piling brush at the Maplewood Neighborhood Preserves. The

service program took a three-year hiatus. In its new form, cities and agencies pay a fee to cover the costs of administration and a crew supervisor.

"Everyone wins with this program. While the community gets work done, the work crew members develop good work habits, gain valuable work experience, and contribute to the community.", says Chris Belfield, Offender Workforce Development Coordinator.

In April, Maplewood had a Ramsey County Correctional Facility crew help with a restoration project at Kohlman Creek Neighborhood Preserve. The crew hauled and piled brush, clearing the area to prepare it for seeding savanna grasses and wildflowers. They also lined a new trail with large logs from the site.

In addition to service projects, Maplewood takes advantage of products produced by the correctional facility, especially plants, mulch, and erosion control material. These are only available for use on public projects.

For the past seven years, the nursery at Ramsey County Correctional Facility has grown most of the plants used in the Maplewood rain garden program. That includes over 60,000 perennials, 3700 shrubs, and 225 trees which have been used since the year 2000. The correctional facility is able to provide quality plants at a competitive price so cities and public agencies can undertake projects they might not otherwise be able to afford.

Newer products produced by the correctional facility include eco-friendly erosion control materials. In 2006, volunteers and city staff used brush bundles created by Ramsey Corrections to stabilize the shoreline at Kohlman Creek Preserve. This past month, the correctional facility dropped off a new product – compost pillows – for an erosion control project on a city storm pond.

DuWayne Konewko, Maplewood Environmental Manager, explains "Maplewood's rain garden and open space programs wouldn't be where they are today without the help we've had from the Ramsey County Correctional Facility and volunteers from the community."



Staff from Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District helped Maplewood install brush bundles to stabilize the stream at Kohlman Creek Preserve. Bundles were created by the Ramsey County Correctional Facility.

E T I AWARDS



Maplewood Police Chief David Thomalla and Maplewood Police Officer William Sypniewski

Maplewood Police Officer William Sypniewski was awarded the Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association Medal of Honor and was presented with his award at the Association's Executive Training Institute Annual Awards Banquet on April 18, 2007. Officer Sypniewski was recognized for his handling of a house fire call on March 24, 2006. After observing the house to be on fire, he escorted the combative occupant out of the home and went back into the burning house to look for any other occupants, not leaving until he was driven out by extensive smoke and the collapsing roof. Officer Sypniewski's efforts in saving the life of the resident and jeopardizing his own safety to reenter the burning house were cited as reasons for his winning the Medal of Honor. Congratulations, Officer Sypniewski!

JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL PUBLIC INPUT MEETING

Maplewood's Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program (SWPPP)
7:00 pm, June 25, 2007
Maplewood City Hall
Council Chambers
1830 County Road B East
Maplewood, MN 55109



Backyard Buds garden club members helped maintain the raingardens at Wakefield park in 2005 and 2006.



A giant thistle. (fortunately not in our garden)



Volunteers from the Backyard Buds garden club took care of the rain gardens at Wakefield Park in 2005 and 2006. We need volunteers to help in 2007.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



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June 11 & 25

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WEED OF THE MONTH CLUB

Three sessions left! Volunteers needed!

In May, the City of Maplewood kicked off its Weed-of-the-Month Club with partner Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District.

Weed-of-the-Month Club was started to encourage volunteers to help maintain a few of our public gardens. It's a great opportunity to brush up on weed identification, learn about rain gardens and native plantings, and give a bit of your time to the community. Each session starts with an orientation to the gardens and a short weed identification clinic. Participants then help weed for an hour. All volunteers receive a set of weed cards featuring the weeds for that session.

Please join us for a session or two. Sessions run 5:30-7:00 pm. Call Maplewood Nature Center for directions and information (651.249.2170).

June 7 – Lake Phalen – North side shoreline planting

June 28 – Wakefield Park – rain gardens

July 19 – Lake Phalen – South side shoreline planting

NEW! 3-MONTH MEMBERSHIP

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

A *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.

Call TODAY!
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July 2007

Maplewood

Together We Can!

MAPLEWOOD'S JULY 4TH EVENT

WEDNESDAY, JULY 4, 2007

5:00 - 10:30 PM

AT HAZELWOOD PARK 1663 County Road C

FREE ADMISSION!



The Fourth of July is a day for family fun. Celebrate America's 229th birthday with delicious food, fun games and contests for the whole family, and a phenomenal fireworks display. The big stage will feature *Cedar Avenue Big Band*. This is the Twin Cities most exciting big band!!! Going strong for more than 15 years the 16 piece Cedar Ave Big Band has a great dance library. Join your neighbors in celebrating this spectacular event at Hazelwood Park. Get ready to oohh and ahhhh...this years fireworks display will be phenomenal!

Cedar Avenue Big Band: 7:30 - 10:00 pm

Fireworks Display: 10:00 pm

For more information, call 651.249.2103.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2007

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, August 7 and get ready to party in your neighborhood! The Maplewood Police Department and the Maplewood Fire Department are encouraging city neighborhoods to celebrate National Night Out by hosting a block party between the hours of 5:00 and 8:00 pm. To host a block party, contact Pauline Staples at 651.249.2103 and an application will be sent to you. National Night Out Against Crime is a positive program and we hope that your neighborhood will participate.



RAMSEY COUNTY FAIR

July 11-15 FREE ADMISSION!

White Bear Avenue Parade: July 12 at 7:00 pm

The annual Ramsey County Fair is back for five days of fun-filled activities at the County Fairgrounds on White Bear Avenue 1 mile south of Hwy 36 in Maplewood. There will be a variety of entertainment – bands on stage, kids can be “farmer for the day”, children’s petting zoo, talent contest, fireworks, carnival rides, and a parade. Other fair highlights - commercial exhibits, carnival rides, food vendors, beer and bingo and more. For a complete list of events, call the county fair office at 651. 770.2626 or visit the web site at www.ramseycountyfair.com Fair opens at 5:00 pm on Wednesday and Thursday and Noon the rest of the week.



Dear Friends and Neighbors *By Mayor Diana Longrie*



Greetings! The month of July can be a very hectic, exciting month, filled with fun, picnics, family reunions and celebrations. However, it's also a time for reflecting on our Country's birth and the courage of our forefathers to "buck the system", to set forth inalienable rights for all citizens of the new country, and to enact documents that have guided us for over 230 years.

Benjamin Franklin and our founders knew that Democracy is messy, challenging, and often frustrating. However, when people work together, exchange ideas, voice their opinions, and become involved in the process, truly extraordinary things can be accomplished!

I believe empowering and engaging citizens in their local government is an issue of

1.) ease of accessibility to the process; 2.) feeling welcome and heard; and 3.) transparency and availability of information upon which to make decisions. This Council has supported numerous initiatives, both staff and council generated, which support a commitment to engaging and empowering the citizens of Maplewood.

With the City broadcasting all Council meetings, workshops, commission and board meetings on the City's public access TV channel, the improved City web site, and automatic email update notification features, we have better, more "user friendly" tools for residents to be informed and interact with their city government. These powerful outreach initiatives to our citizens promote making Maplewood's government more effective and more accountable. These tools can, and do, change the balance of power - giving Maplewood citizens more say in developing the public policy for their community.

As residents we should never be afraid to roll up our sleeves to "chip

in" and assist in finding solutions for community problems or neighborhood issues. The majority of these meat and potato issues never make the newspapers, are not glamorous, or are important at the state or federal level. But they are the issues that affect us every day because we live here. Finding creative, functional solutions for community problems or neighborhood issues at the local level leads to the quality of life we have come to enjoy in Maplewood i.e. having our city being clean, green and safe.

My involvement in my community started once upon a time long ago as an "armchair council member" watching the Council meetings on public access TV, attending the occasional meeting, and speaking to the Council from time to time at Visitor Presentations. Then in 2001, I was inspired by the announcement of the filing period to run for City Council. That day, back in 2001, was a pivotal moment for me – the realization of the opportunity to move from my role as an armchair councilperson to taking a leadership role in crafting the solutions for my community as a council person with a vote.

If the time has come for you, too, to pursue a leadership role in crafting the solutions for our community as a council person with a vote, I invite you to give it a go! The filing fee is \$5.00 and there are two, 4 year term, positions open. The filing period is July 3 through July 17, 2007 at 5:00 pm and the candidacy papers are available at City Hall. If you have questions concerning the time commitment, challenges and rewards of being a Council Member, just call me! I would love to answer your questions.

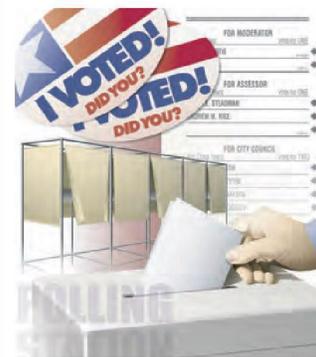
In closing, the Fourth of July is just one day set aside to celebration of our principles of freedom. I ask you to celebrate our principles of freedom each and every day.

As always, I welcome one and all to attend the monthly Citizen's

Forum hosted by the Mayor, held the first Saturday of each month, at Maplewood City Hall in the Maplewood Room from 10:00 am to noon, to call me at 651.774.1490

or to send an email to mayorlongrie@yahoo.com. Best Regards! Diana Longrie

2007 Filing For Candidacy For City Council Member



State Statutes require that if more than twice the number of individuals to be elected to a City office file for nomination

for an available office their names shall be placed upon the primary ballot for an election to be held on September 11, 2007. If not, there will be no primary election.

An individual who is eligible and desires to become a candidate for an office to be voted for at the municipal primary election shall file an affidavit of candidacy with the municipal clerk. Two council member positions (Rebecca Cave and Will Rossbach) are open for filing. These are four-year terms. The filing period begins on July 3, 2007 and will close at 5:00 pm on Tuesday, July 17, 2007. There is a filing fee of \$5 payable to the City of Maplewood.

If you have questions, contact City Clerk Karen Guilfoile at 651.249.2002 karen.guilfoile@ci.maplewood.mn.us or Deb Schmidt at 651.249.2105 deb.schmidt@ci.maplewood.mn.us

Dear Residents

By Councilmember Erik Hjelle

I would like to continue on the theme started last issue by Councilmember Cave's wonderful announcement that Wipers Recycling is relocating to Maplewood. Wipers Recycling plans to hire 300 employees. On May 1, Midway Chevrolet moved from St. Paul to Maplewood and merged with Merit Chevrolet. According to Midway Chevrolet owner Tom Krebsbach, his property tax bill in St. Paul finally forced him to find another location. Krebsbach is the new General Manager/Partner of Merit Chevrolet which includes both Midway and Merit Chevrolet sales and service operations. The new dealership is open for vehicle repair service from 7AM to 2:30AM (that's right 2:30 AM!) Monday to Thursday. Friday service hours are 7AM to 5PM and Saturday 8AM to 12Noon. Call 651.739.4400 for sales and more information.

Beam Avenue will soon be welcoming two new businesses, Costco and CarMax. Costco is a leader in retail shopping with a large selection of items at low prices. I cannot believe the excitement Costco has generated among residents! CarMax is a Fortune 500 company that features "No Haggle" pricing and is the largest seller of used cars in the country. Maplewood is THE place to purchase a car. From Audi to Volkswagen, Maplewood offers many choices for everyone.

As the list of new businesses coming to Maplewood grows, we welcome them to our city and hope that you will shop locally. Supporting local businesses helps everyone! Maplewood offers businesses a stable environment. Our business friendly city services including specialized retail Policing, top-notch Fire/Medical services, and a Public Works crew that keeps roads and services flowing through storms and road construction. In June, Maplewood reaffirmed its Aa2 bond rating with Moody's. With only 2 higher ratings available from Moody's, Maplewood is proud to show its continued economic strength and fiscal stability.

New businesses, increased city street re-construction projects, increased Public Safety staffing, stable property tax rates, Maplewood provides BOTH wonderful working and living opportunities. Be safe and have a wonderful summer!

NEW! 3-MONTH MEMBERSHIPS WITH NO JOINERS FEE

Adult Membership \$134 plus tax
Family Membership \$185 plus tax
Join Today! 651.249.2230

Rates are based on the resident rate.

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HOME SWEET HOME IMPROVEMENTS

Feeling the need to expand your space? Are you considering freshening up the outside of your home? Most of



these projects require building permits in the City of Maplewood. The process of submitting and obtaining these permits is easy. Our Building Inspections Department provides a thorough plan review of your proposed work and conducts on-site inspections to assure a safe, code-complaint project. Permits are required for additions, siding, roofing, decks, sheds, pools, garages, window replacement, gas appliance replacement, basement finishes and more. If you have questions about building permits, call our Building Inspections Department at 651.249.2300.

HOME sweet HOME

FIRE WORKS REGULATIONS

Summer is here and so is the fun that comes with it. The use of fireworks in the State of Minnesota is legal but there are rules.

- You must be 18 years of age to purchase fireworks (you do not need to be 18 years of age to use fireworks)
- Children need to be supervised by an adult
- Anyone under the age of 18 caught purchasing fireworks will have the fireworks confiscated. The sales person and or the business owner that sold the fireworks to the under age person can be fined and lose their license to sell fireworks. *The fireworks that can be sold and used are the type that DO NOT EXPLODE or AERIAL TYPE.*
- The use of fireworks is NOT PERMITTED on public property (i.e. parks, road, alleys, schools, government property). The city wants everyone to have fun, but be safe. For more information, call Butch Gervais, Assistant Chief/Fire Marshal at 651.249.2804.

BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR



Your help is needed to keep the City of Maplewood a safe and healthy community where all those who live, work or visit can experience a sense of pride and well being. Those who own, lease, occupy or are in control of property are responsible for meeting residential community standards and neighborhood expectations. The City of Maplewood now has a full time Code Enforcement Officer to help keep Maplewood "A Great Place To Be."

Code Enforcement Complaints

24 Hour Code Enforcement Complaint Line:
651.249.CODE (2633) www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/code

Nominate Your Neighborhood For FREE Buckthorn Pick-up!



Last fall marked the fifth consecutive year of Maplewood's Buckthorn Removal program. Residents removed over 180 yards of this invasive shrub from yards and woods last year alone. This year, you can nominate your neighborhood for FREE curbside pick-up of buckthorn only. This service will be available to every neighborhood with at least three households per block. More information about buckthorn removal is available on the Nature Center's website: www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/nc, or call the Buckthorn Hotline at 651.249.2188.

FLICEK PARK COMMUNITY BUCKTHORN PULL:

Saturday, October 13, 9 am-1 pm. Groups Welcome! We'll pull buckthorn in the morning (kids 11+) and cut and herbicide in the afternoon (adults only). Training and refreshments provided. Call the buckthorn hotline for more information and to register.

MAPLEWOOD RECREATION SUMMER KICKS SOCCER LEAGUE— Grades K-2

Kick up your summer fun with soccer! All teams will play a ten (10) game season of controlled scrimmages. Games will be played at various Maplewood Parks on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 5:45 pm and 7:00 pm. The summer session is scheduled to begin on July 19 and end on August 21 pending no weather related make-ups. The scrimmages will last one hour with the first 15 to 20 minutes devoted to drills and skill development. The hallmark of this program is the emphasis on informal controlled scrimmages, instruction, participation and fun. For more information, call Jim Taylor at 651.249.2121.

Registration Opens: June 20

Registration Deadline: July 6

Grade K Activity # 2710.200

Grade 1 Activity # 2710.201

Grade 2 Activity # 2710.202

Fee: \$45 Residents: \$40

Register:

at the Maplewood Community Center
2100 White Bear Ave., or call 651.249.2230.

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INSIDE! MAPLEWOOD RECREATION PROGRAMS

NEWS



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MAPLEWOOD PROUDLY PRESENTS: MOVIES IN THE PARK

Friday, August 24, at approx. 8:30 pm
Wakefield Park, 1590 Frost Avenue

Featuring: The Incredibles (Rated PG)

**COME ENJOY A MOVIE ON OUR NEW
12 FOOT INFLATABLE SCREEN!**

A FREE EVENT!!!!



There is simply no better place to be this summer than your neighborhood park! Grab a picnic basket and a blanket and enjoy the show. Before the movie, you can challenge a friend to a gunny sack race, exercise with family relays, and a parent/child kickball game—very informal, but fun! A food vendor will be on-site selling hot dogs, popcorn, etc. or feel free to bring your own cooler. Don't forget your bug spray. *Watch for more upcoming "Movies In The Park" to come.*



IS OFFERING YOU A FREE MONTH!

Simply, renew your current annual membership or join as a new annual member and your 13th month is FREE! This is a \$26.00 - \$51.00 VALUE!! That is ONE WHOLE MONTH worth of healthy entertainment. **You must hurry.** This incredible special **ends September 15, 2007.** Stop by customer service or call 651.249.2230 to get your FREE month today! Plus! You also get a FREE MCC t-shirt. Join today.

PRIMARY ELECTION DETAILS

The Primary Election will be held Tuesday, September 11, 2007. There are two seats open for election, Councilmember Cave and Councilmember Rossbach. The following individuals have filed for affidavits of

- candidacy for councilmember:
- David Bartol
- Rebecca Cave
- James G. Dykes
- James Moreno Llanas
- James E. Meehan
- John Nephew
- DelRay (Rocky) Rokke
- Will Rossbach



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ear Friends and Neighbors By Mayor Diana Longrie



Greetings! In a recent July 2007 council meeting, the Council continued it's public policy discussion regarding environmental initiatives which I've addressed in past Mayor's Columns. We discussed our commitment to 1.) wetland protection; 2.) tree preservation; 3.) placing conservation easements on our Neighborhood Preserves to protect them for future generations; 4.) investigating renewable energy options for City owned property; and 5.) revising Maplewood's ordinances to encourage environmentally friendly development practices.

Many of these items we have discussed before. However, an open and continuing discussion of these initiatives and our progress in implementation ensures that we do not lose sight of these very important issues for our community.

Our Environmental and Natural Resources Commission is working diligently on the final touches to our revised Wetlands Protection ordinance which is scheduled to come before the Council this fall for review and adoption.

In addition to our revised Wetlands Protection ordinance, we are looking at other ways to encourage pro-active measures to better treat storm water run-off. Did you know that, currently, our citizens can receive a credit toward their environmental utility tax if they have a qualifying rain garden. This credit is an incentive to promote best practices for the on-site treatment of storm water run-off. Soon, we hope to expand this credit to include other qualifying best practices such as using native plantings as lakeshore buffers and preserving/enhancing natural features of a parcel that naturally act to treat on-site storm water run off.

As a first ring suburb, we are continually under the pressure to develop and redevelop. Despite the best intentions of experts and city planners, important public assets, like

parks and publicly owned open spaces, are placed on the proverbial "chopping block". There are those who want to "swap" them out for other "amenities" in the excitement and commotion of redevelopment to provide economic development for the greater good of the metropolitan area. Protection of our natural and cultural resources within our community enhances the quality of life enjoyed by our Maplewood residents as well as contributes to a vital city and healthy economy. It goes without saying that our vision is to protect and defend our parks and public owned open spaces and become a more environmentally friendly city.

Given this vision, we need to strategize to develop and implement a plan designed to secure our vision to preserve our treasured assets for future generations while encouraging the orderly development/re-development of our community.

For several years, at the Planning Commission level, a very important and significant change in how we calculate the number of units permitted on a parcel has been discussed. This discussion is now reaching the Council and being investigated as a possible revision to our ordinance and policies.

Currently, Maplewood uses gross acreage in calculating the number of units that are allowed on a parcel without considering those portions of the parcel that are not buildable. If Maplewood were to use the concept of net acreage instead of gross acreage then that portion of the parcel that is not buildable is subtracted from the gross acreage before the number of permitted units is determined.

It is well documented in numerous respected studies that preserving the parks and public open space assets of a community not only provide a better quality of life, but also serves to stimulate new investment and to

enhance the overall property values of individual property owners. To that end, the City of Maplewood continues to develop our Conservation Easement Initiative ("CEI") for our Neighborhood Preserves. A conservation easement is a legally binding restriction placed upon a piece of property which limits certain types of uses or prevents development from taking place on the land in perpetuity. Our Conservation Easement Initiative is part and parcel to a well managed land stewardship program serving the needs of our citizens today as well as those of future generations.

Currently, Minnesota Land Trust has scheduled meetings with our various Boards and Commissions to discuss the details of the covenants to be placed on the publicly open spaces to preserve them for the future generations of Maplewood. At our July 9, 2007 Council meeting, our City attorney reiterated that based on current state law, our neighborhood preserves can be sold by this council or any future council with a simple 3-2 vote. While a conservation easement does not prohibit the sale of the property, it does guide how it will be used as an ecological, or "green space", set aside area in perpetuity. A city council workshop on the conservation easement initiative will be held August 27, 2007 at 5:00pm. Watch for other great things to come!

As always, I welcome your comments and invite one and all to attend the monthly Citizen's Forum, hosted by the Mayor, held the first Saturday at Maplewood City Hall in the Maplewood Room from 10:00 am to noon. Call me at 651.774.1490 or email mayorlongrie@yahoo.com.

City Manager Report

By Greg Copeland

The following is a summary of the City Manager's report to the City Council on June 11, 2007 regarding the progress of his first 14 months as the City Manager of Maplewood.

I have divided this report into six areas:

1. Public Participation
2. Policy Changes
3. Public Service Improvements
4. Staffing
5. City Facilities and Roads
6. Finances

1. Public Participation in Government:

There have been a number of actions taken over the last year to promote involvement in Maplewood City government that have been very successful.

South Maplewood Moratorium Study – Town Hall Meetings and hiring an independent consultant to lead a community driven process to plan for future growth on the City's least developed and most natural area with unique environmental features.

Conservation Easement Workshop – Large levels of public participation that topped normal attendance levels for regular City Council Meetings

Designation and funding for Responsibility Authority to fulfill citizen data requests.

There have been systems put in place to reach out to citizens on matters of concern to them.

- GovDelivery e-mail has 1900 subscribers
- 249-CODE Hot Line to report City Code Enforcement complaints
- Broadcast on Channel 16 of all City Commission meetings live from City Hall
- Greater use of the Website to deliver news and documents to the public
- Other Citizen Involvement Actions
- Re-establishment of the Housing Redevelopment Authority. HRA Board to guide the new code enforcement program.
- Desoto Street Resident Committee formed to guide Street Reconstruction Program.

- Kick off of the Community Emergency Response Team volunteer training program in August 2007

2. Policy Change: – The last year has seen an array of major policy changes completed.

- New Tree Ordinance
- New Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance
- New Right of Way Ordinance
- A new direction was set that Maplewood Community Center would be a self-sustaining entity and that new revenue would be generated from customers and MCC members not Maplewood taxpayers.
- Parks maintenance moves to Public Works to increase efficiencies in operation and reduce administrative overhead.
- Integration of the Nature Center and Open Space Programs into the City's environmental mission at Public Works to meet recycling goals, MPCA non-degradation requirements with regard to our storm water permit and citizen environmental education programs.
- Contracting for Phase One of the Conservation Easement Program to permanently protect the City's Open Spaces.
- Completion of the Gladstone Neighborhood Redevelopment Plan and a grant of \$1.8 million to implement Phase I of the Plan.

3. Public Service Improvements

have been the focus of all departments over the last year.

- Saturday hours for Passports and Drivers Licenses.
- Offsite service delivery of Passport services at AAA.
- Installation of an ATM machine at City Hall and the Community Center.
- Establishment of a City Code Enforcement Program with one step accountability for complaints to 249-CODE.
- New EMS Billing System
- Electronic Business Licensing systems to be fully operational in August 2007.
- Creation of 11 major programs at the Maplewood Community Center.

1. Bridal Boot Camp

2. Groom Be Fit
3. Smart Women
4. TeenFit
5. Walk to New Orleans
6. Basketball Camp
7. Floor Hockey
8. Youth Activity Club for After School
9. Ballroom Dancing/Salsa Dancing Lessons
10. Zumba Body/mind Workout
11. Fall Adult Open Swim

4. Staffing

- Labor Contracts for all but one unit has been agreed to within budget at a 3% annual wage increase over 2007 and 2008. The one unit in arbitration is the police patrol officers who are seeking a wage increase over 3%, 4.19%. Wages are the only issue not resolved.
- Maplewood Confidential and Supervisory Association, the City's newest bargaining unit, voted to unanimously approve an annual 3% increase in wages for 2007 and 08' on June 6, 2007.
- 2007 Medical Insurance had no premium increase due to an aggressive effort to contract with a new carrier to contain costs; savings approximately \$240,000.
- The Police Department is now training 3 new officers. The department will hire 2 more police officers in 2007.
- The Fire Department in 2007 hired two new full-time Firefighter/Paramedics for a full complement of 12 full-time Firefighters/Paramedics. 80 Pay-Per-Call Firefighters on duty today. 12 Pay-Per-Call Firefighters added in 2006. 14 Pay-Per-Call Firefighters added in 2007.
- Hired one full-time Code Enforcement Officer in 2007 to staff the new program with the City's first full-time dedicated code enforcement officer.
- In 2006 there was one internal employee promotion. In 2007, there have been ten internal promotions as of June 11, 2007.
- Certification of Commercial Plumbing Inspector on staff; savings of \$40,000 over outside consultant.

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5. City Facilities and Roads

- A major focus has been for staff to develop a Long Range Capital Maintenance Plan for the City. Such a plan did not previously exist. The City Council has supported this critical effort to care for our existing facilities.
- The 2007 City Budget and the 2008-2012 Capital Improvement Plan fund the projects and the costs of taking care of and improving the City's facilities and roads. The City Council deserves credit for moving some 2008 Street Reconstruction Projects into 2007 to take advantage of significantly lower market prices. The Public Works Director and his Engineering staff have worked hard, directly with citizens, to make this multimillion dollar process go smoothly in each affected neighborhood.
- Bruentrup Farm Barn Improvements Scope of work is awaiting approval by the Minnesota State Architect for completion of work in September 2007.

6. Finances

The 2006 actual Fund Balance \$6,329,690, exceeded the 2007 Budget Fund Balance of \$5,744,458 by 10.2%, based on the preliminary report of the City Auditors as of July 18, 2007.

SOUTH MAPLEWOOD MORATORIUM STUDY COMPLETED

City Council Workshop August 13

The study ordered by the City Council to review future land use options for South Maplewood has been completed and a workshop to review these policy options is scheduled for August 13, 2007 at 5:00 pm in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Rose Lorsung, Senior Planner with Schoell Madson planning and engineering will make the presentation showing both a clustered and standard land use approach. The study area includes all parcels South of Carver Avenue in Maplewood encompassing 460 acres (including public right of way) of which 244 acres is considered "buildable."

RECREATIONAL FIRES



All Recreation Fires Must Be

- No more than 3' in diameter
- 2' or less in height
- 20 feet from any structure
- Near a garden hose or bucket of water
- Supervised at all times
- Burned only from 2:00-11:00pm

Recreational Fires Are Prohibited:

- For the use of burning trash or yard waste
- If winds are over 15 mph
- If conditions are very dry

Items That Are Legal to Burn:

- Charcoal
- Clean dry wood

Violating these rules is a misdemeanor and you may be issued a citation.

If you feel there is a concern with a recreational fire in your neighborhood, call: Non-Emergency Maplewood Police/Fire at 651.249.2500. If you have other questions or concerns, call Butch Gervais, Fire Marshal, at 651.249.2804.

CODE ENFORCEMENT



"Maplewood Code Enforcement Officer Michael Samuelson is pictured here with the newest addition to the city's fleet of vehicles. As part of our efforts to provide increased property maintenance and code enforcement services to the community, this new truck will be seen quite a bit throughout Maplewood. You can now register a code related complaint about long grass, junk vehicles or messy backyards on the city website. Simply log on to www.ci.maplewood.mn.us <<http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/>> and click on the Code Enforcement box and follow the easy directions to file an online complaint. If you do not have internet service, you can also call our 24-Hour Code Enforcement Complaint Messaging Line at 651-249-CODE (2633)."

Dear Friends & Neighbors

By Councilmember Will Rossbach



The rain today was a welcome relief from the heat and it turned my lawn back to a light shade of green. I was honored a couple of years

ago to win a LEAP (Landscape Ecology Award Program) award for my yard. The awards are part of the Ramsey Washington Metro Watershed's education program to teach people some of the environmental steps you can take to make your yard environmentally friendly.

The great part of many of the steps you can take is that they require you to do less. As a fifty something guy who works full time, has some involvement with the city, has a family, likes to hunt and fish and in general does not have a great desire to devote a lot of time to yard work, I like the concept of less is more.

Did you know that you do not have to water your yard. Most grasses in Minnesota will not die but just go dormant without water. If you actively use your yard this is not for you but many of us can take advantage of little or no watering. If it goes dormant then there is no fertilizing, no weed killing, and no mowing. All of these processes should be limited even if your yard is green and lush of course, but that leaves more time for what ever you want to do.

Another idea to save labor is to convert areas of your yard to shrubs or perennial flowers, in most cases if you use hearty and or native plants they will also not require much upkeep. In my case I did this over many years to keep expenses down. The net result though is limited time needed to work in the yard and more time spend doing what ever you enjoy with the added benefit of saving gasoline, reducing run off, and protecting our lakes.

In this world of hardly enough time to breathe, that extra time can be just time to sit and enjoy the day. Have a good summer. Will Rossbach



NATIONAL

NIGHT

OUT

MAPLEWOOD'S NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Tuesday, August, 7, 2007 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm



Maplewood block party 2006

Join your neighbors for the "24th Annual National Night Out" (NNO), a unique crime/drug prevention event. Last year's National Night Out campaign involved citizens, law enforcement agencies, civic groups,

businesses, neighborhood organizations and local officials from over 10,000 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases worldwide. In all, over 34 million people participated in NNO 2006. In Maplewood, there were over 85 block parties with approximately 4,000 participants from various neighborhoods.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT is designed to:

- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness;
- Generate support for, local anticrime programs;
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and
- Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Celebrate NNO with a variety of events and activities at your block party with: cookouts, visits from the Maplewood police and fire departments, exhibits, flashlight walks, contests, and youth

programs. Help promote neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships in our fight for a safer nation.

For more information, call Flint Karis at 651.249.2652.



Johnny Appleseed Day—Don't miss the fun!

Saturday, August 18 11:00 am - 3:00 pm 2170 East County Road D, Maplewood



Join the Historical Society and many others at the Bruentrup Heritage Farm for some old fashioned entertainment:

- Historic Displays & Demonstrations
- Farm Animals
- Milk a Cow
- Live Music
- Tractor-Wagon Rides on Prairie
- Cider Pressing
- Hand Crank Corn Shelling
- Machinery Display
- Steam Engines
- 1932 Bruentrup Delivery Truck
- Vintage Cars
- Open Farmhouse
- Kids Activities
- Jelly Making
- Food Available
- And More!

Suggested admission \$2 each

For more information, contact Carolyn Peterson at 651.748.9009.

FREE CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

The Maplewood Police Department is taking applications for its Citizen Police Academy. The 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. Citizens will participate in classroom discussions regarding the history of law enforcement and the Maplewood Police Department, criminal law, arrest rules, criminal investigation, gangs and drugs. Other topics, such as traffic stops, DWI enforcement, and use of force issues will involve more active participation. Participants will also be afforded the opportunity to do a five-hour "ride-along" with a police officer.

Thursdays, September 6-November 1, 2007 (9 weeks)

6:30 pm to 9:30 pm

Maplewood Fire Station 2, 1955 Clarence St., Maplewood

The citizen academy is open to anyone who is at least 18 years of age and lives or works in Maplewood or a surrounding community. Apply by August 31, 2007. Space is limited. For more information or for an application, please contact Sergeant Dick Doblak at 651.249.2651.

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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.

**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!**

City Meetings:

City Council Meetings

Council meeting at 7:00pm

August 13 & 27

Community Design Review Board

August 14 & 28 at 6:00pm

Environmental & Natural Resources Commission

August 7 at 4:45pm

Joint Environmental & Natural Resources Commission & Parks & Recreation Commission

Meeting On Conservation Easements

August 14 at 5:00pm

Historical Preservation Commission

August 14 at 5:00pm

Housing & Redevelopment Authority

August 8 at 7:00pm

Parks & Recreation Commission

August 15 at 6:00-8:00pm (City trail tour)

Regular meeting will convene at 8:00pm

Planning Commission

August 7 & 21 at 7:00pm

South Moratorium Study

City Council Workshop

August 13 at 5:00pm

Citizen's Forum

August 4 at 10:00am-noon

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

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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September 2007

NEWS

Maplewood

Together We Can!

BANICK LAW SUIT SETTLEMENT

The Maplewood Review recently represented in a misleading headline and news story that the City of Maplewood paid a half million dollars to the former deputy police chief to settle a law suit. For the record, the former employee and the City did settle a law suit on August 23, 2007, but the settlement of that matter was paid by our insurer, the League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust, "LMCIT". Additionally, the amount actually paid by LMCIT was much less than half a million dollars. In fact, it was over 45% less than the amount stated by the newspaper. Finally, it was LMCIT that paid the settlement, the City of Maplewood did not pay one dime of taxpayer money to settle this litigation.

This inaccurate report by the Maplewood Review on August 29, 2007 was made by their reporter who simply did not fact check the story with any City of Maplewood official before going to press. It is unfortunate such gross errors were made by the Maplewood Review, but here are the real facts.

There was a reduction in staff, which was approved in 2005 by the City Council and took effect earlier this year, when ten 911 Emergency Dispatch employees (who had previously been supervised by the deputy police chief) moved to a new centralized dispatch facility administered by Ramsey County. The recommendation by the City Manager and approved by the City Council was that the Maplewood Police Department's

three Lieutenants and seven Sergeants, plus the Police Chief, provided enough supervision to our police officers so that a deputy chief was no longer necessary.

There was also a desire by the City Council to increase the number of street patrol officers significantly. The Council decided in the 2007 City Budget to hire four new police officers rather than retain the deputy chief position. The position of deputy police chief was then eliminated from the 2007 city budget. The cost to City of Maplewood to retain the deputy chief over the seven years remaining before the deputy chief reached his 30th year in 2013 would have surpassed one million dollars in wages and retirement benefits. The Police Department command structure was also changed so that all the Lieutenants who previously reported to the deputy chief now report directly to Police Chief David Thomalla.

John Banick, the former deputy chief, sued the City of Maplewood following this reorganization; the suit and all the claims brought by Mr. Banick have now been dismissed by the Ramsey County District Court as a part of the settlement agreement approved by Mr. Banick, LMCIT and the City Manager. For further information, please see the Letter to the Editor submitted to the Maplewood Review which is also in this edition of the City News.

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NIFTY FIFTY CAR SHOW

Sunday, September 9, 2007

2:00 - 9:00 pm

At The Maplewood Community Center
2100 White Bear Ave.

No admission fee

It's Grandparent's Day...Bring the kids!



Dear Friends and Neighbors *By Mayor Diana Longrie*



Greetings! I hope you had a pleasant and enjoyable summer. Time goes by so fast! The days are starting to get shorter and my youngest is back in school. Although summer is a time for taking vacations and weekend "get-aways", your council has been hard at work, moving forward on many projects that have been in the making over the past year as well as preparing to set the 2008 annual budget.

As you know, after many public meetings, workshops, and hours of policy discussion and document review, the Council adopted the Gladstone Neighborhood Redevelopment Plan in December 2006. Some of the key features included in the finally adopted plan include:

- 1.) No sale of the neighborhood preserve, i.e. the "Savanna", and only natural improvements or restoration will be allowed thereon;
- 2.) Limited changes to Flicek Park;
- 3.) Buildings adjacent to Frost and English shall be a maximum of 2 stories;
- 4.) The future development shall be consistent with the Village Concept embraced by the citizens by promoting a "blended" redevelopment where the scale of new buildings is compatible with the existing buildings in the neighborhood;
- 5.) An emphasis on working together with current Gladstone businesses to encourage them to remain in the neighborhood;
- 6.) A public policy encouraging private investment and limiting or eliminating the use of Tax Increment Financing, TIF; and
- 7.) Density incentives for developers who build senior housing, implement underground parking, utilize environmentally friendly practices in their site development and/or use green building construction.

At the August 13, 2007 council meeting, The Shores, a senior housing development proposed for the former

St. Paul Tourist Cabin site was approved. Managed by Walker Methodist, The Shores consists of 180 units of senior housing and is being built through private investment without the use of tax increment financing. Ten minutes from the Capitol, at the Gateway to Gladstone, on the western most portion of the Gladstone Neighborhood, bordering the DNR trail and adjacent to Lake Phalen, this development will be a welcome addition to Maplewood. As a part of the review process by our Planning Commission, Design Review Board, and Historic Preservation Commission, along with extensive citizen input, staff worked with the developer to preserve many of the landmark trees and enhance the environmental attributes of the site. Additionally, this project is expected to compliment the infrastructure improvements soon to be completed with the \$1.8 million grant awarded to Maplewood by the Metropolitan Council as part of the Gladstone Phase I redevelopment. This grant money is specifically "ear marked" for storm water improvements, sidewalk/trail enhancements, turn lane improvements and a round-about at Frost and East Shore Drive.

Our big challenge in September is to set the maximum property tax levy for 2008. It is estimated by Ramsey County that Maplewood's property values increased by less than 2%. Many of our citizens struggle with the high cost of property taxes levied by Ramsey County and our School Boards as well as the City. Maplewood's actually accounts for approximately 27.2% of what our city's residents pay in total property taxes. The remaining 72.8% of taxes are levied by Ramsey County at 38.8%; Schools at 29.7%; other levies at 4.3%. I talk to hard working families who get a knot in their stomach every time they open their

tax bill and I hear from Seniors on fixed incomes who just can't afford another increase. I am optimistic the Council will join me in holding the line on city spending, making our municipal government more efficient, and setting the 2008 tax rate to be at an amount no greater than the tax rate of 2006. As always, the Council and I appreciate your advice, encouragement, expertise, criticisms and suggestions. I welcome your comments and invite one and all to attend the Citizens' Forum, I host as your Mayor on the first Saturday of each month at Maplewood City Hall in the Maplewood Room from 10:00 am to noon. Call me at 651.774.1490 or send an email to mayorlongrie@yahoo.com. Best Regards.

MAPLEWOOD MOVIES NIGHTS

COME ENJOY A MOVIE ON OUR NEW 12 FOOT INFLATABLE SCREEN!

A FREE EVENT!



Featuring: Charlotte's Web (Rated G)

Friday, September 21 at approx. 7:30 pm
Bruentrup Farm,
2170 E. County Road D

Featuring: Free Willy (Rated PG)

Friday, October 5 at approx. 6:15 pm
Maplewood Community Center Pool
2100 White Bear Ave.
Daily admission fee or MCC membership require

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THE LETTER TO THE EDITOR OF THE MAPLEWOOD REVIEW

Dear Maplewood Review Editor,

The Maplewood Review got the facts wrong in the August 29, 2007, edition in your front page article on the Settlement of the Banick Case.

The City of Maplewood has settled three claims made by former employees, whose positions were eliminated in the 2007 City Budget due to a reorganization of staff of which a total of 13 positions were eliminated. The reorganization reduced senior administrative staff overhead by \$700,000 and allowed the City to hire four more Police Patrol Officers and two additional Firefighter/ Paramedics, as well as the City's first full-time Code Enforcement Officer in 50 years.

The City of Maplewood has now reached settlements with three individuals who sued the City due to the reorganization. The three settlements were made by the City's Insurance Carrier, the League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust (LMCIT). All attorneys' fees and settlements were funded from the Insurance Trust – not Maplewood taxpayers.

The City of Maplewood, like all other public agencies, and many private businesses and corporations, is a target of litigation. And so it carries insurance to protect City taxpayers from these lawsuits. City staff, our attorney's and our Insurance Carrier nonetheless all work to prevent or reduce the potential cost of lawsuits.

An opportunity to resolve litigation and reach a settlement is a prudent business practice that we apply in Maplewood when it makes sense to reach a compromise to avoid further cost, avoid the risk of trial and the distraction of time consumed with the burdensome court processes of discover, e.g. depositions and the like. Limiting the costs and risks of litigation through a settlement agreement by paying ten or fifteen cents on the dollar of alleged damages is done every day by insurance companies, plaintiffs and defendants.

In fact the City has entered into three settlement agreements which I approved, in consultation with our attorneys and Insurance Carrier, for a total cost to the Insurance Carrier of \$359,913 – not the half million dollars reported by the Maplewood Review for just one settlement agreement. In each case the settlement barred any and all employment claims forever against the City, and in the Banick agreement there was a release granted by Banick which released the city from all other employee related claims and specifically agreed there were no facts that would give rise to a discrimination or retaliation lawsuit.

Under Minnesota Statutes administration of the City is vested in the City Manager and as such the authority to resolve legal claims is provided to the Manager. The City Council did not vote on this settlement or any of the other agreements reached in this case.

The Maplewood Review has engaged in irresponsible and questionable journalism by overstating the cash value of the Banick settlement by over 45%, a six figure error by your staff, who did nothing to verify these facts with the City before going to press.

Contrary to the falsely reported headline printed in the Maplewood

Review nobody, not the City of Maplewood or the Insurer, made "a payment of (a) half million dollars" to settle any lawsuit filed against the City.

The Maplewood Review got the facts wrong again, when it wrote that "settlement payments from the City will include...a monthly sum for life." There is no such payment being made by the City, all settlement payments were made by the Insurance Carrier and the City was reimbursed by the Insurance Carrier for any payments the City made, including reimbursement for back wages paid in the amount of \$60,318.00, as well as the federal and state taxes.

Furthermore, your article failed to report to your readers that the City of Maplewood prevailed against Mr. Banick on every motion he brought before Ramsey County District Court Judge J. Thomas Mott, including his motion for a temporary restraining order, which was denied. It is an irresponsible and unacceptable practice for reporters to ignore their responsibility to check the facts, in order to get them right for their readers.

Apparently, the Maplewood Review does not care enough about accuracy to even check its facts with the City and verify those facts before they are published. The readers, however, do care and for journalists and publishers who wish to protect and to retain their credibility, the facts matter.

Thanks, as Paul Harvey says, for allowing me to tell, 'the rest of the story', to your readers.

Greg Copeland

City Manager of the City of Maplewood

A NEW OFFICER JOINS THE FORCE



Officer Benjamin sworn in by Mayor Longrie

Officer Markese Benjamin joined the Maplewood Police Department on August 20, 2007 and was officially sworn in at the City Council meeting on August 27.

Officer Benjamin was born and raised in New Haven Connecticut. Upon completing High School, he served in the U.S. Marine Corps for four years. Officer Benjamin earned an Associate Degree in Physical Education from Mt. Jacinto Community College in California and then transferred to the University of MN Morris where he earned a Bachelor of Art Degree in Sociology. He received his Law Enforcement Degree from Metropolitan State University and completed his Skills training at Minneapolis Community And Technical College.

Prior to becoming a Maplewood employee, Officer Benjamin worked as Capital Security Officer for the MN Department of Public Safety. He previously worked for the Hennepin County Sheriff's Dept and the Ramsey County Sheriff's Dept as a Correctional Officer.



A Few Forgotten Soldiers

MAPLEWOOD AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
AND FOREST LAWN MEMORIAL PARK

Honor A Few Forgotten Soldiers who were laid to rest at Forest Lawn

Costumed characters will portray the life and times of 3 United States soldiers. One soldier served in the Spanish-American War of 1898; two served during World War I, 1914-1918.

Complimentary refreshments.

Saturday, September 15 at 1:00 pm

Forest Lawn Memorial Park, 1800 Edgerton Street

(between Larpenteur Ave. and Roselawn Ave) Enter through the main gate. Follow the flags to the Soldiers' Rest.

\$8 – No advance reservations required. For more information, call Janice Quick at 651.735.3280

Buckthorn Removal

- Nominate your neighborhood for FREE pick-up!
- Volunteer to remove buckthorn from a designated Maplewood City Park or attend a FREE Buckthorn Removal Demo!
- Borrow a Weed Wrench®, for up to one week FREE!
- Use our money-saving herbicide coupon!
- Find information online! Type in www.ci.maplewood.mn.us. Click on "Nature Center". Scroll down to find Fall programs, or click on "Natural Resources Conservation" for our Buckthorn Management Brochure and other information.

Call the Buckthorn Hotline!
651.249.2188 or Carole Gernes for more information at 651.249.2170.

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Council meeting at 7:00pm
September 10 & 24

Special City Council Meeting

September 13 at 5:00pm
Canvass Primary Election Returns

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September 13 & 25 at 6:00pm

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September 20 at 7:00pm

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September 12 at 7:00pm

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Buckthorn Herbicide Coupon

Join the City's effort to remove buckthorn from Maplewood. To help with this important community environmental issue, local businesses are offering Maplewood residents a discount on buckthorn removal products. Please check your buckthorn brochure for effective chemical concentrations.

Dege's Garden Center: 25% OFF

Concentration Kills ALL®, with surfactants (41% Glyphosate) Ferti-Lome® Brush and Stump Killer (8% Trichlopyr)

Gertens: 20% OFF

All Glyphosate products 651.450.1501

Bachman's: 20% OFF (Maplewood store only)

All Trichlopyr Products 651.770.0531

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All Glyphosate products and Brush-B-Gone® (8% Trichlopyr) 651.488.1927

Coupon is good 9/1/07 - 10/15/07

For more information, call the

Buckthorn Hotline at 651.249.2188.

Buckthorn Drop-Off Sites: If you live in Maplewood, but not in a nominated neighborhood, drop off your buckthorn at one of these sites:

1. Maplewood City Hall Campus ONLY on November 3, 4, 10 and 11.
2. Londin Lane Fire Station, ONLY from October 1 through November 11.
3. Four other Ramsey County locations. Call Ramsey County Yard Waste at 651.266.1155. Site maps and hours are available online at www.co.ramsey.mn.us. Click on "Health and Environment", "Compost Home", then "Site Locations" or "Site Hours".

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City Council Candidates that will be on the November 6, 2007

General Election ballot are::

Rebecca Cave John Nephew DelRay (Rocky) Rokke Will Rossbach

There are two seats open for the four year terms.

For more information, visit the City website at www.ci.maplewood.mn.us or contact the Election Hotline at 651.249.2105.



NEWS

October 2007

Maplewood

Together We Can!

3-2 City Council Vote **Zero Property Tax Levy Increase In 2008**

The City Council on a split vote, 3 to 2, supported a motion by Councilmember Rebecca Cave to levy the same \$15,546,000 in property taxes in 2008 as the City did in 2007. Council Member Cave's no new property tax levy motion was seconded by Mayor Diana Longrie and was supported by Council Member Erick Hjelle. Opposing the motion to keep property tax levy at the 2007 level were Council Members Will Rossbach and Kathleen Juenemann.

The proposed Property Levy of \$16,112,725 that was rejected by the City Council means City spending

funded by property taxes will not increase. The proposed 2008 City Budget reflected an increase in property tax revenue of \$566,275; in light of the City Council's action to support a zero property tax levy increase the proposed budget will be reduced.

City Manager Greg Copeland has stated there will be no reductions in the number of Police Officers and Firefighter/Paramedics employed by the City, "The Public Safety functions in Maplewood will not be impacted by the need to make budget reductions in 2008, retaining all our existing police, fire and emergency medical service personnel

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CITY RECORD: 8 MILES OF STREETS PAVED IN 2007 **AGGRESSIVE CITY ACTION SAVES TAXPAYERS \$2.6 MILLION**

By Erin Laberee, Assistant City Engineer

Each year the city has programmed in it's Capital Improvement Plan the reconstruction of 2 to 4 miles of local roads. 2007 is an exceptional year for road reconstruction in Maplewood. Three additional street projects were moved forward to 2007 from 2008 and 2009. Maplewood is reconstructing over 8 miles of local roads this year.

The cost of construction has significantly increased over the last few years. Maplewood awarded a contract for the Desoto Skillman Area Street Project in May and realized a savings of over \$1

million dollars in construction costs alone. The competition for construction work is highly aggressive due to the poor housing market and decrease in construction projects. To take advantage of the competitive atmosphere and potential cost savings, the City approved the advance of the Brookview, Lark Prosperity and Ferndale Geranium Neighborhood Street Improvements Projects. By fast tracking 3 projects a total of \$2.6 million dollars was saved on construction

projects in 2007. Road reconstruction projects are financed through a variety of sources, including the sanitary sewer fund, environment utility fund and the water fund. The majority of project costs are paid through a general obligation bond and

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2007 Street Reconstruction			
PROJECT	BUDGET	SAVED	% SAVED
Desoto Skillman	\$5,597,000	\$1,129,000	27%
Brookview	\$3,199,000	\$644,000	26%
Ferndale/Geranium	\$1,638,000	\$673,000	35%
Lake/Prosperity	<u>\$2,797,000</u>	<u>\$173,000</u>	<u>8%</u>
Totals	\$13,231,000	\$2,619,000	AVG=24%

Dear Friends and Neighbors

By Mayor Diana Longrie

Greetings! I sit, looking out the kitchen window, on a late September fall morning. I have just sent my son, Alex, out the door and off to school. The morning sun's unmistakable energy is breaking through the autumn leaves as they flutter in the breeze. As this brief, quiet, unrushed moment has managed to jump into my life before the next surge of tasks clamor for my attention, I find myself looking beyond the trees and into the forest.

Many who were the founders of the 1991 Maplewood Open Space Initiative, look back with pride at our community's commitment and vision to set aside open space land for future generations. This forward thinking vision, conceived and launched by Maplewood citizen, Char Wasiluk, along with others, is now emerging in neighboring communities throughout the metro area as a desirable, quality of life, amenity sought after by citizens. Woodbury and Washington County are recent examples of this grassroots citizen commitment to Open Space Preservation.

In 1993 it was perfectly clear to most citizens that Maplewood's Open Space acquisitions would be held for future generations permanently. These lands were an investment for our city, not intended as an investment to be sold or traded like stock, but an investment and promise to our children to maintain the quality of life that we all cherish.

A citizens' committee, *i.e.* the "Open Space Committee", of nine interested Maplewood citizen volunteers was appointed by the council in 1993. They were given the mission to carefully advise the city staff and council on which lands to purchase with the newly passed referendum funds. No one disputes that the Open Space Committee took their task seriously and with dedication. There are countless stories of their deliberations. Ask Carolyn Peterson, Greg Juenemann, or Steve Musegades,

to name a few, to share their stories with you. Or ask then Assistant City Manager, Gretchen Maglich, who judiciously spent countless hours planning, researching and negotiating the acquisitions. The Open Space committee weighed and balanced many factors in ranking 66 potential parcels for purchase including environmental value, historic value, location, habitat variety, and availability. When their task was finished, the Committee was praised by all for their thoughtful selection of worthy properties for permanent acquisition.

Maplewood was a leader in the acquisition of publicly owned open spaces for the benefit of its citizens. Today, we have our 14 Neighborhood Preserves. Maplewood continues to be a leader in its good stewardship and land management practices. However, the moment has come for Maplewood to finalize the process to permanently protect our Neighborhood Preserves. As a matter of course, the final step of this over 15 year process is enacting permanent conservation easement protection to safeguard the dream, the vision, of the 1991 Char Wasiluk Open Space Initiative and the resulting Neighborhood Preserves.

As always, I welcome your comments. Call me at 651.774.1490 or email to mayorlongrie@yahoo.com. I invite one and all to attend the monthly Citizen's Forum, hosted by myself, held the first Saturday of the month at Maplewood City Hall in the Maplewood Room from 10:00 am to noon.

P.S. Check out the new Maplewood Neighborhood Preserve brochure.
Visit your Neighborhood Preserve this Fall!



Maplewood's Fall Clean-Up Day

Saturday, October 20, 2007

8:00 am-12:00 pm

Gethsemane Lutheran Church,

2410 Stillwater Avenue

(please enter from Bartelmy Lane)

Dispose of:

- old appliances
- computers/monitors
- TVs
- tires
- mattresses
- construction debris
- old furniture
- car parts
- scrap metal
- and other junk

No brush or tree waste. Proof of Maplewood residency will be required.



CLEAN-UP DAY COLLECTION FEES:

Cash or check only

Cars without a trailer \$10

Pick-up trucks and cars with trailers \$15

Exceptionally large loads \$25 plus

The fee schedule covers approximately 25% to 35% of disposal costs. The city pays the remaining 75% of these costs.

In addition to the above costs:

Computer/monitor \$15

Car tires with or without rims \$3

TVs all sizes \$10 VCRs \$10

Printers \$10 Appliances \$10

For more information, call 651.249.2400.

In conjunction with the clean up, the city 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, stews, infant items, dried foods, and cash are needed.

Dear Friends & Neighbors By Councilmember Rebecca Cave



Fall is here and the City's 2008 Budget is in the works and I am working to keep City Hall on a budget; and one we can afford! For too many years Maplewood City Councils ignored the burden escalating taxes and spending grew by adding high paid administrators to the city payroll rather than keep police officers and firefighters to protect us.

Those days are over, I hope forever, in our City. On September 13, 2007 I proposed a **Property Tax Freeze for 2008**, which would limit total city property taxes to what they were in 2007.

My No New Property Taxes in 2008 motion won on a 3-2 vote. Mayor Longrie and Council Member

Hjelle supported my proposal to hold the line on taxes to keep families and seniors with limited incomes from having to dig deeper to pay their tax bill, in fact, if your home didn't increase in value, you will pay less city taxes in 2008 than 2007!

You have my firm pledge to not increase property taxes.

My job as your City Council Member is setting spending priorities and ensuring you get the high quality services from City Departments we're paying for. Last year my priority was to add four new Police Patrol Officers, two new firefighter/paramedics and more than a dozen new pay per call firefighters as well as Maplewood's first full-time Code Enforcement Officer. My priority in

2008 is Public Safety services. Police and fire needs are at the top of my list. I will work to improve service and improve response times.

Finally, I know the work at City Hall will be harder as our economy slows, but I have focused my energy and time on bringing new businesses and jobs to Maplewood. I personally worked with Wipers Recycling's owner to relocate that business from St. Paul Park to Maplewood to the former Northern Tool building. I supported making the road and utility improvements to attract the new COSTCO, which will open next year at Beam Avenue and SR 61.

If Maplewood is to have future business expansion it needs a City Council that understands new jobs come to cities that control spending and don't raise property taxes. This is also true of the two new senior housing facilities that I supported at the City Council, which are bringing 330 units of new assisted living and memory care to Maplewood, *without any TIF subsidies*, adding an estimated \$50 million to our tax base! Another example of our healthy, Maplewood, business friendly, environment, is the August opening of the new Walgreens at Rice and Larpenteur and building of a second Walgreens this year at Beam Avenue and White Bear Avenue, which is now under construction.

If I can help you expand your business in Maplewood, or open a new Maplewood location for your business call me today!

If I can answer your questions or help you, please call me at my home 651.773.7059 or send an e-mail to rebeccacave@hotmail.com.

Thank you,
Rebecca Cave

Maplewood's Thrilling October Events

Maplewood Movie Night

Free Willy (Rated PG) **FREE!**

Friday, October 5

Flotation Fun: 5:00 pm

Movie: 6:15 pm

At the Maplewood Community Center Aquatics Center, 2100 White Bear Ave.

Monster House (Rated PG) **FREE!**

Friday, October 19 6:30 pm

Pleasantview Park, 1100 Mamie Street

Call 651.249.2125 for more information.



Spooky Splash

Saturday, October 27

5:30 - 8:30 pm

At the MCC Aquatics Center

FREE for members

Non-members pay daily admission fee

Fish in the Freaky Fish Pond, bob for apples, enjoy treats, swoosh down the 120-foot water slide, and have fun splashin' in our spooky environment. AND! Spooky activities in the gym and a costume contest! 651.249.2230

Holiday Crafts (Ages 3-6)

Tuesday, October 30

6:15 - 7:15 pm

In the MCC Craft Room \$10

Create fun and easy Halloween crafts with the Maplewood Recreation staff. Enjoy music, delicious snacks, and more. Put on your paint shirt and get ready to have a great time.

Call 651.249.2230 to register.

Booya & Bluegrass

Sponsored by Maplewood Area Historical Society & The Maplewood Historical Preservation Commission

Saturday, October 6 4:00 p

At the Bruentrup Heritage Farm (EST. 1891)

2170 E. County Road D, Maplewood

- Historic Displays, Artifacts & Pictures
- Milk a Cow
- Live Music: Northern Lights
- Tractor-Wagon Rides on Prairie
- Cider Press on display
- Hand Crank Corn Shelling
- Machinery Display
- Open Farmhouse
- Food Available
- And more!

Call Carolyn Peterson at 651.748.9009 for more information.



Universal Cable TV Service Free! By Bryan Olson, MCTV16

That's right — Comcast cable television will install the Maplewood City TV Channel 16 and other public access channels in your home for FREE.

Now you can see all those meetings you've been hearing so much about. And we do mean all — a few months ago we began televising live all city meetings, including the City Council Meetings and Workshops as well as all seven citizen advisory Commissions monthly meetings. There are also locally produced shows such as Your Police Report and Northeast Journal together with live broadcasts of the Ramsey County Commission's weekly meetings.

Meeting agendas and regularly updated television schedules are now on Channel 16's bulletin board and on the City of Maplewood web site (<http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us>). It's part of a new policy making your Maplewood city government more transparent than ever before by broadcasting ALL City of Maplewood meetings as they are happening or taping them for later broadcast.

By calling Comcast's sales office at 651.222.3333, you'll get a front row seat to watch your city government in action. Tell them you want "Universal Service", which includes Maplewood's City TV Channel 16, as well as public access and school board channels 14,

15, 18, 19 and 20. This is a FREE public service. You will not receive a bill for installation or for the service because Comcast is required to offer FREE universal service public access channels as part of their franchise agreement with the City of Maplewood. Comcast will install the free Universal Service to one television per household. There will be a charge of \$19.99 for each additional television.

If you have additional questions or need additional assistance to take advantage of the FREE public service, please call the City Manager's Office at 651.249.2051.

Congratulations Sergeant Busack

By David Thomalla, Chief of Police



Ann Marie, Sergeant Busack's wife pins on the new badge

The Maplewood Police Department has promoted Dan Busack to the rank of Sergeant effective September 10, 2007.

Sergeant Busack has been a member of the Maplewood Police Department since 1999. Sergeant Busack has been the Department's Use of Force Program Coordinator following six years as a Use of Force Instructor. Sergeant Busack has also served as a Field Training Officer in 2001, a post he still occupies.

Sergeant Busack holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology and Criminal Justice from the University of St. Thomas.

Sergeant Busack was awarded the Department's Letter of Commendation on March 13, 2006 for his role in the apprehension and interview of a suspect in the robbery of a pizza delivery person on January 6 of that year. His efforts led to four juveniles being petitioned to court for first degree robbery and one adult suspect charged with aggravated robbery.

Maplewood Police Chief David Thomalla said, "I would like to congratulate Sergeant Busack on his promotion and I look forward to his positive leadership attributes assisting in moving the Department forward." Sergeant Busack's promotion was recognized at the Maplewood City Council meeting on September 24 where his wife, Ann Marie, pinned his new badge on him in a ceremony also attended by his two daughters, his parents, his brother-in-law who is a West St. Paul Officer and eight of the City of Maplewood's Police Officers.

Maplewood City Manager Greg Copeland stated, "Sergeant Busack's promotion was based on the high quality of his work, the exceptional evaluations noting his initiatives in the field and commendations for doing his job well, all figured into my decision to promote him to Sergeant." Copeland continued, "In addition, Sergeant Busack's high ranking by the Department's Supervisory Staff on his suitability for promotion and being seen as a leader by his fellow patrol officers, was a key factor in his promotion."

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- A \$10 Gift Certificate to GULDEN'S RESTAURANT
- A Free Fitness Orientation with a Personal Trainer (VALUE \$30) and
- A FREE MCC t-shirt
Hurry! Offer ends October 16, 2007.

Put your fall fitness plan into action by joining the Maplewood Community Center.

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Did you know that you can earn up to \$20 per month towards your membership dues?

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- BlueCross BlueShield
 - UCare
 - Medica
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Community Center

2100 White Bear Avenue

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Street Reconstruction Program

Five Neighborhoods Successfully Served In 2007!



Newly Improved and Reconstructed Street
Renews the Neighborhood



Same Street Before the Reconstruction
Program Improvements

assessments. Every property who has access to a street being improved is assessed. Maplewood's policy is to assess all single family residential properties the same rate. In 2007 the street reconstruction assessment amount was set at \$4,960.

Commercial properties are assessed at a higher rate based on the length of front footage along the street. Assessment rates are set at the beginning of each year to finance approximately one third of the total project cost. Property owners have the option to pay the assessment up front without interest or have the

assessment levied to their property taxes for a 15 year period at an interest rate of approximately 6%. Deferrals are available to those where the assessment creates a financial hardship.

The chart on page one details the budget for each project, the actual savings realized on 2007 construction contracts, and the resulting savings of the original budget are shown as a percentage. For more information, call Public Works Assistant City Engineer, Erin Labree at 651.249.2404.

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No Tax Increase In 2008

will be my top budget priority," said Copeland, "because that is the number one priority of the City Council.

"I will not recommend reducing spending on Public Safety by one cent.", declared Copeland. "In light of the City Council's decision to respect the property taxpayers of Maplewood many of whom are on fixed incomes or living pay check to pay check to pay their mortgages and family bills, I will find the reductions in spending in other parts of the City Budget!"

"Obviously the City Council's priority is to protect property taxpayers of Maplewood from seeing further increases in their property taxes. The City Council understands we have an economy that is slowing down and that housing values are not going to be increasing, I agree with them that acting now to reduce spending will mitigate what will be challenging times ahead for local government given the slide in property tax values.

"In 2007 there was a 12.0% increase in Maplewood's property tax base, in 2006 the increase was 12.1%, now for 2008 it's only 3.2%. Something will have to give and the City Council has told me to reduce spending to match the economic reality, and I will do that in our budget revision," Copeland stated.

2008 Proposed Property Tax Levy Increases

Maplewood	0%	Ramsey County	5%
North St. Paul	3.7%	Dakota County	4.90%
Roseville	10%	Oakdale	3%
White Bear Lake Twsp	14.977%	Vadnais Heights	4.5%
St. Paul	14.60%	St. Anthony	5.12%
Woodbury	5.20%	New Brighton	3.94%
Eagan	4.90%		
Minnetonka	4.70%		
Plymouth	6.167%		

NEW!



crafts • storytime • sports • swimming • music • & more

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 9:30 - 11:00 am

Location: MCC Activities Room

Fee: \$8/Day \$21/week

MCC Members: \$6/Day \$15/week

Session 1: Oct. 8-10, Session 4: Oct. 29-31

Session 2: Oct. 15-17 Session 5: Nov. 5-7

Session 3: Oct. 22-24 Session 6: Nov. 12-14

Session 7: Nov. 19-21

Attention Parents!

Enjoy a date night or get a jump start on your holiday shopping while your children have a great time at MCC's Kids Fun Club.

Friday Date Nights 6:00-8:30 pm

Oct. 12, Nov. 9, Dec. 14, Jan. 11

Holiday Shopping

Nov. 24, Dec. 8, Dec. 22, 1:00-4:00 pm

Holiday Parties

Oct. 26, 6:00-8:00 pm

Dec. 15, 1:00-3:00 pm

Fee: \$12/child \$24/family (up to 4 children)

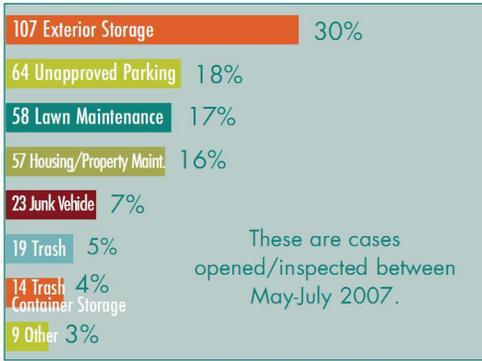
To participate in the Friday Date Nights, Holiday Shopping, or Holiday Parties, you must be an MCC Member or a Kids Fun Club Member. Limited To 12 Children!

All children must be out of diapers.

To register, call 651.249.2230.



Code Enforcement Activity



Code Enforcement Activity Chart

	AUGUST 2007	2007 YTD
Total # of calls received	152	625+
Total # of cases opened	89	431
Total # of inspections	203	1,086
Total # of cases closed	38	228

Call 249-CODE to clean up your neighborhood!

Try Ballroom Dance! Ages 16+

Find out how much fun dancing can be for your social, mental, and physical health! Two left feet? No problem. In these sessions, 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. Two beginner classes are offered during each session. One class will highlight **Waltz, Salsa, Cha Cha, and Meringue**. The other class offers **Foxtrot, Swing, Tango, and Rhumba**. Register for both sessions! Call 651.249.2230 to register *today*!

Location: Maplewood Community Center gymnasium
 Fee: \$48 Couple Rate: \$84
 MCC Member: \$36 MCC Member Couple Rate: \$60

6:30-7:30 pm Dance Types: Waltz, Salsa, Cha Cha, & Meringue

Saturdays, November 3-December 15

Sundays, November 4-December 16

7:45-8:45 pm Dance Types: Foxtrot, Swing, Tango, & Rhumba

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Learn to identify threats and how to react. Receive a quick study of local crime trends and scams used on people. You will see video clips of local crimes and learn what to do to avoid being a victim. You'll also learn defense tactics and the correct frame of mind to survive attacks.

Dates: November 6, January 8, March 4, 2008

Time: Tuesdays, from 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Location: Maplewood Community Center, 2100 White Bear Ave.

Instructor: Scott Steffen, Sergeant Maplewood Police Department

Three ways to register:

Online: www.maplewoodcommunitycenter.com

Phone: MCC 651.249.2230

In Person: Maplewood Community Center, 2100 White Bear Ave.

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October 8 & 22

2008 Budget Hearings

Police Oct. 1 5pm

Inspections, Planning & Building Operations

Building Operations

Fire Department Oct. 8 5pm

Public Works Oct. 22 5 pm

Finance & Administration Oct. 29 5pm

Citizen Services Oct. 29 5pm

Truth & Taxation Hearing Dec. 3 7pm

Budget Adoption Hearing Dec. 10 7pm

Citizen's Forum

October 6 at 10:00am

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October 9 & 25 at 6:00pm

Environmental & Natural

Resources Commission

October 2 at 6:00pm

Historical Preservation Commission

October 18 at 7:00pm

Housing & Redevelopment Authority

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Parks & Recreation Commission

October 17 at 7:00pm

Police Civil Service Commission

No meeting scheduled

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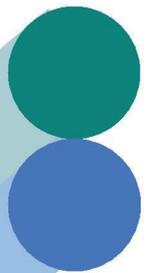
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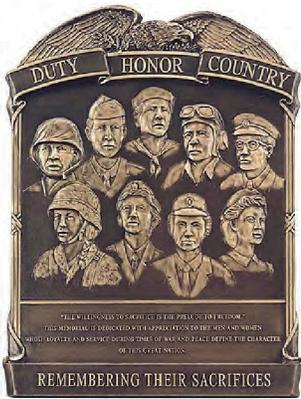
NEWS



November 2007

Maplewood

Together We Can!



Join in the celebration of commemorating our Maplewood Veterans Honor Roll of Service on Saturday, November 3, 2007 at 12:00 noon at City Hall, 1830 County Road B. Coffee and cake will be served.

Two New Officers Join The Maplewood Police Force

Lisa Darvell – Lisa has her B.S. in Law Enforcement from Minnesota State University-Mankato and completed her Skills course at Hibbing Community College. She formerly worked as a security officer for Park Nicollet (Methodist) Hospital.



Joseph Demulling – Joe also received his B.S. in Law Enforcement from Minnesota State University-Mankato and completed his Skills course at Hibbing Community College. Joe has volunteered with the North St. Paul Police Reserves and worked at a furniture store in Little Canada.



Mayor Diana Longrie leads a tour of City Hall for students of the Next Step Program at Beaver Lake School on October 24th.

This is the first police officer position for both Lisa and Joe, and we look forward to their future contributions to the Maplewood Police Department.



Maplewood's 50th Anniversary Celebration Dinner & Dance

Join your Maplewood neighbors Saturday, December 1, 2007 at the Maplewood Community Center 2100 White Bear Avenue and attend the 50th Anniversary Celebration. Social hour will begin at 5:00 pm, dinner will be served at 6:15 pm and the dance will begin at 7:00 pm. Live dance music will be provided by Reception Jazz Trio. Tickets for this event can be purchased at the Maplewood Community Center-651.249.2230. Tickets: \$30/person All tickets must be purchased by Nov. 27.



Dear Friends and Neighbors *By Mayor Diana Longrie*



Greetings! Maplewood is not only the place we reside, but it is also the place where we raise and nourish our family; a place where we share a sense of community with our neighbors; and a place our children grow to be good citizens and tomorrow's leaders. So in a larger sense, all of us share, learn and grow here, in our hometown, Maplewood.

It goes without saying that Maplewood's citizens are the most valuable resource in growing and sustaining the shared values of our community. Ultimately, it is the responsibility and pleasure of the citizens to determine the direction for any community. The citizens are the city. As a council we need to continue to nurture, support and encourage our citizens' participation.

Granted, state law has minimum requirements for citizen access to government, such as being allowed to observe meetings (the open meeting law) or the right to public documents. However, state law says little-to-nothing about how citizens can participate, how citizens' input should be gathered or how they should even be heard. Whether a community enjoys wide spread access to city deliberations and information via cable cast TV or whether vital information is communicated and discussed with citizens in a timely, meaningful way is

very often determined solely by the leadership of the city.

As a council we are always looking for guidance on not only the issues in your neighborhood but also the larger issues facing our city.

One of the larger issues facing the council is that of money. How will revenues be raised? How will revenues be spent? How much will taxes increase? What past commitments and promises embodied in past council actions, community expectations and the hopes of the citizens will be kept? How much long-term debt spending has our City incurred and how will it be paid back? There is no getting around it, long-term debt incurred today is an obligation passed on to future councils, our children and future citizens. The yearly interest and principal payments of an increasing city long-term debt ties the hands of future councils and limits their freedom and flexibility to plan and initiate new programs or ideas without drastically increasing property taxes and fees. All too often this reality is overlooked in the excitement of long-term bonding and spending to purchase the wants of the moment.

These are exciting times in the life of the City of Maplewood. We have opened the doors of city hall wide open. More documents than ever are

available on the internet and virtually all council meetings, workshops, commission and board meetings are broadcast on cable cast TV. Additionally, we have increased the accessibility of a citizen's right to petition their government, developed the use of ad hoc citizen committees to work on neighborhood projects, and have insisted on a more user-friendly administration at City Hall. The goal of all these steps, of course, is to nurture and encourage citizens to participate at all levels.

We need your input on how big we should increase our long-term debt and how we should retire our current debt over a shorter period of time. There is no doubt that any steps to manage our long-term city debt today, in a fiscally responsible manner, will allow the city and future councils to strengthen our mission to serve citizens.

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 am to noon. Call me at 651.774.1490 or email to mayorlongrie@yahoo.com.

FREE Events For Adults!

WINTER BOTANY

Join botanist Scott Milburn for some in-depth identification and study of our winter hardy native plants. We'll be studying wide assortment of woody and herbaceous species likely to find at the nature center. Dress for the outdoors!

Saturday, December 1, 9:00 - noon
Maplewood Nature Center, 2659 7th St. E.
Call 651.249.2170 to pre-register

WILDFLOWERS FROM SEED

Prepare wild prairie and raingarden seeds now, for planting and growing at home this spring. Co-sponsored by Maplewood Nature Center and Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District (RWMWD)

Tuesday, January 22, 6:30-8:00 PM
Call 651.792.7965 by January 15 to pre-register
RWMWD, 2665 Noel Drive, Little Canada



Dear Friends & Neighbors By Erik Hjelle

Who's Protecting YOUR wallet?,

Councilmembers in Maplewood rotate writing articles in this newsletter and I view this opportunity as a way to inform taxpayers with relevant facts. Last month, Ms. Cave talked about the recent Tax levy vote and bringing jobs to Maplewood, Ms. Juenemann choose not to contribute an article in September, and last August Mr. Rossbach talked about the grass in his yard. Each council member views their articles as important to them, and while I learned something about Mr. Rossbach's yard in August, learning about the Tax levy from Ms. Cave was much more relevant and informative. The 3-2 vote to limit the 2008 Tax levy to 2007 levy rates shows how important it is to have at least 3 council

members who understand the need to "protect your wallet".

As hard as we try to control local government spending, there are certain areas that we sadly have no control over. Fiscal Disparities is a "wonderful" state welfare program where cities like Maplewood are forced to give over \$500,000 to other cities because THEY need YOUR tax money more than YOU need it! Cities that benefit from our welfare payments include our neighbor, North St. Paul. Maplewood taxpayers pay for NEST, a government collaborative transportation program that subsidizes local bus service. In the state of Minnesota, for every \$1 collected in fares, taxpayers pay \$2 in subsidy.

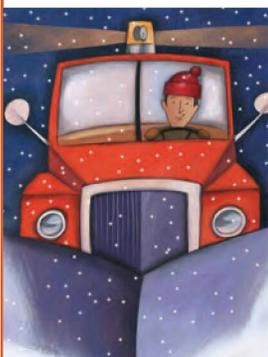
While this council has little control over things like Fiscal Disparities, we can certainly effect change in other areas. Doing more with less is a very common practice in the private, corporate world. In our personal family budgets, we cannot demand more money from our employer because we want to spend more! ALL council members should understand that our #1 obligation is to the taxpayer. Having 3 council members who understand that core principle is crucial to the economic viability of Maplewood. So feel free to remind your friends and neighbors in St. Paul (+15%), Roseville (+10%), and Woodbury (+5%), that Maplewood (0% or -0%) is a good place to be in 2008. Now if we could only get Ramsey County (+5%) to cooperate?

By remembering to Vote on November 6, you are honoring those that have given the ultimate sacrifice so that we may be free and have the freedom of choice. Take it seriously.
Thank you. Erik Hjelle

Snow Plowing Safety Reminders

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

- 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 eight 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 eight hours after the snow has quit falling for the typical 3 inch snowfall. 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 am and 6 am. 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.

Lifesaving Award



Choking victim Robert Foss and Officer Tim Hawkinson

Officer Tim Hawkinson was awarded with the Maplewood Police Department Lifesaving Award at the October 8,

2007 City Council meeting for rendering aid to a choking man. While attending a charity golf tournament banquet on September 13, the father-in-law of a fellow officer began choking on his food. Officer Hawkinson noticing that he was in distress, and immediately performed the Heimlich maneuver to dislodge the food. Because of his quick response, Officer Hawkinson prevented the situation from becoming worse and may have saved the life of the choking man. Congratulations on a job well done, Tim!

City Personnel Promotions and New Additions Drive Successful Change By City Manager, Greg Copeland

There have been many personnel changes over the last 22 months at City Hall. The big news is more Maplewood city employees have received internal promotions all levels than ever before, 22 employees have benefited from these changes.

The City this year has hired more new police officers than ever before, four new patrol officer positions.

The Fire Department has added three new firefighter/paramedics and over a dozen and half new pay per call fire fighters.

The City of Maplewood for the first time in 50 years has a new full time Code Enforcement Officer.

The million dollars in savings from the 2007 City Budget reorganization has made most of this possible. The goals of eliminating administrative overhead, reorganizing departments for greater efficiencies and placing a priority on delivering "services on the street"; police, fire and code enforcement were all accomplished. Maplewood is now better protected against crime, loss of life from fire and better able to transport by Emergency Medical Service, EMS, to hospitals than ever before and Maplewood is now able to cleanup our neighborhoods and protect home values from those who refused to follow the rules.

As Paul Harvey says the "Rest of the Story" is in 2006 and 2007 to date

eight employees retired, fifteen employees resigned, five employees were terminated and one employee died of a non-work related cause. Three city jobs were eliminated; in which there were incumbants the employees sued and final settlements were reached in all cases. Ten 911 dispatchers and one 911 Supervisor were transferred to Ramsey County, who now provides Maplewood's residents with 911 service.

22 City Staffers Promoted 2006 - 2007

<u>Job Title</u>	<u>Employee</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>New Position</u>	<u>Filled Vacancy</u>	<u>Reclassified/ Other</u>
Night MCC Supervisor	Mike Graf				X
Sergeant	Kerry Krotty	1/7/2006		X	
Police Officer	Joseph Steiner	1/7/2006		X	
Lieutenant	Mike Shorteed	1/7/2006	X		
Office Specialist	Edna Spangler	1/14/2006		X	
IT technician	Mychal Fowlds	2/6/2006		X	
IT/Network Analyst	Nick Franzen	4/10/2006		X	
Administrative Assistant	Lois Knutson	8/19/2006		X	
Building Inspector Appr	Jason Brash	10/2/2006		X	
Licensing Specialist	Lisa Kelly	10/16/2006		X	
EMS Director	Robb Prechtel	1/1/2007			X
Assistant Fire Chief/Fire Marshall	Butch Gervais	1/1/2007			X
Payroll Technician	Connie Kelsey	1/1/2007			X
MCC Fitness & Ops Director	Lori Hansen	1/6/2007	X		
Citizen Service Manager	Karen Guilfoile	1/29/2007	X		
Sr. Engineering Tech	Scott Jacobson	2/19/2007		X	
Sr. Engineering Tech	Andrew Engstrom	2/19/2007		X	
Civil Engineer II	Michael Thompson	5/7/2007			X
Citizen Service Supervisor	Deb Schmidt	5/19/2007	X		
Administrative Assistant	Lisa Kroll	6/16/2007		X	
Recreational Coordinator	Neil Breneman	8/25/2007			X
Sergeant	Daniel Busack	9/10/2007		X	

2007 City Budget Reorganization Saves One Million Dollars

<u>Positions Eliminated in 2007 Budget</u>	<u>Employee Changes</u>	<u>Total Annual Benefitted Cost Savings</u>
Communications Manager of 911 Dispatch	employee transferred to Ramsey County	\$54,411*
Assistant City Manager/Community Development Director	position eliminated	\$59,883
Maplewood Community Center Operations Supervisor	position eliminated	\$76,177
Maplewood Community Center Manager	position eliminated	\$102,377
Assistant Fire Chief	employee resigned	\$119,647
Human Resource Director	employee terminated	\$147,206
Director of Parks & Recreation	employee resigned	\$149,972
Assistant Police Chief	position eliminated	\$154,926
Ten 911 Dispatchers	employees transferred to Ramsey County	\$234,904*

*Less than full annual benefitted cost.

Bob Dollerschell Now Public Safety Manager



The City of Maplewood is pleased to announce that Robert "Bob" Dollerschell, a Maplewood resident for 28 years, has been promoted to the position of Public Safety Manager. Mr. Dollerschell has a broad range of experience in public safety including over 30 years in law enforcement. He is the former police

chief of Oakdale and Sauk Rapids. He has also worked as a Hennepin County Deputy Sheriff and police officer for the Cities of Willmar and Litchfield. A veteran of the U.S. Army, where he also served as a military policeman, Mr. Dollerschell graduated with honors from St. Cloud State University with a B.A. in Criminal Justice. Experienced in both the labor and management sides of law enforcement, Mr. Dollerschell is also a past president of Law Enforcement Labor Services ("LELS"), a police union. He has also served on the Maplewood Police Civil Service Commission, Ramsey County Personnel Board and the Ramsey County Charter Commission and currently is certified as a Federal and State of Minnesota Emergency Manager.

Most recently, he has been working as the Assistant Emergency Management Director for the City of Maplewood Fire Department, where he has been instrumental in bringing the citizens of Maplewood together with the City's employees for Certified Emergency Response Team ("CERT") training to help Maplewood better prepare for any disasters. Mr. Dollerschell said that the CERT training will allow friends and neighbors to really provide efficient, effective help to the City of Maplewood in case of a disaster. He indicated that he is excited to be working with a Mayor who has also participated in national training for mayors on disaster preparedness, and believes that by having both the citizens and the City trained in emergency response, the City of Maplewood will be as ready as possible for any challenges the future may bring.

Mr. Dollerschell looks forward to working closely with the Police Chief, Dave Thomalla and Fire Chief, Steve Lukin to maintain the outstanding tradition of excellence in both departments. Mr. Dollerschell's law enforcement experience, together with his emergency management training and experience with the Maplewood Fire Department will help him in his new job of Public Safety Manager. "I am looking forward to serving the people of the City I love and have made my home with my wife Esther for 28 years," said Dollerschell.

PARKING ORDINANCES

Overnight Parking, Ordinance #36-39 (d) – **This ordinance is enforced 365 days a year**, and it prohibits parking of any vehicle on any street or road in the City between 2:00 am and 6:00 am. Permission may be given by a Police Department supervisor to temporarily park in the street overnight in certain situations (such as installing/ paving a driveway or having many overnight guests).

Snowfall Parking, Ordinance #36-39 (c) – The City prohibits parking of any vehicle on any street or road for more than 30 minutes during the time intervening between a snowfall of two inches or more and the plowing or removal of snow.

Leash Laws

DOGS

All dogs shall be kept under restraint at all times while in the City of Maplewood (Ordinance #10-126).

This means that while outdoors at home, dogs must either be on a leash or within a fenced-in yard.

When off of the owner's/custodian's premises, the dog must be restrained by a chain or leash not exceeding 8 feet in length.

The only exception to the dog leash law is in a designated area at Ramsey County's Battle Creek Park in south Maplewood. See Ramsey County's website for more information.

CATS

Cats are also required to be kept under restraint (Ordinance #10-311).

While at the owner or custodian's premises, the cat must be confined by adequate fencing or leashing.

When not on the owner's premises, the cat must be on a leash not exceeding 8 feet in length when not confined in a motor vehicle or cage.

Get Fit For The Holidays



The Maplewood Community Center is making it easier than ever to become a member. Our 3-month membership comes complete with all the perks of the annual membership but with a shorter commitment. You also pay NO initial fee and all insurance benefits apply! This is A *GREAT OPTION* for

retirees who leave for the winter, college students who return for the summer, or for individuals who want to experience the Maplewood Community Center before joining as an annual member. The benefits are ENDLESS! Find out more on page 4 of the Parks & Recreation issue.

2100 White Bear Avenue
651.249.2230



City Meetings:

- November 3 Citizen's Forum 10:00 am
- November 6 **Election Day**-No city meetings
- November 7 Environmental & Natural Resource Commission 5:00 pm
- November 9 Special City Council Meeting (General Election Results Canvass)
- November 12 City Hall Closed (Veteran's Day)
- November 14 Housing & Redevelopment Authority 7:00 pm
- November 15 Historical Preservation Commission 7:00 pm
- November 20 Planning Commission 7:00 pm
- November 21 Parks & Recreation Commission 7:00 pm
- November 22 & 23 City Hall Closed (Thanksgiving Holiday)
- November 26 City Council Meeting
- November 27 Community Design Review Board 6:00 pm

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

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

www.ci.maplewood.mn.us

Code Enforcement Activity

Code Enforcement Activity Chart

	SEPTEMBER '07	2007 YTD
Total # of calls received	200	825+
Total # of cases opened	70	501
Total # of inspections	193	1,279
Total # of cases closed	39	267
Total # of cases open/week	174+/-	N/A

Call 249-CODE to clean up your neighborhood!

CODE ENFORCEMENT



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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.



December 2007

Maplewood

Together We Can!

NEWS

LOWER AFTON TRAIL OPENS

On November 15, 2007, America Recycles Day was celebrated in Maplewood in conjunction with the opening of the Lower Afton Road Trail. The newly paved trail runs along the north side of Lower Afton Road between McKnight Road and Century Avenue. Lower Afton Trail is the first public trail in Minnesota to showcase sustainable design, including recycled shingles, reused aggregate, recycled plastic and rain gardens.

A major recycled component includes significant use of old tear-off asphalt shingles in the trail pavement. Recycled aggregate made from old, ground up concrete and asphalt pavement was used as a base for the new trail surfacing. Recycled plastic and rubber products were used in the manufacturing of the pavers installed at the trail pull-off areas, the retaining wall timbers, drainage pipe, park bench and trash receptacle areas. A number of rain gardens along the trail route help to control drainage and keep adjacent wetlands clean.

Everyone Is Invited!

*The City of Maplewood
is honoring*

Emil Sturzenegger

*on Tuesday, Dec 18th, 6:00 PM,
Fire Station 4 - 2501 Londin Ln,
for the trail connection project.*

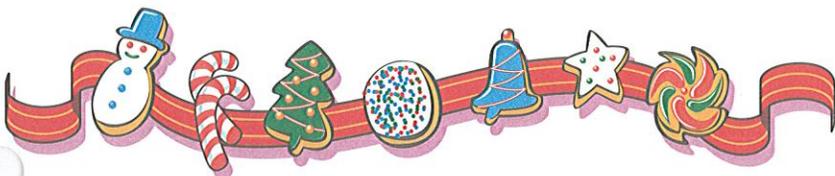
It's Emil's Birthday!

Cake and coffee will be served.



The trail runs adjacent to Battle Creek Regional Park and provides a connection to a number of local trails in St. Paul, Maplewood and Washington County, allowing users

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*Holiday Tea at the
Bruentrup Heritage Farm*

**2170 E. Co. Rd. D., Maplewood
Saturday, Jan. 12, 2008**

Two Seatings: 11:30am and 2:30pm

\$25 for adults, \$15 for age twelve and under.

Unusual or antique snowmen are the theme.

Please call Char for reservations. 651-776-7183



Dear Friends and Neighbors *By Mayor Diana Longrie*



Greetings! Wow, the holiday season is here again.

One of my favorite childhood holiday memories is coming home from school and unexpectedly walking into a warm kitchen filled with the smell of freshly baked cookies and busy hands creating frosted, candied, mouth watering delights with Christmas records playing in the background. While it might seem that the holidays should be a more relaxed time at City Hall, the council and the staff are busy developing and approving the annual 2008 budget and doing the math on how to retire the approximately 70 million dollars of long term debt incurred predominantly by the City over the past decade.

In meeting the needs of our community, the council can always go back to the same old "tool box" and pull out the axe to cut services or raise property taxes or levy new fees. However, with so many Seniors and others on fixed incomes, with their budgets stretched to the limit, these standard "tools" no longer get the job done right.

I prefer more positive solutions. We need a Maplewood "Action Agenda" where we focus on enabling citizens, council and city staff to work together, to think outside of the box and be more creative in our solutions for our community. We must be resolved to putting our collective imagination, know-how and expertise to work. As we all know, there are no magic bullets. To prime the pump, as part of the 2008 budget, the Council is

considering the designation of a city staff person who will, as part of their duties, seek out and find grant opportunities for the City, apply for those grants and bring home the bacon to Maplewood.

I attended a recent conference in November where I had the opportunity to hear about new ideas and best practices used by other cities to meet the needs of their residents. The elected officials I spoke to shared my vision of maintaining and nourishing a hometown that is safe, economically vibrant, and affordable. I brought back noteworthy information to share with the Council such as: 1.) developing private/public partnerships to revitalize our aging public infrastructure/buildings; 2.) fostering new economic opportunities by "branding" our community much like they do in the retail industry; and 3.) using community demographics/GIS statistical data to project current and future market trends. I am sure this information will lead to many lively discussions at future workshops, so stay tuned!

As a Council, we are ever mindful of the need to preserve property values. Creating jobs and strengthening the economic backbone of Maplewood, through thoughtful strategies, is essential to preserving and boosting our taxable property base. As we work to strengthen Maplewood's economic backbone, I will ask the Council to focus on those strategies that lead to long term revenue and avoid public financial exposure to "paying the freight" for misdirected, risky and unpredictable market trends with which the city has little experience. While I believe that not all Council Members are united on what public policies strengthen Maplewood's economic backbone, I believe that we are all working to make Maplewood a better place.

Finally, while the City Council discusses, debates and decides public policy and issues of budget priorities and taxation, the City Manager is at the helm of the City with our staff diligently working by his side. With that in mind, I wish to extend a thank you and wishes for a happy holiday season to the City Manager, Mr. Copeland, and his staff.

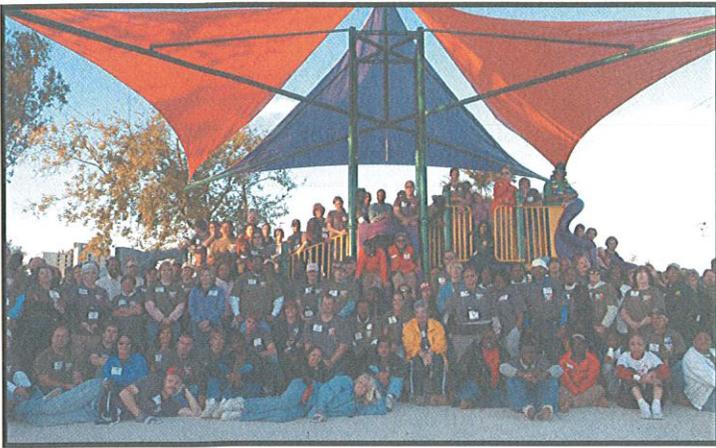
I have heard many positive comments from citizens about the improved service at the Community Center, the friendliness of city personnel, and the improved responsiveness at City Hall to citizen requests. Citizens have noticed the improvements at City Hall over the past year! Thank you to all of the Staff and Mr. Copeland for making those improvements happen. Unsolicited, many citizens commenting on these improvements have attributed much of the current citizen-friendly environment at City Hall to Mr. Copeland's commitment to public service; desire to improve financial efficiencies; and dedication to sound and fair regulatory practices. Over all, the message I hear from citizens is that they appreciate a City Manager who is easily approachable and has a flexible, hands-on, can-do, no-nonsense, common sense management style who genuinely believes the citizens are the City.

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.

Best Wishes and Happy Holidays!



TOGETHER THEY DID IT!!



Thanks Councilmember Rebecca Cave and 200 volunteers for coming together to build an amazing new playground at Joe Brown Memorial Park in New Orleans. Through KaBOOM! the National League of Cities and the founding Communities of Playful City USA.

ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL PROVIDES CONVENIENT PARKING



St. John's Hospital strives to help our patients and visitors any way we can. Last month we added a new parking lot, Lot D, specifically for cancer and cardiac rehab patients that is conveniently located near their entrance for care.

"We are always looking for better ways to serve our patients," said Laura Keithahn, Operations Executive. "We want to make it easy for patients to receive the care that they need."

St. John's also provides a courtesy shuttle for those patients and visitors who have parked in the far parking lot, Lot B. The shuttle operates during the busiest times for the hospital, Monday through Friday (excluding holidays) from 8:30 am to 4 pm, when our parking lots can fill up very quickly. The shuttle will bring patients and visitors to and from that far lot directly to the main hospital entrance.

These are just two more ways St. John's Hospital looks out for our patients and visitors.

Holiday Gift Ideas

- **Holiday Gift Bags**
One-month trial membership and a FREE gift
\$45 for an adult membership (\$123 value)
\$55 for a family membership (\$135 value)
- **Gift Certificates**
For all services in any denomination
- **Pro Shop Items**

HAPPY
HOLIDAYS

MAPLEWOOD Community Center

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DECEMBER SPECIAL
Buy a 3-Month Membership
and get **ONE MONTH FREE!**

Put your 2008 fitness plan
into action **TODAY** by joining the
Maplewood Community Center.

651.249.2230

Some restrictions apply. Offer ends December 31, 2007

Qualifying members can earn \$20/month towards membership dues through:

- NEW! HealthPartners • BlueCross BlueShield
- UCare • Medica • Definity Health

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2100 White Bear Avenue, Maplewood, MN 55109
www.maplewoodcommunitycenter.com

HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS



The holidays are a special time of year, but they're also a time when individuals are 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.
- Lock your car and close the windows, even if you're only going to be gone for a few minutes. Don't leave packages or valuables visible in your car—lock them in the trunk.
- Wait for public transportation or rides from friends 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. Pay for purchases with a check or debit card when possible.
- Be extra careful with purses and wallets. Carry a purse under your arm and never leave it in a cart or set it on a shelf while you are distracted by shopping. Keep a wallet in an inside pocket.

At Home

- Be extra cautious about locking 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.
- 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.

CODE ENFORCEMENT NEWS

Now that winter is here, we wish to remind you of the rules as they apply to the storage of vehicles on your property. Vehicles that are stored outside in residential areas must be kept licensed and in a fully operative condition. If you have a vehicle that has expired license tabs or does not run any more you should either get it fixed and relicensed or have it removed from your property or put it inside your garage.

Any off-street parking of vehicles, RV's, trailers or boats in the front yard of your property must only be done on a hard surface driveway or on improved parking areas. That means that overnight when the city prohibits street parking from 2 to 6 a.m. or when a snow emergency has been called your cars needed to be parked only on your driveway – not on your front lawn.

Be a good neighbor and follow these simple rules for the parking and storage of vehicles, RVs, boats and trailers and everyone will benefit from your actions!

Winter Time Reminders

It is that time of year that requires us to get out and plow the driveway and keep our walkways clear of snow and ice. We ask that you please follow these simple tips this winter.

- If you have a snow plow blade at your home it is required that it remains attached to your vehicle. If you need to remove it, it needs to be stored away inside of your garage or kept behind a fence or screen so that it does not offend your neighbors.
- It is against the law to throw or plow snow from your driveway onto the street! It can be dangerous for road users and causes your neighbors extra work, as well as problems with mail delivery.
- Even though it is only a requirement at rental property, it is strongly recommended for all homes there should not be any snow or ice on your parking lots, driveways, steps or walkways which may create a hazard.

HELP SUPPORT MAPLEWOOD NATURE CENTER!

Are you passionate about nature? Do you enjoy learning and sharing your knowledge with others? Do you want to help take care of it? There are so many ways you can help.

One way is to volunteer at the Maplewood Nature Center and Preserves – you can help others and yourself “unleash your curiosity” as a trail guide, open space monitor, frog or bluebird monitor or with land management projects. Volunteers receive training and orientation, and meet other like minded people, discover ways they can help be a steward of our natural environment.

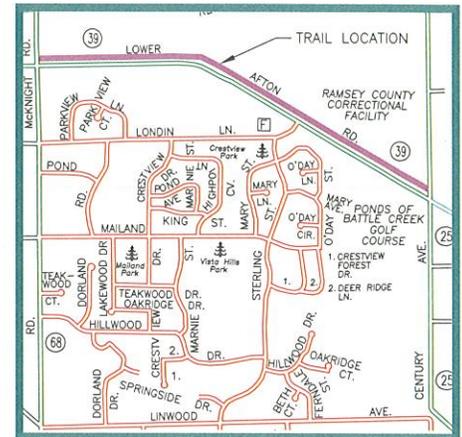
Another important way to help is to join the **Friends of Maplewood Nature**. A minimum tax deductible donation of \$15 is all it takes! Consider this opportunity for an end of the year

tax benefit! In 2007, over \$6,000 was raised by the Friends. All the funds are used to help support programs, exhibits and special projects at the Nature Center or anywhere nature needs a helping hand in Maplewood. Plus you receive a bi-annual newsletter, exclusive invitation to two special members-only events, free admission to two seasonal programs, coupons from local merchants and tax deductible dues. The mission of the Friends group is to promote, support and enhance the growth of Maplewood Nature Center and Preserves.

To find out more about either of these programs please call the Maplewood Nature Center at 249-2170 and talk with a naturalist. We'll be happy to have you aboard! Or check out the city's website at www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/naturecenter.

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Trail Opens



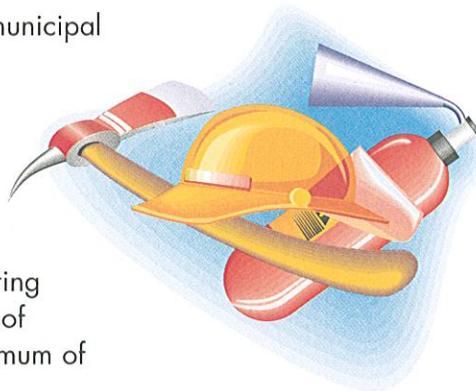
to gain access to an extensive system of trails. Development and funding of the trail is a cooperative effort and a partnership between the State of Minnesota, the City of Maplewood, Ramsey County Parks and Recreation, Ramsey County Corrections, and the Ramsey County Public Health- Environmental Section. The Maplewood Parks, Trails and Open Space Task Force will be working with the Maplewood Parks Commission to further develop, integrate and connect more trails within Maplewood and trails in adjacent cities. Look for updates during Spring/Summer of 2008.

MAPLEWOOD FIRE DEPARTMENT IS NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR JAN'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.



State Rep. Nora Slawik and Sheldon Johnson; County Commissioners Victoria Reinhardt, Toni Carter, Jim McDonough; City Councilmember Will Rossbach; Citizen Emil Sturzenegger join in the ribbon cutting to open the Lower Afton Trail.

CITY MEETINGS:

City Hall Holiday Hours

December 24	Closed at Noon
December 25	Christmas Day-Closed
December 31	Closed at Noon
January 1	New Years Day-Closed
January 21	Martin Luther King Day-Closed

December 18	Planning Commission 7:00 p.m.
December 19	Parks, Trails and Open Space Plan Task Force 6:00 p.m.
December 19	Parks and Recreation Commission 8:00 p.m.
January 5	Citizens Forum 10:00 a.m.
January 9	Housing and Redevelopment Authority
January 14	City Council Meeting 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.

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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.

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 26, 2008

1:00 - 4:30 PM

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\$5 Advanced Tickets or \$7 At The Door
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Code Enforcement Activity

Code Enforcement Activity Chart

	NOVEMBER '07	2007 YTD
Total # of calls received	137+/-	1,177+/-
Total # of cases opened	51	633
Total # of inspections	202	1,638
Total # of cases closed	29	331
Total # of cases open/week	230+/-	N/A

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DEPUTY REGISTRAR AND PASSPORT HOURS

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Saturday: 8:00 am - 12:00 noon

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