

# Maplewood

CITY NEWS



January 2006

## City Of Maplewood Has Record Year In Building Activity

2005 was a record year for building activity in the city of Maplewood. The Legacy Village Development had 190 new town homes constructed along with the opening of Ashley Furniture. The development area also has Kennard Professional Building



under construction which will be a 2 story 46,000 square foot office use. Ramsey County will be breaking ground in the same development early next spring to start construction on the new library. Near Legacy Village, the old Just for Feet building

was remodeled into a new nightclub called the Myth.

There are also new buildings and remodels around the Maplewood Mall. JC Penney's took over the former Mervin's store location; TGI Friday's and Buffalo Wild Wings recently

opened their doors as well. A new strip center called the Maplewood Retail Center will be opening soon with four new shops located north of the mall. The mall area is flourishing with continued improvements and new projects on the horizon in 2006. The city is currently reviewing the construction plans for a new Best Buy store on the old Frank's Nursery site.

Around town other big projects have also taken place. 3M is finishing a new Learning and Development Center on their campus. Mounds Park Academy is completing a new sports center. New car dealerships are under construction on Hwy. 61, just north of Hwy. 36. This will start with a new Audi dealership but the site has space for 4 dealers. Other significant projects include the new Ramsey County Court Building just south of the Maplewood Community Center, CVS Pharmacy on County Road B and White Bear Avenue and a new water filtration system at the St. Paul Water Utility.

The new valuation for all of these projects and many other smaller developments totals over \$120 million dollars. The city previous high value year was in 2002 with \$96 million in total value.

## Help Ensure Quality Developments In Your Community



Community Design Review Board Approved Best Buy's Architectural Plans

The Maplewood Community Design Review Board is seeking applicants to fill one vacancy. The review board is a five-member volunteer committee that reviews all site, architectural, landscaping, lighting, and signage elements of new commercial or multiple-family housing developments. This review ensures a high-quality development which is consistent with the city's goals and visions and meets city standards. The board meets the

second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 6:00 pm at Maplewood City Hall. All Maplewood residents are eligible to apply.

Please contact Shann Finwall at 651.249.2304 with questions about this exciting volunteer opportunity or to obtain an application. Applications can also be obtained on the city's Website at [www.ci.maplewood.mn.us](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us) under Current Topics and Events. The city will accept applications until the end of January 2006.

## Personal Safety & Threat Awareness Class FREE!



Learn to identify threats, react appropriately, and use different tools for self-defense. Gain knowledge on "hands-on" defense tactics and the correct frame of mind to survive. New! See video footage of

crimes in our very own city.

Instructor: Scott Steffen,  
Maplewood Police Department  
Date: Tuesday, February 21  
Time: 7:00 - 8:30 pm  
Location: MCC  
(2100 White Bear Avenue)  
Activity # 0026.402

Register at the Maplewood Community Center or call 651.249.2100 x0.

# Dear Friends and Neighbors

Greetings!

Some of you know me, some of you have had the opportunity to speak with me as I've walked through your neighborhood during the recent election, others of you, I look forward to meeting soon. As your newly elected Mayor, "Thank -you" for the warm response I've received from you, the citizens of "our town". Let me introduce myself.

As a long time resident, I appreciate the good values, kind people and their positive influence on my family. My son, Benjamin, is an Eagle Scout and goes to Century College. My son, Alex, is an active Scout at age 13. Both of them have joined me in China to teach conversational English. But, no matter where we travel, we always come back home, home to Maplewood. While I grew up in northern Minnesota, Maplewood is where my roots are. Like you, I'm concerned about Maplewood and preserving our quality of life. I know Maplewood is a great city with hard working people who care about their neighborhoods.

Prior to being elected Mayor, I served on Maplewood's Community Design Review Board where I was its chairperson for the past two years. As a self employed, practicing, neighborhood attorney, I deal with real issues, with real people, every day. Previously, I was employed for eight years in property development (real estate department) at Target Corporation's headquarters. Having been on the Board of Directors for several organizations, I have participated in long term planning, cost-benefit analysis and budget development.

## MY TOP PRIORITIES

- To promote a positive, forward-looking vision for Maplewood's Future that includes new business development while preserving neighborhoods, parks and open space.
- To provide positive leadership by being an effective, respected consensus builder as well as a tenacious advocate for the citizens.
- To advocate for accountability in how Maplewood tax dollars are spent.
- To champion initiatives that promote an open and transparent government that welcomes citizen input and participation.

These were my priorities set forth during the campaign and they remain my priorities today. These priorities are my commitment to you, the residents of "our town". I invite you to cut out "My Top Priorities" from this article and tape them to the refrigerator. These priorities are the foundation for the next four years as I serve as your Mayor.

I believe it's important to have citizen involvement in our government and the decisions that are made. I believe it's important not only to encourage discussion, but to actively engage in it. I believe it's important to bring divergent ideas to the table during those discussions. To this end, the "Visitor Presentation" period during the City Council meetings has been moved from the end of the agenda to the beginning of the meeting before the Council conducts old or new business. "Visitor Presentations" is the citizens' time, at an open microphone, on the record, to address and petition their elected officials regarding

nonagenda issues. Currently, the agenda for City Council meetings is posted on our city web site, [www.ci.maplewood.mn.us](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us). To better inform citizens of upcoming agenda items, I am researching the possibility of posting the agenda for Maplewood's City Council meetings on public access channel 16 as a feature entitled "On the Agenda". Additionally, we will be continuing the monthly Mayor's Forum but with a twist. Plans are being made to televise the Mayor's Forum on public access television and allow viewers to participate by telephone with those attending the forum.

The South Leg meetings have been a successful initiative and will continue. However, the next step is to bring council-neighborhood meetings to other areas of Maplewood. So if you don't live in South Maplewood and feel you are being left out, well, we will be coming to your neighborhood soon. Throughout the year, there will be council-neighborhood meetings scheduled at the various fire stations to reach out to the citizens.

As the Mayor of Maplewood and a community leader, I want to hear from you on how we can better serve Maplewood to promote an open and transparent government that welcomes citizen input and participation. The citizens are the City.

Call me: 651.774.1490 or send a message: [mayorlongrie@yahoo.com](mailto:mayorlongrie@yahoo.com)

Best Regards,  
Diana Longrie  
Mayor



## Learn About Maplewood's Emergency Management Team

The City of Maplewood Emergency Management Team is made up of emergency management, police, fire, and public works. Residents are invited to attend an open house on **Thursday, January 26, 2006** at the Maplewood Community Center (2100 White Bear Avenue) at 7:00 pm. Learn more about emergency management and the role it plays within public safety for the city of Maplewood. No reservations needed.



Call  
651.249.2100  
for tickets.

## Maxine Jeffris

Wednesday, January 18 at 1:00pm  
Tickets \$8

At the Maplewood Community Center  
Theatre (2100 White Bear Avenue)

Maxine's "square" stage persona is just a foil for hilarious surprises to come. With three appearances on the Tonight Show with Jay Leno, this comedian is a breath of fresh air that has people laughing until they are in tears. Don't miss it!

# Capital Improvement Projects

## Hillside Neighborhood

The Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) is a multiple-year plan that is used by city staff and elected officials to identify and plan for needed capital projects and major equipment purchases. The CIP projects are grouped by neighborhood. This month the focus is on the Hillside Neighborhood where there are six projects planned:

- 1 -Hillcrest Area Roadway Improvement
- 2 -Hillcrest Area Redevelopment
- 3 -Hillcrest Area Streetscape
- 4 -Beebe Road, Holloway to Larpenteur
- 5 -Myrtle/Sterling/Idaho Streets
- 6 -Holloway Avenue, N. St. Paul Road to McKnight

The Hillcrest area projects are scheduled in three phases. The first phase is the Hillcrest Area Streetscape. Proposed improvements include the burying of the overhead power lines, installation of sidewalks, decorative streetlights with banners and flower baskets, entry monuments, street side landscaping, and colored concrete sidewalks. The first phase is scheduled to begin in 2009 with completion in 2010.

The second phase is the Hillcrest Area Roadway Improvements project scheduled for 2010. Proposed improvements include the realignment of N. St. Paul Road at White Bear Avenue, a new Van Dyke between N. St. Paul Road and Ripley, two new roads between White Bear and Van Dyke, and rehabilitation of Larpenteur and White Bear Avenues

with colored concrete block crosswalks. The third phase is the Hillcrest Area Redevelopment project scheduled for 2010 which will include acquisition of property for redevelopment. Specific properties will be identified and the City may act as developer or work with a private developer to acquire and demolish existing buildings and properties for development.

For further information on the Hillcrest area projects, contact the Community Development Director at 651.249.2052.

In 2009, the pavement on Beebe Road from Holloway to Larpenteur is scheduled for replacement.

Also in 2009, installation of curb, rain gardens and drainage improvements are scheduled for Myrtle, Sterling and Idaho Streets. It is anticipated that portions of the sewer and water mains will need replacement.

Half of Holloway Avenue from N. St. Paul Road to McKnight Road is scheduled for major reconstruction, while the other half is scheduled for an overlay. This project is scheduled for completion in 2009.

For further information on these projects, contact the Public Works Director at 651.249.2402.

You can find information on projects in other neighborhoods in the 2006-2010 CIP booklet which is available for public review at the Maplewood branch of the Ramsey County Library.

## November 2005 Food Drive

Maplewood city employees and residents donated an equivalent of 16,753 pounds of food during our November food drive for area food shelves.

Food and cash were donated to the North St. Paul Area Emergency Food Shelf and Second Harvest.

The North St. Paul Food Shelf serves families in the North St. Paul-Maplewood-Oakdale area. The City urges residents and businesses to continue giving now and throughout the year to help meet the many needs.

Maplewood elected officials and employees thank the staff and volunteers of the local food shelves for their wonderful work.

# 1/2 OFF THE INITIAL FEE.

During the month of January 2006 join the Maplewood Community Center and get HALF OFF the initial fee. Get a jump start on your fitness goals and feel great! Call 651.249.2100 x0 for more information. Offer ends January 31, 2006.

## The Urban Forest



The Public Works Department continues to receive questions and inquiries about trees and native vegetation. In order to continue and expand our educational and informational effort, a series of six articles will be published that will address issues related to the urban forest.

February: Tree trimming and pruning

March: Maplewood's diseased tree sanitation program

April: Arbor Day and proper tree planting techniques

May: Tree Care

June: Oak wilt and control options

July: Native vegetation

We have recently received questions concerning wood piles and, in particular, diseased elm firewood. Maplewood City code mandates that firewood must be cut to stove lengths and be neatly piled at last six inches off of the ground and not stacked over six feet in height (Section 18-33.22). Properly stacked and elevated wood piles promote air flow which is the key to drying wood and also eliminating pests. Storage of diseased wood is prohibited. If, however, you do still have diseased elm wood with the bark intact in your firewood pile, this wood must be burned before April 1, 2006 or the elm beetles will emerge and infect elms close by. Questions can be directed to Public Works at 651.249.2400.



Need a ride? Call NEST at 651.227.6378. Your door-to-door transit helper.

## Council's Corner

Highlights from the December City Council meetings:

- Mayor Cardinal and Councilmember Koppen were presented a resolution from the State Senate and a commemorative plaque from city staff for their years of leadership and service on the Maplewood City Council.
- Approved the distribution of the recycling information compiled by staff, the Environmental Committee and Eureka Recycling updating residents on the changes in the Maplewood Recycling Program.
- Adopted a resolution giving approval for up to \$3.4 million in tax exempt revenue financing for Hill-Murray School at 2625 Larpenteur Avenue.
- Accepted \$1,220 in donations from multiple parties toward the Blue Heron bronze sculpture from the Nature Center's Butterfly Garden fundraiser last summer.
- Adopted a resolution ordering the improvement of the Kenwood Area Street Improvements, City Project 05-16.
- Adopted a resolution which will levy property taxes payable in 2006. The amounts listed in the resolution will increase the tax levy by 5.0% and cause an increase of \$50 or less in annual city taxes on 62% of the homes.
- Approved a resolution adopting the 2006 budget.
- Accepted the report of the City's traffic consultant on the Roselawn-Jackson area traffic issues, directed the Community Development Director to conduct a review of the CUP for Comfort Bus as provided by City Code: directed a letter to SPRWS requesting assistance with routing of their truck traffic to their Rice Street facility and restrict parking as recommended by the Traffic Engineer at the Roselawn-Jackson intersection.

For more current highlights of the council meeting log on to: [www.ci.maplewood.mn.us](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us)

## Become A Siren Monitor For Your Area

Help monitor the outdoor warning sirens and feel great about being part of protecting your friends, family, and neighbors. If you live in one of the following areas, and are normally home during the day, please call 651.249.2800.

1. 217 E. Roselawn Ave.
2. Cty Rd. B & Kenwood
3. Kohlman Ln. & Keller Park
5. 1530 E. Co. Rd. C
6. McKnight Rd. & Lydia Ave.
7. 1600 Myrtle
9. 220 O'Day St.
10. 2501 Londin Lane
11. NEW SIREN Area of Guldens & Venberg Tire

We currently have a sufficient number of siren monitors for our sirens #4 at 1965 Manton St., #8 at Sterling & 7th, and #11 at 1200 Sterling Ave. S.

## CITY OF MAPLEWOOD

### Maplewood City Council

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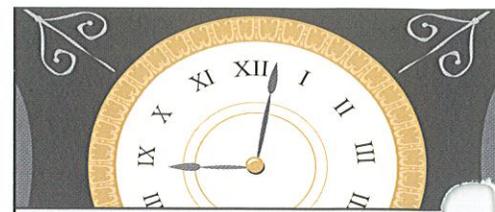
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### Hours

Monday - Friday 8:00am - 4:30pm

Deputy Registrar Office is also open Mondays until 6:00pm

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



## City Meetings:

### Council/Manager Workshops & City Council Meetings

Workshop: 5:00 pm (as needed)

Council meeting at 7:00pm

January 9 & 23

### Pre-Agenda Meetings

January 19 at 4:45pm

### Community Design Review Board

January 10 & 24 at 6:00pm

### Historical Preservation Commission

January 19 at 7:00pm

### Housing & Redevelopment Authority

January 10 at 7:00pm

### Human Relations Commission

No meeting scheduled

### Parks & Recreation Commission

January 17 at 7:00pm

### Planning Commission

January 17 at 7:00pm

### Mayor's Forum

January 7 at 10:00am-noon

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

The January 9 & 23 City Council meetings will be rebroadcast at 8:00pm on the Thursday following the meeting. All meetings are held City Hall, 1830 County Road B East, Maplewood.

Cancellations will be posted online at [www.ci.maplewood.mn.us](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us)

To submit newsworthy city information, contact Heidi Carey: 651.249.2104 [heidi.carey@ci.maplewood.mn.us](mailto:heidi.carey@ci.maplewood.mn.us)

For other questions or comments regarding "Maplewood City News," contact the City Manager: [richard.fursman@ci.maplewood.mn.us](mailto:richard.fursman@ci.maplewood.mn.us)

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## Don't Miss Your Opportunity To Vote During The Special Election (February 28, 2006)



On September 12, 2005, councilmember Jackie Monahan-Junek resigned from her position on the city council creating a vacancy. Ms. Monahan-Junek's unexpired term runs until December 31, 2007. In the fall of 2005, the city council passed an ordinance allowing for a special election in the event of a vacancy. One provision of the ordinance is that no special election primary be held.

In addition to the special election to fill the vacated council seat, a referendum question will be on the ballot requesting approval to have five additional intoxicating liquor licenses.

Considering current and proposed development in Legacy Village, Gladstone, Hillcrest, the Best Buy area (currently under redevelopment) and the empty Bennigan's Restaurant, the city council is requesting voter approval for the additional five licenses. Out of the 28 licenses the city has issued, 19 are for restaurants or recreation uses.

On the February 28, 2006 ballot, voters will be asked the following question: Shall the City council be allowed to issue five 'on-sale' licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquor in excess of the number now permitted by law?

Voting hours will be from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm and there are no changes in City polling locations. For questions regarding the election, please contact Karen Guilfoile at 651.249.2002 or [karen.guilfoile@ci.maplewood.mn.us](mailto:karen.guilfoile@ci.maplewood.mn.us).

## Gladstone Redevelopment Update

On January 9th, the City Council directed staff to consider an alternative scenario for the redevelopment of the Gladstone neighborhood. The proposed alternative includes a reduction in total housing units (from 800 to 500) and the elimination of some of the planned public improvements including streetscape, roads, parks, open space and storm water enhancements. Over the next couple of weeks, the current consulting team and staff will be preparing a technical report on the feasibility of the lower level development plan. The report will look at the financial and market perspectives and the implications on future redevelopment efforts in Gladstone.

Once the analysis is complete it will be shared with the Gladstone Task Force, the various city advisory boards and with the public. A final public workshop has been scheduled for March 2nd from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at the Maplewood Community Center (2100 White Bear Avenue). The purpose of the workshop is to share the new

### PRECINCT LOCATIONS:

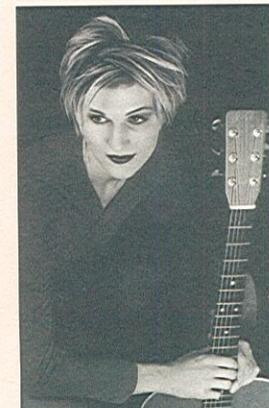
- Precinct 1: Maplewood Fire Station #3 (Parkside)  
2001 McMenemy Road
- Precinct 2: St. Jeromes School 380 E. Roselawn Avenue
- Precinct 3: Edgerton School 1929 Edgerton Street
- Precinct 4: Maplewood Fire Station #2 (Gladstone)  
1955 Clarence Street
- Precinct 5: Gladstone Community Center  
Frost Avenue at Manton Street
- Precinct 6: Maplewood Fire Station #7 (Hazelwood)  
1530 County Road C
- Precinct 7: First Evangelical Free Church  
2696 Hazelwood Street
- Precinct 8: Concordia Arms 2030 Lydia Avenue
- Precinct 9: Maplewood City Hall 1830 E. County Road B
- Precinct 10: Ramsey County Home 2000 White Bear Ave.
- Precinct 11: Maplewood Middle School  
1896 Lakewood Drive N.
- Precinct 12: Beaver Lake School 1060 Sterling Street N.
- Precinct 13: Maplewood Fire Station #1 (E. Co. Line)  
1177 N. Century
- Precinct 14: Carver School 2680 Upper Afton Road
- Precinct 15: Maplewood Fire Station #4 (E. Co. Line 2)  
2501 Londin Lane
- Precinct 16: Maplewood Fire Station #4 (E. Co. Line 2)  
2501 Londin Lane

## Becky Schlegel Duo

Wednesday, February 22 at 1:00pm

Tickets \$8 (MCC members \$7)

At the Maplewood Community Center  
Theatre (2100 White Bear Avenue)



Becky is a Minneapolis-based performing songwriter. She and her band have been named the Minnesota Music Awards Bluegrass Artist of the Year for the past three years. Twin Cities Revue called hers "a

new Mayor, I am touched by the energy I have observed in our community and the and energy I have felt from my fellow Maplewood residents. It started with the oath of Office ceremony held January 6, 2006 at City Hall for Council member Erik Hjelle and myself. Over 150 people filled the Council chambers and lobby of City Hall to watch as Vadnais Heights Council member Laura Dobozenski acted as the Master of Ceremonies and U.S. District Judge Donovan Frank administered the oath of office. It was standing room only! **City Hall was filled with energy, enthusiasm and excitement.**

Where does this excitement come from? How can we keep this excitement alive? It is my belief that the heart and soul of a great and vibrant Maplewood is the passionate, active volunteers in our community. Some of these citizens serve on the various Boards and Commissions, some work tirelessly on specific projects, others volunteer with our police, fire, or parks department. Some simply send e-mails or faithfully call their elected officials, alerting them to issues of concern or ideas for the community. The council and I depend on these volunteers, their passions, their insight, their constructive criticism, to help us keep our ears to the ground and our finger on the pulse of Maplewood.

There are many issues in Maplewood that I am passionate about. **At the top of the list is the preservation of our parks and public open spaces.** As a little girl, I grew up in a house located in the north woods on a lake. Many a day was spent tromping around the woods with my younger brother, dreaming up science projects or splashing through the water, catching minnows with bread crumbs and a sieve, while our cats anxiously waited on the shore for a light lunch.

While I don't live in the country today, I carry the values of my childhood with me every day. I appreciate how important it is for a first ring suburb to guard their parks and public open spaces jealousy and preserve them for future generations. I am not the only one who feels this way. Have you seen the articles in the Pioneer Press and the Star Tribune that state the "value of open space is affirmed"? However, to those of us in

Councils had the foresight to adopt the notion that the restoration and management of natural resources is a primary focus of the Neighborhood Preserve Program and that these Preserves were set aside by and for the citizens of Maplewood to preserve natural resources, scenic areas, and landscape buffers. Maplewood citizens were active then to bring the public open space referendum to reality and to set aside these lands. Today, Maplewood citizens from all walks of life, continue to reaffirm that they share a common vision for Maplewood. This vision includes the preservation of our parks and public open spaces for future generations and a commitment that we **remain ever vigilant in protecting these lands from the "butcher block" as redevelopment pressures are felt on our neighborhoods.**

In our Council's first month, we have had some growing pains. However, growing pains lead to positive growth and development. I think it is safe to say that we have nearly everyone on board in our efforts to disclose more of the inner workings of our City government. Already in the first weeks, our City Manager, Mr. Fursman, has brought to light information never seen by the public eye before. This is an exciting change indeed! In the coming weeks, we as your Council will be openly discussing public policy initiatives important to Maplewood as well as how **we can better use the tools of technology to communicate with our citizens.** Perhaps you have an idea to share with us?

In addition to keeping our finger on the pulse of Maplewood, my Council and I also need to keep our finger on the pulse of other communities, governmental agencies, and regional issues. To that end, each of us volunteer to represent Maplewood on various committees and organizations outside of Maplewood. To name a few, Council member Jueneman will continue to represent Maplewood on the Ramsey County 800 MHz committee, Council member Rossbach will continue to work on transportation issues, Council members Hjelle and Bartol represent Maplewood on the Joint Ice Arena Board, and I as Mayor need to be just about everywhere. All meetings

to attend these meetings and watch your government in action.

As the Mayor of Maplewood and a community leader, I want to hear from you on how we can better serve Maplewood to promote an open and transparent government that welcomes citizen input and participation. As U.S. District Judge Frank stated at the recent Oath of Office ceremony, "Open access to government is important.....These are complex times we live in. What we have in common as citizens is the right to expect that people will be treated with dignity and respect. Whether you're a so called important person, or "fat cat", or if you're the small person down the street, dignity and respect is what really built this country".

In the big picture, the Council and the City administrative staff are here to serve you and your family. **After all, the citizens are the City.**

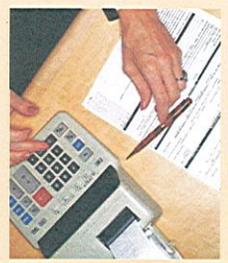
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Best Regards,  
Diana Longrie, Mayor



P.S. Be active in your community, vote in the **special election, February 28, 2006!**

## Free Tax Help

Maplewood Community Center and AARP are providing free electronic filing of Federal and Minnesota tax returns, Rent Credit and Property Tax refunds. You don't have to be a member of the Community Center or AARP to use this service. Trained and annually tested volunteers are available Monday, Wednesday and Saturday, 9:00 am until Noon, on a walk in basis, February 6 through April 15. This service is intended for Senior Citizens and low income individuals. The Maplewood Community Center is located at 2100 White Bear Avenue, for directions, call 651.249.2100 x0.



## Maplewood Nature Center & Neighborhood Preserves

2659 East Seventh Street, Maplewood

Call 651.249.2170 to register.

### Living On The Water's Edge

**FREE!**



**Thursday, February 23,  
6:30 – 8:30 pm**

Winter is a great time for planning spring projects. If you live near a wetland, pond, or lake don't miss this homeowners' guide to living on the water's edge. Find out why wetlands are so special and learn how to create a buffer strip to protect your

shoreline. Follow-up sessions in spring and summer will include pond study, wetland tour and field days to learn restoration and management techniques. Program will be held at the Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District Headquarters, 2665 Noel Drive, Little Canada.

### Wild Gardener Native Landscaping Seminar

**Thursdays, March 2-23, 6:30-8:30 pm**

Location: Gladstone Fire Station 2,

1955 Clarence Street, Maplewood (just north of Frost Ave)



Native plants are easy-care perennials that attract wildlife and have seasonal beauty. Here's your opportunity to learn how to create that beautiful easy-care yard you've always dreamed about. Participants may order shrubs and wildflowers at discount.

March 2 – Why Go Native?

March 9 – Wild Garden: Visions and Practicalities

March 16 - Specialty Gardens: Woodland and Butterfly

March 23 - Native Trees & Shrubs

Register early, series fills quickly. Registration forms

on-line at [www.ci.maplewood.mn.us](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us) or call 651.249.2170.

Series Fee:

Maplewood residents: \$25/person or \$40/for 2 adults from same household

Non-residents: \$35/person or \$50/for 2 adults from same household

## Sandy Lake Filling Project Underway

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency is requiring Saint Paul Regional Water Services (SPRWS) to place an earthen cover (fill) over the existing Sandy Lake lime sludge field west of Rice Street near County Road B East. Work has begun on this project and is expected to be completed by November 30, 2006. Upon completion, native grasses and flowering plants will be incorporated into the final cover. Hours of operation will be from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm Monday through Friday with an occasional Saturday. Specific hauling routes have also been identified for this project. All questions or concerns regarding this project should be directed to Salam

## Volunteer And Make A Difference



The City of Maplewood is seeking applications for two vacancies on the Environmental Committee and one vacancy for the Parks and Recreation Commission.

The Environmental Committee is a seven-member volunteer committee that is responsible for advising the city council on matters related to recycling, solid waste, environmental education, water resources, wetlands, ordinance revisions, and storm water management. The committee meets at 7:00 pm on the first Tuesday of each month in the Maplewood Room at City Hall.

The Parks and Recreation Commission is a nine-member board that is responsible for advising the city council on parks, trails, open space, and recreation. The commission meets at 7:00 pm on the third Monday each month at City Hall.

You must be a Maplewood resident to apply for these positions. Questions about advisory board positions should be directed to Melinda Coleman at 651.249.2052. For an application go to [www.ci.maplewood.mn.us](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us) or call 651.249.2052. The deadline for applications is February 20, 2006.



Maplewood Community Center

PARKS & RECREATION DEPT.

VALENTINE'S SPECIAL  
**15% OFF All Massage**

Get a 90-minute massage  
for LESS THAN \$61!

Pick up your gift certificate today!

**651.249.2100 x0**

\*MCC member rate, does not include tax. Offer ends 2/14/06.

You must present this coupon to receive the 15% discount.

Some restrictions apply.

Maplewood Community Center

2100 White Bear Avenue • Maplewood, MN 55109

[www.maplewoodcommunitycenter.com](http://www.maplewoodcommunitycenter.com)

• City Clerk Guilfoile conducted the Oath of Office for Councilmember Juenemann for her second term of office.

- Police Chief Thomalla recognized the following promotions:
  - Sergeant Michael Shortreed to Lieutenant Shortreed
  - Officer Kerry Crotty to Sergeant Crotty
- City Clerk Guilfoile administered the Oath of Office to Police Officer Joseph Steiner.
- Council reappointed Marlene Palkovich to the Police Civil Service Commission.
- A resolution for a Joint Powers Agreement with the City of St. Paul was adopted for Joint Fuel Purchasing.
- Council directed staff to: conduct a feasibility analysis and proposal layout (unit allocation to property) of the Gladstone Area Redevelopment Improvements plan, provide the Commissions, Committees and Task Force with copies of the analysis and proposal for review and recommendation, and conduct an additional Public Meeting to consider the proposal.
- The Rules of Procedure for the Council and Council Meetings were adjusted to reflect the following ordered business:

1. Call to Order	7. Presentations	13. Council Presentations
2. Pledge of Allegiance	8. Consent Agenda	14. Administrative Presentations
3. Roll Call	9. Public Hearings	
4. Approval of Agenda	10. Award of Bids	
5. Approval of Minutes	11. Unfinished Business	
6. Visitor Presentations	12. New Business	
- Council appointments for the 2006 year were established and approved.
- Mayor Longrie extended condolences to the family and relatives of former Landfall Mayor John Blahna who recently passed away.
- City Manager Fursman presented Mayor Longrie a resolution of appreciation for her years of service on the Maplewood Community Design Review Board.
- Council adopted a resolution Appointing Election Judges for the Special Election 2/28/06.
- Council authorized the City Engineer to contact all parties involved, coordinate schedules and set a date for a public hearing for the Independent School District No. 622 Bus Garage Proposal for TH 5 and TH 120.
- Jeff Kehr was approved for the change of manager for The Myth.
- Council affirmed the Design Review Board recommendation that the neon lights should be turned off at 9:30 pm at Ashley Furniture at 1770 County Road D.
- Denied the staff recommendation for changes to the CUP for the Mapletree Group Home to have up to 12 residents living in their residential facility at 2831 Southlawn Drive.

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CITY NEWS

March/April 2006

## A New Library That Will Make You Say “Wow!”

On February 13, 2006, the Maplewood City Council approved the plans for the new Ramsey County Library. The new library will be a 34,000-square-foot facility with a 1,600-square-foot coffee shop. The coffee shop will be operated by a separate vendor and have a drive-up window. The library will be part of Legacy Village and located at the southwest corner of Legacy Parkway and Southlawn Drive west of the Maplewood Mall. Ramsey County is presently seeking buyers for the existing library on the south side of Beam Avenue at Kennard Street.

The new library is beautifully designed with a look to fit into this pond-side setting. The city’s Sculpture Park is the westerly neighbor with its primary features being ponds and hiking trails. The county’s architectural firm, HGA, has described the design concept as follows:



View from the Sculpture Garden

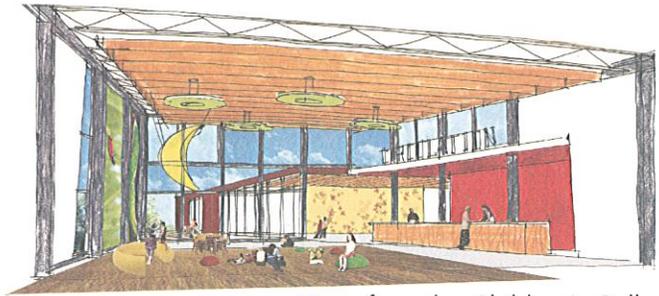
“The library requested that the design of their new facility embrace the adjacent Maplewood Sculpture Garden and that it provide patrons with a “wow” experience that will make the library a cherished part of the community.

The functions of the library have been organized around a lobby and reading porch that provide immediate and powerful views of the Sculpture Garden upon entry. Daylight and views continue to unfold throughout the experience of the library.

The library collections are housed in a building whose height rises from an intimate reading room on the south end to soaring reading space that becomes a warm glowing lantern for the community.

The references and circulation desk are orchestrated with the collections to maintain clear sight lines. Staff support areas are open, flexible and support an efficient flow of

materials. A multi-functional meeting space along with a coffee shop anchor the north end of the building and are easily secured from the collections space.



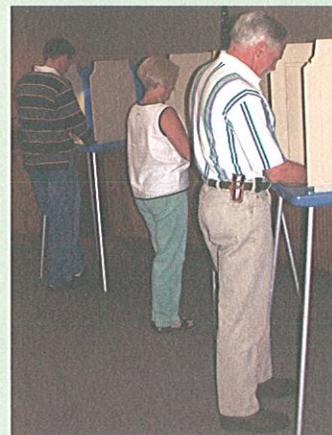
View from the Children’s Collection

Exterior building materials such as copper and reddish bronze metal project an inviting, engaging, yet comfortable image. An extended entry canopy, native plant material along with warm colored building materials welcome patrons from the street.”

The county plans to begin construction on the new library this spring with an anticipated completion date of December 2007.

This new addition to the Maplewood Mall and Legacy Village areas will certainly be wonderful amenity to the City of Maplewood.

## FEBRUARY 28TH SPECIAL ELECTION RESULTS!



Rebecca Cave, received the highest number of votes for City Councilmember and will be sworn in at the March 13, 2006 council meeting. Ms. Cave's term will expire December 31, 2007.

The ballot question to increase the number of on-sale intoxicating liquor licenses failed. Votes cast were Yes-1, 282 and No-1, 309.

Voter turnout was 12%. Thank you for all who came out to vote!

## Dear Friends and Neighbors

Thank you! To all those that decided to vote for change, thank you! We have made some wonderful improvements in Maplewood already and more will follow. Visitors can now easily speak their minds at the BEGINNING of city council meetings instead of at the END! We are broadcasting more and more meetings on public access television. We will be looking towards interactive mediums and telephone call-in capability. We are pushing the doors of city hall wide open!

The unfortunate consequence of this "opening up" is the power struggle that is occurring behind the scenes and at the Council table. Change is coming and openness will prevail, I promise. For years many people have viewed Maplewood as being "troubled". With abusive city investigations, personal attacks on people with different viewpoints, we need to change attitudes and learn from the past and move on. We must open the process so our citizens feel welcome in deciding the future of Maplewood. As Council members, we serve as role models for our community in creating a welcoming atmosphere and motivating our residents to get involved. Every

resident matters and has a stake in this process. Council members and residents may not agree on every issue, but we must respect each individual's right to speak.

I often hear that because of Maplewood's geographic layout, Maplewood is "geographically challenged". This reality presents many differing concerns and challenges for our Police, our public works people, our Fire Department, and our residents alike. As a fire truck Engineer with the Maplewood Fire Department, I know how difficult it is to respond to emergencies throughout Maplewood. Try getting from Cub Foods on County Rd B and Rice St. to Carver Ave. and I-494 in under 10 minutes when 5 minutes can mean the difference between life and death. We all deserve fast efficient services that are reasonable in cost. Many city employees and volunteers work hard together delivering those services 24/7. We appreciate their efforts.

Maplewood is blessed with many natural resources. We have many wonderful parks and public "open spaces" that

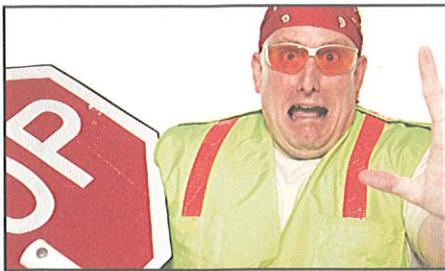
need to be protected. The Council is working hard to find financial resources to fund park operating costs and have addressed some building permit fee changes as the first step in addressing this funding issue. The pressure of builders and developers will only grow and we must work hard to protect our natural assets. No matter whether a person is rich or poor, park and public open space benefit all of us and are an integral part of our quality of life in Maplewood.

I encourage every resident to contact any council member including myself with ideas or comments on how we can improve our city. Whether you live south of Carver Ave or north of County Rd D, please take the time and make an impact today in the life of your city. Everyone can make a difference, that is what makes Maplewood a great place to call home!

Erik Hjelle, councilmember  
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My e-mail and voice mail are private and not city administered. Please feel free to send/leave messages.

## Highway 36 Closed In 2007?



MnDOT, Ramsey County and the City of North St. Paul are preparing plans to reconstruct Trunk Highway 36 between White Bear Avenue and Century Avenue. The

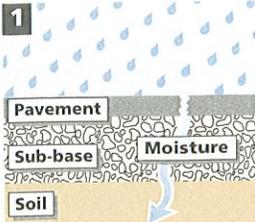
proposed project will include the addition of a grade separated interchange at McKnight Road, grade separation at Margaret Street and pedestrian bridge at 1st Avenue in North St. Paul. The project is scheduled to begin and end in 2007. When completed, the only signal system on TH 36 between Century Avenue and Interstate 35W in Roseville will be at the English Street intersection.

The current cost estimate is \$30 million. Officials at MnDOT, are considering closing TH 36 during the 2007 construction season to facilitate the project. The disruption and local impacts could be considerable. The posted detour will be TH 61 to I-694.

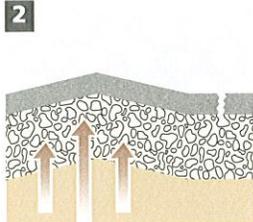
Why would officials consider closing such a major roadway? The current budget for this project is just over \$28 million. The closure of TH 36 would be for approximately 4 months and could save MnDOT and Ramsey County between 2-3 million dollars. The alternative to keep the roadway partially open during construction requires an additional \$2.5 million and extends the project well into 2008. Funds are not available to cover the additional \$2.5 million in project costs. The question is clear: do you support our transportation officials closing the road for four months, reducing the timeframe of this major project and saving the expenditure of an additional \$2.5 million in project costs?

A Public Hearing will be held in March or April at which time a decision on construction staging will be made. Visit the City website at [www.ci.maplewood.mn.us](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us) for links and updates on this process. You can also submit comments to the Maplewood Public Works Department on the City's website, or call the Ramsey County Public Works Department at 651.266.7100 or MnDOT's Public Affairs Coordinator, Kent Bernard at 651.582.1364.

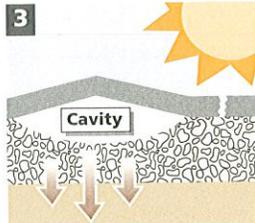
## The life cycle of a pothole



Severe cold cracks pavement. Moisture from snow, ice and rain seeps through the cracks and into the soil beneath the roadway.



The moisture freezes. The ground expands, pushing the pavement up.



Sunlight warms the pavement and the soil beneath it. Higher air temperatures also melt moisture and make the ground drop to its normal level, forming a proto-pothole.



Pavement collapses under weight of car.

Source: Minnesota, Michigan departments of transportation, photos.com PIONEER PRESS

## Warmer Winter Weather Produces Potholes

Unseasonably warm weather this year has potholes popping up all over. Street Maintenance is busy repairing potholes that usually aren't a concern until spring. This year there are more potholes because the warmer weather has increased freeze/thaw cycles. Snow and ice melt during the day, seep into cracks, freeze at night and pop out the pavement. Maplewood's street crew patches potholes on a regular basis. Many repairs last indefinitely but a permanent patch may fail if the underlying drainage problem is not corrected or the bond between the patch and surrounding pavement was not achieved. When potholes become too large or numerous, partial or complete street reconstruction may be necessary.

To report a pothole on your street, please call 651.249.2400 between 8:00 am and 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday, or email the Public Works Department at [public.works@ci.maplewood.mn.us](mailto:public.works@ci.maplewood.mn.us).

## Capital Improvement Projects Battle Creek Neighborhood

The Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) is a multiple-year plan that is used by city staff and elected officials to identify and plan for needed capital projects and major equipment purchases. The CIP projects are grouped by neighborhood. The Battle Creek Neighborhood has two projects planned:

1. Brookview Area Streets
2. Century Avenue, I-94 to Lower Afton

The first project involves reconstruction of a majority of streets in the Brookview area. The west end of Brookview Drive and Brookview Court only require replacement of the pavement. This project is scheduled to begin in 2008 with completion in 2009.

Reconstruction of Century Avenue between I-94 and Lower Afton Road is scheduled for 2008. Other improvements will include sidewalks and utility repairs.

For more information on these projects, contact the Public Works Director at 651.249.2402.

## Beaver Lake Neighborhood

The Beaver Lake Neighborhood has seven projects planned:

1. Lions Park Improvements
2. North Beaver Lake Trail Corridor
3. City Landfill Closure
4. Ferndale Street, Maryland to Stillwater Road
5. Ferndale/Geranium Area Streets
6. Street Lights on Conway Avenue
7. Signal System at Lakewood and Maryland

The Lions Park Improvement project is scheduled for 2007 and includes new playground equipment, upgraded ball field, landscaping and resolution of the existing drainage ponding.

In 2007, the Beaver Lake Trail Corridor will be extended to the north from Maryland Avenue to the Pondview Apartments.

For further information on these projects, contact the Parks and Recreation Director at 651.249.2102.

Closure of the old city dump west of Century and north of Ivy is scheduled for completion in 2006. The closure will include a liner and stabilization channel for a drainage ditch to cross the site.

Reconstruction of Ferndale Street between Maryland and Stillwater Road is scheduled to begin in 2007 with completion in 2008.

The Ferndale/Geranium Area Streets reconstruction is also scheduled to begin in 2007 with completion in 2008.

In 2009, the street light system on Conway Avenue will be upgraded and the light poles will be replaced.

A signal light system will be installed at Lakewood Drive and Maryland Avenue in 2006.

For further information on these projects, contact the Public Works Director at 651.249.2402.

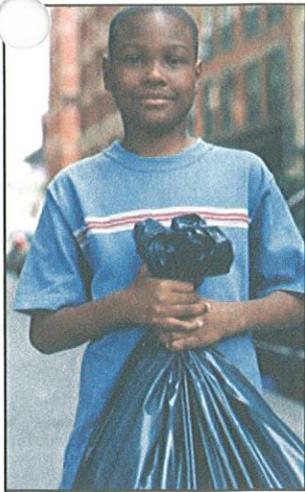
You can find information on projects in other neighborhoods in the 2006-2010 CIP booklet which is available for public review at the Maplewood branch of the Ramsey County Library.



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# SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY

The city will be holding their Spring Clean-Up Day on **Saturday, April 29 from 7:00 am to 1:00 pm** in the 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.

Ramsey County's Household Hazardous Waste collection program is being held on the same day, also at Aldrich Arena.

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. Combining these two services will offer

residents the opportunity to participate in both events without making additional trips for disposal.

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
Pick-up trucks and cars with trailers.....	\$15
Exceptionally large loads (determined by the city)	\$25 PLUS!
Computer/monitor.....	\$15*
Car tires with or without rims .....	\$3*
TVs all sizes .....	\$10*
VCRs.....	\$10*
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

Please call 651.249.2400 for more information.

The fees remain unchanged from last year.

## Rain, Rain, Go Away...Into The Garden

Maplewood is famous for its rainwater gardens. Since 1997, residents and volunteers have planted 340 home rain gardens and over 22 city rain gardens. That includes more than 3000 shrubs and 55,000 perennials!



A rain garden is a shallow depression planted with water-tolerant plants. It captures rainwater runoff and

lets it infiltrate into the ground. As it soaks into the ground, pollutants are naturally filtered by the plants, roots, and soil.

In most urban areas, when it rains the runoff from roofs, driveways, and streets is directed into storm sewers. It picks up all sorts of materials along the way—organic matter, soil, litter, fertilizer, oil, pet feces. The storm sewer takes it straight into neighborhood wetlands, ponds, lakes, and streams—untreated! This can cause algae blooms and poor water quality in our lakes, as well as flooding downstream.

Do raingardens really work? Yes! Studies from Minnesota and Maryland demonstrated that neighborhoods with boulevard rain gardens sent 75-80% less runoff into the storm sewer system.

Most of the Maplewood rain gardens have been installed as part of street reconstruction projects. But more and more homeowners are creating rain gardens on their own. It's easy and requires nothing more high tech than a shovel. To learn how to do-it-yourself, register now for our annual Rain Garden Seminar.

### A Rain Garden for Your Yard – A Seminar for Homeowners

Learn how to create a rain garden in your yard.

**Thursday, April 6, 6:30-8:30pm**

Hosted by: Maplewood Nature Center

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

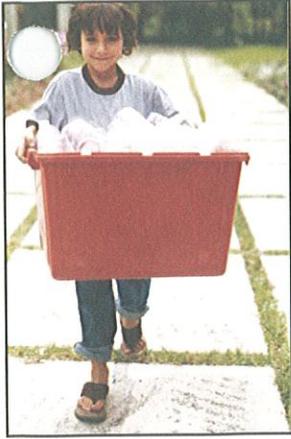
\$5/adult (prepay by April 4)

Call 651.249.2170 to register.

### Volunteers Needed! Adopt-A-Rain-Garden

We need your help sprucing up our city rain gardens. If you have a garden club or group of neighbors interested in adopting a garden, please call Ginny at 651.249.2180.

# Update on Maplewood's Recycling Program



Thank you for your patience during the transition to our new recycler, Eureka Recycling. Overall, Eureka Recycling and the City of Maplewood are pleased with how smooth the transition has been, but we know that any kind of change can be inconvenient, even when it's a change for the better! In particular, the City of Maplewood, along with its Environmental Committee,

would like to thank those Maplewood recyclers living south of Interstate 94 whose recycling day was changed from Tuesday to Friday. This change was necessary to balance the routes and allow us to collect recycling in the most efficient, cost-effective way for our community.

Most likely, the recycling truck has been in your neighborhood earlier or later...or much later, than before. Eureka Recycling is still making adjustments to determine the most efficient routes, so your collection time may change from week to week and the truck could be at your house at any time. Be sure to have your recycling at your curb by 7:00 am (and leave it out all day), even though there may be some days when your materials aren't picked up until later in the evening. If you miss getting your materials out by 7:00am, don't worry – the great thing about having recycling collected every week is that you only have to hold it for another six days.

We apologize for the inconvenience during this transition, but the change to weekly collection will be well worth it. Not only is weekly collection more convenient for you, but it results in more materials being recycled, so it's good for the environment too!

Coming in the next newsletter: Why does Eureka Recycling leave behind plastic that can't be recycled? Details on the complications of plastics recycling. For more information, call the Recycling Hotline at 651.222.SORT 7678.

# 2006 Kenwood Area Street Reconstruction Project

Plans are being prepared by engineering staff for the Kenwood area neighborhood street reconstruction project planned for this summer. The old, cracked and potholed streets will be torn up and completely reconstructed with concrete curb and gutter. A majority of the drainage from this neighborhood flows directly into Keller Lake with no type of treatment to remove sediment and pollutants. Rainwater gardens will be created throughout the neighborhood to help treat storm runoff. The city is also working with Ramsey County and the Ramsey Washington Metro Watershed District to construct a treatment pond just west of Keller Lake. The drainage improvements will help to clean up storm water before it flows to the lake.



Once plans are complete, a plan review open house will be held in April for residents to see in detail the extent of the reconstruction. Please contact Erin Laberee, Assistant City Engineer at 651.249.2404 if you have questions regarding the city's street reconstruction plans.

# Police Traffic Unit



In response to citizens concerns about traffic problems and problem drivers, the Maplewood police department will be focusing more attention on this growing problem.

The police department has outfitted an unmarked squad and has one officer assigned to the job of handling citizen traffic complaints. If you have a problem area in the city please call 651.249.2640 and report the following; the times of most frequent violations (please limit this to a two hour time block), types of violations, and the streets these are occurring on. The officer will begin a log of the problem and work this area.



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## Personal Safety & Threat Awareness Class

Learn to identify threats, react appropriately, and use different tools for self-defense. Gain knowledge on "hands-on" defense tactics and the correct frame of mind to survive. New! See video footage of crimes in our very own city.

Instructor: Scott Steffen, Maplewood Police Department

Date: Tuesday, April 11 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Location: MCC (2100 White Bear Avenue)

Activity # 0026.402

**Register at the Maplewood Community Center or call 651.249.2100 x0.**

# Council's Corner

Highlights from the February 13 & 27, 2006 City Council meetings:

- John Thein, Superintendent of School District 623, introduced himself to council and thanked various city employees for their continued assistance to, and support of, the school district.
- Mayor Longrie accepted the plaque on behalf of the city from the City Engineers Association of Minnesota Project of the Year Award – Maplewood Mall Area Transportation Improvements which was awarded to the Public Works Department.
- Council adopted a resolution of appreciation for Erik Ahlness for his years of service on the Maplewood Planning Commission.
- Council appointed Gary Pearson, Michael Grover and Harland Hess to the Maplewood Planning Commission.
- Council appointed John Hinzman, Ananth Shankar and Joel Schurke to the Maplewood Community Design Review Board.
- Council accepted the donation of \$2,500.00 from Schmelz Countryside Volkswagen received by the Police Department.
- Mayor Longrie thanked the Police and Fire Departments for doing an outstanding job during President Bush's visit to 3M.
- Council approved the plans for the new Ramsey County Library.
- Don Christenson, Michele Gran and Gaoly Yang were appointed to the Maplewood Parks and Recreation Commission for a three year term and Bruce Roman was appointed for a one year term.
- In efforts to keep the Maplewood Community Center's aquatic center in excellent condition, council approved a bid for the painting of the pool ceiling and support beams.
- A Public Hearing date of March 13, 2006 was approved to review Marsh 212 and Hill Murray Concept Plans.
- Councilmember David Bartol recapped his observations while temporarily serving on the City Council over the last 3 months and thanked the Maplewood residents for affording him the honor of serving them.
- Mayor Longrie and City Manager Fursman hosted a Chinese Delegation on Saturday, February 25 at City Hall. The visitors were from the City of Loude, population of 4.5 million, here with the intention to establish various trade relationships. The Delegation is seriously considering Maplewood as an option for a satellite office.

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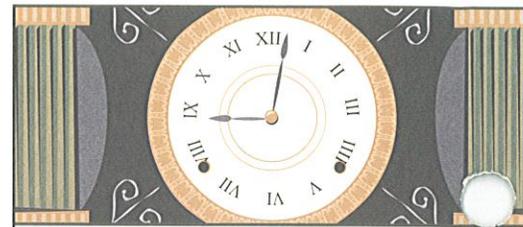
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## Unweave The Weave Impact To Be For Three Years

The major project to reconstruct and realign the intersection of Interstates 694 and 35E has begun. The impacts of this major MnDOT project construction project will be felt in northern Maplewood for the next three years. Major construction activity has started, but further closures will have impacts throughout the north part of our City. The drawings below show

detoured to County Road E and TH 61.

- I-35E northbound to I-694 westbound will be detoured to the Edgerton St. bridge by-pass from April to August of 2007.
- I-694 eastbound and westbound to both I-35E northbound and southbound is not planned to be closed. Lane restrictions may cause traffic delays throughout the project.
- I-694 eastbound to TH 61 ramps will be

closed for 6 weeks beginning in April 2008.

- I-694 westbound to TH 61 ramps are not planned to be closed for more than a few hours at various times during construction periods.

• No closures are planned for the ramps to access I-694 either eastbound or westbound from TH 61 throughout the project.

- The Labore Road bridge will be closed from April 2007 to July 2008.



Saturday, June 3, 2006

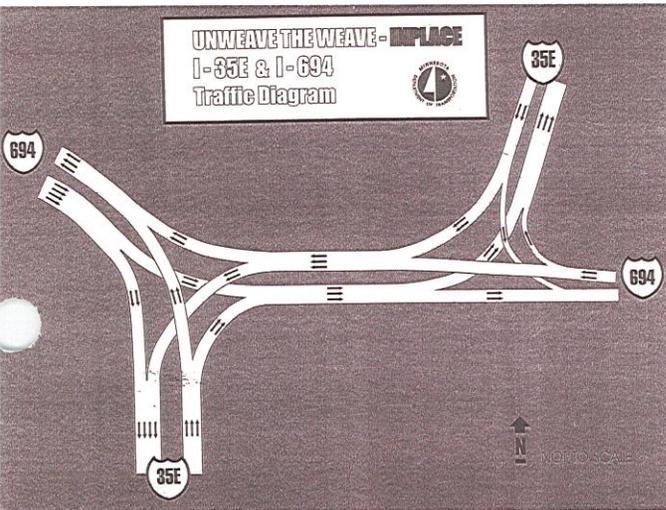
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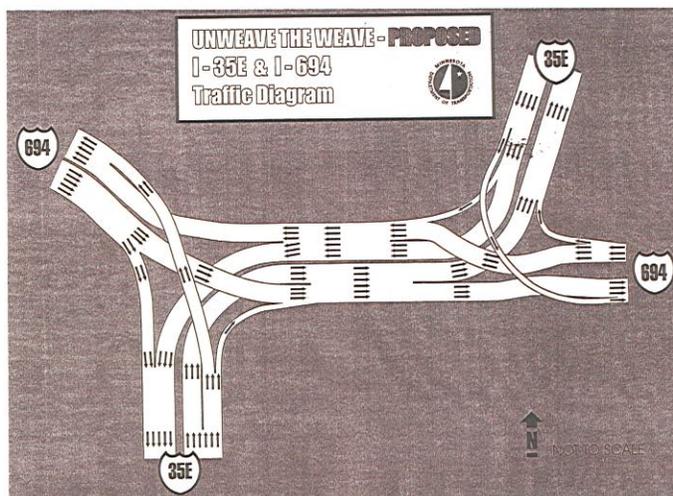


Come enjoy the humongous floating Magic Island in the pool, giant inflatables in the gymnasium, work out with family fitness classes, purchase pre-owned sports gear at the kids' equipment swap, conquer the Climbing Wall, and much more. Bring the whole family and participate in this fantastic FREE once a year event.

Morning activities will include regular season scheduled spring soccer games and a parent and child



the current (Inplace) lane configurations and the Proposed changes when the project is complete in late 2008. Maplewood engineering personnel are busy working to complete the final stages of improvements to the newly aligned County Road D and to Trunk Highway 61 between 694 and Beam Avenue to help construction detoured traffic move through the area. The Maplewood projects are planned to be completed in late July 2006.



The MnDOT plans call for through traffic to be maintained on each interstate during construction; however, there will be an impact to interstate cross connections and some local access ramps. Some of the

Note that the dates and details are subject to change. Watch for current information in the local news media. For more information and updates, visit the MnDOT website at [www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/](http://www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/)

good." I agree. I've lived in Maplewood for many years, but you would not need to be a long-term resident to see that Maplewood is always changing. So much so that we have almost run out of undeveloped land on which continued change could occur. That however will not stop the continued change of Maplewood. We should take advantage of redevelopment opportunities as they come forward. I feel to some degree that Maplewood's fate is preordained. Fifty years ago we were mostly farm, then we became a suburb, the place that you moved to if you did not want to live in the "city." Maplewood had a fair amount of post WWII homes built and then we moved to "named developments", Sunshine Pines or Deer Wood. The name usually reflected whatever was there before it was all bulldozed. We got a Mall, oh boy! (My parents lived within 1/2 mile; they were not happy, but now my mother loves having the convenience.) Many other commercial and residential developments continue to show up, including apartments, strip malls, hospital and night clubs. They are all good or bad depending on your perception. The point is that we will not stop change.

Maplewood will move to redevelopment. Redevelopment almost always costs more than building on undisturbed soil. There are buildings, pollution, utilities and higher land costs that throw the development equation out of whack. On one side of the equation there are the costs that make up how

much they can rent or sell the units for. If the equation does not work, no one will build. "Well, good;" you might say, "leave it the way it is". Unfortunately it will not stay the way it is. Maybe a use no longer fits with the neighborhoods that have grown around it or an area is just worn out. Then there are those million-plus people that are projected for the metro area by 2030. They won't all live in Maplewood, but some of them will.

If you agree that redevelopment will occur, then really what we are left with are choices. Do you want to do only what is required or would you prefer to have higher end developments with higher architectural standards? Do you want the development to generate revenue to pay for park, open space, environmental and utility improvements in that area? The answers lie in how many, how tall, etc.

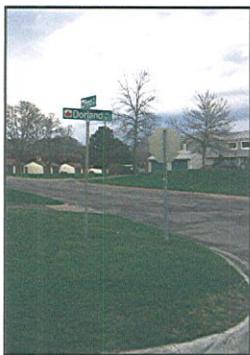
I believe we should get as much out of development as we can. I like buying things for us with other people's money. (The money side is another letter.) I would like Maplewood to have unique developments that benefit the city in as many ways as possible and we need to provide housing for all the different people that live in our city (also another letter.) If given the choice I would prefer the farms that I grew up with, but that is not Maplewood anymore.

Will Rossbach, councilmember  
will.rossbach@ci.maplewood.mn.us 651.484.5427

## Capital Improvement Projects

### Vista Hills Neighborhood

The Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) is a multiple-year plan that is used by city staff and elected officials to identify and plan for needed capital projects and major equipment purchases. The CIP projects are grouped by neighborhood. This month the focus is on the Vista Hills Neighborhood where one project is planned:



- Pond Avenue/Dorland Road  
The bituminous pavement on Pond Avenue and Dorland Road is badly deteriorated and the drainage is poor. The bituminous pavement will be replaced and will include upgrades to the drainage system in the area. This project is scheduled for 2009.

For further information on this project, contact the Public Works Director at 651.249.2402.

You can find information on projects in other neighborhoods in the 2006-2010 CIP booklet which is available at the Maplewood branch of the Ramsey County Library.

## City To Award Charitable Gambling

The City of Maplewood is taking applications for disbursement of Charitable Gambling Funds. The city requires all licensed charitable gambling organizations to contribute 10% of net profits to be used for programs or activities for residents of Maplewood. If you have a program that meets the following guidelines, please contact Melinda Coleman at 651.249.2052 for an application. **The deadline for applications is June 2.** Funding decisions will be made by the City Council on June 26.

### Policies For Awarding From Charitable Gambling Fund

1. These funds shall be distributed for projects, equipment, or activities that are based in the community and which primarily benefit city residents.
2. Upon receipt of the funds, the receiving organizations shall understand that the allocation of funds may be a one-time- only distribution, and receipt of funds

does not in any way guarantee or commit the city to funding in any subsequent year.

3. Projects that involve the purchase of equipment, supplies, or specific items will be looked upon more favorably than requests for salaries or general operating costs.
4. All funds are required to be expended for the requested project within one year of the date of receipt of the funds from the city.
5. In general, requests from organized athletic groups will not be funded. Funding for these programs comes from participating families or community auxiliary groups.
6. The City of Maplewood grants funds from lawful gambling profits to support city-related activities. The first priority in the grant funds will be given to City of Maplewood organizations. The second priority or consideration will be given to funding requests from other organizations which are used for city-related purposes.

# Building A Safer World Together

For thousands of years, building codes and regulations have protected the public. The earliest known code of law—the Code of Hammurabi, written more than 4,000 years ago, assessed severe penalties, including death, if a building was not constructed safely. Today, thousands of jurisdictions, including the City of Maplewood, adopt and enforce the International Codes to guide the safe construction of buildings.



Maplewood inspectors approved the TGI Friday's restaurant in 2005

During the week of **May 7-13**, building departments across the Nation and around the world will celebrate Building Safety Week. Building Safety Week raises public awareness of building safety by promoting the use, enforcement and understanding of building safety and fire prevention codes to protect lives and property. "Building a Safer World Together" is the theme of Building Safety Week of 2006.

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## Upcoming Events!

### Community CPR (Ages 11+) At the MCC 2100 White Bear Ave.

Learn how to respond to cardiac or breathing emergencies with MCC's RED CROSS CERTIFICATION CLASS. Receive certification in Adult, Child, and Infant CPR.

Class Options: Saturday, May 6, June 10, July 15, or August 26

10:00 am - 5:00 pm

\$55 MCC members \$75 Non-members

To register, call 651.249.2100 x0.

### Maplewood Bicycle Auction-Cheap Transit



Wednesday, May 10 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 13 at 11:30 am & 2:30 pm

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

Theme: Old Jewelry Call Char at 651.776.7183 for TEA reservations.

### MS Bikethon

Saturday, May 13 Check in at 7:30 am

At the Maplewood Community Center 2100 White Bear Avenue

Contact: 612.335.7900 or [biketour@mssociety.org](mailto:biketour@mssociety.org)

The MS Bike Tour, is the largest organized cycling event in America. About 100,000 cyclists participated in the 2005 MS Bike Tour, raising \$59 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.



### George Maurer

Wednesday, May 17 at 1:00pm

Tickets: \$8 MCC members ONLY \$7

At the Maplewood Community Center Theatre

## A Friendly Reminder

**Junk On Property:** Spring is here! This means it's time for outdoor clean-up. The city has an ordinance concerning junk on a person's property. If you have any, please dispose of it properly. For more information, call the environmental management department at 651.249.2330.

**Parking On Lawns:** Another area that becomes a concern for our city is the parking of vehicles and trailers on front lawns. The city has an ordinance prohibiting this. All vehicles and trailers must be parked on an approved surface which can be asphalt, concrete or class 5.



**Unlicensed & Inoperative Vehicles:** The city requires all vehicles parked outside to be licensed and operative. Operative means the vehicle can be driven on the street legally. If you have vehicle(s) that are not currently licensed and inoperative, please store them inside.

Please help keep our city looking great by following these ordinances. Thank you.

## Join the Maplewood Fire Department



**Earn up to \$14.86 per call and do your community a service you can feel great about!**

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 20% minimum run percentages per month and attend a minimum of ten drills in each six month period.

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

If you've always thought about becoming a



**Monday, May 22, 2006 at 7:00 pm**

This meeting will be held as part of the regular City Council meeting in the council chambers at City Hall. Enjoy a presentation of the city's Surface Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP). Your thoughts and comments will be addressed, and may be incorporated into the city's plan to preserve our water resources. For more information, you may view Maplewood's SWPPP on the Stormwater Management page of the City's website or at the engineering counter at the Public Works Building (next to City Hall).

To submit questions or comments on the SWPPP, or to report any stormwater related problems such as flooding, erosion or illicit discharges, send email to [stormwatermanagement@ci.maplewood.mn.us](mailto:stormwatermanagement@ci.maplewood.mn.us) or call 651.249.2400.

## Maplewood Seeks Applicants For Housing & Redevelopment Authority

The HRA is an advisory commission that reviews housing matters and policies in Maplewood. The HRA usually meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm at Maplewood City Hall. You must be interested in housing issues and a Maplewood resident to apply.

Call Ken Roberts at 651.249.2303 for more information or an application. You also may pick one up at the Community Development office at City Hall, 1830 County Road B East. Applications will be accepted through **May 26, 2006**.

## Break The Law & Get A \$128 Ticket

The Maplewood Police Traffic Unit wants to remind citizens that there is No Passing on the shoulder of the road.

The photograph of the 1900 block of Larpenteur Ave. demonstrates the main roadway and what is considered the shoulder (this is the far section of the roadway that is separated by a solid white line and stops at the curb line). The fine for this violation is \$128, so in cases where the car in front of you is stopped and making a left turn and you have the choice of stopping and waiting or passing on the shoulder, please stop and wait. Call our Traffic Unit at 651.249.2640 for more information.



**Celebrating Watershed Awareness & Clean Lakes**

**Saturday, May 20, 2006**

**from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm**

**Phalen Park Pavilion, St. Paul**

Wheelock Pkwy E. of Arcade St. to Phalen Dr. then N.

**Come Enjoy:**

- 5K Run-Walk around the Lake 9:30-10:30
  - On-the-water education by canoe or pontoon boat
    - Fishing, stream monitoring
    - Live raptor and animal exhibits
    - Girl Scout Peace Dancers
    - Raffle drawings
    - Juggling show
  - Watershed Awareness Expo: student and professional exhibits
  - Demo snow plow, street sweeper
    - Food and fun
- [www.rwmwd.org](http://www.rwmwd.org)

## Save Our Lakes, Rivers, and Wetlands!

The City of Maplewood prohibits the use and sale of fertilizers containing phosphorous. If you fertilize your lawn, make sure that the fertilizer does not contain phosphorous. When purchasing fertilizer, look for a "0" in the middle number on the bag. Fertilizers contain three numbers and the middle number refers to the percent of phosphorus. If you have questions, make sure you seek assistance. In addition, you should have your soil tested before applying any fertilizer to your lawn to ensure that your soil is truly deficient of a particular nutrient. The University of

Minnesota provides soil testing and information can be obtained by calling 612.625.3101 or by visiting the website at [www.extension.umn.edu](http://www.extension.umn.edu). Remember, it's phosphorous that accelerates algae growth in our lakes and wetlands. One pound of phosphorous in runoff can result in 500 pounds of algae growth.

Soils in the Metro area are already phosphorous-rich and do not need any additional phosphorous to look green and healthy. If you must fertilize, follow the application guidelines and remove any excess fertilizer from hard surfaces by sweeping sidewalks, driveways and streets so it won't runoff into our waters. Be a responsible steward; sweep up leaves, grasses, pet waste and fertilizers from the streets and driveways. Keep your runoff clear. Keep our water resources healthy. If you use a commercial lawn-fertilizer service, make sure that they are licensed by the City of Maplewood.

**BEST  
FERTILIZER  
10-0-10**

# Greetings From Greg Copland, Interim City Manager



Greg Copland,  
Interim City Manager

Hello, I'm Interim City Manager Greg Copland. I had the honor to be appointed the Interim City Manager on April 10, 2006. I come to Maplewood with a broad background in

public administration, public policy and for over 32 years have maintained an active commitment to public service.

The City of Maplewood is an Option B City, commonly known as a council-manager plan. Under the council-manager form of government, the City Manager serves at the discretion of the City Council and, as such, I am an "at-will" employee. Under Minnesota Statutes, the City Manager is responsible for the overall management and administration of the day-to-day operations of the City as well as devising and implementing best practices within all departments to minimize the risk of litigation for the City. Further, as the Interim Maplewood City Manager, I am responsible for providing professional leadership and direction in the administration of the policies and objectives established by the City Council and to coordinate and supervise the operation of City departments. This administrative role is similar to my previous work as the Deputy Director of Mid Florida Community Services, a community action agency, where I was responsible for the supervision of the program managers for this multi-county service organization as well as the fiscal and programmatic planning, preparation of Federal and State grant applications and contracts.

The City Manager is annually required to submit a proposed budget to the City Council for all City Departments. The City Manager is responsible to submit to the Council each year a complete report on the finances and administrative activities of the City. As a former County Commissioner and 6-year member of the City of St. Paul Capital Improvement Budget Committee, I bring the financial

spending plan. I know that the 2007 proposed budget, which will be submitted to the City Council for their approval, will directly impact the property tax burden of Maplewood residents and their quality of life. The City Council, the staff and I will work together to keep Maplewood an affordable place to raise a family and retire. I understand this not only from a professional standpoint but also from a personal standpoint.

My wife, Betty, was permanently disabled on May 7, 1992 as a result of multiple injuries sustained in a car accident in which she was rear-ended. Consequently, like many people, we have gone through lean financial times due to her chronic health care issues, our on-going legal battles to recover from worker's comp and insurance companies for Betty's permanent loss of income due to her traumatic brain injury and numerous orthopedic conditions. We all know life does not always go according to plan. Like a City, our resilience is in being flexible enough to take a different path to meet our goals when new obstacles, or even tragedy, are challenging our resolve.

The proposed budget submitted by the City Manager to the Council must balance the needs of the city departments, and the long range needs of our community with the day to day reality of what the citizens we serve can afford, and comply with the directives of the Council.

My first action as Interim City Manager was to direct department heads to begin preparation of the 2007 budget. I have told the staff that I will be recommending that the City Council change the budget process from the past years' by holding workshop sessions with each department before the proposed budget is submitted to Council. This is the first budget that the Mayor and two members of the City Council will have participated in creating and it will be the entire Council's most important legislative decision.

In addition to developing the city's budget, the City Manager presents

nearly 6 years service on the Payne-Phalen District Five Planning Council and Neighborhood Energy Consortium as well as 12 years on the Energy Cents Coalition, I have had the opportunity to advocate for community programs to rehabilitate older homes, eliminate neighborhood nuisance properties, and take a stand for affordable utility rates for low and fixed income households.

Like families with less discretionary money in the budget, a City must develop creative ways to meet its needs. That is a challenging job for both the city manager and elected officials because in Maplewood there is a tradition of providing first class services to our citizens, and it's an expectation to which our experienced city staff rises daily.

Finally, the City Manager is responsible to assist the City Council, through the staff, to fulfill their duties and obligations to the Maplewood residents, in problem identification and analysis, and in presenting workable solutions. As a three term St. Paul Charter Commissioner, I bring to the City Council the ability to interface and communicate effectively with citizens, consultants, elected officials, and governmental agencies.

Open communication is essential for the efficient and cost effective administration of local government for our community. A City Manager, is an administrator, not a politician, but must understand the politics of his community. Having served as a leader in numerous non-political, non-partisan, not-for-profit and government organizations at the local, regional and state level, I understand the public demands service delivery, without the politics. Having run for political office where I was once the subject of a campaign complaint that was later cleared by the courts, I understand first hand many citizens' frustration with a political process which is too often used to divide us and our elected officials. Open communications and unity of purpose is what best serves our community and our citizens.

I invite your participation in your government! Please contact me at

Council adopted a resolution acknowledging Rebecca Cave as receiving the highest number of votes at the February 28th Special General Election. Councilmember Cave was sworn in as a councilmember on March 13, 2006.

- Councilmember Juenemann was appointed to the Dispatch Policy Committee at the March 14, 2006 Special City Council Meeting.
- Two regular part-time community gym representative positions were approved to assist with day-to-day operations at Edgerton and Carver Community Gyms.
- Resolutions of Appreciation were adopted for Ms. Audrey Duellman and Mr. Rick Brandon for their years of dedication and service on the Parks and Recreation Commission.
- A Medical Service Mutual Aid Agreement was adopted between the City of Maplewood the City of North St. Paul and Lakeview Emergency Medical Services.
- The 2005 Maplewood Community Design Review Board annual report was accepted, with special thanks given to the Community Design Review Board Members.
- The 2005 Parks and Recreation Commission Annual Report was accepted by council.
- A resolution was adopted approving a conditional use permit revision for Menards at 2280 Maplewood Drive to add a 16,505 Square-foot garden center.
- A resolution was adopted calling for a special meeting of the council to conduct a public hearing on April 18, 2006, at 7:00 pm on the Gladstone Redevelopment Initiative.
- Councilmember Cave was appointed to the Joint Ice Arena Board, the Park & Recreation Commission and as a council liaison to the Housing Redevelopment Authority.
- Mayor Longrie announced the winning essays from the D.A.R.E. graduation classes were made into a plaque and on display at the Maplewood Community Center.

For more current highlights of the council meeting log on to: [www.ci.maplewood.mn.us](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us)

## Cont...Building A Safer World Together

Our department is using Building Safety Week to educate the community. It is an opportunity to increase public awareness of the role building safety and fire prevention officials, local and state building departments and federal agencies play on the front line of defense to protect lives and property. They are the "silent defenders" who are seldom seen but work daily to ensure safety in the built environment.

The role of Maplewood and the Building Inspection Department is to support projects that improve building safety at home and in the community. Some of the larger projects that started in 2005, were 3M Building 278 Office Training Center, Mounds Park Sports Center addition, 3M Building 235 OSD remodel, New Maplewood Imports Audi building, Kennard Professional building, CVS Pharmacy, TGI Friday's, an 18 unit multi-family building and two 25 unit multi-family buildings. In 2005, the City of Maplewood Building Department did 11,432 inspections and issued 3,218 permits. Visit [www.ci.maplewood.mn.us](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us) for information or call the Building Department at 651.249.2300 and ask to speak to a building inspector.

## CITY OF MAPLEWOOD

### Maplewood City Council

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### Hours

Monday - Friday 8:00am - 4:30pm

Deputy Registrar Office is also open Mondays until 6:00pm

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

## City Meetings:

### Council/Manager Workshops & City Council Meetings

Workshop: 5:00 pm (as needed)

Council meeting at 7:00pm

May 8 & 22

### Pre-Agenda Meetings

May 4 & 18 at 5:00pm

### Community Design Review Board

May 9 & 23 at 6:00pm

### Environmental Committee

May 2 at 7:00pm

### Historical Preservation Commission

May 18 at 7:00pm

### Housing & Redevelopment Authority

May 9 at 7:00pm

### Human Relations Commission

No meeting scheduled

### Parks & Recreation Commission

May 15 at 7:00pm

### Planning Commission

May 15 at 7:00pm

### Mayor's Forum

May 6 at 10:00am-noon

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

The May 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](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us)

Submit newsworthy city information to Heidi Carey: 651.249.2104 [heidi.carey@ci.maplewood.mn.us](mailto:heidi.carey@ci.maplewood.mn.us)

For other questions or comments regarding "Maplewood City News," contact the Interim City Manager: [greg.copeland@ci.maplewood.mn.us](mailto:greg.copeland@ci.maplewood.mn.us)

Plastics recycling news will be coming in next City News issue. Call Eureka Recycle for more information. **651.222.7678**

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CITY NEWS



# Maplewood

"Together We Can!" June 2006

## Energy Conservation Deferred Loan Program

Available to Maplewood Homeowners

By Greg Copeland, City Manager

One of the best kept secrets in town is an energy conservation grant to modernize your home. For thirteen years now, Neighborhood Energy Connection has provided energy grants to 600 suburban Ramsey County homeowners for home energy conservation. Ramsey County funds the program. You do not repay the County unless you move from the home within ten years. If you do move, the equity in your home is used to provide repayment at the time of sale.

The goal of this grant program is to make your housing more affordable, by reducing your utility bills. Lower utility bills for natural gas and electricity will keep more money in your pocket each month. Your ability to stay in your home is enhanced. The investment in your home heightens its value to the community. Improved energy efficiency also helps the environment.

If you meet the program requirements, the County is willing to fund energy work on your home, up to \$6,000.00. Typical improvements include insulation, air infiltration sealing, as well as replacement furnace, water heater or air conditioner. If your home has energy loss or the mechanical equipment is old, this program is for you.

This program is targeted to moderate income households. The upper income limits vary, according to the number of people in the household. You do not have to have a spotless credit history, because there are no payments to be made. However, you cannot have tax arrears or student loan defaults. Maximum upper income limits apply. Based on family size, your combined yearly gross income cannot exceed:

1 person	2 persons	3 persons	4 persons	5 persons
\$40,600	\$46,400	\$52,200	\$58,000	\$62,600

### Other Program Conditions:

- No out-of-pocket cost to you
- Homes must be built before 1986
- County Tax Valuation can not exceed \$190,000
- Mortgage must be current
- Maximum of \$50,000 in assets  
(IRA, ROTH and retirement funds are excluded)

## MEET MR MAPLEWOOD



Mr. Maplewood, former Mayor George Rossbach (center, above), was recognized for his decades of service to the people of Maplewood. Mayor Diana Longrie (left) and City Council Members Rebecca Cave (left), Kathleen Jueneemann (right) and Will Rossbach (right) were also present. Will Rossbach is George Rossbach's nephew.

## Maplewood Nature Center's Monarch Garden Party & Fundraiser

Saturday, August 19, 2006 • Time: 10:30 – 12:00

Savor late summer in the nature center's butterfly garden:

- 3 Course Menu catered by Tasteful Thymes, Stillwater
- Garden activities
- Door prizes
- Learn about butterfly gardening

**Proceeds benefit the Friends of Maplewood Nature Center.**

Adults, and children 10 +

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

Prepay by August 15th

Maplewood Nature Center  
2659 7th St. East, Maplewood, MN 55119  
Phone: 651-249-2170



## Dear Fellow Residents

Spring is fading and summer is upon us. In city government this is "budget season," a very busy time for city administration, staff and city council. The budget process is so significant, complex and difficult. In addition to several years as a citizen activist and as a city Council member, I have gone through the budget process drill four times.

The Budget and the Capital Improvement Plan, both based on administrative direction, departmental and staff expertise and knowledge of community needs, council interaction and resident reaction, are the major blueprints on which city operations and planning are based.

Framing, assembling and completing these documents are huge responsibilities which require dedication, expertise, broad knowledge, trust and patience. Are we, the city council and residents, up to these tasks?

Public Safety Reminder: Tuesday, August 1, 2006 is National Night Out. Maplewood will again assist you with block parties. Information is available at hotline# 249-2192.

*Kathleen Juenemann*  
City Council Manager

## Capital Improvement Projects

### Parkside Neighborhood

*By Dan Faust, City Finance Director*

The Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) is a multiple-year plan that is used by city staff and elected officials to identify and plan for needed capital projects and major equipment purchases. The CIP projects are grouped by neighborhood. This month the focus is on the Parkside Neighborhood where five projects are planned:

- 1 - Kenwood Area Streets
- 2 - DeSoto Street, Larpenteur to County Road B
- 3 - Skillman Avenue, McMenemy to DeSoto
- 4 - DeSoto/Roselawn Area Street Improvements
- 5 - Edgerton/Roselawn Drainage Improvement

Reconstruction on Kenwood Area Streets is scheduled for 2006. The project requires full reconstruction on some streets, while others only require pavement replacement.

The DeSoto Street project includes reconstruction from Larpenteur to County Road B and pavement replacement from Roselawn Avenue to County Road B. The project is scheduled to begin in 2006 with completion in 2007.

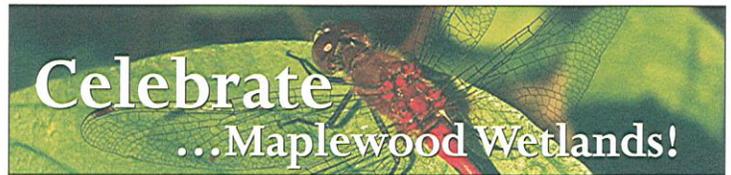
Pavement replacement on Skillman Avenue from McMenemy Street to DeSoto Street is scheduled to begin in 2006 with completion in 2007.

Street improvements in the Desoto-Roselawn area are scheduled to begin in 2006 with completion in 2007. Some streets will require full reconstruction, while others only require pavement replacement.

Drainage Improvements to the ponds at Edgerton and north of Larpenteur are scheduled to begin in 2008 with completion in 2009.

For further information on these projects, contact the Public Works Director, Chuck Ahl, at 651.249-2402

Information on projects in other neighborhoods is in the 2006-2010 CIP booklet which is available for public review at the Maplewood branch of the Ramsey County Library.



The pond at Sherwood Park is center stage for a celebration of Maplewood wetlands. Come explore the pond and help plant a shoreline buffer. Two fun events with hand's on learning for children and adults are scheduled!

## <<< Free Events >>>

### WOW! WETLANDS!

**Tuesday, June 13, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.**

Try on waders and marvel at the cool creatures that live in the pond. Play games, and visit with giant green heron character. Stump the botanist with a plant sample from your shoreline. Learn how buffers help protect ponds and wetlands. Refreshments served.

### PLANTING AT

### THE WATER'S EDGE

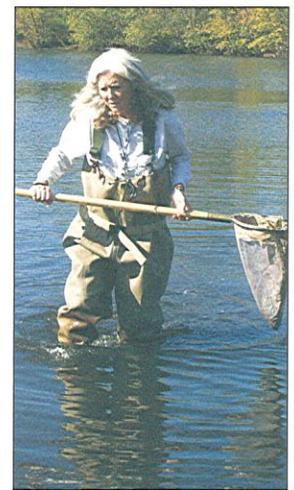
**Thursday, June 22, 4:00-7:00 p.m.**

**Rain Date: June 27, 4:00-7:00 p.m.**

Help plant a buffer of native sedges and wildflowers near the pond. We've got 2000 plants, so need lots of helpers. Planting sessions start on the hour at 4:00, 5:00, and 6:00 p.m. Come for one hour or come for three. Refreshments served. We'll provide tools, but please bring a trowel if you have one.

Pre-registration appreciated. To register or for more information, call Maplewood Nature Center, 249-2170.

Location for both events: Sherwood Park at Kennard Street and Lark Avenue. From White Bear Avenue go west on County Road B two blocks. Go north on Kennard 2 blocks. Sponsored by City of Maplewood and Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District.





Mayor Diana Longrie

## from the Mayor's Desk...

First, I want to thank all of the people of Maplewood and Maplewood's community partners and adjoining neighboring cities such as St. Paul, North St. Paul, Oakdale, Roseville, Woodbury, and Vadnais Heights that have called, sent e-mails, cards, or letters in support of our

Maplewood Council. As a public servant, it is heart warming and energizing to receive such positive feedback.

Our Council and the Interim City Manager Copeland, along with his Department Heads, are currently working on an action plan for the 2007 annual city budget. The process includes setting priorities, maximizing our resources, and leveraging money from other sources to make your tax dollar go further. As we continue to cautiously manage our financial resources, we do not want to stifle opportunities and adversely impact the first class essential services our citizens have come to expect. Setting priorities, planning, and visioning is a community process. What ideas do you have? We must seek solutions for which we are willing to be a part. Our work is to focus on renewing our vision of preserving the best of Maplewood, enhancing our strengths, building upon our sense of community, and establishing policies that will propel and support a prosperous future for Maplewood. To this end, we are developing and seeking ways to reach out to the businesses and citizens of our community.

We are pushing the doors of city hall wide open! When change is in the air, it's natural to be uncomfortable. Some may even dig in their heels, sounding a hew and cry that the sky is falling. I believe everyone on the Council is empathic to this. I also realize that some people may have butterflies in their stomach when change occurs even though they don't necessarily oppose change. Do you remember your first day of school? I do. But, I also remember that taking that first step, making it through the first days, led to enrichment and concrete results for a bright future.

In the big picture, my vision is for our Maplewood residents to have a quality, safe, affordable, welcoming community where there is pride in our "home town".

- I believe it is essential to preserve neighborhood identity. This is critical in preserving a sense of community, pride in ownership, and helps to minimize citizen apathy. As a corollary to this, I believe it is important to improve the connectivity between the various neighborhoods so that while they have their own distinct character, they are not islands separate from each other. This builds a broader sense of community.
- I believe it is important to encourage private investment in our communities.
- I believe White Bear Avenue is MORE than simply a transportation corridor - it has the potential for becoming the "destination" that it once was. Developing White Bear Avenue into a prosperous, thriving destination for people to shop, live and congregate benefits Maplewood.
- I believe increased accessible housing options must be considered an essential part of our public policy considerations when looking at future multi unit housing proposals and redevelopment.
- I believe that while it is important to incorporate the concepts of a walkable, livable community into our long range planning, it is equally important to be cognizant of the business community needs for parking, visibility, signage, and security issues.

In five months, with a new generation of leadership on the Maplewood council, we have taken steps to direct more money to our parks; we have made more information available to the public though the web site; citizen participation in municipal affairs is at an all time high; we have enacted several public policy resolutions which serve to minimize the risk of litigation for the City of Maplewood; and we have raised the hopes and expectations of the "little guy" that their voice can be, and will be, heard. As always, I welcome one and all to attend the monthly Mayor's Forum held the first Saturday at Maplewood City Hall in the Maplewood Room from 10:00 a.m. to noon.



## Plastics Recycling...What's All the Fuss About?

By DuWayne Konewko, Environmental Manager

Plastic is light, easy to store and transport, comes in an endless variety of textures and shapes, and can hold almost anything – from ketchup bottles to disposable utensils, plastic is everywhere. Despite promotion of plastic recycling, plastic production has outpaced recycling by five times over the past decade. Recycling as much plastic as possible has become a better option than incinerating or burying plastic in a landfill, since both options release harmful

Our current recycling partner, Eureka Recycling, is committed to only collecting materials that they can recycle. The only plastics collected and recycled are bottles with necks that are marked with a #1 or #2 enclosed by the "chasing arrows" symbol, found on the bottom of the bottle. Technically, all plastics can be recycled, but only #1 and #2 bottles have had the infrastructure, supply and market conditions to make recycling feasible.

Highlights from the April City Council meetings:

- Officer William Sypniewski was presented the Maplewood Police Department Life Saving Award for saving the life of an occupant of a burning home on March 24th fire, and reentering the building to search for additional occupants.
- Officer Tommy Kong was presented a Maplewood Police Department Letter of Commendation for his assistance in securing the male occupant of the home and reentering the burning house to search for additional occupants.
- A \$200.00 donation from Saturn of St. Paul was accepted to purchase supplies for the Cops 'N Kids Fishing Clinic.
- A \$100 donation from the students at Presentation School was accepted to purchase supplies for the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program.
- Council and staff will be continuing to focus on Predatory Offender education for children and families and will not be taking any further action on pursuing a Predatory Offender Ordinance at this time.
- Mayor Longrie was appointed the second representative on the NEST (Northeast Suburban Transit) Commission.
- Council member Juenemann asked residents to make an effort to clean-up their neighborhoods and yards in recognition of Earth Day.
- The next Rush Line Corridor meeting will be held July 21st at 1 p.m. in Duluth which will include a train ride for all in attendance (capacity of approx. 300).
- Council member Juenemann acknowledged Volunteer Appreciation Week and Administrative Assistant's Day. Ms. Juenemann thanked all of the city volunteers for their time and expertise and support staff for all of their continuous hard work.
- Mayor Longrie shared the success of the first council social supper and stated the turnout was great and all attendees would, unanimously, like to do it again.

### Caring for Your Trees

Ever wonder how to care for your trees? We often hear about how to plant new trees, but very little about taking care of established trees. Providing a preventative care program for your trees can be like putting money in the bank. Regular maintenance designed to promote tree health and vigor will assure that their value will continue to grow. Get help from a professional tree care company if you feel something does not look right. For further tree care information, go to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources website at [www.dnr.state.mn.us](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us) and search under "tree care."

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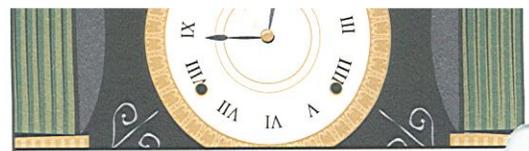
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June 12 & 26

### Pre-Agenda Meetings

June 8 & 22 at 5:00 pm

### Community Design Review Board

June 13 & 27 at 6:00 pm

### Environmental Committee

June 6 at 7:00 pm

### Historical Preservation Commission

June 15 at 7:00 pm

### Housing & Redevelopment Authority

June 13 at 7:00 pm

### Human Relations Commission

No meeting scheduled

### Parks & Recreation Commission

June 19 at 7:00 pm

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June 5 & 19 at 7:00 pm

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June 3 from 10:00 am - noon

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CITY NEWS



# Maplewood

**"Together We Can!"**

**July/August 2006**

## Citizen Police Academy

*By Sergeant Dick Dick Doblar*

The Maplewood Police Department is currently taking applications for its tenth annual Citizen Police Academy, which begins this September.

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.

Citizen academy participants will also be afforded the opportunity to do a five-hour "ride-along" with a police officer.

The course is nine weeks long with classes being held on Thursday evenings from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm. The class starts on September 7th and runs through November 2nd, 2006. The classes are to be held at Maplewood Fire Station 2, 1955 Clarence St., Maplewood, MN 55109.

The citizen academy is open to anyone who is at least 18 years old and lives or works in Maplewood or a surrounding community. The academy is free, however, space is limited, so apply soon.

For more information or an application, please contact Sergeant Dick Doblar at 651.249.2651.

## FREE Tree Disease Diagnosis Available

*By DuWayne Konewko, Environmental Manager*

If you suspect that your trees may be diseased, call the City Forester at 651.249.2400 for a free consultation. The City of Maplewood has had an effective diseased tree sanitation program since the 1970's when Dutch Elm Disease first became a widespread and devastating problem. Diagnosis by a qualified professional should be your first step if you have a concern about the health of your trees. Diagnosis by an unqualified person may lead to the unnecessary removal of an otherwise healthy tree.

If Dutch Elm Disease is diagnosed, most often removal is the only option. If Oak Wilt is diagnosed, there are effective treatment options available. Oak wilt is often spread through the root systems of nearby oaks which have grown or grafted together. The best method to stop oak wilt is to sever the common roots and break the connection between trees. This is done with a vibratory plow operated by a professional tree



Two happy Ice Cream Social participants – June 14, 2006

## Maplewood Historical Society

The Maplewood Historical Society is looking for volunteers to assist at the "Farmer for a Day" booth at the Ramsey County Fair, July 12 – 16. Our little farmers dig for potatoes, milk a cow, pick apples and collect eggs from the hen house. Volunteers are needed to help re-set the display. Call Char at 651.776.7183 or George at 651.484.3081 for additional information.

August 19th is Johnny Apple Seed and Open House at the Bruentrup Farm, 11 to 3 pm. There will be wagon rides, games, food, exhibits, and animals. The Bruentrup Farm is located at 2170 East County Road D.

## Please Save My Children!

*By an Anonymous Reporter*

At 3 pm Sunday, 6.18.06, Sergeant Joe Bergeron and Officer Bill Sypniewski were sent to the Ramsey County Parks & Recreation building at 2015 Van Dyke Street on a call of "ducks in the storm sewer".

Upon their arrival, there was a mother duck standing guard over the sewer opening. They removed the manhole cover and saw seven baby ducks. There was another culvert going in a northern direction, and the baby ducks kept running back into that culvert where the officers couldn't see them.

Sam Mackenzie, a MPD Volunteer in Police Service member, lives in the area and, knowing he had a fishing net, Sergeant Bergeron requested he bring it to the scene. The net was used to recover all seven baby ducks for their return to their mother. Great Police Work!

It is my pleasure to be writing to you this month as your Council member. There is so much to write about! However, I will touch on just a few topics of immediate interest.

First and foremost, I am involved in looking at measures the city can take to ensure the protection of Maplewood's Public Open Spaces, from the pressures of development, for future generations. Additionally, the Council, along with the Parks and Recreation Commission, is working toward establishing a plan to increase citizen involvement in community based projects that benefit our parks as well as looking into creative, cost-effective, solutions for implementing the restoration of the Savanna open space as an ecological set aside area. Being on the front line in developing initiatives for the conservation, preservation, and maintenance of Maplewood's public open spaces and parks is a number one priority in staying true to my core mission of protecting these parks and public open spaces forever.

Our Council is also in the process of revamping the Human Relations Commission ("HRC"), currently an inactive citizen based commission, by renaming it the Maplewood Community Outreach Committee and redirecting its mission. This commission will work with the local business community to welcome new and relocated residents to our city by providing

information on services available to our residents and opportunities for civic involvement. Initially, the Maplewood Community Outreach Committee will be comprised of five appointed Maplewood residents. This new commission is less technical in nature than some of our other commissions and is another wonderful way to involve our citizens. Any one interested in this commission should contact city hall, watch for the announcement on the city web site, or simply drop me a line.

As a final note, our Council Social Suppers have been very well attended and enjoyable. I extend an invitation to all Maplewood Citizens to come and attend one or all of these dinners. Whether you have only a few minutes to drop by or an hour or two to enjoy dinner, we would love to see you as we continue to reach out to the citizens in new and creative ways to build a sense of community. The Council Social Suppers, as they are scheduled, are posted at City Hall and listed on the City web site.

I have really enjoyed my first four months in office and I am always looking for ways we can to better serve the citizens of Maplewood. Please feel free to call me at 651.773.7059 or e-mail me at [rebeccacave1@hotmail.com](mailto:rebeccacave1@hotmail.com) anytime.

## Tips to Help Save Our Lakes and Wetlands

*By DuWayne Konewko, Environmental Manager*

As storm water flows over driveways, lawns and sidewalks, it picks up debris, chemicals, dirt and other pollutants that ultimately reach our lakes, rivers, streams and wetlands. By practicing healthy household habits, we can keep common pollutants like pesticides, pet wastes, leaves and grass clippings and automotive fluids off the ground and out of storm water. Adopt these healthy household habits and help save and protect our water resources:

- Keep your grass clippings off of hard surfaces such as sidewalks, driveways and streets from which they can be washed away and ultimately end up in our waters. Mulching your grass reduces the need for fertilizer. Less fertilizer on your lawn means less fertilizer in the water.
- Mulch or compost the leaves in your yard as soon as they fall. This minimizes the chance that they will reach our waters, and like mulching grass, nutrients are added to your lawn, reducing the need for fertilizer. Do not rake leaves into the street for street sweeper pickup.
- Use zero phosphorous fertilizer – it accelerates algae growth in our lakes and wetlands which ultimately can kill a lake and all life in it, whether it is vegetation or fish. Lawns do not need additional phosphorous since soils in the Metro area are already phosphorous rich.
- Reduce storm water runoff from your property. Direct down spouts onto your lawn, not onto hard surfaces. Use rain barrels to collect rain water for watering plants. Reduce the "hard surfaces" on your property by replacing them with vegetation or rain water gardens.
- Landscape with native plants which are adapted to our environment and climate and are tolerant of both drought and harsh winters. Drought tolerance means no need for excessive watering and therefore, less runoff. Native plants have also adapted to our soils and don't need fertilizers or pesticides which means less maintenance for you and better habitat for wildlife.
- Properly dispose of household hazardous waste and pet waste. Dispose of gasoline, paint, pesticides, antifreeze and motor oil at the Ramsey County waste sites. Call **651.633.EASY (3279)** for locations and times.

## Guide to Waste Reduction, Recycling & Responsible Disposal

*By DuWayne Konewko, Environmental Manager*

Waste is preventable, not just inevitable. By reusing, recycling and composting, your household can easily reduce the amount of waste you generate by 75%. The effort is not only good for the environment, it can also save you money.

**Refuse...** The Twin Cities Free Market Listing Service is an internet based listing service connecting people who have free reusable items with people who need them. To find out what items are available or to list items, go to [www.twincitiesfreemarket.org](http://www.twincitiesfreemarket.org).

**Recycle...** Eureka Recycling is the City of Maplewood's recycling partner. To get recycling service, simply put your recycling materials in a recycling bin or paper bags at the curb by 7 am on your trash collection day. For information about how to sort your materials, or to find out your collection day, call the **Recycling Hotline at 651.222.SORT (7678)** or log onto [www.eurekarecycling.org](http://www.eurekarecycling.org). To obtain a recycling bin, contact the **Public Works Department at 651.249.2400**.

**Charities...** only accept household goods in good condition that need no repairs. For disposal of reusable goods, contact:

- **Disabled American Veterans Thrift Store**  
572 University Ave. W. St. Paul, . . . . . **651.292.1707**
- **Goodwill** 533 Fairview Ave. N., St. Paul, . . . . . **651.379.5800**
- **Salvation Army** 1654 White Bear Ave., St. Paul, **651.771.7779**

**Compost...** Composting is a process that recycles plant and food materials by allowing them to breakdown and decompose into a valuable substance-rich, healthy soil.

**Brush and Compost Sites...** It is illegal to put woody (brush) and soft-bodied materials (i.e. leaves and grass) into the garbage. Ramsey County offers composting at several locations. Call **651.633.EASY(3279)** for locations, times and availability of free mulch and compost.

**Composting at Home...** Eureka Recycling has fact sheets, supplies and even workshops to help you set up back yard or worm composting. Call the Recycling Hotline **651.222.SORT (7678)**.

 For further information, visit [www.ci.maplewood.mn.us](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us) under the public works department.



## from the Mayor's Desk...

Dear Citizens and Business Owners of Maplewood, Greetings! As many of you know, during this past legislative session, Minnesota reviewed its eminent domain law. I am proud to say that I was in attendance with key legislative

leaders and others as the final bill, designated as Chapter 214, was signed by the Governor on May 19, 2006 on the steps of the Capital. This bill limits the power of condemning authorities to take property for "economic development" purposes while leaving the use of eminent domain for more traditional public purposes unchanged.

But what you don't know is, had it not been for end-of-session scheduling constraints, the Governor's office was making arrangements for the Governor to come to Maplewood to sign this bipartisan bill in the parking lot of the Moose Lodge located in the heart of our very own Gladstone neighborhood!

In my individual capacity I lobbied for eminent domain reforms by testifying before the MN House of Representatives Public Safety, Policy, and Finance committee and the MN Senate State and Local Government Operations committee as well as appearing on the television program, Almanac.

During my testimony, I focused on the need to get back to basics and develop a common sense definition of blight that is measurable and objective, based on building safety. It's an open secret that in first ring suburbs, like Maplewood, redevelopers hover and circle – shopping for City Administrators and City Councils who are vulnerable to a jazzed up sales pitch of instant prosperity – ready to find "blight" or to create the "image of blight" by pointing to "tired" areas that simply need sprucing up. Unfortunately, this scenario dispro-

portionately impacts and affects our towns' senior citizens, our towns' small business communities, and our towns' affordable housing stock. To be sure, I'm not saying that redevelopment is bad. Far from it! However, we need safeguards to ensure that "blight" is measured by an objective standard that creates a level playing field and not simply measured by the "in the eye of the beholder" standard.

Minnesota's reformed eminent domain law now restricts what constitutes a "blighted area", a determination which was previously left to the discretion of the condemning authority and the courts. Today, a "blighted area" is defined as an area that is zoned and used for urban use and where more than 50 percent of the buildings are structurally substandard. The reforms further define "structurally substandard" as a building where:

- 1) it has been inspected and cited for enforceable housing, maintenance or building code violations;
- 2) the cited violations have not been remedied after two notices to cure noncompliance; and
- 3) the cost to cure the violations is more than 50 percent of the assessor's taxable market value for the building; or a building that is unsafe or lacking in basic equipment.

If you would like to know more about the eminent domain reforms enacted, there is a good summary piece found at the following web address:

[http://www.briggs.com/CM/AboutBriggs/ALERT%20-%20EMINENT\\_DOMAIN\\_INSERT--MAY\\_29\\_\\_2006.pdf](http://www.briggs.com/CM/AboutBriggs/ALERT%20-%20EMINENT_DOMAIN_INSERT--MAY_29__2006.pdf)

Watch for other great things to come! As always, I welcome your comments and invite one and all to attend the monthly Mayor's Forum held the first Saturday at Maplewood City Hall in the Maplewood Room from 10:00 am to noon.

## 2005 Annual Financial Report

By Dan Faust, City Finance Director

The 2005 Annual Financial Report for the City of Maplewood was presented to the City Council on May 22, 2006. Financial highlights for 2005 were as follows:

- On 12.31.05 total assets were \$168.7 million, liabilities were \$65.0 million and net assets (assets less liabilities) were \$103.7 million. Most of the net assets were capital assets totaling \$72.4 million.
- The net assets increased by \$1.7 million and 1.6%.
- Excluding business-type activities, fund balances were \$16.5 million and most of this is for working capital, debt service and construction projects.
- Most city services are financed by the General Fund. In 2005 revenues were 100.2% of budget and expenditures were 98.9% of budget.
- The city has six business-type activities: ambulance services, Community Center operations, environmental utility, recycling, sanitary sewer utility and street lighting utility.
- In the Ambulance Service Fund there was a net loss of \$279,571 because of a change in the Medicare law which decreased payments from Medicare.
- The Community Center Operations Fund operating revenues financed 94.8% of the operating expenses excluding depreciation compared to 100.2% in 2004.
- In the Environmental Utility there was net operating income of \$393,940 before depreciation which will be used to finance storm water system improvements

expenses and delay an increase in charges paid by residents.

- In the Sanitary Sewer Utility Fund there was net operating income of \$635,872 which will be used to finance sewer system improvements.
- The Street Light Utility Fund had a net income of \$44,895 that will be used to finance future operating expenses and provide a reserve for contingencies.

A copy of the 154-page 2005 Annual Financial Report is on file at the Maplewood Branch of the Ramsey County Public Library.



## Welcome Jeremy Barta

By Chief Steve Lukin, Maplewood Fire Dept.

Jeremy Barta started full time with the City of Maplewood on Monday, June 19th., 2006. Jeremy comes to Maplewood with experience as a paid-per-call firefighter and paramedic with the



## Celebrate National Night Out with Your Neighbors August 1st.

By Lt. Kevin Rabbet & Sgt. Flint Karis

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, August 1st 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 and 8 pm

If you would like to host a block party, please contact Pauline Staples at 651.249.2105 and an application will be sent to you. Block party supplies and packets will be available for pick up July 31 and August 1.

National Night Out Against Crime is a positive program and we hope that your neighborhood will participate.



## FREE Ramsey County Fair July 12-16

Don't Miss the Fireworks at the Fair Friday, July 14, 2006 – 10:00 pm

The City of Maplewood contributes over \$4,000 in Charitable Gambling Funds to the Fair Board to pay for this fireworks display. Five days of fun include a talent contest, youth pet show, rose show, kiddie tractor pull, car show, live bands, kids petting zoo, K-9 dog demonstrations, and cooking, sewing, craft and gardening exhibits. Call 651.770.2626 for information

White Bear Avenue Parade Thursday, July 13 – 7:00 pm

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August 1 at 7:00 pm

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### Housing & Redevelopment Authority

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# Maplewood

CITY NEWS

TOGETHER WE CAN!

September 2006

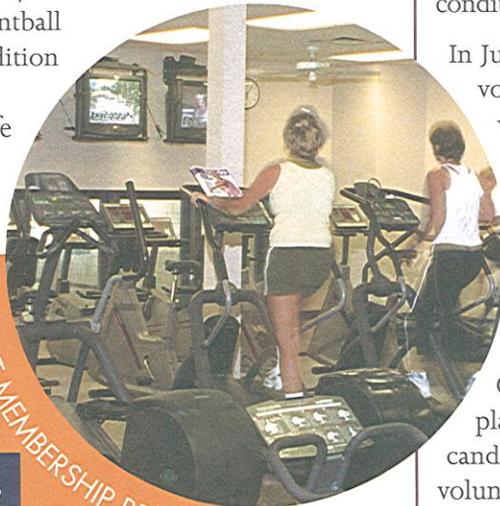
## Park Safety



The Maplewood Police Department works closely with the Maplewood Parks and Recreation Department to insure Maplewood Parks are safe for all to enjoy. In addition to Police Officers, as a part of their regular patrol duties, patrolling City Parks, Maplewood utilizes the services of dedicated volunteers. The Maplewood Police Reserves and the Volunteers In Police Service (VIPS) can also be seen acting as the eyes and ears of the Police Department. Park Watch groups have also been formed in some

areas where neighbors of the parks have taken the initiative to monitor activities in the park to make their neighborhoods safer places. These individuals are dedicated to report suspicious activity or persons, but also protecting our parks from vandalism.

As a reminder, some park land appear to be "open fields". All "open fields" are either the property of an individual or City land. Maplewood Ordinance 24-173 dictates it is illegal to discharge a firearm anywhere within the City. Firearms include BB guns, Pellet guns, Paintball guns, and Bow and Arrow in addition to conventional guns. Please help keep Maplewood and our parks safe by reporting any suspicious activity by calling 651.777.8191 or 911.



GREAT MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS!

Save \$75!

Join the Maplewood Community Center between August 21 and September 30, 2006 and pay NO initial fee. That's a \$75 savings. Plus! Get 50% off one of the following:

- An Economy Party
- One Hour Swim Lesson
- One Hour Massage or

"Our City Council is committed to maintaining strong public safety policies for Maplewood. Not only is this a high priority of our citizens but, as a Council, we understand that a commitment to public safety initiatives that address neighborhood concerns of crime, vandalism, personal safety, narcotics activity, and juvenile delinquency affect the quality of life in our community and is fundamental to maintaining Maplewood as a fun, safe place to live, work and play for everyone."  
—Mayor, Diana Longrie

## A Buffer For Knucklehead Lake

### VOLUNTEERS PLANT 4200 PLANTS!

By Virginia Gaynor, Open Space Naturalist



Scientists are often surprised—like the time when staff from Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District (RWMWD) evaluated Maplewood's Knucklehead Lake.

Wading into the lake at Sherwood Park with dip nets and test tubes, they were amazed to find that although the "wetland is in a highly developed watershed, its ecological condition is impressive."

In June, the City teamed up with RWMWD and dozens of volunteers to help protect Knucklehead Lake. The strategy was to create a buffer of native plants at the wetland edge. A buffer is a strip of vegetation between a body of water and developed land. Once mature, the buffer of plants will help capture and filter runoff from Sherwood Park. If fewer nutrients and sediments enter the wetland, water quality can remain high and animals living in the water will continue to thrive.

On June 22, volunteers planted 2100 wetland and prairie plants in the buffer. The following weekend, Eagle Scout candidate Aaron Thibidault led a group of scouts and volunteers in planting an additional 2100 plants! It will take a few years for the planting to mature and come into full bloom. And when it does, it should be spectacular.

**One fun and rewarding aspect of this project was working with lots of wonderful partners:**

- Maplewood Nature Center
- Century College students
- Watershed District
- Ramsey County Corrections
- Ramsey County Master Gardeners
- Parks Department
- Public Works
- Local 5th graders
- Eagle Scout Thibidault

important to our City and our citizens. I would like to take this opportunity to present some facts and discuss a number of current issues Maplewood is facing so that everyone has a better understanding of the challenges that lie ahead.

**Budgets**-A large amount of our time over the next two months will be spent on the city budget. I reviewed a Citizens League Study from 2005 and found two cities Woodbury and Edina with larger populations and more commercial property than Maplewood that had lower tax ranks! Out of 112 Metro area cities and towns in 2005, the City of Maplewood had a tax rank of 46. Woodbury ranked 62 and Edina was ranked 86th. Maplewood must do better. Clearly my goal is to reduce spending and property taxes through the 2007 Budget process by setting clear priorities to provide citizens quality services.

**City Management**-Maplewood is facing a growing issue, the deferred maintenance of city owned buildings and infrastructure. Under the past administration, little attention was given to managing normal upkeep and repair of buildings and equipment. The Maplewood Community Center alone has deferred maintenance issues approaching \$1.5 Million. Furthermore, City Hall and many of our Fire Stations need basic upkeep to protect our investment. No money has been set aside to address these normal and ongoing

money. Our Council is meeting this challenge head-on by talking about solutions rather than sweeping the issue "under the carpet" for the next Council to deal with.

**Parks and Open Space**-The council is taking positive public policy steps on the environment. Our "ad hoc" Environmental Committee will become a standing commission. It deserves that official status. The council is also researching the steps necessary for conservation easements on open space so that they are protected from development in the future. The council has already increased the Park Access Charge ("PAC") fee paid by developers to be commensurate with the PAC fees charged by similar metro communities, creating better funding for all parks in Maplewood.

**Gladstone**-The owner of the St. Paul Tourist Cabins and developer, Bart Montanari, have announced a planned 160 unit, 55+ senior accessible, housing development that will feature underground parking and other amenities. The great news for Maplewood's citizens is that Mr. Montanari is NOT asking for taxpayer support or tax increment financing ("TIF") to build on lakeside property 10 minutes from the Capital. Our previous city manager, Mr. Fursman, supported the plan of an earlier developer that needed large subsidies. Additionally, in conjunction with the Montanari proposal and under the guidance of our new city manager, Mr.

Met Council. The council voted unanimously to support this first phase of development. This is a great start to the re-development of Gladstone.

**City Council**- Many seem to think our council is a divided, 3-2 vote, council. However, I tracked the voting at a recent council meeting and here are the numbers; 24 votes were 5-0, 1 vote was 4-1, and only 1 vote was 3-2 (Mr. Rossbach, Ms. Cave and myself voted NO, and Mayor Longrie, Ms. Juenemann voted YES). This pattern has been repeated numerous times and unfortunately is ignored by news reporters. It is sad that they prefer to ignore the facts and to perpetuate divisions.

If we had continued in the direction the past Council was headed, Maplewood would have continued a pattern of rising taxes, poor planning, failure to preserve our city's assets, lack of business development initiatives and little thought to developing sustainable living practices for our community. Because we are discussing the issues and stepping up to the plate today for the citizens of Maplewood, we will succeed in controlling spending, improving the management of the city, and protecting public assets. We all need to participate in this process and I would like to thank everyone who gives time and services to our community.

## State Primary Election By City Clerk Karen Guilfoile

September 12, 2006

**City of Maplewood Precinct Locations** To view a map of the Precinct locations, go to [www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/elections](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us/elections).

Precinct 1: Maplewood Fire Station #3 (Parkside) 2001 McMenemy Rd.

Precinct 2: St. Jeromes School 380 E. Roselawn Ave.

Precinct 3: Edgerton School 1929 Edgerton St.

Precinct 4: Maplewood Fire Station #2 (Gladstone) 1955 Clarence St.

Precinct 5: Gladstone Community Center Frost Ave. at Manton St.

Precinct 6: Maplewood Fire Station #7 (Hazelwood) 1530 Cty Road C

Precinct 7: First Evangelical Free Church 2696 Hazelwood St.

Precinct 8: Concordia Arms 2030 Lydia Ave.

Precinct 9: Maplewood City Hall 1830 E. County Road B

Precinct 10: Ramsey County Home 2000 White Bear Ave.

Precinct 11: Maplewood Middle School 1896 Lakewood Dr. N.

Precinct 12: Former Beaver Lake School 1060 Sterling St. N.

Precinct 13: Maplewood Fire Station #1 1177 N. Century

Precinct 14: Carver School 2680 Upper Afton Rd.

Precinct 15: Maplewood Fire Station #4 2501 Londin Lane

Precinct 16: Maplewood Fire Station #4 2501 Londin Lane

The Help American Vote Act (HAVA) has provided funds for new disability accessible ballot marking equipment.



Each polling place will be equipped with a ballot marking device, the AutoMark, which will allow voters with disabilities to vote privately and independently. After marking the ballot with the voter's choices, it is then inserted into the Accuvote for tallying. It was designed especially for voters who are blind, have poor eyesight, cannot hold a pen, or have other difficulties marking a paper ballot. It has a screen that can enlarge text for voters with poor eyesight, headphones so blind voters can hear the ballot instead of reading it, and a sip/puff tube portal for voters who require it. The equipment will be available for use at the September 12, 2006 Primary or can be seen by contacting the City Clerk's office.

For additional information, contact City Clerk Karen Guilfoile at 651.249.2002 or at [karen.guilfoile@ci.maplewood.mn.us](mailto:karen.guilfoile@ci.maplewood.mn.us).



## From the Mayor's Desk... By Mayor Diana Longrie

Greetings! I recently attended the Living Green Expo held at the State Fair Grounds with my good friend, Carolyn Peterson. While there, I stopped at many of the booths and visited with the vendors, refocusing on the ins and outs of how I, as an informed citizen and an

elected official, can make day to day choices that have a positive impact on our environment.

So, what IS "Living Green"? Living green means making choices each and every day that enhance, rather than just reduce, our impact on the environment. Living green moves us in the direction of a long term lifestyle that is ecologically sound, economically viable, socially just, and humane. These practices can save us money and time while improving our health and overall quality of life. Further, our development of public policies supporting sustainable lifestyle initiatives today allows our future generations to lead a healthy, quality life tomorrow.

Although "Living Green" has been popping up as the "trendy" buzz word of the day, the desire to live a lifestyle that is less impactful on our environment has already touched many people, myself included, some time ago. As you know, I grew up in northern Minnesota, on Deer Lake, spending many a day tramping around the woods, playing with turtles, driving garter snakes around in my Tonka trucks, and observing the workings of nature right outside my back door. It was not uncommon to turn over fallen logs and simply sit still - watching the bugs for an hour as they carried on their busy lives. Being that my mother was an amateur horticulturist and naturalist who loved plants, birds, and animals of all kinds, I grew up knowing many of the common names for the birds, plants, insects, trees, and other wildlife found in our woods.

As your Mayor, I look around and ask, what can we do today that allows our future generations to lead a healthy, quality life tomorrow? Make no bones about it, the public policy initiatives that we put in place for our community today can make a difference.

Over the past several months, the Maplewood Council has

implemented a number of public policy initiatives to 1.)promote safety within our community; 2.)to better ensure fiscal accountability in our local government; 3.)to protect private property rights; and 4.)to minimize the risk of litigation for the city, to name a few. Now, the Council has turned its attention to what we can do to bolster our public policies impacting our environment and Maplewood's natural resources.

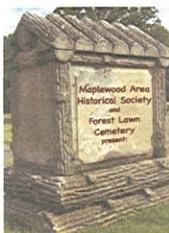
Back in January 2004, the previous Council formed the Environmental Committee as an ad hoc committee to advise the city council on matters relevant to the environment such as city wide recycling practices. Today our Council is establishing, by ordinance, the Environmental and Natural Resources Commission as an advisory commission to the Council whose focus shall be to monitor, promote, and plan for changes, improvements, and innovations in the field of solid waste management, environmental protection, and sustainable practices that are environmentally conscious and economically sound.

Additionally, our Council is revising Maplewood's existing tree ordinance to make it a stronger, better tool to protect the trees in our community. Trees not only add value to our quality of life, but they enhance our property values, keep our homes cool in the summer and protected in the winter, aid in keeping our air clean and breathable, and are instrumental to the development of a sustainable lifestyle model for future generations. Protecting and preserving our trees is a necessary step in walking the walk and talking the talk when establishing "Living Green" public policies for our community.

The next ten years will witness a race between more development, including in-fill development, and our community's efforts to preserve Maplewood's natural resources. However, I believe that we have the strategic direction, community support, and the positive momentum to ensure that our preservation efforts out pace the pressures of development.

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

## Upcoming Events & Courses!



### Forest Lawn Cemetery Walking Tour Of Historic Gravestones A Maplewood Historical Society Event

**Sunday, September 10 1:00 pm, 1:30 pm, 2:00 pm, 2:30 pm**

Join a guided tour of gravestones which were hand-carved to resemble tress and branches. See costumed characters perform graveside sketches. Refreshments will be served in the Cemetery chapel following each tour. Fee is \$10/person. Please call Carolyn at 651.748.9009.

### FREE! Self Defense/ Threat Awareness Class

Learn to identify threats, react appropriately, and use different tools for self-defense. Receive a quick study of local crime trends used on people. Learn "hands-on" defense tactics

### 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 chemical/brand name equivalents.

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

Vine-X® (13% Trichlophyr)

651.770.0531

**Linder's Garden Center: 20% OFF!**

All Glyphosate products and Brush-B-Gone®

651.488.1927

from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon every Saturday to process driver license renewals, issue state ID cards, vehicle title transfers, licenses and registrations. The office also processes hunting and fishing licenses and US passports. Monday through Friday hours are: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm. For more information, contact Karen Guilfoile, at 651.249.2002 or karen.guilfoile@ci.maplewood.mn.us

## Wakefield Watch Lake Cleanup October 7

Gulden Place residents are planning the first of many Wakefield Lake Cleanups for Saturday, October 7 from 9:00 am to noon. Wakefield Watch volunteers are needed from all over Maplewood. For more information, call Duwayne Konewko at 651.249.2400.

## Maplewood's Golden Jubilee Celebration

The City of Maplewood will celebrate its 50th anniversary in February 2007 and is seeking your help to plan the party. The Maplewood Historical Preservation Commission is asking residents to share their ideas for "We Are Golden" events. The Commission is also recruiting to fill a vacancy and is now accepting applications for appointment by the City Council. The Commission meets monthly on every third Thursday at 7:00 pm at City Hall. Contact Lois Behm, Liaison to the Historical Preservation Commission at 651.770.8941 or behm3030@bitstream.net.

## Hazelwood Neighborhood Capital Improvements

The Capital Improvement Plan is a multiple-year plan for needed capital improvements and major equipment purchases.

The Harvest Park Improvements project is scheduled for 2006 which involves irrigating the existing five fields and overseed to established turf. In 2008, the Hazelwood Park Trail Corridor will be connected to the internal Hazelwood Park trail system. For further information on these projects, call 651.249.2102.

County Road D will be reconstructed from Southlawn to White Bear Ave. in 2009. This project will also include a trail connection from Southlawn to White Bear Ave. Reconstruction of White Bear Ave. from Radatz to Buerkle is proposed to begin in 2007. In 2009 a traffic signal will be installed at Southlawn and County Road D. A traffic signal is planned for 2006 at the intersection of Kennard St. and Cty Rd D. For further information on these projects, call 651.249.2402.

## CITY OF MAPLEWOOD

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### DEPUTY REGISTRAR HOURS

**Monday:** 8:00 am - 6:00 pm  
**Tuesday - Friday:** 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

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



## City Meetings:

**Council/Manager Workshops & City Council Meetings**  
Workshop: 5:00 pm (as needed)  
Council meeting at 7:00pm  
September 11 & 25

**Pre-Agenda Meetings**  
September 7 & 21 at 4:45pm

**Community Design Review Board**  
September 19 at 6:00pm

**Environmental Committee**  
September 5 at 7:00pm

**Historical Preservation Commission**  
September 21 at 7:00pm

**Housing & Redevelopment Authority**  
TBD at 7:00pm

**Human Relations Commission**  
No meeting scheduled

**Parks & Recreation Commission**  
September 18 at 7:00pm

**Planning Commission**  
September 6 & 18 at 7:00pm

**Mayor's Forum**  
September 2 at 10:00am-noon

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

The September 11 & 25 City Council meeting 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](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us)

To submit newsworthy city information, contact Heidi Carey: 651.249.2104  
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# CITY NEWS

October 2006

## Maplewood's Fall Clean-up Day

**October 14, 2006 8:00 am-12:00 pm**  
at the Gethsemane Lutheran Church parking lot (2410 Stillwater Ave.)  
Please enter from Bartelmy Lane.

Maplewood residents will be able to dispose of:

- Refrigerators
- Stoves
- Washing machines
- Dishwashers
- Freezers
- Appliances
- Computers/monitors
- Tires
- Construction debris
- Car parts
- and other junk

for charges below for disposal cost)

**Limbs, brush or tree waste will be accepted. Proof of residency will be required.**

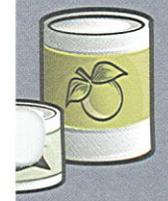


The city will begin separating electronics from the waste stream and removing the hazardous components which increases the cost of this event. The

schedule is set up to absorb approximately 25% to 35% of the total cost for disposal. The city will assume the remaining 65% to 75% of the cost.

### CLEAN-UP DAY COLLECTION FEES:

- Pay by cash or check only
- Household items without a trailer \$10
- Household clean-up trucks and cars with trailers \$15
- Exceptionally large loads \$25 plus
- In addition to above costs:
- Computer/monitor \$15
- Tires with or without rims \$3
- Stumps all sizes \$10
- VCRs \$10
- Refrigerators \$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

## Maplewood's Thrilling October Events

### Halloween Hoedown

Friday, October 20 6:15 - 9:00 pm

At the MCC Banquet Room

Join the Maplewood Historical Society for their annual Halloween Hoedown. Enjoy food, games, crafts, pumpkin painting, Dress up in costume and dance to music played by a DJ from Kidsdance. Check out their Halloween spooky room and bid on great items at the silent auction. Dining Cards for sale at \$19. For more information, call Carolyn at 651.748.9009.

### Holiday Crafts (Ages 3-6)

Tuesday, October 24 6:30 - 7:30 pm

In the MCC Craft Room \$12/child

Bring your friends and create fun and easy Halloween crafts with the Maplewood Parks & Recreation staff. Enjoy music, delicious snacks, and more. Put on your paint shirt and get ready to have a great time. Call 651.249.2100 x0 to register.

### Halloween Haunt

(Ages 4-10 with an adult)

Friday, October 21 Guided hikes start at

6:15 pm and leave every 15 minutes

At the Maplewood Nature Center

2659 East Seventh Street, Maplewood

Phone: 651.249.2170

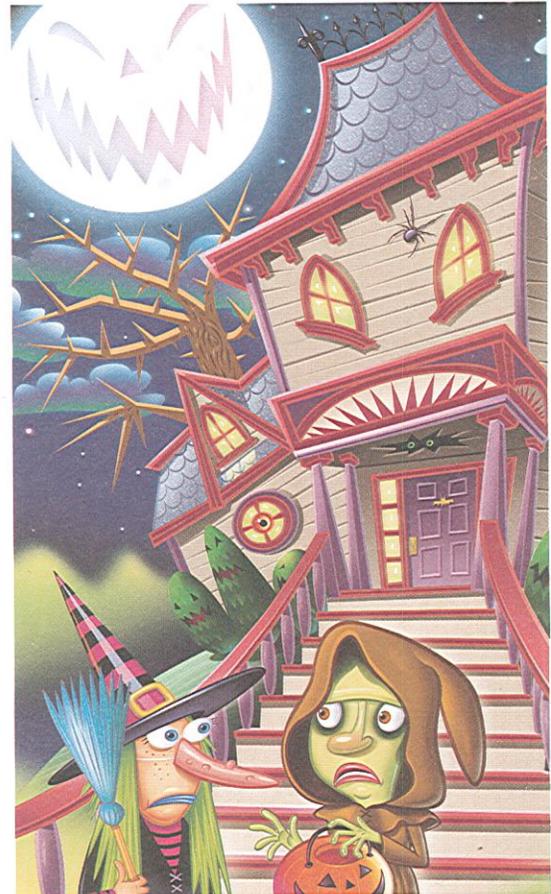
\$6/child (pre-pay by Oct. 26)

Follow the yellow rock path to find the wacky and wonderful LIZARD OF OZ.

Giant nature creatures will offer clues to decipher a cryptic message. Dare to talk with the Wicked Weed of the Wet!

Educational with an element of surprise.

Enjoy live music, leaf crawl, and live reptiles for a memorable event.



### Spooky Splash

Saturday, October 28 5:30 - 8:30 pm

At the MCC Aquatics Center

FREE for members

Daily admission for non-members

Fish in the Freaky Fish Pond, bob for apples, munch on Halloween candy, slide down the 120-foot water slide, and have fun splashin' in our spooky environment. New this year—spooky gym activities! Don't miss it. Call 651.249.2100 x0 for more information.

## Driver & Motor Vehicle Services

### Open Every Saturday 8:00 am to Noon!



Maplewood's Deputy Registrar will be open from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon every Saturday to process driver license renewals, issue state ID cards, vehicle title transfers, licenses and



past few months the new council has had numerous public policy discussions about redevelopment and wetland protection as well as preserving and maintaining our public owned open spaces and parks.

Mindful of the recent Gladstone Redevelopment initiative over the past 3 years, I believe, 54 when it comes to our parks and public owned open spaces, the residents of Maplewood have lost their innocence regarding our City's commitment to hold firm to the down-to-earth principle and commonly shared values that parks and public owned open spaces are not to be sold or traded for development purposes. This experience reminds us of the need to be to ever vigilant.

As part of the initial Gladstone Redevelopment Plan, a proposed model for use through out the city, positioned the City to embark on a public policy to trade and/or sell parks and public owned open spaces. However, our new council took a solid stand to protect the Savanna Neighborhood Preserve, Gloster Park and Flicek Park. While together we saved the Gladstone parks and public owned open spaces this time, the redevelopment pressures will continue to emerge in the future and other neighborhood parks and public owned open spaces may not be as lucky. Protection measures are instrumental in the safeguarding of these treasured assets.

As a first ring suburb, we are continually under the pressure to develop and redevelop. We have learned that often times the road to redevelopment, despite the best intentions of experts and city planners, is paved with public set-aside areas being placed in the proverbial "chopping block" and sacrificed 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

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 these treasured assets for future generations.

I have had many citizens express support for initiatives to welcome more volunteers to participate in City sponsored natural resource partnership projects. Projects such as removing invasive, nonnative plants and shrub species such as buckthorn; controlling erosion; planting native trees, shrubs and other vegetation to protect bluff areas; and to beautify or restore our neighborhoods' open spaces and parks. Additionally, we can work with community partners to provide educational exhibits to educate our citizens about protecting our waters and interpretive signage on landmark locations around our community. In the big picture, as a City, we need to more actively engage grant making agencies, private organizations, businesses and, most importantly, neighborhood residents in becoming stakeholders in our parks and public owned open spaces. I am expecting great things to occur from our community! As your Mayor, I ask you to put your thinking cap on. How can you participate?

Our parks, public owned open spaces, sanctuaries, paved pedestrian and bicycle paths, parkways, overlooks, rustic walking trails and picnic areas provide quality of life amenities that we all hold as significant. In the long term, these parks and public open space assets not only provide a better quality of life for Maplewood citizens, but also serve to stimulate new investment and to enhance the overall property values of individual property owners in Maplewood. Further, it is my belief that preserving these assets offers the greatest opportunity to stabilize our residential tax base and strengthen our ability as a City to promote positive, private investment in targeted

must be mindful "not to throw out the baby with the bath water". These treasured assets which are our pride and joy today, if preserved for the future, are the very assets which will distinguish us from other communities who did not appreciate the long term value of preservation over the short term benefit of generating operating cash when their public properties were developed in the name of progress.

To protect our treasured public property assets from development and redevelopment pressures, our forward minded council, under my leadership, is discussing my proposed Conservation Easement Initiative ("CEI") to establish a Maplewood conservation easement program for all of our public owned open spaces and many of our parks. 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. This 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.

Watch for other great things to come! As always, I welcome your comments and invite one and all to attend the monthly Mayor's Forum 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](mailto:mayorlongrie@yahoo.com)

## Wine & Jazz Festival



Sat., November 4  
7:00-9:30 pm  
Maplewood  
Community  
Center's Wine and  
Jazz Festival is  
always a huge hit!

Come and taste over 80 unique wines all under \$20. Enjoy delicious hors d'oeuvres and jazz music. Music by local jazz vocalist, Christine Rosholt and her three piece band. All proceeds go to Second Harvest Food Shelf. Tickets can be purchased at the MCC or call 651.249.2100 x0. \$30/person (\$35 at the door)

# Maplewood Police Heros

By David Thomalla, Police Chief



Maplewood Officer Stan Belde, an eleven and a half year veteran, and his K-9 partner, Jagr, will be recognized by the United States Police Canine Association for their efforts in locating a suspect who attempted to drown the K-9 Jagr.

The team will be awarded the National Patrol Dog Case of the Year award at a ceremony on

September 29, 2006 in St. Paul. Selection of the recipient of this award is made by an awards committee which examines cases from the United States and Canada and then makes a quarterly award. The quarterly award winners' actions are then evaluated to choose the annual award. Officer Belde and Jagr were selected for the quarterly award in September of 2005 after an incident in June of 2005. Award winners are chosen based on their performance which best represented extraordinary actions demonstrating the K-9's performance and the handlers actions.

Sadly, this award often goes to a K-9 team whose actions result in the death or injury to the K-9 or the Officer. Fortunately for Officer Belde, Jagr and the Maplewood Police Department, that wasn't the case.

The United States Police Canine Association is the largest organization of its kind with 26 chapters. The Association's mission is the establishment and maintenance of standards of police and military service dogs.

## MAPLEWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT

In conjunction with the



Jacob Wetterling Foundation

### Present A *FREE* Educational Seminar **Protecting Children From Sex Offenders**

**Saturday, October 28, 2006**

**10:00 am - 12:00 pm**

at the Maplewood Community Center  
2100 White Bear Avenue

AUDIENCE: Adult community members, community leaders, educators, social workers & criminal justice professionals

- Learn who's exploiting our kids and how to prevent it.
- Get the facts about sexual exploitation and abduction in order to better protect your children.
- Develop a family safety plan that helps determine the "best practices" that should be followed.
- Learn about on-line and in-person safety, especially related to children and teenagers
- Get tips about how to have a conversation with your family about on-line and in-person safety.

To register, contact Joanne at 651.249.2601 or [joanne.svendsen@ci.maplewood.mn.us](mailto:joanne.svendsen@ci.maplewood.mn.us).

## Come To The Open House

The Maplewood Public Works Department will be hosting an Open House on Thursday, October 26, from 3:00 - 6:00 pm at 1902 East County Road B. Stop by to visit with our staff and view the new addition to our building. Refreshments will be served. Call 651.249.2400 for more information.

## Deferred Home Loans For Energy Conservation

By Greg Copeland, City Manager

In June when I first wrote about the Home Energy Conservation Deferred Loan Program for Maplewood residents more than 130 calls for information poured into the Neighborhood Energy Connection offices. Thirty five Maplewood homeowners received funds since June to replace worn out furnaces, insulate their homes or replace inefficient water heaters. Another group of two dozen Maplewood families have applications pending to benefit from this unique home energy conservation program that has served more than 600 suburban Ramsey County families since 1994.

This program will provide a loan of up to \$6,000 to stop energy losses due to air infiltration or old heating equipment that needs replacement. The loans, targeted to moderate income homeowners, do not have to be paid back unless you sell your home in less than ten years.

Income limits vary according to the size of your household:

Household Size	Maximum Income
1 person	\$40,600
2 persons	\$46,400
3 persons	\$52,200
4 persons	\$58,000
5 persons	\$62,600

Other Program Conditions:

- No property tax arrears
- Home must be built prior to 1986
- County tax valuation must not exceed \$190,000
- Home mortgage must be current
- Maximum of \$50,000 assets excluding IRA, Roth IRA and other retirement savings
- No student loan default



Apply today to prepare your home before winter's cold and to

Council Member Erik Hjelle complained that KSTP's report that the Gladstone redevelopment plan was in limbo; and a critic's comment, reported as fact, that the project was "stalled" were not factual. City Council Member Hjelle told the News Council, the City had taken a number of actions to advance the Gladstone project, including submission of a \$2.2 million grant application to the Metropolitan Council on July 17, 2006 for Gladstone area improvements.

Mayor Diana Longrie and City Council Member Rebecca Cave joined Council Member Hjelle in making the complaint which was sustained by the News Council Hearing Board on September 20, 2006.

Since the Minnesota News Council was founded in 1971 only eight percent of the total complaints filed with it received a hearing, and of those heard only about half the complaints against the news media were upheld.

## Overnight Parking Ordinance

All residents are reminded of the City's overnight parking ordinance, which is enforced throughout the entire year. The ordinance, Section 36-39 (d), states that it is prohibited to park any vehicle upon any street or road in the City between 2:00 am and 6:00 am. If you have a temporary situation necessitating parking on the street overnight (such as installing/paving a driveway or having many overnight guests), you may receive permission to park on the street for up to 14 days by calling a Police Department supervisor.

If you have any questions regarding this ordinance, please call North District Lieutenant Kevin Rabbett at 651.249.2604 or South District Lieutenant Michael Shortreed at 651.249.2605.

## Food Drive For Second Harvest Food Shelf

The city of Maplewood is hosting a pre-holidays non-perishable food drive! We are collecting non-perishable food items for Second Harvest food shelf through December 29. The holidays typically put a large demand on food shelf supplies, so bring in a food item donation (or several!) and make a positive impact on our community. Please bring your non-perishable food item to Maplewood city hall, the nature center or the community center before the end of the year and we will deliver the donations to Second Harvest. For more information, call Kathy Peck Hall at 651.249.2101.

## Looking Out For The Environment

At the September 11, 2006 meeting, the City Council established by ordinance the Environmental and Natural Resources Commission as an advisory commission to the City Council whose focus will be to monitor, promote and plan for changes, improvements and innovations in the areas of solid waste management, environmental protection and sustainable practices that are environmentally conscious and economically sound. The city council is now accepting applications for this commission. For an application, go to [www.ci.maplewood.mn.us](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us). You can mail the application to City Manager, Greg Copeland at 1830 County Road B, Maplewood, MN 55109 or fax it to 651.249.2059.

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## CITY NEWS

November 2006

### Fire Marshal Takes On New Role



Butch Gervais

Beginning January 1, 2007, Fire Marshal Butch Gervais will be expanding his role as Fire Marshal to Fire Marshal/Assistant Fire Chief of the Maplewood Fire Department. Butch's new responsibilities will include all training (he did do department training for the first two years he was Fire Marshal) and supervision of the paid-per-call

firefighters, along with assuming the role as second in command of the Department.

Butch started his firefighting career with the Gladstone Fire Department in 1978. He held the positions of Fire Fighter/ EMT, captain, safety officer, training officer and district chief. Butch was hired as the full-time Fire Marshal in 1998. Before coming to the City of Maplewood, Butch worked at State Farm Insurance Company for over 21 years as a lead worker for field maintenance for Minnesota and Wisconsin as a national and local team leader for support services.

Butch received an A.A.S. degree in Fire Science from Hennepin Community College and a B.S. degree from Madison University. He is certified Firefighter I, Firefighter II, Firefighter III, Fire Inspector II, EMT, IV tech, and has attended many National Fire Academy and Fire/Arson Investigation classes.

Butch's goals for 2007 are as follows:

- work on setting up a computer based inspection program
- enhance training by utilizing outside instructors
- continue to ensure a high quality working relationship with business owners
- continue the great working relationship with the paid-per-call and full-time staff

### Maplewood's New EMS Director



Robb Prechtel

Beginning January 1, 2007, EMS Coordinator Robb Prechtel will be assuming a new title and role as Emergency Medical Services Director.

Robb Prechtel came to the city of Maplewood as EMS Coordinator and Fire Fighter/Paramedic in May of 2005. Prior to coming to the City of Maplewood, Robb worked at Hennepin County Medical Center for 10 years.

First working as Paramedic for four years before assuming the role as Paramedic Supervisor for HCMC which he held until joining the Maplewood Fire Department.

Robb's supervisory duties included evaluating medic performance, responding to high priority EMS calls, working with purchasing and stocking of ambulance supplies and policies, procedures and medical protocols. He also served as safety and compliance supervisor and assisted in the hiring of new employees and their training. Robb was also a paid-per-call firefighter for the Maple Grove Fire Department for four years.

Robb has an A.A. degree in accounting and has taken numerous courses in management from the University of Minnesota Duluth and the University of Eau Claire. Robb received his paramedic license from Century College along with an A.A.S. degree. He has also completed Firefighter I and Firefighter II from Hennepin Technical College.

Robb's goals for 2007 are:

- to continue to assure high quality customer service
- to improve the quality of EMS training
- to investigate the feasibility of doing our own EMT training in-house
- to improve on data collection and billing process



Officers Scott Langner & Paul Theisen

### Shining Stars *By David Thomalla Police Chief*

Maplewood Officers Paul Theisen, Scott Langner, Mike Nye, and Sergeant Dick Doblal were recognized at the Ramsey - Washington MADD Law Enforcement Recognition Banquet on October 23. These officers were recognized for their extensive DWI Enforcement efforts. They were among officers selected from other Departments in Washington and Ramsey Counties. All four of the Maplewood officers selected had made in excess of 30 DWI arrests in 2005 and Officer Langner made over 50 arrests. Year to date in 2006, the Department has made 63% more arrests for DWI than in 2005.



## Dear Friends and Neighbors... By Mayor Diana Longrie

During February 2007, Maplewood will be celebrating its 50th anniversary as a City. Plans are in

the works to have a city wide celebration that will include events throughout the year. I serve as the Council liaison to the Maplewood Historic Preservation Commission which is working diligently, along with the Maplewood Historical Society, to implement a variety of events that will appeal to residents of all ages. No matter if your family has lived in Maplewood for generations or you have recently become part of our Maplewood community, history can be fun for everyone. We welcome all to participate. The Maplewood City Council voted unanimously to get the ball rolling by providing the initial \$5,000 seed money needed.

There is no dispute that Maplewood has an "interesting" geographic configuration. While Maplewood's

geography possess challenges for our police and firefighters as well as our parks and public works maintenance staff, this geography provides the charm and unique neighborhoods that our citizens know and love.

Maplewood has 13 distinct neighborhoods. I have lived in the Parkside neighborhood for nearly 25 years. My husband, a life long resident of Maplewood, grew up in the Hillside neighborhood. All of our 13 neighborhoods are rich in history, stories and a sense of community.

Celebrating our unique neighborhoods and the heritage of our community increases our citizens' sense of fellowship, pride, and identity. One of our ideas to celebrate Maplewood's 50th anniversary is a publication featuring our 13 Maplewood neighborhoods. This publication would offer an opportunity for neighborhoods to share their stories. To that end, we ask that you submit treasured photos from the past or present, cherished memories, favorite recipes, and other

materials of interest. Maplewood has a wonderful mix of old and new, history and progress, which we can take pride in celebrating not just during our 50th anniversary but every day. Our celebration gives us a chance to do more than just throw a party, it gives us a chance to come together to reflect on the past, preserve our cherished memories for future generations, and commemorate our neighborhoods and how they make Maplewood uniquely the "Village of Maplewood".

Please contact Ms. Lois Behm of the Maplewood Historic Preservation Commission at 651.770.8941 or the Maplewood City Manager, Mr. Greg Copeland, at 651.249.2050 for more information.

As always, I welcome one and all to attend the monthly Mayor's Forum 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](mailto:mayorlongrie@yahoo.com). Best Regards!

## New Maplewood Union Represents Department Heads

By Interim City Manager Greg Copeland

On October 25, after an election conducted by the Minnesota Bureau of Mediation Services, BMS, 27 formerly non-union city employees are now represented by the Maplewood Confidential and Supervisory Association.

The new union includes all department heads, numerous line supervisors and technical staff; please see the chart on page 3 for a partial listing of these positions. This is a unique combination of top managers who earn six figure incomes, and have not previously been paid on an hourly basis using the prevailing wages typically included in labor union contracts, and other city employees paid on an hourly basis such as Payroll Technicians, Street Superintendent and GIS and IT Analysts.

The City had advised the BMS that many of these employees would be better served by membership in other existing unions in which there is a community of interest. The employees in the new union rejected that advice.

The chart on page 3 illustrates the results of a study of the current salary status of a sample of the job titles included in the new Maplewood Confidential and Supervisory Association.

The study ranks Maplewood salaries in comparison to salaries paid to employees with similarly titled jobs in other metro cities in the 30,000 to 50,000 population range, as well as the dollar and percentage differences of Maplewood's higher pay compared with salaries for these jobs in the other cities.

In only one of the thirteen jobs studied did Maplewood employees not rank in the top three of metro cities, with a 30,000 to 50,000 population, as paying the highest wages; that was HR Representative in which Maplewood ranked fourth.

Four of the job titles studied showed Maplewood ranked number one in pay among metro area cities in the study group with comparable positions. Five jobs of the thirteen studied placed Maplewood's employees second in rank for salaries among those of similar size metro cities for these job titles. Three job titles ranked Maplewood employees with the third highest salaries among metro area cities in the study group for these job titles.

The HR Director position which was at a 21% higher pay rate than HR Directors in the other metro cities studied has been eliminated from the 2007 proposed budget.

## Dear Fellow Residents... By Councilmember Kathleen Juenemann

**"We chart our future clearly and wisely only when we know the path which has led us to the present." —Adlai Stevenson**

Our hometown, Maplewood, will soon turn "50". This occasion gives us all reason to celebrate, be grateful and renew our sense of dedication to our community. We certainly need to be aware of our history and acknowledge the dedication and contributions of the leaders, citizens and staff over the past 49 + years.

The Village of Maplewood was incorporated in 1957, basically to accommodate inevitable suburban growth and the potential location of Minnesota Mining & Manufacturing Co. headquarters within our boundaries. The mayor and 4 trustees and city clerk took on the huge task of establishing an operational framework and vision for the future of this suburb of @ 1,300 people. In the mid 1970's we became (due to statutory changes) the City of Maplewood, with a population of @ 25,000 governed by a mayor and 4 council members and a city manager. As the population grew, the tasks, responsibilities, service demands, planning needs and vision increased as well. In the early years, staffing consisted of the elected officials, city clerk, constable (became police chief), consulting engineer, volunteer fire department, PT health inspector, PT building inspector, and 4 men street crew. Today, as a city of 36,900 residents, we need and are reliant on our city staff of 164 FT and 37 PT employees (Police, Fire-EMS, Public Works-Engineering, Parks and Recreation, Planning, REAL, Finance) to keep our city operational and

safe. We are a significant first ring suburb with a major shopping mall, a hospital and medical complex, 3M Corp. Headquarters, \$98,200,000.00\* in commercial building permits and 14,500\* households. With these community assets come equally significant service demands, public safety issues and leadership responsibilities.

Over the years (1957-2005) we have had 13 mayors, many council members and a legion of citizen commission/committee members and volunteers, all dedicated to moving this city forward and creating and maintaining a solid, safe economically stable city. Despite their differences in philosophy, personality and work style, there has been a persistent sense of community good and respect for others' efforts. We can not afford to throw away the past and ignore the wisdom, community memory and dedicated talents of the officials and staff who have served us for nearly 50 years. Our strategies for leadership, future operations and vision must reflect their sense of community and the common good.

Let us, the elected officials and residents, continually search for wisdom and follow the dedicated example of the founders and leaders of our community as we strive to continue building and maintaining a strong, safe, viable and diverse city.

Councilmember Kathleen Juenemann

P.S. My sincere personal thanks to all who have served this community in the past and continue to keep Maplewood great!  
\*(2005)

### SALARY SURVEY SHOWS MAPLEWOOD ABOVE METRO AVERAGE

Job Title and Salary Without Benefits* for Selected Maplewood Confidential and Supervisory Association Members	Maplewood Employee Salary Ranking Among Metro Cities*	Dollar Difference Between Maplewood's Higher Salary and the Metro Aged Average Salary*	Percentage by Which Maplewood's Salary Is Higher than the Metro Aged Average Salary *	Previously Budgeted 2007 Salary and Benefits ‡
Human Resource Director \$104,041.61	ONE	\$17,818.31	21%	Position Eliminated
Public Works Director \$113,609.00	TWO	\$10,947.31	11%	\$165,666.00
Fire Chief \$101,379.20.00	THREE	\$ 8,094.87	9%	\$145,227.00
Assistant Finance Director \$89,294.00	ONE	\$ 8,057.33	10%	\$131,537.00
Parks & Recreation Director \$105,622.40	TWO	\$ 7,619.29	8%	\$149,973.00
Finance Director \$108,347.00	TWO	\$ 7,455.25	7%	\$151,524.00
Police Lieutenant \$89,752.00	ONE	\$ 6,334.45	8%	\$128,618.00 (1)
IT Network Analyst \$59,488.00	ONE	\$ 5,967.33	11%	\$ 75,136.00
Dispatch Supervisor \$63,856.00	TWO	\$ 4,776.51	8%	\$ 38,052.00 (2)
Police Chief \$111,800.00	THREE	\$ 4,551.88	4%	\$164,404.00
HR Representative \$61,796.80	FOUR	\$ 3,513.41	6%	\$ 89,233.00
Payroll Clerk \$51,979.20	TWO	\$ 3,216.27	7%	\$ 52,486.00
IT Director \$85,176.00	THREE	\$ 1,127.48	1%	\$ 96,257.00

\*Minnesota League of Cities Source: 2006 MN Local Government Salary and Benefits Survey using actual average salary. Metro Cities Studied: 30,000 to 50,000 population.

(1) Average for all positions (2) Position funded for five months ‡ Now subject to labor negotiation

## Extra, Extra, E-News

By Mychal Fowlds IT Director

Now it is easier than ever to keep informed about what is happening in the City of Maplewood! The GovDelivery e-mail notification service allows Maplewood residents and other interested parties to sign up FREE of charge to receive e-mail messages from the city on a variety of topics. The e-mail messages are brief summaries that direct the recipient to more information through a link to the city's Web site.

To sign up, visit our website, [www.ci.maplewood.mn.us](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us) and click on the link entitled "E-mail Updates". Enter your e-mail address and check which lists you'd like to subscribe to and that's it! You're signed up!

# Turn Your Headlights On

By Sergeant Scott Steffen

Every vehicle on a highway within this state should have headlights displayed:

- at any time from sunset to sunrise;
- at any time when it is raining, snowing, sleeting, or hailing; and
- at any other time when visibility is impaired by weather, smoke, fog or other conditions or there is not sufficient light to render clearly discernible persons and vehicles on the highway at a distance of 500 feet ahead;

Anyone having traffic complaints or concerns may reach Sgt. Scott Steffen at 651.249.2640 or email at [scott.steffen@ci.maplewood.mn.us](mailto:scott.steffen@ci.maplewood.mn.us).

## FREE Self Defense/Threat Awareness Class

Learn to identify threats, react appropriately, and use different tools for self-defense. Receive a quick study of local crime trends. Learn "hands-on" defense tactics and the correct frame of mind for self defense.

**Date: Thursday, November 7 Time: 7:00 - 8:30 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](http://www.maplewoodcommunitycenter.com).

## Driver/Motor Vehicle/Passport Services Now Has Saturday Hours!

Maplewood's Deputy Registrar will be open from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon every Saturday to process driver license renewals, issue state ID cards, vehicle title transfers, licenses and registrations. Monday through Friday hours are: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm. For more information, contact Karen Guilfoile, at 651.249.2002 or [karen.guilfoile@ci.maplewood.mn.us](mailto:karen.guilfoile@ci.maplewood.mn.us)

## City Hall Holiday Hours

Veteran's Day Observance	Friday, November 10 & Saturday*, November 11
Thanksgiving Observance	Thursday, November 23, Friday 24, & Saturday* 25
Christmas Day,	Monday, December 25
New Years Day,	Monday, January 1, 2007

\*No Deputy Registrar Services on these Saturdays

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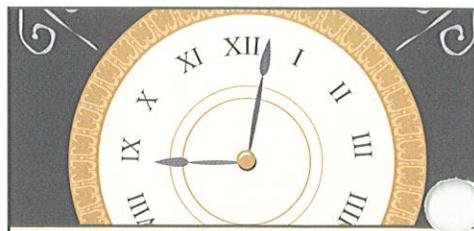
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*Together We Can!*

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## Maplewood Residents Bring Home Award Winning Innovative Landscape Techniques

By Debbie Meister Public Relations Consultant for the Watershed

The 2006 winners of the Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District LEAP (Landscape Ecology Awards Program) Awards were recently honored at the October 26 Awards Ceremony held at HB Fuller in Vadnais Heights. From a pool of 13 applicants the district's Natural Resources Board selected 7 winners— 1 Oakdale resident, 1 St. Paul resident, 4 Maplewood residents, and the City of Little Canada. These winners, according to Natural Resources Board Co-chair Mark Gernes, "were selected for their innovation and energetic efforts on their property." If our watershed district expects to make new gains in water quality, he continued, "We will need to try new things in landscaping."

The Maplewood award winners are highlighted below:

JoAyn Dana of 1865 White Bear Ave. in Maplewood slowly started her 3/4-acre gardening projects when she bought her house 6 years ago. Except for mature trees, her shady yard was comprised of compacted gravel. Over the first three years, JoAyn removed the gravel, had 17 loads of dirt delivered, began establishing grass and border areas and began removing buckthorn. Over the next three years, she added over 50 varieties of flowers and shrubs. Said JoAyn, "I like views and creating garden rooms." Her backyard now feels like a secluded wonderland.

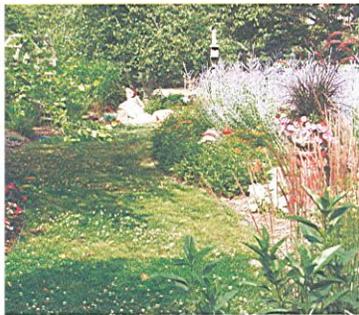
Thirteen years ago, JoAnn Funk at 880 Lakewood in Maplewood took her new house on a standard suburban lot and transformed the monoculture yard to gardens using a variety of plants and shrubs. The plants and shrubs helped stabilize her steep slope and the addition of a swale and rain gardens her house. "When I started gardening, said JoAnn, "I realized the deer ate all my native things, surprise, the birds and bird population gold finch, wrens, such as hawks,

helped prevent water from pooling around started gardening, said JoAnn, "I realized fancy plants—so I began growing more things they don't eat." To her native plants also attracted more butterflies. She now has an abundant including nesting pairs of bluebirds, hummingbirds and many visitors cedar waxwings, barn swallows and indigo buntings.

Now retired, award winner Cheryl Lemire of 1886 Adele St. in Maplewood, started her "second career" as a full-time gardener in

1999. Her house, which was built in 1997, was on a wooded lot over grown with buckthorn and honeysuckle. Hiring a tree service to remove the 25'-30' buckthorn and roots, she removed the rest. Her lot now has over 30 varieties of trees and shrubs. In addition to the wooded areas, Cheryl removed lawn to create ornamental plantings. Boulders and a created stream with a waterfall help reduce runoff. Cheryl regularly sees wildlife such as frogs, turtles, raccoons, opossum, weasels, ducks and other birds.

David Gabel's property at 2843 Meadowlark Ln. sits on the shores of Kohlman Lake in Maplewood. Last year he began his landscaping work with the goals to improve shoreland integrity and combat erosion,



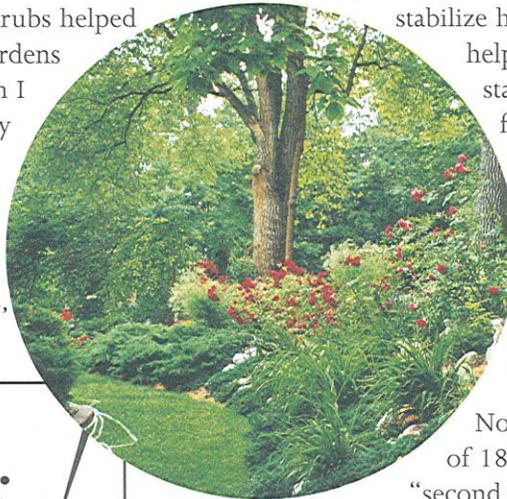
JoAnn Funk's residence



David Gabel's residence



Cheryl Lemire's residence



## 2007 Wedding Fair!

Saturday, January 27

1:00 - 4:30 pm

at the

Maplewood Community Center

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Greetings: may you and your families have a safe and wonderful Merry Christmas as well as a bright and prosperous New Year!

Many people contribute to making Maplewood a great place to live. As the year winds down, I want to extend my heart-felt "Thank You" to our City staff, my fellow council members, and our commission and board members for all of the time and effort they have spent throughout the year on City business. Additionally, a heart-felt "Thank You" goes out to all of the Maplewood Citizens who participated in their local government by either writing

letters, sending e-mails, placing telephone calls, stopping their elected officials in the grocery store, church or school, clipping newspaper articles for me, participating in the Mayor's Forums, watching the televised broadcasts of City meetings, or attending the council meetings. The Council and I appreciate your advice, encouragement, expertise, criticisms and suggestions.

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Best Regards.

## Dear Citizens... By Councilmember Rebecca Cave



I would like to update you on recent City Council actions as we bring 2006 to a close.

- Jacob Wetterling Foundation Seminar Protecting Our Children – The City

Council on April 10th rejected an ordinance, on the advice of the Jacob Wetterling Foundation, which proposed restrictions on where sexual predator can live. The City Council instead voted to look for ways to educate the citizens on sexual predators. I took the initiative to work closely with Nancy Sabin, Executive Director from the Jacob Wetterling Foundation to develop a program for our citizens. I also enlisted the help of Deputy Chief Banick who assisted in setting up and finding sponsors for our seminar. The seminar at the Maplewood Community Center on October 28 "Protecting Our Children from Predators" was a great success, 40 citizens attended. I am looking forward to the next Law Enforcement Community Seminar in 2007.

- South Maplewood Moratorium – On November 13, the City Council, after a Public Hearing, voted 4-0 to place a Moratorium on building in South Maplewood. The area is south of Carver Avenue and along both sides of 494. The Moratorium is for one year and will allow citizens, the Planning Commission, and the new Environmental and Natural Resources Commission to research and develop recommendations on important issues related to the future of these pieces of properties and protecting the semi-rural life style.

- Environmental and Natural Resources Commission – The Council voted 5-0, on an ordinance to make the "Ad Hoc" Environmental Committee a full City Commission. The City Council held interviews with ten citizens and on November 29th selected seven new commission members. I believe this group will be instrumental in projects like the South Maplewood Moratorium and finding new ways to educate our citizens on many environmental issues. With all the expertise and specialized experience of this diverse group of citizen volunteers brings to the City of Maplewood, I am excited for the future of Maplewood and to see our unique environment flourishing.

- Liquor Ordinance – On November 17th the Council passed 5-0, a revision to the established Liquor Ordinance – Bar and Nightclub owners and citizens were present for the Public Hearing. Kudos were given to the City Clerk, Karen Guilfoile, for all the hard work that was put into this revision and for taking the time to really listen to small business owners and promote the community's interests.

- Electric Franchise Tax – The urban myth that the City Council decisions are already decided before the Council Meeting was resoundly destroyed on November 13th. Over 100 Maplewood Citizens were engaged in discussion of questions and answers about the proposed increase of the Electric Franchise Tax. Ultimately, the City Council tabled on a 5-0 vote the proposed increase of the Electric Franchise Tax. The 2007 Budget proposes no increase in the Electric Franchise Tax.

- 2007 Budget – Approximately 25 citizens attended The Truth and Taxation meeting held in the City Council Chambers on December 4. Seven citizens shared their concerns, questions, and offered suggestions to the City Council.

- Harriet Rydel – Administrative Assistant – Please join me in welcoming Harriet to the City of Maplewood team. Harriet is the Senior Administrative Assistant to the City Manager. Ajla Arnold who had been assisting until a permanent hire was made, did an outstanding job. Ajla will continue to assist other city offices by providing temporary clerical services.

- Gladstone Redevelopment – The City of Maplewood is waiting to hear the final word on a Livable Communities Grant in the amount of 1.8 million dollars from the Metropolitan Council for the phase one of Gladstone Neighborhood Redevelopment.

- Gladstone Phase I – Phase One includes the closing St. Paul Tourist Cabins. A senior accessible housing development has been proposed on this site. Storm Water Management and Traffic Improvement will also be made to protect wetlands, improve public safety and connect trail systems and parks.

- New Police Officers – Metro Gang Strike Force/East Metro Narcotics Task Force Grants - The City of Maplewood Police Department was awarded two grants for approximately 50% of the cost of two new police officers to assist the Metro Gang Strike Force and the East Metro Narcotics Task Force.

May you and your family have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

## Dear Neighbors... By Eric Hjelle

Maplewood has seen many changes in 2006. The city is changing focus by becoming more fiscally prudent and responsive. Under new leadership the City Council was able to maintain the 1966 property tax rate for 2007's budget. The city is also increasing the number of Officers in the Police Department and paramedics in the Fire Department. In addition, the city is hiring a Police Enforcement Officer to protect and maintain our neighborhoods.

We need to find ways to maintain and grow specific services without continual property tax increases. With these great new changes, people are beginning to ask how the city was managed in the past?

After reading the new City Manager's article on Maplewood Department heads salaries being above other similar Metropolitan areas, former Mayor Bob Cardinal called me to ask how a particular person's salary increased from \$55,000 to \$105,000 in 5 years? I suggested to Mr. Cardinal that maybe he should have asked the question when he was Mayor. When a former Mayor has more information as a regular citizen, then when he was an elected city official, I feel good about where we are going.

At the November 27 City Council meeting, the proposed Electric Franchise Tax increase was tabled. The city had originally requested a percentage tax that would be proportional and would help promote conservation. Xcel Energy refused to adopt this plan. The city then requested a flat rate of \$2 per month per residential meter. Xcel again refused and came back with a \$2.70 per month proposal. After a vigorous debate, with great public input, the Council unanimously voted to table the proposed increase.

Maplewood will have to find ways in the future to collect taxes on the 130+ property tax-exempt properties in Maplewood that use city services and pay NO taxes. The City Council will work to find ways to ensure that the tax burden is "shared" among those paying their fair share for police and fire services. Your ideas would be greatly appreciated!

Another sign of change and responsiveness are the monthly Mayor's Forums held at City Hall. Past Mayor's Forums attracted many people and could be held in any small meeting room. The most recent Forum filled the largest conference room in City Hall. A new location in City Hall will need to be found. The Mayor's Forum is a wonderful chance to come and talk one on one with the Mayor and City Manager about any issue. The next Mayor's Forum will be on January 6 at 10:00 am and all residents are invited to come.

The new year will bring great challenges and new beginnings for all of us. Please have a very safe and happy holiday season and give special attention to every citizen that serves and protects our city and country. Heroes come in all shapes and sizes, please try and make a difference everyday.

## THE 12 DAYS OF FITNESS

December 12-23, 2006

Get in the holiday "fitness" spirit at the **Maplewood Community Center** and be rewarded. Visit us each day during "The 12 Days Of Fitness" (December 12-23, 2006) and earn up to 12 entries in a drawing to win:

- FREE 1-month MCC membership
- FREE 3-month MCC membership

### GRAND PRIZE!

- A FREE 3-night get-away at the Bluefin Bay on Lake Superior that includes a 3-day ski package for two at Lutsen Mountain.

**If you are not a MCC member, this is the perfect time to join!**

**Call 651.249.2100 x0.**

You must be present to enter. You must attend the facility for fitness purposes; theatre shows, massage, birthdays and meetings do not apply. City employees are not eligible. Winners will be announced 12/26/06.

2100 White Bear Avenue  
Maplewood, MN 55109



### Maplewood Community Center Holiday Gifts

#### HOLIDAY GIFT BAGS

One-month trial membership and a on-the-go snack pack

• \$45 for an adult membership (\$120 Value)

• \$56 for a family membership (\$131 Value)

AND! This membership can be continued after one month with half off the initial fee.

#### GIFT CERTIFICATES

Gift certificates are available for all services including membership and massage in any denomination.

**Call 651.249.2100 x0 for more information.**

## HOLIDAY EVENTS

### MAPLEWOOD AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Located at 2170 E. County Rd. D in Maplewood

#### Annual Holiday Tea at the BRUENTRUP HERITAGE FARMHOUSE

Saturday, January 13, 2007 2 seatings: 11:30 and 2:30 pm

Reservations required. Call Carolyn at 651.748.9009.

### THE JUST FOR YOU SERIES

#### MARCOUX CORNER -A CAPPELLA

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13 AT 1:00 PM



With four voices that blend together so seamlessly they sound like one, you won't believe your ears when you hear your favorite songs performed by Marcoux Corner. They explode with energy and make everyone in the audience, from 7 to 70, tap their toes and clap their hands with the enthusiasm that only a Marcoux Corner performance can provide.

## 2007 CITY BUDGET

An update can be found on the

city website at



may complete the form and mail back. Forms can be obtained by calling city hall at 651.249.2000 or by printing it off from our website at [www.ci.maplewood.mn.us](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us), click on City Dept., REAL, and Pet Licenses/Animal Control. Mail the form, along with the appropriate payment and the original signed certificate of rabies vaccination from your veterinarian to: Cat/Dog License, City of Maplewood, 1830 County Road B East, Maplewood, MN 55109. The certification of rabies and a receipt of payment will be mailed back to you. Call 651.249.2000 or 651.249.2003 for more information.

## FREE! Self Defense/ Threat Awareness Class

Students will learn hands on tactics to use as well as view actual crimes in the area and learn how to avoid becoming a victim and see items they can purchase for defensive purposes.

**Date: Tuesday, January 9 Time: 7:00 - 8:30 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](http://www.maplewoodcommunitycenter.com).

## Snow Plowing Reminders

With winter approaching, it won't be long until our snowplow drivers are out in force clearing snow and ice, making our roads safe for motorists. Our snow plow 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.
- Stay alert. A snowplow weighs 17 times more than your car.
- Do not allow children to make tunnels or snow forts along the edge of the road or on snow storage piles.
- Think safety. Plan on traffic delays.

The City of Maplewood has established a goal of plowing all streets full width within eight hours after snow has quit falling. For the complete snow plowing policy and city ordinances concerning parking restrictions, please go to the city website at [www.ci.maplewood.mn.us](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us) (Public Works Street Division) or call the Public Works department at 651.249.2400

### Snow Removal Around Mailboxes and Fire Hydrants

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

### CITY OF MAPLEWOOD

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### DEPUTY REGISTRAR 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

December 11 & 18

### Pre-Agenda Meetings

December 14 at 4:45pm

### Community Design Review Board

December 12 & 26 at 6:00pm

### Environmental & Natural Resource Commission

January 2 at 7:00pm

### Historical Preservation Commission

December 28 at 7:00pm

### Housing & Redevelopment Authority

No meeting scheduled

### Parks & Recreation Commission

December 18 at 7:00pm

### Planning Commission

December 19 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 December 11 & 18 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](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us)

To submit newsworthy city information, contact Heidi Carey: 651.249.2104 [heidi.carey@ci.maplewood.mn.us](mailto:heidi.carey@ci.maplewood.mn.us)

For other questions or comments regarding "Maplewood City News," contact the Interim City Manager: [greg.copeland@ci.maplewood.mn.us](mailto:greg.copeland@ci.maplewood.mn.us)

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