

# Maplewood

CITY NEWS 



## PROPOSED TAX LEVY INCREASE CUT 40%

January 2005

By Richard Fursman, City Manager

The City Council took action on December 13 to reduce the proposed levy increase by 40%. The action taken by the council cut the proposed \$1,026,480 levy increase request for 2005 to \$603,120. The new dollars remaining are earmarked for wage and

Some of the more noteworthy items cut from the budget included 2 of 3 proposed new police officers, sidewalk improvement funds, street seal-coating, a portion of wage adjustments for employees and equipment purchases such as park mowers and a police car.

The Council never had an in-depth discussion about any more drastic cutting measures to reduce taxes further. The public appeared to understand the property tax shift from businesses to residential as a result of falling commercial values and rapidly increasing home values. The shift put the City

in a hole when it was learned that taxes would increase 6% on homes without

spending one more dime. So, to cut further, the council would have had to eliminate entire programs and employees.

Some people reasoned that reducing programs is the price government has to pay for shrinking revenues. Others argued that the high level of services is what makes Maplewood a great place to live, and they would rather pay a few more dollars than forgo community investment. The compromise was to focus on increasing public safety a little bit and holding the line on everything else.

The final \$423,000 cut on Monday night will reduce the proposed tax levy from 8% to about 4.7%. The net affect of the 3.3% reduction will mean a median valued home tax bill will go up \$1.65 less per month than originally proposed.



benefit adjustments; debt service payments; reinstated paid-per-call fire fighter wages; an increase in the paid-per-call pension allocation; one additional police officer and to cover an increased payment obligation for the Tartan Ice Arena.

Approximately 30 people attended the truth-in-taxation meetings set aside for public input. Nine residents offered comments to the council and staff and their neighbors as well. Letters, emails and phone messages from the public were also presented to the council.

Comments from the public were fairly evenly distributed between residents hoping for lower taxes, and those who wanted to maintain or supplement current service levels. People were especially vocal about providing police protection and keeping the park system strong. The City received a number of

## Family Movie Day

ENJOY A FREE MOVIE!



The City of Maplewood and Plaza Maplewood Theatre proudly announce a collaborative event to replenish the food shelf after the Holiday season. Bring your family to Plaza Maplewood Theatre to see a family film—rated G or PG. Help

**Price of admission:** one canned good per person

**When:** Saturday, February 12 at 10:30 am (Doors will open at 10:00 am)

**Movie:** The movie selection will be announced in mid-January. Call the Plaza Maplewood Theatre on or after Monday, January 17 at 651.770.7969 for movie title.

**Where:** Plaza Maplewood Theatre is located at 1847 Larpenteur Avenue East in Maplewood (one block East of White Bear Avenue).

All donations will go to the North St. Paul Area Emergency Food Shelf serving families in Maplewood, North St. Paul



Each year-end, I like to congratulate, thank, and mention those Maplewood City Employees whom have retired or moved on to bigger and better challenges in this past year. Thank you and congratulations to the following:

Frank Tate, Lorraine Vietor, Kevin Halweg, David Wingate, Barb Katzman, Gary Pike, Barb Schacht, Juana Maldonado and William Sypniewski.

Recently I viewed the 2003 film, "The Recruit" starring Al Pacino, with the hope of figuring out how to recruit citizens into leadership roles in our community. I pose this question: How are we building leadership in the community?

Citizens look to their elected officials and the business community to make the decisions that affect their community's future. People assume that governmental leaders and the business community have expertise, experience, and access to information unavailable to the rank and file citizenry. It may be a given that citizens believe that the public and private sector leadership have the communities best interest at heart, so what is the need for their involvement? Our City has become increasingly diverse with more and more individuals from previously excluded populations demanding to be part



of the decision making process. The decisions being made today are complex, and reveal that in order for communities to work at effective levels, quality leadership must come from all parts of the community, and from unlikely places. The public/private, non-profit and grass-roots community must jointly develop leadership. As demographics change in Maplewood, our current community leaders must work to ensure that Maplewood's diversity is reflected in opportunities for future leaders. To develop leaders that are results oriented, willing to take risks, able to work well together and communicate effectively, may require those interested to volunteer in a capacity they feel comfortable. As mayor, I am looking for our future leaders and willing to share the leadership mantle. Many have stepped forward in the recent past, and I am asking who would like to step forward in the future. Our future leaders will help decide issues of the day.



I hope 2005 will be the very best year of your life, also for each member of your family and for all citizens of Maplewood. Let's make it so.

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## Licensing Your Dog or Cat

### 2005 Pet License Application

#### Check One:

\$19 Male                       \$16 Neutered Male  
 \$19 Female                     \$16 Spayed Female  
*(Seniors 62 or older receive discounts, please call for more information)*

I, \_\_\_\_\_, residing at \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_, Maplewood, MN \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_

hereby apply for a permit to keep the below-described cat/dog and do agree to comply with the rules and regulations duly adopted by the lawful governing body of the City of Maplewood and the provisions of Municipal Code 1101, and subsequent amendments and any other applicable state and local laws.

Cat  Dog  Rabies Shot Date \_\_\_\_\_ Next Due \_\_\_\_\_

Breed \_\_\_\_\_ Pet's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Color \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Owners Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Maplewood ordinance requires licensing of all cats and dogs over three months of age. If you have not already licensed your pet and it is not convenient for you to come to City Hall, you may obtain the license by mail. Complete this form and mail it along with the appropriate payment and the original signed certificate of rabies vaccination from your veterinarian, to: Cat/Dog License,

1830 East County Road B  
 Maplewood, MN 55109.

Call 651.249.2000

for more information.



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# 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 six projects are planned:

- 1 - Hillcrest Area Roadway Improvement
- 2 - Hillcrest Area Redevelopment
- 3 - Hillcrest Area Streetscape
- 4 - Sterling Oaks Parks Development
- 5 - Beebe Road, Holloway to Larpenteur
- 6 - Myrtle/Sterling/Idaho Streets

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 2008 with completion in 2009.

The second phase is the Hillcrest Area Roadway Improvements project scheduled for 2009. 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 2009 which will include acquisition of property for redevelopment. Specific properties will be identified later 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, call the Community Development Director at 651.249.2052.

The Sterling Oaks Park project includes installation of a tot lot, tennis court, trail system, and hard court surface in 2005. For further information on this project, call the Parks and Recreation Director at 651.249.2102.

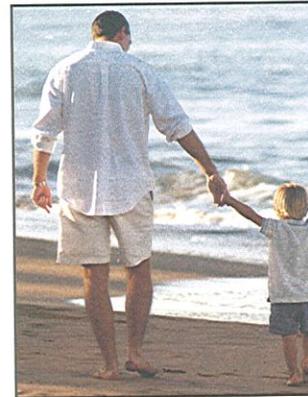
The Beebe Road project involves replacement of the pavement from Holloway to Larpenteur to begin in 2008 with completion in 2009.

In 2009, the Myrtle, Sterling and Idaho Streets project includes installation of curb, rain gardens and drainage improvements. It is anticipated that portions of the sewer and water mains will need replacement.

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

## A Green New Year's Resolution

A major threat to the water quality of our lakes, rivers and streams is surface water running off yards, city streets, paved lots and farm fields. This run off carries many pollutants with it.



This New Year's Day make a resolution to do your part to keep our waters clean. Review and adopt Clean Water Home and Yard Practices that will reduce pollution and increase water infiltration into the ground. Here are some suggestions for the winter and spring season:

### In winter

- When using salt on icy areas, use the minimum needed to get the job done. Birdseed might work in some spots and the birds can cleanup!
- When the snow and ice melt, sweep up the sand and reuse it as fill around your home.

### In spring

- Limit the amount of fertilizer applications and avoid fertilizers containing phosphorous. Phosphorous promotes excessive plant and algae growth in lakes and rivers. It is now illegal in Minnesota to use fertilizer with phosphorous unless a special permit—documenting the need for phosphorous—is obtained.
- Sweep dirt, grass and leaves from sidewalks, driveways and streets onto vegetated areas.
- Direct water from your downspouts onto your lawn, away from your house avoiding paved surfaces.
- Plant native vegetation areas that help stormwater runoff seep naturally into the ground and repair salt and snowplow damage along street edges.

## Electric Franchise Fee

On September 13, 2004, the City Council approved a new electric franchise fee to finance the costs to maintain and operate street lights and traffic signals. Prior to 2005 these costs had been financed by the General tax levy. The new electric franchise fee will appear on monthly Xcel Energy customer bills beginning in January. It will be \$0.50 per month on a single-family home and will generate annual revenues of \$176,690 for the city. If the electric franchise fee had not been implemented, the property tax levy for 2005 would have increased by an additional 1.4%.

## Apply Today!

Join the Human Relations Commission. This committee meets the first Tuesday of each month (except July and August) at 7:00 pm at City Hall and works to secure equal

Highlights from the November City Council meetings:

- Approved to pay \$11,144.50 from the general fund for the operating shortfall in the Tartan Ice Arena Budget.
- Approve to retain Sanders Wacker Bergly Inc. at a cost not to exceed \$40,000 for the development of preliminary concepts, final master plan, plan bids and specifications, and assistance with the construction management phase for Sterling Oaks Park.
- Moved to approve the 2005 SCORE application in the amount of \$68,379. This money is a grant from the county to repay the city for a portion of the recycling costs.
- Adopted a resolution authorizing the Mayor and the City Manager to execute the deeds to transfer ownership of the city-owned parcel at 2050 White Bear Avenue to Ramsey County for the Suburban Courts Facility. These documents included access and maintenance agreements for the property and for the parking lots.
- Approved the Trout Land final plat date-stamped November 11, 2004.
- Adopted a resolution ordering the improvement of the Gladstone North Area Street Improvements.
- Approved a home occupation license for Mr. Grupa of 1994 Duluth Street for a digital photography studio.
- Approved the Emergency Medical Services Model (Option A). This Model would be for a hybrid program which moves the Community Service Officer/Paramedics to the Fire Department and would call for the hiring of an EMS Coordinator and one additional Fire Fighter/Paramedic.
- Passed a motion to increase the environmental utility rates effective January 1, 2005.
- Passed a motion to increase building, mechanical, plumbing and electrical permit fees effective 01-01-05 to cover the full cost of inspections.
- Passed a motion increasing sanitary sewer rates effective January 1, 2005.

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

## WEB CLICKS

Learn more about **The Gladstone Redevelopment Update** by logging on to [www.ci.maplewood.mn.us](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us) and clicking on "Web Clicks".

If you don't have access to the internet, call 651.249.2104 and we will mail you a copy.



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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: January 10 & 24 at 7:00pm

### Pre-Agenda Meetings

January 6 & 20 at 5:00pm

### Community Design Review Board

January 11 & 25 at 6:00pm

### Environmental Committee Meeting

January 4 at 7:00pm

(at Maplewood Nature Center, 2659 E. 7th St.)

### Historical Preservation Commission

January 20 at 7:00pm

### Housing & Redevelopment Authority

January 11 at 7:00pm

### Human Relations Commission

January 4 at 7:00pm

### Parks & Recreation Commission

January 17 or TBA at 7:00pm

### Planning Commission

January 3 & 17 or TBA at 7:00pm

### Mayor's Forum

No Forum Scheduled

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

The January 10 & 24 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 or changes 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)

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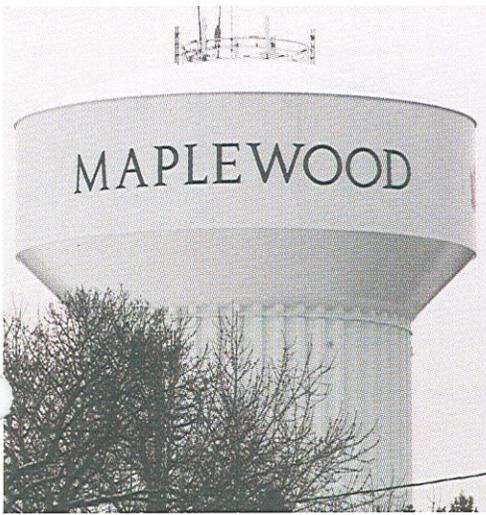
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February 2005

## Water Quality Alert Issued On Ferndale Watertank In November



On November 19–24, 2004, a portion of Maplewood between Larpenteur Avenue and the 3M Complex experienced a significant event when possible contamination from the Ferndale/Stillwater water tank painting project appeared to be contributing to a petroleum smell in residential water systems. The water tank near the Beaver Lake School was painted both internally and externally during the summer of 2004 and placed into service on November 19, 2004. Complaints of chlorine and petroleum odors began within 24 hours. This portion of the water system is owned and operated by the St. Paul Regional Water Service (SPRWS), who purchased all assets and control of the water system from the City of Maplewood in 1996.

SPRWS personnel removed the water tank from service during the middle of the day on November 21 and used pumps to provide residents with water. SPRWS personnel flushed water from the existing

the area to avoid consuming the drinking water until the completion of sampling. The news media was notified and flyers were delivered door-to-door by SPRWS personnel. Schools in the area were also notified and provided with bottled water. The Mayors of Saint Paul and Maplewood were notified. The first advisory was limited to south of Ivy Avenue to Conway Avenue, while an updated News Advisory issued later on November 22 expanded the area north of Ivy to Larpenteur. Sample results show that the compounds found were consistent with those compounds included in the painting system of the tank. The SPRWS continued aggressively flushing the system to remove any remaining traces of the compounds and continued sampling. The testing results by the Minnesota Department of Health indicated that the levels of compounds that may have been in the system were significantly below the established health risk level which indicates the flushing operation effectively removed the compounds from the system. On November 23, the General Manager of SPRWS issued the “all clear” notifying residents that “You may resume drinking your tap water”. A news advisory on the “all clear” was issued to the media and flyers were again distributed door-to-door.

SPRWS reports that the tank is still out of service and will not be placed in service until the mechanism, which is resulting in the transference of the compounds to the water from the paint, are identified and corrected. The amount of compound in all samples has been reported by SPRWS to be significantly below levels



## WEB CLICKS

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- Barns of Minnesota Book Signing
- Online registration is coming for Parks & Recreation programs
- Don’t miss the stormwater pollution prevention meeting

Limit for Groundwater). These limits are defined as the concentration of a contaminant that can be safely consumed daily for a lifetime. The SPRWS management provided an example of one compound, Methyl Isobutyl Keytone, a compound found in the paint thinner used on the tank, that has an HRL of 300 parts per billion that is the limit that a person can safely consume on a daily basis throughout a lifetime. The level of that compound found in the samples was 60 parts per billion, still a level that can be noticed by the average human nose, but not at a harmful level. Further information has been mailed by SPRWS to residents impacted by the contamination. For more information on contamination or other water problems,

a council person, feel that I need to issue an apology because I was caught off guard. This was my first time through the process and I was not sure exactly how it would go. At the beginning of the process, it all seemed to be easy. I had determined that with consideration of the programs and projects that the council wanted to pursue that I would be comfortable with 5% increase in taxes on a median valued home. Both the staff and the council agreed that we would be able to shape a budget within that increase. It was only later that the city learned from Ramsey County that due to changes in both commercial and residential property values, that our proposed 5% increase would translate into about a 15% increase. The process for me then turned into a race to find additional areas to cut with the effort directed to at least getting the increase back below double digits. We didn't quite make that goal and ended up at about a 10.5% increase.

In reflecting on the process I've determined that we didn't start the process soon enough and when we got the new information from the county, we were left with too little time to properly examine the programs and projects to be able to make the additional cuts needed to bring the tax increase down to an acceptable level.

I hope to have the city take a different approach this year. I am suggesting to the council and staff that we essentially start our work on the 2006 budget now. The final budget process, of

county, public hearings and predetermined dates set by the state all are needed and beneficial. The city is, however, in a good position to set up a process of analyzing its programs. Past councils and staff were smart enough to change the way we track the budgeted items so that each item is tracked separately and has set performance standards. I believe that now is the time to start analyzing those programs. I also believe that our approach should be to determine what items are essential to the city's operation along with determining which items we are good at and what we are not. We should work to strengthen the programs that we are best at and, of course, the programs that are essential and eliminate those items that we either are not all that good at or just are not necessary to the operation of the city. This type of process, of course, will require a lot of time and discussion because everyone has their own ideas about what is essential. Take, for example, the nature center or dispatching center or even how we deliver our fire service. With just mentioning those three items I've raised the hackles of half the people in the city. If, however, we are going to do a complete analysis, every budgeted item needs to be looked at and discussed.

If you would like to talk to me about this or any other Maplewood business, please call or email me.

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## Maplewood To Begin Sump Pump Program

The Metropolitan Council Environmental Services (MCES) treats the wastewater (sewage) for Maplewood. MCES plans on incorporating surcharges for those communities that do not meet peak flow limits. These excessive peak flows are caused by clear water that enters the sanitary sewer collection system. Clear water, also known as inflow and infiltration (I/I), puts undue stress on



Maplewood's and the MCES collection systems and increase the cost of wastewater treatment. The result is that Maplewood residents along with others in the Metropolitan area are paying higher costs for use of the sanitary sewer collection system.

The City of Maplewood is embarking upon a sump pump inspection program. The goal of the program is to reduce the I/I that enters the Maplewood sanitary sewer collection

system by eliminating sump pumps that may be connected to the sanitary sewer system. The Maplewood City Council has approved ordinance changes that will assist in the inspection of private properties to assure that sump pumps in Maplewood are not contributing to the I/I problem. Your sump pump should discharge outside your house, preferably to a grassed drainage swale. If the sump pump is connected to a floor drain or internal system, it may be improperly connected.

The City of Maplewood will be divided into four to five districts, with one district inspected each year. An inspector will be visiting your home during the next four to five years to determine whether your home's sump pump is properly connected. In each district, prior to the start of inspections, there will be a public information meeting that will explain the program in detail. This inspection program is an essential part of controlling the costs of sanitary sewer bills for the Maplewood rate payers. Please assist the City of Maplewood in making this program a success so that we not only preserve water quality today, but that we also preserve it for our children and grandchildren. For more information, please visit our informational program at [www.ci.maplewood.mn.us](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us) and click on Sump Pump Program or call our Sanitary Sewer Division at 651.249.2430.

# Capital Improvement Projects

## Beaver Lake Neighborhood

The Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) is used by city staff and elected officials to identify and plan for needed capital projects and major equipment purchases. It is updated annually and presented to the Planning Commission and City Council for approval. Neighborhood meetings and public hearings are held before a project is undertaken.

The CIP projects are grouped by neighborhood. This month the focus is on the Beaver Lake Neighborhood where nine projects are planned:

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

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

In 2006, the Beaver Lake Trail Corridor will be extended to the north from Maryland Avenue to the Pondview Apartments.

Expansion of the Nature Center in 2007 will include a bike connection between East Seventh and Brand Avenue to the north. The purchase of an approximately one to two acre parcel with a house and garage would allow this connection. Also planned for the Nature Center is an outdoor picnic shelter and garage with a sod roof. This project is scheduled for 2005. 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 2005. 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 2005. For further information on this project, contact the Public Works Director at 651.249.2402.

Information on projects in other neighborhoods is in the 2005-2009 CIP booklet which is available for public review at the Maplewood branch of the

# Food Shelf Gets A Helping Hand

The 2004 food shelf challenge was an unprecedented success. The City of Oakdale challenged Maplewood and North St. Paul to a friendly competition to raise food and money for the North St. Paul area food shelf during the holiday season. The City staff of Maplewood along with residents and area businesses gathered the equivalent of 82,000 pounds of food. Together, the three cities combined for a donation of over 277,000 pounds of food!



I would like to recognize Linda Zick and the many volunteers who work with her at the food shelf. Thanks should also go out to all the employees who worked on this and especially Maplewood's Bert Darst for the many hours she volunteered. I would also like to thank the following individuals and business who donated so generously: American Family Insurance-Kaczrowski Agency, Best Western-Maplewood, FedEx Kinko's, Gladstone Lumber Mart, Inc., Hartford Group at Legacy Village, It Figures, Gladys Johnson, Kelly & Fawcett Law Firm, Kline Auto World, Carol Knauss, Jim & Joanne Lamb, Maple Tree Child Care Center, Marshall Fields, Monson Insurance, Inc., Nichols Development, NSP-MOEA Teacher's Association, Panera Bread, Plaza Maplewood Theatre, Premier Bank, Rossbach Construction, Schmelz Countryside Volkswagen, Sobriety High School, Suzanne's Cuisine, Truck Utilities, Inc., Walksport Walking Club @ Maplewood Mall, Washington County Bank and Joe Zappa.

Friendly Reminder: Help the food shelf further by taking your family to the Plaza Maplewood Theatre to see a family film-rated G or PG on Saturday, February 12, 2005 at 10:30 am. Call 651.770.7969 for the movie title. Price of admission: one canned good per person.

## Discover The Wild Gardener In You!

Thursdays, February 24 - March 31  
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm  
at the Maplewood Community Center



Join the Maplewood Nature Center and Neighborhood Preserves for their 2005 Wild Gardener Landscaping Series. This popular series shows how native plants can enhance your yard. You will get an opportunity to purchase these shrubs and prairie flowers at a discounted price. They also offer an extra session on rain gardens—the latest rage in landscaping. To find out more, log on to [www.ci.maplewood.mn.us](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us). To register call the Nature Center

Highlights from the December 2007 City Council meetings:

- Appointed Carol Mason Sherrill to the Maplewood Environmental Committee.
- Approved the purchase of a 2004 Dodge Durango from Lake Elmo Chrysler in the amount of \$22,900 for use by the Fire Marshall in the Fire Department.
- Authorized the purchase of two (2) Philips MRX defibrillators in the amount of \$39,394.56 for the Fire Department.
- Adopted a resolution supporting staff's application process for possible acquisition of the public sculpture and ice fountain entitled "Northern Lights" by Carl Nesjar.
- Accepted a \$1,500 donation from Noodles, Inc. for the Maplewood Nature Center.
- Approved a 2.5% increase in the 2005 Intoxicating Liquor and 3.2 Beer License fees.
- Approved the second reading of the amended Trash Container Ordinance.
- Approved an on-sale liquor license for Mr. Chad Sprinkel for Broadway Bar and Pizza.
- Adopted a resolution approving a Conditional Use Permit for the Mapletree Group Home to have up to 12 residents living in their residential facility at 2831 Southlawn Drive.
- Authorized preparation of a study report for the Beaver Lake/Geranium Park Drainage Improvement Project.

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

## Advisory Board Opportunities

The City of Maplewood is taking applications for current and future openings on its various resident advisory committees. The city has seven advisory committees: Planning Commission, Housing and Redevelopment Authority, Human Relations Commission, Police Civil Service Commission, Community Design Review Board, Parks and Recreation Commission and the Historic Preservation Commission.

The members of these committees are interviewed and appointed by the Maplewood City Council. A description of each of the advisory boards and an application form can be found on the City of Maplewood web site at [www.ci.maplewood.mn.us](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us) Just click on Resident Committees to view this information.

If you wish to apply, please indicate the board on which you would like to serve. Please note that not all of the boards have current openings. In some instances the council is looking to create a pool of applications that will be held for one year. There are often unforeseen circumstances that necessitate new appointments on boards through out the year. If you submit an application for a board, the appropriate staff liaison will contact you to give you the status of your application.

If you do not have access to our website and would like an application, or if you have questions about this process, please call Melinda Coleman at 651.249.2052. The city is accepting applications until March 4, 2005.

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February 10 & 24 at 4:45pm

### Community Design Review Board

February 8 & 22 at 6:00pm

### Environmental Committee Meeting

February 1 at 7:00pm

(at City Hall)

### Historical Preservation Commission

February 8 & 22 at 6:00pm

### Housing & Redevelopment Authority

February 8 at 7:00pm

### Human Relations Commission

February 1 at 7:00pm

### Parks & Recreation Commission

February 21 or TBA at 7:00pm

### Planning Commission

February 7 & 21 or TBA at 7:00pm

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# Maplewood

## 2005/06 Planning Retreat

March/April  
2005

By Richard Fursman, City Manager



The City Council met with the City Manager and Department Head Staff on February 25, for the first 2005/06 planning retreat of the year. The meeting had a familiar theme of prioritizing needs while being ever mindful of tax impacts. Staff and council also reviewed the progress on goals that were established in 2004 while deciding which ones would remain as top priorities.

The council had mixed reviews with Emergency Medical Services changing from a police paramedic program to a hybrid plan with fire paramedics working along with police. The implementation of the plan proved difficult with some changes being met with resistance along the way. The council envisions long-term stability once the new model is in place.

The Gladstone redevelopment initiative started off slowly, with some progress and some mistakes made along the way. Staff and council reflected that much had been learned about the neighborhood, and that the redevelopment process should continue. The consensus of the group was that the project is now headed in the right direction with a master planner on board to work with the appointed task force of neighbors and business leaders.



The council affirmed the need to continue with the Mall Area Traffic Plan (MATP). The MATP is a long-range series of projects to improve traffic flow and open areas for development in and around the mall. Several new improvements are in and taking shape near Legacy Village Town Homes and along Highway 61, but there is much work left to do over the next 5 years.

The council also agreed that general infrastructure upkeep will remain as a high priority. They recognized that quality work is being done, but at a pace that will not meet the growing need for replacement of pipes, streets and other City utilities. The biggest problem in dealing with infrastructure replacement is the growing debt load. The City now assumes most of the costs when making neighborhood road and utility improvements.

More of the same is ahead for the next budget as the council identified infrastructure replacement, the Gladstone redevelopment project, and park funding as the top three priorities. Continuing with the Emergency Medical Services plan and developing a strategy to prioritize City services also received priority status.

City staff will be preparing presentations on the current state of programs to be shared during the following three months or so as the new budget process begins. The council will consider the information presented as a basis for evaluating program merit and effectiveness.



### WEB CLICKS

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- Public Works Building Planned For Expansion
- Join the Skywarn Spotter Unit!
- Maplewood Officers Run Law Enforcement Torch Run

# Cub Scouts Celebrate Their 75th Anniversary



Throughout 2005, Cub Scout packs around the nation will be holding special celebrations in honor of 75 years of the Cub Scout Program. "Cubbing," as it was first called, became official on April 1, 1930 and reached 5,102 registered Cub Scouts by the end of its first year. Last year, there were more than 1.9 million Cub Scouts nationwide in over 53,000 packs led by more than one-half million volunteers.

Cub Scouts is for boys in first–fifth grades, providing fun with a purpose. Boys meet weekly in small groups (dens) and monthly with the entire group (pack) to share experiences and activities, develop individual skills, and to be part of a team. It is family oriented with many projects being done at home with family members. No prior experience is necessary; boys may join at any of the grade levels.

Cub Scouting (and Boy Scouting/Venturing) is offered throughout Maplewood. For Cub Scouts, Pack 73 serves

Webster Elementary, Pack 197 serves Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Pack 461 serves Presentation of BVM, and Pack 2001 serves the youth who go through the Ramsey County Transitional Housing Center. All youth in our community are welcome to join any Cub Scout Pack. For more information about a Pack nearest you, please contact District Director Andy Goke at 651.254.9112.

One of the favorite Cub Scout activities is the annual Pinewood Derby. Cubs and their parents build a small car, powered by gravity and raced on a ramp track. If all the pinewood derby cars made since the program began in 1954 were placed in a line end to end, it would stretch all the way from New York to Los Angeles and back—a total of more than 5,500 miles! [Source: BSA Supply Division and External Communications Division]

I would like to thank the Boy Scouts of America Indianhead Council for providing the above information.

Council Member, Marv Koppen  
Boy Scout Troop 73 Committee Chair  
Proud Parent of 2 Eagle Scouts

## Spring Clean-Up Day

**April 23, 2005 from 7:00 am - 2:00 pm**  
**Aldrich Arena parking lot (1850 White Bear Ave.)**



Maplewood residents 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.

Due to budget cuts, fees will be charged to Maplewood residents who utilize this service. Proof of residency will be required. The fee schedule is listed below. The city will begin separating electronics from the waste stream and removing the hazardous components which increases the cost of this event. The fee 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.

Maplewood's spring clean-up event is being scheduled at the same time as Ramsey County's Household Hazardous

Waste collection program. 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 9am to 4pm. Combining these two services will offer residents the opportunity to participate in both events and to eliminate an extra trip.

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.

Please call 651.249.2300 with any questions.

### **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+
- Computer/monitor (in addition to above costs): \$15
- Car tires with or without rims (in addition to above costs): \$3
- TVs all sizes (in addition to above costs): \$10
- VCRs (in addition to above costs): \$10
- Printers (in addition to above costs): \$10
- Appliances (any residential appliance-in addition to above costs): \$10

Example fees:

- Car without trailer plus console TV: \$20
- Pick-up truck with appliance and computer: \$40

## Spring Street Sweeping Begins

Our street department sweeps streets throughout the year on an as-needed basis and more frequently in environmentally sensitive areas. Major sweeping efforts are scheduled every spring and fall with a goal of sweeping all city streets three times per year.

Spring street sweeping starts in late March or early April when the streets are significantly clear of snow and ice and is completed by

May 15. Fall sweeping begins in mid-October and is completed before November 30.

Areas with extensive foliage will be swept after most of the leaves have fallen.

Street sweeping not only provides safe streets, it is also good for the environment. Every year over 2,000 tons of material is removed from city streets. Runoff material (sand, leaves and grasses, debris, automotive fluids, pet waste, garbage and fertilizer) from our streets, driveways and yards is a significant source of pollution of our lakes, streams and rivers. Be a responsible steward; sweep up leaves, grasses, pet waste and fertilizer from sidewalks and driveways. Prevent automotive fluids from coming in contact with streets. Keep your runoff clean, and help keep our water resources healthy.



## Maplewood Stop Sign Policy

The city council adopted the following neighborhood stop sign policy.



1. Requests from citizens require a minimum of 12 property owner signatures.
2. A public meeting will be held during the month of May.
3. An article will be published in the "Maplewood City News" discussing stop sign pros and cons, along with a list of areas to be considered.

4. Depending on the number of requests, either a special meeting or a regular council meeting will serve as the open meeting for public discussion.

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

Keep in mind that this policy for one hearing per year applies only to neighborhood stop signs. Other warranted stop sign requests will still be considered on a case-by-case basis throughout the year. Please send your petition to the Public Works department before March 31, 2005.

## Capital Improvement Projects

### Battle Creek Neighborhood

The Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) is used by city staff and elected officials to identify and plan for needed capital projects and major equipment purchases over the next five years. It is updated annually in the spring and presented to the Planning Commission and City Council for approval. Neighborhood meetings and public hearings are held before a project is undertaken.

The CIP projects are grouped by neighborhood. This month the focus is on the Battle Creek Neighborhood where two projects are planned:

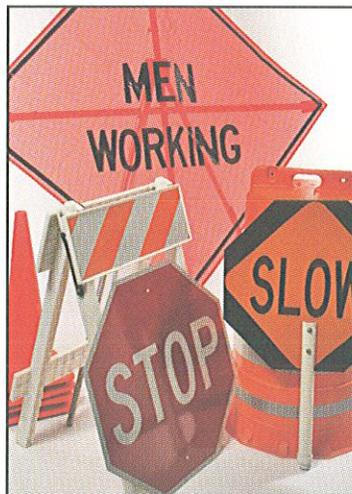
- 1-Brookview Area Streets
  - 2-Century Avenue, I-94 to Lower Afton
- The first project involves full reconstruction

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

Information on projects in other neighborhoods is in the 2005-2009 CIP booklet, which is available for public review at the Maplewood branch of the Ramsey County Library.



## Council's Corner

Highlights of the January, 2005 Maplewood City Council meetings:

The following individuals were appointed to the Gladstone Redevelopment Task Force:

Business Appointments: Dan Fisher (Moose Lodge), Larry Johnson (Maplewood Marine), Rich Horwath (Rich's Market), Charlie Godbout (Metro Funeral Home), Al Olson (Al's Auto), David Gageby (Old Oak Furniture Store)

Alternates: Betty Schultz (Maplewood Bakery) and Del Benjamin (Maplewood Bowl)

Residential Appointments: Jan Steiner-McGovern (1876 East Shore Dr.), Al Galbraith (1770 Edward St.), Joy Tkacheck (1088 Gordon), Wayne Sachi (1100 Frost Ave.), Erica Donner (1115 Gordon Ave.)

Alternates: Kim Schmidt (1800 Phalen Place), Roxanne Opse (1217 Frisbee Avenue), Darlene Benedict (1754 Frank Street), Christopher Hampl (1120 Gordon Avenue), Sue Broin (1221 Ripley)

Council approved the following 2005 appointments:

City Attorney: Patrick J. Kelly, Kelly & Fawcett

Prosecuting Attorney: Patrick J. Kelly, Kelly & Fawcett

Official Newspaper: Maplewood Review

Data Compliance Officers: City Compliance Officer Karen Guilfoile,

City Personnel Officer: Sherrie Le, Law Enforcement Officer David Thomalla

Municipal Legislative Commission: Kathleen Juenemann and City Manager, Richard Fursman

Ramsey County League of Local Governments: Will Rossbach and Kathleen Juenemann

Ramsey/Washington Suburban Cable Commission: Marvin Koppen and alternates Robert Cardinal and Kim Facile

N.E.S.T: Marvin Koppen and Will Rossbach

Suburban Rate Authority: Marvin Koppen and alternate Melinda Coleman

St. Paul Water Utility Board of Commissioners: Robert Cardinal and alternate Jackie Monahan-Junek

Suburban Area Chamber of Commerce: Robert Cardinal and alternate Melinda Coleman

The Partnership: Jackie Monahan-Junek, David Kvam, and John Banick

Joint Ice Arena Board: Jackie Monahan-Junek, alternate Marvin Koppen and Staff Liaison-Bruce Anderson

Rush Line Corridor: Will Rossbach and Chuck Ahl

800 MHz Representative: Kathleen Juenemann and alternate Will Rossbach

- Adopted the 2005-2006 labor agreements for AFSCME Local 2725, LELS Local 153, MSA and LELS Local 173 and the Non-Union Wages for 2005 and 2006.

- Accepted a \$1,125.00 donation from Applebee's for the Maplewood Fire Department and thanked firefighter Jeff Schadt for his time and efforts.

- Authorized the purchase of six Squad Cars.

- Accepted a \$2,000 donation from John Schmelz from Countryside Volkswagen for the D.A.R.E. program and Senior Citizen blood pressure checks at Maplewood Mall.

- Supported the parks and recreation commission's recommendation as well as that of the North High students to support a tobacco-free policy for parks.

For more current highlights of the council meeting log on to:

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March 22, April 12 & 26 at 6:00pm

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April 5 at 7:00pm

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March 17, April 21 at 7:00pm

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April 5 at 7:00pm

### Parks & Recreation Commission

March 21, April 18 at 7:00pm

### Planning Commission

March 21, April 5 & 18 at 7:00pm

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April 2 at 10:00am-noon

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# Maplewood

## A 4-1 Vote May Move Maplewood's Dispatch

May 2005

The City Council voted 4-1 on April 11, to agree in principle to consolidate dispatching services with Ramsey County when they move into their new facility next year. The Chiefs of Police and Fire endorsed the concept and the Council passed the motion with the understanding that an acceptable contract would have to be negotiated. It was also noted that dispatching protocols must meet Maplewood's needs and that additional police officers should be added in exchange.

The idea of Maplewood consolidating dispatch services with the County

accommodate Maplewood's needs as the meetings progress.

Q: How is this different from a few years ago when dispatching consolidation was tried with the Sheriff?

A: Maplewood tried to move into an existing dispatch center with established protocols. The new center will have an independent governance board and Maplewood will be at the table helping establish procedural rules and protocols at the ground floor. This should help to greatly reduce the number of problems.

Q: Are other Cities considering the move?

A: The only other dispatch centers in Ramsey County are operated by the Cities of St. Paul and White Bear Lake. They have been offered the same opportunity but have not taken a vote as of yet.

Q: If a deal doesn't work out with St. Paul or White Bear Lake, will the County

drop the consolidation idea?

A: No. The County will still work with Maplewood and the rest of the cities in the County.

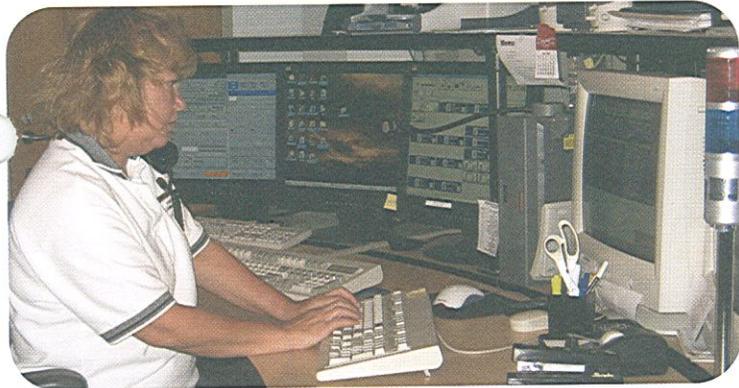
Q: Would there still be a County levy imposed for dispatching in Maplewood, even if we decide to dispatch on our own?

A: Yes. You will have to pay for both.

Q: What would it cost Maplewood residents to pay for both?

A: Maplewood taxpayers would pay about \$5 Million extra total over the next eight years combined to keep independent dispatching services. It would be about \$1 million a year after that.

Q: What would the City do with that money instead?



appeared to be a remote possibility at the end of January because there was little or no cost savings. Then, on February 4, Maplewood received a new offer from County Commissioner, Jim McDonough that changed the dynamic completely. The new offer would reduce Maplewood's dispatching contracting costs each year over the next eight years until it reaches zero.

Q: What do the dispatchers do essentially?

A: The dispatcher's primary role comes when a 911 call is made; they assess the situation and then direct appropriate emergency personnel to the scene. The dispatchers also provide a few support services to the police.

Q: Maplewood has special protocol

## Caution! Road Construction Ahead

The City of Maplewood will have several road projects underway in 2005. The largest of the city's projects will be the County Road D Realignment both east and west of Highway 61 between Beam Avenue and I-694. Intersection, signal, turn lanes and frontage road work on Highway 61 will also be part of this large comprehensive project. Work on these projects resumed in April and will continue throughout the summer and fall with completion by late-Fall of 2005.

Work will begin in late May on Hazelwood Street, between Beam Avenue and County Road D. Hazelwood Street will be completely reconstructed with the southerly end widened to accommodate traffic around St. John's Hospital. The roadway will then narrow as it transitions into the residential area being developed on the northerly end of Hazelwood. Access to and from St. John's Hospital and adjacent businesses will be open at all times via Beam Avenue. The rest of the roadway north of St. John's Hospital will be closed to through traffic. All non-local traffic will be detoured to County Road D via Beam and Southlawn Avenues. Construction is scheduled to be complete by September 2005.

A large neighborhood street reconstruction project, referred to as Gladstone North, will take place in an area north of Frost Avenue, west of Hazelwood, south of County Road B and east of the Bruce Vento Trail. The project will include the complete reconstruction of the neighborhood streets, construction of storm sewer, utility repairs and installation of rain gardens. Construction in the neighborhood will begin in May and should be complete by October.

For more information on these projects, log

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The Saint Paul Regional Water Services will be holding an open house on Tuesday, May 3, 2:00 – 6:00 pm. This is in conjunction with Drinking Water Week, May 1-7, 2005. The ongoing theme for Drinking Water Week is "The Wonder of Water". Maplewood is home to the Saint Paul Water Utility. Located on the east side of Rice Street between Larpeur and

up water quality: 1) Although 60% of the world is covered by water, only 1% of it is drinkable and accessible, 2) Drinking water comes from either surface water resources (the Mississippi River in our case) or ground water resources (aquifers), 3) The primary threats to surface water quality are animal waste and runoff pollution from farms, factories, feedlots, and suburban communities, 4) The primary threats to ground water are naturally occurring toxic compounds, such as arsenic, radon, and carcinogenic radionuclides that enter aquifers after rain percolates through decaying rock, and ineffective septic systems, 5) Through the Safe Drinking Water Act, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) has established safe tap water standards for over 80 contaminants. With these standards in place, the USEPA now considers the American tap water supply one of the safest in the world, 6) Disinfection of public water supplies used commonly in the U.S. since the 1920's has been recognized as one of the greatest achievements in public health during the 20th century by the Centers for Disease Control and is one of the greatest engineering feats of the 20th century by the National Academy of Engineering.

**K-9 Graduation**—On Wednesday May 26, at 2:00 pm at the St. Paul Kanine Training Center (located on Roselawn Ave., north of St. Paul Regional Water Facility), will be graduation for the 16 units that have trained for the past three months from the five state area. This is open to public, but you might have to walk a block or two because of parking. Accessibility for the handicapped will be taken into consideration.



Every school-age child should have a library card. This is very easy to accomplish by visiting our Maplewood Branch Library on Beam Avenue. A challenge to all adults...ask each school-age child "Do you have a library card?" We could have every student carrying a library card instead of something else.

If we are missing something please contact us as to how we can improve our city and make good. Feel free to contact me by phone or email with any concerns or questions you may have. Every corner of Maplewood should be one and the same and we will not remain the same as we continue to improve our city.

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## Lawn Care Management Seminar/Ask The Experts

**Tuesday, May 10 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm**  
**at the Maplewood Community Center, Room C**  
**Door prizes and refreshments will be available**

Join Mr. Bob Mugus from the University of Minnesota (Regional Extension Educator in Horticulture) and learn about turfgrass and lawn management. Bob has worked on a number of important studies evaluating different plant materials and natural organic products for home use. He is actively involved in education about lawn issues such as sustainability, natural lawns, low input lawn care, environmentally responsible lawn

care, chemical and non-chemical weed control, and lawn care practices for protecting water quality. Additional experts will be on hand to discuss growing roses, rain gardens, and proper disposal of household (hazardous) waste, composting, and other environmental topics.

Meet Maplewood's Environmental Committee and discuss stormwater management strategies. This is great opportunity to learn about lawn care and stormwater management and how all of us can play a role in protecting our water resources. This event is free and open to the public. Don't miss it.

# Capital Improvement Projects

## Vista Hills Neighborhood

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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/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.

Information on projects in other neighborhoods is in the 2005-2009 CIP booklet which is available for public review at the Maplewood branch of the Ramsey County Library.

# Stop Sign Requests To Be Considered At Council Meeting



The public works department received a petition for all-way stop signs at the intersection of Connor Avenue and Forest Street to replace the current 2-way stop signs for Connor Avenue. This request will be considered by council at the May 9, 2005 city council meeting. All-way stop signs for Holloway Avenue at 1st Street and at Margaret Avenue will also be considered at the May meeting.

In dealing with the issue of placement of stop signs, a distinction must be made between stop signs for residential neighborhoods and warranted stop signs

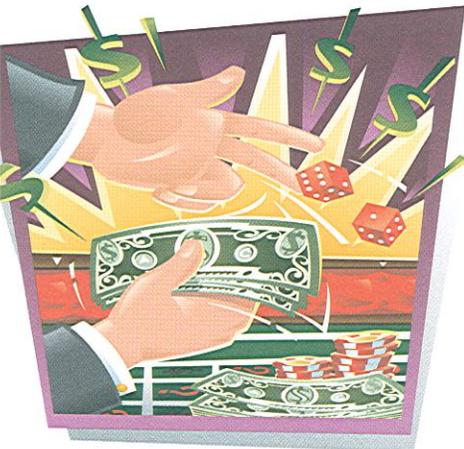
for traffic control on the rest of the street system.

Studies by the Institute of Transportation Engineers indicate that stop signs that do not meet the standard warrants of Minnesota Manual Of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MNMUTCD) tend, to some extent, to be ignored by drivers, whereas stop signs placed for right-of-way purposes are more likely to be obeyed.

Although many neighborhood intersections are not even close to meeting warrants, other factors and criteria beyond the MNMUTCD have been persuasive and can be used.

By adopting the neighborhood stop sign policy, the city council sought to provide a forum for citizen input and open discussion of the pros and cons of stop sign placement. The regular May 9 council meeting (7 pm at city hall) will provide such a forum and an opportunity to consider these stop sign requests.

# City To Award Charitable Gambling



The City of Maplewood is currently 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

Melinda Coleman at 651.249.2052 for an application. The deadline for applications is June 3. Funding decisions will be made by the City Council on June 27.

## 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 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. It is believed that funding for these programs should be from participating families or community auxiliary groups. There are so many athletic organizations within the community that the city is not capable of funding their financial requests nor fairly determining appropriate recipients.
6. The City of Maplewood grants funds from lawful gambling profits to support city-related activities. The first priority in the granting of 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-

## Highlights from the February and March City Council meetings:

- Adopted a resolution establishing an Urban District Segment and Speed Zone on Holloway Avenue between McKnight Road and Century Avenue.
- Implemented a Business Registration Program and a Life and Safety Inspection Program which will be implemented by the REAL Department and Fire Department for all Maplewood Businesses.
- Imposed a business license late application penalty of \$25.00 or 10% of the license fee whichever is greater of the two.
- Suspended the Human Relations Commission for a period of 6 months and directed staff to examine the current mission statement and goals of the commission and to propose revisions to better suit the climate and diversity of the community.
- Adopted a resolution granting a conditional use permit revision, and the plans date-stamped December 17, 2004 for the Maplewood Public Works Facility at 1902 County Road B East.
- Adopted an ordinance extending the development moratorium for the Gladstone Neighborhood for six months or until the city council approves a redevelopment plan for this area, whichever comes first.
- Amended an ordinance regulating the discharge of surface waters into the Municipal Sewer System and approved the second reading of an ordinance to establish a sump pump inspection program.
- Adopted an ordinance amendment for the portable on-demand storage units (POD's)
- Adopted a master plan for Sterling Oaks Park and directed staff to complete the final designs and go to public bid the spring of 2005.
- Approved the plans date-stamped January 25, 2005, (site plan, landscape plan, grading and drainage plans and building elevations) for the Overview town houses on the west side of McMenemy Street, south of Roselawn Avenue.
- Reappointed Peter Fisher, Craig Brannon and Carolyn Peterson to the Park Commission for three year terms.

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## WaterFest 2005

**Saturday, May 21 10:00 am - 3:00 pm**

**Phalen Park Pavilion, St. Paul, Wheelock Parkway and Arcade Street**

WaterFest is a celebration of our clean lakes and an opportunity for hands-on learning about wildlife, water quality, and special ecology features of our beautiful watershed. Come enjoy voyageur canoeing, fishing and stream monitoring, raptors, reptiles, and amphibians, a juggling show, music, and clowns, food and fun. For more information, visit [www.rwmwd.org](http://www.rwmwd.org) or call 651.704.2089.

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May 10 & 24 at 6:00pm

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May 3 at 7:00pm

(at Maplewood Nature Center, 2659 E. 7th St.)

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# Maplewood

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## Legacy Village/Maplewood Mall Update

June 2005

There are several projects underway or completed in Legacy Village of Maplewood. Legacy Village is a mixed use project located south of County Road D, just west of the Maplewood Mall.

Here is an update of the various projects and their current status:  
Heritage Square First Addition is a 220 unit town house development and the Heritage Square Second Addition will have 81 town



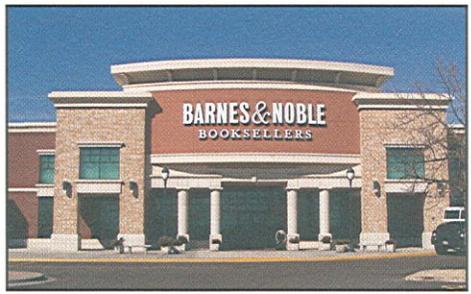
homes. Cottages at Legacy Village will have 33 detached town homes (near Hazelwood Avenue). Currently, there are 96 of these units completed or nearly finished, 14 models and 21 new residents.

Wyngate rental town home complex- this project has not yet started construction.  
Ashley Furniture Store- construction

complete with an expected opening the first week in June.

The centerpiece of the development is the new park which is south of Legacy Parkway. It is near completion and includes pedestrian trails around wetlands with an observation deck with arbors and benches. The city also is planning to include sculpture art in the park.

There are several new business at and around the Maplewood Mall. Barnes and Noble and JC Penney's have taken over existing spaces



in the mall. Around the mall some of the new businesses include Jared Jewelers, Buffalo Wild Wings and Broadway Pizza.

For more information, contact Melinda Coleman at 651.249.2052 or melinda.coleman@ci.maplewood.mn.us.



## WEB CLICKS

### Sandy Lake Site Stabilization

Construction of a new soccer field begins. Find out more on webclicks.

### Severe Weather Season Is Here

NOAA Weather Radio receivers can help keep you safe by warning you of inclement weather. Find out more on webclicks.

Read about more current topics on our website at

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

If you don't have access to the internet, call 651.249.2104 and we will mail you a copy.

## 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

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

common possession or participation.” Being a complete resident of this community includes, then, awareness of and participation in the process, activities and life of the City.

**Public Safety** – What’s new in Public Safety? For almost 30 years the Maplewood Police Department has provided the paramedics and the Fire Department has provided the ambulances and EMT’s to assist on medical calls. Due to an increasing number of medical calls every year (2,392 in 2004) and lack of sufficient availability of police paramedics, a new EMS hybrid system has been established. This will enable us to have more paramedics available during every 24-hour period. The Fire Department will provide two FF/paramedics and the Police Department will provide one police officer/paramedic.



The former CSO paramedics are being transferred to the Fire Department and will become FF/paramedics. We are hiring two additional FF/paramedics and an EMS Coordinator to oversee the new program from day-to-day. With

the new system in place, we will have a total of nine FF/paramedics and eleven police/paramedics to continue delivery of our highly reliable Emergency Medical Services.

What options do you have to participate in Public Safety? Tuesday, August 2, 2005, we will again be observing National Night Out. Now is the time to consider establishing a Crime Watch Block Group and to plan your neighborhood block party for August 2. To inquire and make arrangements, please contact Lt. Kevin Rabbett at 651.249.2604 or Sgt. Flint Karis at 651.249.2652.

The Maplewood Citizen Police Academy, which will meet Thursday evenings September 8 – November 3, 2005, 6:30-9:30 pm., offers you the opportunity to learn more about how the Police Department really works and what options you have to assist or participate in community safety. For information, please contact Sgt. Dick Doblak at

1998 graduate of the Citizen Academy, I can testify there is great value in both programs.

**Environmental Committee** – What is the Environmental Committee? The Environmental Committee is an advisory



task force whose role is to help shape Maplewood’s environmental policies and educate residents and businesses about such issues as recycling, environmental land use practices, water resources, wetlands and storm water management. The members of this committee bring to their task a variety of valuable professional and personal backgrounds and a true enthusiasm. Their vision includes “designing neighborhoods and a community that are good for the environment and good for us,” “speaking for the environment,” “growing and sustaining our community while protecting nature and the environment,” setting standards for development and redevelopment that reflect the importance and sensitivity of the environment.

This group of dedicated people has already spent many hours reviewing the City Hall Campus Plan; they have been gathering information and studying trends in recycling in preparation for enhancing our current residential recycling program and expanding it in our multi-unit dwellings. They have also developed an excellent educational storm water brochure, enclosed for you in this newsletter. Please watch for news of the Environmental Committee’s future activities in this monthly publication. If you have questions or suggestions for this committee, please contact DuWayne Konewko at 651.249.2330.

Be aware, participate, be a real partner in our community. Have a safe and productive summer!  
Kathleen Juenemann 651.771.3670  
kathleen.juenemann@ci.maplewood.mn.us

## It’s Not What’s On Your Screen. It’s What’s In It.



Every older-style television and computer monitor contains a picture tube, known as a cathode ray tube or CRT. A CRT contains between 2 and 6 pounds of lead. Other hazardous or toxic substances such as cadmium may also be found in these items. CRTs are the single largest source of lead in Minnesota’s municipal waste stream

and the amount lead continues to rise. As consumers replace traditional older-style televisions and computer monitors with newer flat screens, Plasma, and High Definition TVs, this creates more CRT waste.

In order to keep toxic lead and other hazardous substances out of landfills, Minnesota state law is banning televisions and computer monitors

CRTs from being placed in the trash. The effective date of this state law is July 1, 2005.

When purchasing a new TV or computer, ask the retailer if they will take back your old TV or computer when you purchase a new one. If they choose not to, find a retailer that is involved in take-back programs. You may also contact the manufacturer of your product to see if any local retailers offer this take-back program. If this is not an option, the City of Maplewood sponsors two clean-up events, spring (April) and fall (September/October), where the owners of these products can bring them for recycling. Otherwise, you can take these items to an electronics recycler for proper disposal. For additional information on electronics recyclers, visit the Ramsey County website at [www.co.ramsey.mn.us](http://www.co.ramsey.mn.us) and click on Environmental Health or call 651.633.3279. Be a responsible consumer and properly dispose of these items.

# Capital Improvement Projects

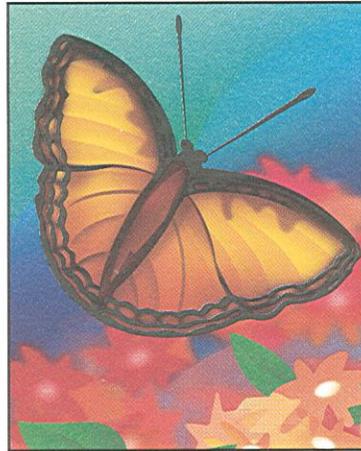
## Highwood Neighborhood

The Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) is used by city staff and elected officials to identify and plan for needed capital projects and major equipment purchases over the next five years. It is updated annually in the spring and presented to the Planning Commission and City Council for approval. Neighborhood meetings and public hearings are held before a project is undertaken.

The CIP projects are grouped by neighborhood. This month the focus is on the Highwood Neighborhood where one project is planned which is the Applewood Park Development and is scheduled for 2005. The 24-acre park will be located off Sterling Street on Matterhorn Drive and will include construction of tennis courts, trail system, tot lot, and picnic shelter.

For further information on this project, contact the Parks and Recreation Director at 651.249.2102. Information on projects in other neighborhoods is in the 2005-2009 CIP booklet which is available for public review at the Maplewood branch of the Ramsey County Library.

# Monarch Garden Party And Quilt Fundraisers



A Hand-quilted Wall Hanging with a Butterfly Garden theme will be displayed at City Hall, Maplewood Community Center, and Maplewood Nature Center this summer.

You are all invited to participate in a silent auction of the wall hanging and other art work contributed by nature center volunteers and friends. The highest bidder also earns a free ticket to the Monarch Garden Party on Saturday, August 13 when the wall hanging will be presented.

The Monarch Garden Party on August 13 celebrates late summer in the nature center's butterfly garden with a medley of food catered by Tasteful Thymes, garden activities, and door prizes. Learn how you can attract butterflies to your own garden. Two seatings are available at 10:00 am and 1:00 pm. Tickets are \$25/person with a reduced fee of \$12/child ages 10-14.

Both events will help raise funds for a great blue heron sculpture for the nature center's garden. The garden quilt is an original design conceived and sewn by Maplewood Nature Center volunteers.

For information about the fundraisers, call Maplewood Nature Center at 651.249.2170 or log on to [www.ci.maplewood.mn.us](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us).

# Proposed Changes To Maplewood's Recycling Ordinance Requires Multi-Family Residential Properties To Offer Recycling To Tenants



The City of Maplewood is proposing changes to the Recycling Ordinance that would require the owners and managers of **all multi-family residential properties to assure that recycling opportunities are provided to the tenants.** Minnesota State Law requires counties to ensure that all residents have an opportunity to recycle. Ramsey County is requiring all cities within the County

requirement, Ramsey County will reduce the amount of state grant money these cities receive to finance their municipal recycling programs. The City of Maplewood had an informational meeting on April 20, 2005, with the owners and managers of multi-family residential properties to discuss these proposed changes. As a result of this informational meeting, changes were made to the City's Recycling Ordinance reflecting concerns expressed by owners and managers of multi-family properties. The City Council will be discussing the proposed changes to the Recycling Ordinance at council meetings in June and July. If the City Council adopts these changes to the Recycling Ordinance, the new ordinance will go into effect on January 1, 2006.

In addition to this proposed ordinance amendment, the City's Environmental Committee (EC), along with city staff, is currently preparing to release a Request for Proposals (RFP) to operate the City's recycling program. The City anticipates selecting a recycling vendor by September of 2005. That vendor will begin work under the new contract on January 1, 2006. Look for additional information on these items in upcoming newsletters. The EC and city staff will be conducting an educational campaign this fall to

## Highlights from the April City Council meetings:

- Appointed the following persons to fill the four vacancies on the Planning Commission:
  - Lorraine Fisher with a term expiring December 31, 2007.
  - Tushar Desai with a term expiring December 31, 2007.
  - Jim Kaczowski with a term expiring December 31, 2007.
  - Jeremy Yarwood with a term expiring December 31, 2006.
- Accepted a donation of \$200 from Saturn of St. Paul for the annual Cops & Kids Fishing Clinic.
- Directed the City Manager to proceed with negotiations with Ramsey County for dispatch consolidation.
- Adopted a proclamation of appreciation for the AARP Volunteer Tax-Aide team who has provided tax free law training and tax preparation services at the Maplewood Community Center for the past seven years.
- Adopted a resolution requesting Ramsey County to conduct a study of White Bear Avenue at the Maplewood Community Center for the possibility of turn lanes.
- Adopted a resolution approving the Joint Powers Cooperative Agreement with Ramsey County and increased the Project Budget for the White Bear Avenue Improvements (Radatz to Buerkle,) City Project 02-21.
- Provided details on the 2005 Citizens Police Academy. Classes will be held Thursday nights, 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm at Fire Station #2, September 8th through November 3.

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## Minnesota Fireworks Law

Summer is here and so is the fun that comes with it—legal fireworks in Minnesota. There are rules that everyone must obey to make sure that you are able to have fun and stay safe.

- Fireworks are not permitted on public property
- You must be 18 years of age to purchase fireworks (photo ID required) (You do not need to be 18 years of age to use fireworks but children must be

supervised by an adult to ensure they are using the fireworks safely. Fireworks will be confiscated if purchased by a minor. Those selling fireworks to a minor can be fined and businesses will lose their license.)

For more information, contact Fire Marshal Butch Gervais at 651.249.2804 or [butchgervais@ci.maplewood.mn.us](mailto:butchgervais@ci.maplewood.mn.us)

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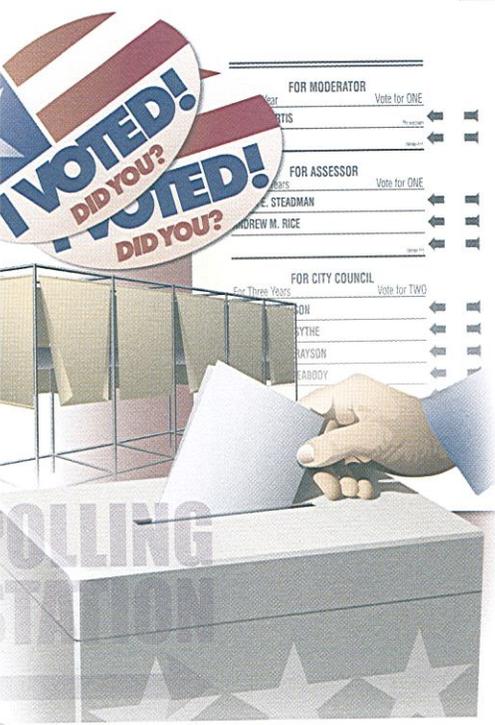
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## Public Notice Of Municipal Election 2005

State Statutes require that if more than twice the number of individuals to be elected to a City office file for nomination for an available office their names shall be placed upon the primary ballot for an election to be held on September 13, 2005. If not, there will be no primary election. An individual who is eligible and desires to become a candidate for an office to be voted for at the municipal primary election shall file an affidavit of candidacy with the municipal clerk.

The mayor and two council member positions (Mayor Robert Cardinal, Councilmember Kathleen Juenemann and Councilmember Marvin Koppen) are open for filing. These are four-year terms. The filing period begins on July 5, 2005 and will close at 5:00 pm on Tuesday, July 19, 2005. There is a filing fee of \$5.00 payable to the City of Maplewood.

If you have questions, contact City Clerk, Karen Guilfoile at 651.249.2002 [karen.guilfoile@ci.maplewood.mn.us](mailto:karen.guilfoile@ci.maplewood.mn.us) or Deputy Clerk Lori Hansen at 651.249.2001 [lori.hansen@ci.maplewood.mn.us](mailto:lori.hansen@ci.maplewood.mn.us).



July 2005

## Citizens Police Academy

**THURSDAYS,  
SEPT. 8 - NOV. 3  
6:30-9:30 PM**

Learn about the realities of police work. Join this popular FREE course and discuss important issues about the law:

- Criminal law
- Arrest rules
- Criminal investigation
- DWI enforcement
- Traffic stops
- Use of force
- Gangs & drugs

Plus, participants will have an opportunity to do a five-hour "ride along" with a police officer!

This course will be held at the Maplewood Fire Station 2 (1955 Clarence St.) and is open to anyone 18 years of age and older. Space is limited! To request an application, or for more

## Big Happenings In Southern Maplewood

Mr. Tom Hansen, representing CoPar Companies, has submitted to the city a preliminary concept plan for a proposed senior housing development. He, in conjunction with Rottlund Homes, has prepared a preliminary site plan that shows 376 housing units (in four different types of housing) for persons aged 55 and over. This development would be on approximately 70 acres of land that is south of Carver Avenue and west of Henry Lane known as the Schlomka property.



Schlomka Property

On May 23, 2005, the city council authorized the preparation of an EAW (Environmental Assessment Worksheet) for the development area and for

period, a review by the planning commission and then a review and action by the city council.

The developer would apply to the city for the approval of the development plans once the city and the other agencies review of the EAW is done. A preliminary list of concerns that the EAW will review includes the effects the project would have on the wetlands, slopes, utilities, storm water and drainage (including Fish Creek) and traffic in the area. In addition, the noise from I-494 and its effects on the new residents is another matter that the EAW should analyze.

The proposed project will require the city to approve changes to the comprehensive plan, a change to the zoning map, a planned unit development, a preliminary plat and the project design plans. Maplewood makes changes to the land use plan and to the zoning map when the city council determines that such changes are consistent with the goals and policies of the city and when the changes would be, in the opinion of the city council, in the best interests of the city.

the authority of the Maplewood City Council in making decisions for the city. Because of our proximity to St. Paul and the media coverage St. Paul receives, I believe some residents may think the City of Maplewood form of government and City Council operate the same as St. Paul. The ensuing discussion led me to the idea of sharing this information with you.

**All Cities Are Not Formed the Same.** State statutes allow cities to choose their form of government (Standard Plan, Plan A, Plan B, Home Rule Charter). Maplewood's founding fathers chose the Plan B statutory city form of government. In simple terms, this means that our form of government is a "council-manager" plan. In a Plan B, the City council retains legislative (policy making) power, but appoints a manager who is responsible to the council for the proper administration of all affairs relating to the city.

**Maplewood City Council Make-Up.** The Mayor and four Council Members are elected to 4-year staggered terms. We are elected at-large to represent the entire city as opposed to election by ward or geographic area. Because the council members are elected at-large, the public has the ear of all five council members.

All five members of the City Council have the same legislative (policy making) voting power – each of the council member's vote is equal and the Mayor does not have veto authority. The

all meetings of the City Council, and signs all documents on behalf of the City Council.

**How is St. Paul Different?** The City of St. Paul is a home rule charter city. Home rule charter cities are able to design their own form of government by adopting a charter. The form may be similar to the statutory forms of government (Standard Plan, Plan A, Plan B), or it may be a unique variation. St. Paul has "a strong mayor" form of government where their mayor can exercise veto power and has other administrative authority. St. Paul council members are elected by ward, as opposed to at-large like the City of Maplewood. More details regarding St. Paul's form of government are outlined in their Official Charter.

For additional information on City Administration, you can visit the League of Minnesota Cities Website at [lmnc.org](http://lmnc.org) (then to LMC Library; Non-searchable listings; Research Memos Available Online; City Administration) for more information, or I am happy to assist in answering any questions you may have. (Note: Some of the information provided above was extrapolated from documents published by the League of Minnesota Cities.)

Have a safe summer!

Sincerely,

Jackie Monahan-Junek



## Buckthorn May Be Lurking In Your Yard

Join the city's effort to remove buckthorn from Maplewood. Over the past several years, the city has offered neighborhood assistance in buckthorn removal. We need your participation to tackle this community environmental issue.

### The facts:

- Buckthorn is a non-native invasive shrub that originated in Eurasia. It now lurks Maplewood yards, woodlands and parks.
- Buckthorn creates dense thorny thickets. People perceive parks as safer places following buckthorn removal.
- Buckthorn inhibits the growth of oak seedlings and other plants. Some ecologists predict that our oak woods could disappear if buckthorn is not removed.



### How you can help:

- Learn how to get rid of buckthorn by reading the Buckthorn Management Brochure, inserted in this Month's Maplewood City News. Look for a coupon in the September issue for great savings on buckthorn herbicides.
- Check your yards and neighborhoods for buckthorn. Offer to help neighbors who are unable to remove their own buckthorn. Arrange neighborhood pulling days for neighborhoods with large amounts of buckthorn.

- Check out a Weed Wrench® from the Maplewood Nature Center. Wrenches are available for a one week period. Please bring proof of residency and a \$25 check deposit. These are popular tools. Please call 651.249.2170 to make sure one is available before stopping.

- Drop off only buckthorn at one of Maplewood's buckthorn



drop off sites during the month of October.

- Brush without stumps may be dropped off at four of the eight Ramsey County Compost sites. For more information, please call Eureka Recycling, 651.633.3279, or visit

the Ramsey County website at [www.co.ramsey.mn.us](http://www.co.ramsey.mn.us). Click on "yard waste and composting" under the "environment column".

- The 2005 targeted area will be the Priory Preserve neighborhood, Hillside Park neighborhood and the Hillside Gardens neighborhood. Residents in these neighborhoods will receive a letter about removal program information.

For more information, call the Buckthorn Hotline (Carole Gernes) at 651.249.2188. Messages are returned once a week.

# Capital Improvement Projects

## Parkside Neighborhood

The Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) is used to identify and plan for needed capital projects and major equipment purchases. It is updated annually in the spring and presented to the Planning Commission and City Council for approval. Neighborhood meetings and public hearings are held before a project is undertaken.

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 St., Larpenteur to Cty. Rd. B
3. Skillman Ave., McMenemy to DeSoto
4. DeSoto/Roselawn Area St. Improvements
5. Edgerton/Roselawn Drainage Improvement

Engineering on Kenwood Area Streets will begin in 2005 and construction is scheduled for completion in 2006. The project involves replacement of the pavement on Kenwood, Allen, Bellwood, Payne, Lee, Greenbrier, Skillman, Searle, Kenwood Court, Laurie Court, Viking Drive, Belmont, Eldridge and Burke.

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. Streets included in the project include Arkwright, Bellwood, Bradley, Clark, Jessie, Kingston, Mississippi, Mt. Vernon, Payne, Price, Ripley, Skillman, Sloan Pl. and Sloan St.

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 at 651.249.2402

Information on projects in other neighborhoods is in the 2005-2009 CIP booklet which is available for public review at the Maplewood branch of the Ramsey County Library.

# 2005 July 4th Celebration

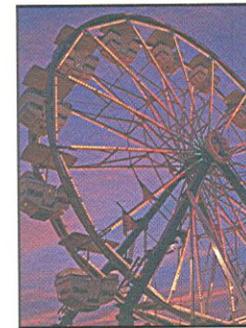


It's America's annual birthday party and everyone is invited. Head to Hazelwood Park (1663 County Road C East) for a phenomenal display of bursting fireworks. Before the ooo's and

aahh's, visit the live petting zoo, inflatable play structures, and much more. Listen to jammin tunes from "Brat Pack Radio," participate in fun games, and dance on the beach. Activities begin at 5:00 pm. Don't miss this year's Fourth of July event—it will be spectacular! For more information, contact Mike Graf at 651.249.2124 or [mike.graf@ci.maplewood.mn.us](mailto:mike.graf@ci.maplewood.mn.us).

## Ramsey County Fair

**FREE! July 13-17, 2005**



The Ramsey County Fair is right around the corner with fun-filled activities at the County fairgrounds near Aldrich Arena (White Bear Ave. at Frost) in Maplewood. Fair participants can become involved in

the talent contest, scout pinewood derby, youth pet show, rose show, kiddie tractor pull, car show, Shinders open gaming and tournament, etc. Youth and adults can compete in all of the educational exhibits (cooking, sewing, crafts, gardening, etc.) for ribbons and prizes. Call 651.770.2626 for a copy of the exhibitor's handbook.

Come enjoy the entertainment: bands on two stages, kids can be "farmer for the day", children's petting zoo, K-9 demonstrations, fireworks, parade, carnival rides, and much more! Tickets can be purchased at City Hall or the Maplewood Community Center. For a complete list of events and times, call the county fair office at 651.770.2626 or log

## National Night Out 2005

**Tuesday, August 2 at 5:30 pm**

Get ready to celebrate National Night Out with your neighbors. Enjoy root beer floats, visits from the Fire and Police Department, and much more. Volunteer to host a block party in your neighborhood! For more information, contact Mike Graf at 651.249.2124 or [mike.graf@ci.maplewood.mn.us](mailto:mike.graf@ci.maplewood.mn.us)

## Attention Travelers

We have been notified by the Bureau of Consular Affairs of the following New Passport Requirements:

**Beginning December 31, 2005** – Passport required for all air and sea travel to or from the Caribbean, Bermuda, Central and South America.

**Beginning December 31, 2006** – Passport required for all air and sea travel to or from Mexico and Canada.

**Beginning December 31, 2007** – Passport required for all air, sea, and land border crossings to or from the United States.



## Highlights from the May City Council meetings:

- Adopted resolutions of appreciation for Jeff Bartol and Daniel Lee for their service as Commissioners on the Maplewood Planning Commission.
- Approved the installation of an all-way stop at the intersection of Holloway and First Street as a means to reduce speed and increase safety along Holloway Avenue.
- Awarded the Sterling Oaks bid to the low bid of Hoffman & McNamara Company in the amount of \$223,746 with the monies to be allocated from the park development fund.
- Adopted a resolution approving revisions for the conditional use permit for the property at 2360 White Bear Avenue (Home Depot).
- Adopted a resolution approving a conditional use permit for 3M to build their new leadership development institute/customer center building closer than 350 feet to a residential zoning district within a light manufacturing zoning district. The building will be constructed within 325 feet of a residential zoning district on vacant 3M Campus property (2350 Minnehaha Avenue).
- Authorized staff to establish a project budget and to hire Kimley-Horn and Associates to prepare an Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) for the project area at a fee of \$35,000 and that CoPar Companies shall pay \$25,000 of the proposed fee with the remainder of the fee to be paid from the Fees for Service portion of the 2005 Sanitary Sewer Operating Budget.
- Moved to proceed to move forward with the County for consolidation plans and informing Ramsey County to order the radio equipment to accommodate a consolidated center, including Maplewood operations. This is to be done with the understanding that Maplewood could opt out of the consolidation plan prior to its implementation if protocol and governance requirements are not met.
- Directed City Attorney Kelly to investigate opting out of the County's tax levy which would allow Maplewood to remain independent and not have our Taxpayer's pay twice for dispatch.

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

## Parks & Recreation All Star Summer Kickoff Parade

Maplewood Parks & Recreation celebrated its third annual All Star Summer Kickoff event Saturday, June 4. It was another successful event with many program participants. Thank you to our generous sponsors:

**City & County Credit Union, Buffalo Wild Wings, Children's World,**

Maplewood Community Center, Kinkos, The Donut Family, Vendstock Inc., SkyHawks

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### Pre-Agenda Meetings

July 7 & 21 at 4:45pm

### Community Design Review Board

July 12 & 26 at 6:00pm

### Environmental Committee Meeting

July 12 at 7:00pm

(at Maplewood Nature Center, 2659 E. 7th St.)

### Historical Preservation Commission

July 21 at 7:00pm

### Housing & Redevelopment Authority

July 12 at 7:00pm

### Human Relations Commission

No meeting scheduled

### Parks & Recreation Commission

July 18 at 7:00pm

### Planning Commission

July 4 (or TBA) & 18 at 7:00pm

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## National Night Out 2005

August 2005



It's Maplewood's Night Out Against Crime. The "22nd Annual National Night Out" (NNO), a unique crime/drug prevention event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW), has been scheduled for Tuesday, August 2, 2005.

We cordially invite you and your neighborhood to be a part of our NIGHT OUT team.

Last year's National Night Out campaign involved citizens, law enforcement agencies, civic groups, businesses, neighborhood organizations and local officials from over 10,000 communities in all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases worldwide. In all, more than 34 million people participated in NNO 2004.

### NATIONAL NIGHT OUT Is Designed To:

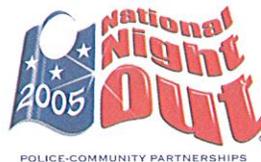
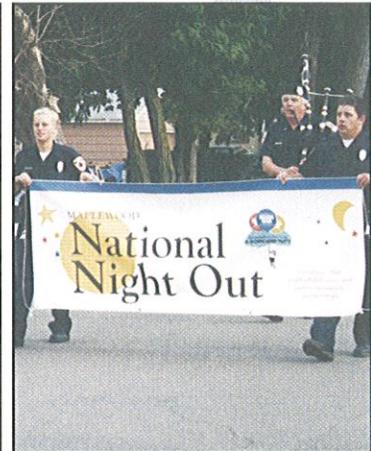
- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness;
- Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs;
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and
- Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Along with the traditional display of outdoor lights and front porch vigils, cities, towns and neighborhoods 'celebrate' NNO with a variety of events and activities such as: block parties, dunk tanks, cookouts, visits from local police and sheriff departments, parades, exhibits, flashlight walks, and contests.

NNO has proven to be an effective, inexpensive and enjoyable program to promote neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships in our fight for a safer nation.

### Help Us Reach Our Goal

Don't delay. Be sure your neighborhood is part of the nation's largest annual crime/drug prevention event. This year's goal is to have over 65 Maplewood block parties participate. Help us reach this goal and register your neighborhood today. Find out more about Maplewood's National Night Out, call the NNO hotline at 651.249.2192.



### Maplewood's Night Out Festivities

**Tuesday, August 2, 2005**

**KICKOFF 5:30 - 6:00 pm**

(Maplewood's Shortest Parade)

Fire Station 4 (Lower Afton Road & Londin Lane)

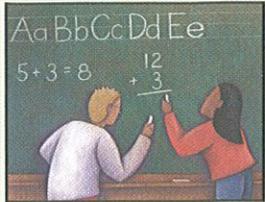
Root Beer Floats • Picnic Kits • Visits from Police, Fire, and Paramedics • Sidewalk Chalk • Dunking Booth • Night Out Tattoos • Souvineer Cups • And more

**Have a wonderful safe evening at YOUR neighborhood block party August 2nd!**  
**NNO Hotline: 651.249.2192**



# Dear Residents

This month I would like to talk to you about the top national priority. The number one issue in America is education, and that means locally, we need to focus on our own situation. Maplewood principally has two school districts; School District 622 and School District 623. The following is public information provided by the two school



districts.

District 622 has about 1,500 total employees

and about 200 of these employees in this district are Maplewood residents. District 623 has 772 total employees and 51 of these employees in this district are Maplewood residents. The Principal at North High School is Randy Zipf and has recently resigned. The Principal at Tartan High School is John Bezek and he has been principal since 2003. The Principal at Roseville Area High is Connie

Nicholson and she has been principal since 2003.

The box below shows the number of students that live in Maplewood and attend the area public schools.

School	District	# of Students
North High, 9-12	622	833
Tartan High, 9-12	622	460
Roseville Area High, 10-12	623	276
John Glenn, 6-8	622	524
Maplewood Middle, 6-8	622	366
Skyview Middle, 6-8	622	37
Roseville Area Middle, 7-8	623	150
Parkview Center, K-8	623	49
Carver, K-5	622	432
Castle, K-5	622	25
Cowern, K-5	622	45
Eagle Point, K-5	622	11
Oakdale, K-5	622	76
Richardson, K-5	622	171
Skyview Elementary, K-5	622	9
Weaver, K-5	622	449
Webster, K-5	622	245
Brimhall, K-6	623	4
Central Park, K-6	623	6
Edgerton, K-6	623	340
Falcon Heights, K-6	623	2
Little Canada, K-6	623	12
Emmet D. Williams, K-6	623	2

What this suggests is that some schools are more suitable and a better fit for each student.

Average class size at Tartan Senior High is 29, North Senior High is 30,

Roseville Area Senior High is 26.

Each of these high schools has advanced placement classes, teach languages (French, German, and Spanish), provide COED sports, and these three high schools provide numerous extracurricular programs. District 622 grades 1-8 average class size is 22 students. District 623 grades 1-8 average class size is 25 students.

The new Superintendent of Schools for 622 is Patty Phillips and the Superintendent of Schools for 623 is John Thein.

As always, please contact us with any questions or concerns that should be brought to our attention.

Bob Cardinal, Mayor

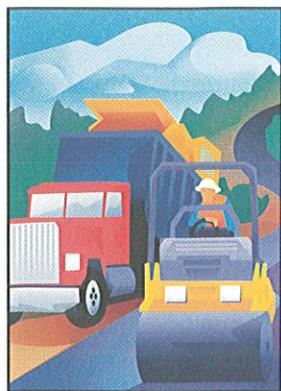
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## Street Improvements—5 Year Plan

The Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) is evaluated annually by the Maplewood Engineering Department. Minor adjustments to the CIP are made based on budget, financing, logistics and



regular condition surveys of the streets. The City Council prioritizes these prospective projects and authorizes feasibility studies for

those scheduled in the following year. The Engineering Division then schedules informational meetings with the project area residents, surveys the area, prepares preliminary designs, evaluates alternatives and presents a recommendation to the City Council.

Some improvement projects are initiated by resident petition.

If the council approves the project, the engineering division then prepares final construction plans, lets the project out for bids and provides inspection during construction of the improvement. Outside engineering consulting firms are sometimes hired to handle improvement projects within the city. These firms work in conjunction with the Maplewood engineering staff, and a city inspector is a liaison on those projects.

Most capital improvement projects are funded in part by special assessments and in part by city tax levy, as well as various other applicable funds (i.e., sanitary sewer, environmental utility, St. Paul Regional Water Services, State Aid, etc.). The Maplewood Pavement Management Policy, established in 1999, sets assessment rates based on

the type of improvement procedure proposed for a given project. These assessment rates are adjusted each year.

The Engineering Division prepares all of the assessment rolls. After assessment rolls are prepared, the City Council holds a special assessment hearing to consider adoption of the proposed assessment. After adoption of the assessment, a 30-day time period is given for payment of the assessment without interest. The Engineering Division at the Maplewood City Hall collects these payments. After the 30 days have elapsed, the special assessment rolls are certified to Ramsey County to be collected with the property taxes.

Pending assessment searches are frequently requested when property is being transferred or refinanced. The request must be in writing and include a \$35 fee. The city will then provide a written reply.

# Capital Improvement Projects: Kohlman Lake Neighborhood

The Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) is used to identify and plan for needed capital projects and major equipment purchases over the next five years. It is updated annually in the spring and presented to the Planning Commission and City Council for approval. Neighborhood meetings and public hearings are held before a project is undertaken.

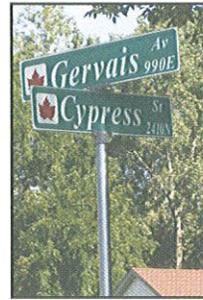
This month the focus is on the Kohlman Lake Neighborhood where three projects are planned.

1. Walter Street Trail Corridor
2. Gervais Avenue, Maplewood Drive to Cypress
3. Kohlman Lane Area Streets, Water & Sewer



The Walter Street Trail Corridor project will connect Sunset Ridge Park to the Little Canada trail system. This project is scheduled to start in 2006 with completion in

2007. For further information on this project, contact the Parks and Recreation Director at 651.249.2102.



The Gervais Avenue project involves reconstruction and realignment of the road from Maplewood Drive to Cypress. This project is scheduled for completion in 2006.

The streets in the area of Kohlman Lane are scheduled for reconstruction, which also includes extension of the water main from Arcade Street in Little Canada and installation of a sewer main. This project is scheduled to start in 2006 with completion in 2007.

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

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

## Dutch Elm Disease Returns

Dutch Elm Disease made a strong comeback last summer and remains a problem this summer in most of the metro area including Maplewood. Trees that survived the last major



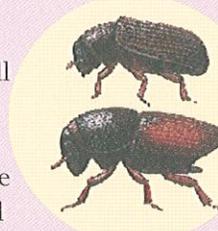
*Branch death, or flagging, at multiple locations in the crown of a diseased elm. (Photo courtesy of Dr. Steve Katovich, USDA Forest Service, St. Paul, MN.)*

outbreak in the 1970's are now becoming victims. Dutch Elm Disease is a systemic tree disease caused by the fungus *Ceratocystis ulmi* which grows in the water conducting vessels of elm trees which prevents water uptake and ultimately causes the tree to wilt and die. The fungus spreads to healthy elms primarily by elm bark beetles which usually fly less than a mile from breeding trees and infested fire wood to healthy trees.

The first symptoms of Dutch Elm Disease generally include wilting, dull green to yellow leaves that appear during the spring and summer. Dead branches and discoloration under the bark can also be an indication of an older infection.

Prompt removal of all dead and dying elm material is critical so that they do not serve as a breeding ground for the elm bark beetle. Controlling the spread of Dutch Elm Disease relies on controlling the infected beetle population, which in turn relies on controlling the number of dead and diseased trees.

The unexpected high level of Dutch Elm Disease is the culmination of many factors. Droughty falls and low snow cover winters the past few years brought more elms into spring leaf-out in stressful condition. The warmer winters also increased beetle survival. The beetles then found a vast amount of pre-stressed trees to feed on and breed in.



The City of Maplewood contracts for the services to identify and mark diseased elm trees. Under city code, trees infected with Dutch Elm Disease, is considered a public nuisance. If a diseased tree is identified on private property, it is the responsibility of the property owner to remove the diseased elm. The property owner has twenty days from the receipt of a written notification from the city to remove a diseased tree. It is important that all elm wood over three inches in diameter be debarked, chipped or destroyed. If the property owner fails to remove the tree within the allotted time, the city will remove the tree and bill the cost of the work to the owner or assess the property if unpaid.

Ramsey County has four locations that accept brush and wood waste at no charge to Ramsey County residents. For a recorded message on site information, call 651.773.4455. If you have any questions concerning Dutch Elm Disease, call the Public Works Department at 651.249.2400.

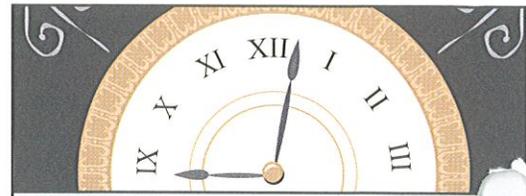
# Council's Corner

Highlights of the June, 2005 Maplewood City Council meetings:

- Adopted a resolution adopting the assessment roll for County Road D Court Improvements, City Project 04-06.
- Adopted a resolution adopting the assessment roll for the T.H. 61 East Frontage Road Improvements, City Project 04-25.
- Approved an agreement with HealthEast St. John's Hospital for the Extension of St. John's Boulevard.
- Adopted a resolution receiving bids for the construction of the Public Works Building Addition, City Project 03-19, accepted withdrawal of the low bid of Merrimac Construction, and awarded a construction contract for the addition to Jorgenson Construction in the amount of \$2,138,260.
- Approved site and landscaping plans date-stamped May 3, 2005 and building elevations submitted to the community design review board on May 24, 2005 for the Lexus Service Center south of Sparkle Auto on the Trout Land development property.
- Adopted a resolution approving a revision to the conditional use permit for Liberty Classical Academy to operate a school in the church building at 1717 English Street.
- Adopted a resolution ordering Preparation of the Feasibility Study for Kenwood Area Street Improvements, City Project 05-16.
- Adopted a resolution ordering preparation of a feasibility study for Gervais Avenue Street Improvements, City Project 05-17.
- Held a public hearing for public input for dispatch consolidation with Ramsey County.
- Adopted first reading of the proposed multi-family recycling ordinance amendment.
- Adopted the proposed 2005-2006 negotiated labor agreements between the City and IAFF Local A-22 representing the Public Safety Dispatchers:

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No meeting scheduled

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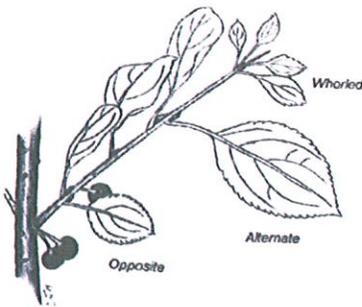
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## Buckthorn

Leaf Arrangements:



**Remember:** Remove your buckthorn. Call the buckthorn hotline at 651.249.2188 for more information.

## Gladstone Redevelopment Study

The next public meeting will be held Thursday, August 11 at the Maplewood Community Center (2100 White Bear Ave.) from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. For more information, check the city web page. People on the current mailing list will also get written notice of this meeting.

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## Gladstone Neighborhood Redevelopment Plan Update

### A Vision For The Future

The City of Maplewood is continuing with the strategic planning project for the Gladstone neighborhood. The process seeks to define a vision for future developments and park improvements, and establishes a blueprint of plans for achieving this vision. This is a very important planning project as it involves an established business community, residents, open space and parkland. In addition, this process sets a standard for establishing guidelines for how to do large scale redevelopment. The city anticipates a final vision will be adopted by the city council in December 2005.

### Learn More

To find out more about this project, timelines and how to get involved, please visit the city web page at [www.ci.maplewood.mn.us](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us)

When you get to the home page look for the "Gladstone



Round About at Frost Ave. & English St.

Project Updates" located on the lower right side. Click on the picture and from there you will be given many options for types of information and a detailed chronological accounting of

all the meetings, newsletters, surveys and much more.

One of the most significant postings is labeled "Public Participation". This section contains information gathered from the public workshops and answers many of the questions that have been asked at the meetings. Time constraints have limited the amount of public participation at the workshops. These documents serve to address the concerns and questions raised during these meetings.

For more information, contact the Community Development Department at 651.249.2300 or Melinda Coleman at 651.249.2052. Copies can also be viewed or obtained at City Hall at 1830 County Road B East between 8:00 am and 4:30 pm M-F.

**FREE!**

### Self Defense/ Threat Awareness Class

Learn to identify threats, how to react, and different tools you can use for self-defense. Receive a quick study of local crime trends including both current and older scams used on people. Learn "hands-on" defense tactics and the correct frame of mind to survive.

Instructor: Scott Steffen,  
Maplewood Police Department  
Date: Tuesday, October 4  
Time: 7:00 - 8:00 pm  
Location: MCC  
(2100 White Bear Avenue)  
Activity # 0026.301

Register at the Maplewood  
Community Center or call  
651.249.2100.

## Sandy Lake Soccer Complex Discontinued

The Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Department is no longer pursuing plans to construct soccer fields at Sandy Lake. SPRWS will present a plan to permanently close the Sandy Lake sludge field. Sandy

Lake is bounded on the north by East County Road B, on the

### Lime Solids Are Now Put To Good Use

Saint Paul Regional Water Services (SPRWS) began softening its treated water with lime in the 1940s. The residue from the lime softening process was disposed of in Sandy Lake. This practice was discontinued in the 1990s. Today the remaining lime solids from the water softening process are trucked from the SPRWS facilities and used for agricultural soil enhancement.

### The Proposed Project To Close The

proper drainage

- Planting native grasses and flowering plants on the final covering
- Continue soil recycling

### Come Learn More About Sandy Lake

SPRWS will host ongoing presentations lasting 10 to 15 minutes each on the proposed Sandy Lake Sludge Field Earth Covering on Thursday, September 29, 2005, from 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm. The presentations will be held in SPRWS Administration Building at 1900 Rice



The Maplewood city council and mayor met at a planning retreat this summer to identify key goals for the remainder of 2005 and into 2006. The main theme to come from the retreat was to keep Maplewood a great place to work, live, and play. To build on the theme the council and staff quickly focused attention on public safety, infrastructure maintenance, neighborhood redevelopment, parks and open spaces, environment and efficiency.

Additional patrol officers are high on the list of wants to respond to an all-time high number of calls for service which are increasing in complexity and time commitment. The addition of full-time fire/paramedic professionals to help with medical calls around-the-clock is helping with the call loads, but needs continue to grow faster than the patrol officers can reasonably load on themselves. The other public safety priority was to commit to keeping the paid-per-call fire service members as the backbone of the fire department.

More development and redevelopment of parks was identified as critical to the economic and social health of the community. Similarly, the environmental restoration and

clean-up of abused and neglected open spaces and storm water treatment areas also ranked as an area of concern.

The parks, open spaces and environmental picture reappeared with the strong desire to see the redevelopment of declining neighborhoods and infrastructure. Taking the opportunity to pump new life into parks and refresh green areas during the redevelopment of neighborhoods and infrastructure was recognized as being important and efficient. Continued vigilance with new developments to ensure they also address the "green" environment-friendly values of the community was a similar focus.

Turning the themes and desires for Maplewood into work-plans created a fairly long wish-list of projects which clashed with the reality of limited resources. The consensus of the council was to hold any increases in taxes to homeowners to 5% for 2006. The State also cut aid to Maplewood by over \$250,000 for both 2005 and 2006. The truth of the fiscal situation is that the council will have few opportunities with new dollars and will have to keep other options open if vision and reality are to come together.

## Fall Lawn Care Tips



- Remember, the City of Maplewood prohibits the use and sale of fertilizers containing phosphorus. When purchasing fertilizer, look for a "0" in the middle number on the bag.

- The best time to fertilize your lawn is in September to mid-October. Fertilizer applied in the spring causes the grass to flower and grow longer, which means more

frequent mowing. But fertilizer applied in the fall provides nutrients that are used for root and rhizome development.

- Allow the grass to grow longer before cutting and cut only the top third of the grass blade. Taller grass is more resistant to the damaging effects of heat stress and other diseases. The higher mowing height encourages deeper rooting, thus saving money by reducing the need for water and fertilizer.
- The best time to water your grass is in the morning.
- Fall is also the best time to aerate and seed your lawn.
- Plant native flowers and shrubs instead of grass. Start with a small area first and expand as you wish.
- It's also important to mulch or rake your leaves in the fall. Mulching is preferred because it provides additional nutrients to the soil. If you decide to rake, make sure you properly dispose of your leaves. Either compost your leaves at home or bring your leaves to a composting facility. In addition, most trash haulers provide a service (for an additional fee) to pick up your grass clippings and leaves. The most important thing to remember: be a responsible steward and clean up grass clippings and leaves to prevent these from going into the storm sewer system.

## JOIN THE MAPLEWOOD PAID-PER-CALL FIRE DEPARTMENT

MAPLEWOOD IS LOOKING FOR PAID-PER-CALL FIREFIGHTERS IN YOUR AREA

### Qualifications:

1. You must live within a five minute response time to the station. (Maplewood residency is not required.)
2. You must be a minimum of 18 years old.
3. You must be able to pass an extensive background check.
4. You must be able to pass psychological, and physical agility tests.
5. You must have a valid Minnesota driver's license.

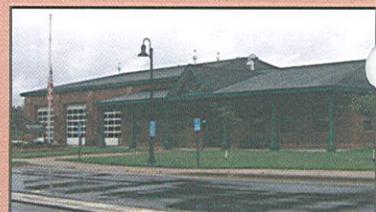
### Benefits:

1. You will receive up to \$14.43/call.
2. The Maplewood Fire Department pays for training and uniforms.
3. Opportunities to get involved with many events (fire prevention education,

parades, neighborhood park activities, blood pressure checks, open house activities and health fairs).

4. Eligibility for a pension after 10 years of active service.
5. An opportunity to help friends, neighbors and the community.
6. You will become part of an elite team of professionals to whom the citizens of Maplewood entrust their lives and property.

Join today! Call Susan at 651.249.2801 for more information.



## Council's Corner

Highlights from the August 2005 City Council Meetings:

- Adopted the list of Election Judges for the 2005 Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, September 13.
- Adopted a resolution approving up to \$9.5 million in tax-exempt revenue financing for the Volunteers of America for the Maplewood Care Center at 1900 Sherren Avenue and the Homestead at Maplewood at 1890 Sherren Avenue.
- Adopted a resolution for the Gladstone Redevelopment Project, City Project 04-21, ordering an Alternative Urban Area wide Review (AUAR) for the Gladstone Redevelopment Plan.
- Designated a liquor license for TGI Fridays until October 1, 2005. If the application is not submitted by October 1, staff will submit a request at the October 10, 2005 Council Meeting requesting that the license no longer be held.
- Approved the parking-ramp plan revisions, the lighting plan and the landscaping plan proposal for Maplewood Toyota at the northwest corner of Beam Avenue and Highway 61.
- Adopted a resolution approving a conditional use permit to store cars on the property between LaMettry Collision and Gulden's Roadhouse.
- Approved the purchase of a 2006 GMC Yukon for the Deputy Fire Chief in the amount of \$30,684.10 to Nelson Dodge and GMC.
- Proclaimed Friday, September 16, 2005 as Stepfamily Day.
- Clarified a resolution to construct a noise berm as part of the street reconstruction program for the Brookview Area Streets beginning in 2008 and extend the height of the berm as high as possible (approximately 9 additional feet to the existing MnDOT berm near Crestview Drive N.), and extend at the same height for the entire length for as far west (as close to the frontage road loop to I-94 East as possible) to the existing noise wall at Sterling Street, with no gaps.
- Accepted a donation and any future donations from Qwest for Citizens on Patrol program participation by their employees.
- Approved the shared parking agreements for the Myth Nightclub located at 3090 Southlawn Drive.
- Adopted a resolution adopting the Countywide Emergency Operations Plan.
- Authorized staff to begin negotiations with Eureka Recycling as the first, preferred vendor for the city's recycling services.

## Capital Improvement Projects

### Hazelwood Neighborhood

The Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) is used to identify and plan for needed capital projects and equipment purchases over the next five years. It is updated annually and presented to the Planning Commission and City Council for approval. Neighborhood meetings and public hearings are held before a project is undertaken.

This month the focus is on the Hazelwood Neighborhood where six projects are planned.

1. Harvest Park Improvements
2. Hazelwood Park Trail Corridor
3. County Road D, Southlawn to White Bear Ave.
4. White Bear Ave., Radatz to Buerkle
5. Signal System at Southlawn and Cty Road D
6. Signal System at Kennard St. and Cty Rd D

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

County Road D will be reconstructed from Southlawn Drive to White Bear Avenue in 2009. This project will also include a trail connection from Southlawn to White Bear Ave.

Reconstruction of White Bear Avenue from Radatz to Buerkle is proposed to begin in 2007.

In 2009 a traffic signal will be installed at Southlawn Drive and County Road D.

A traffic signal is planned for 2006 at the intersection of Kennard Street and County Road D.

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

## DID YOU KNOW?

Fewer sheets of paper mailed means lower postage costs. A single-sided 10-page document costs \$0.60 to mail. That same document, copied double-sided, uses five sheets and requires only \$0.37 in postage.

*The city of Maplewood is rolling out a new recycling program. Watch for details coming soon.*



Get  
Ready To  
**LAUGH**  
Outloud

**ALEX COLE (COMEDIAN)**

**Thursday, October 20**

**7:30 pm**

**Maplewood Community Center  
(2100 White Bear Avenue)**

Two miles south of the  
Maplewood Mall on  
White Bear Avenue

**Call 651.249.2100 for tickets.**

**Saturday, October 15 8:00 am - 12:00 noon**  
**Gethsemane Lutheran Church parking lot (2420 Stillwater Avenue) Please enter from Bartelmy Lane.**

Maplewood residents 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.

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

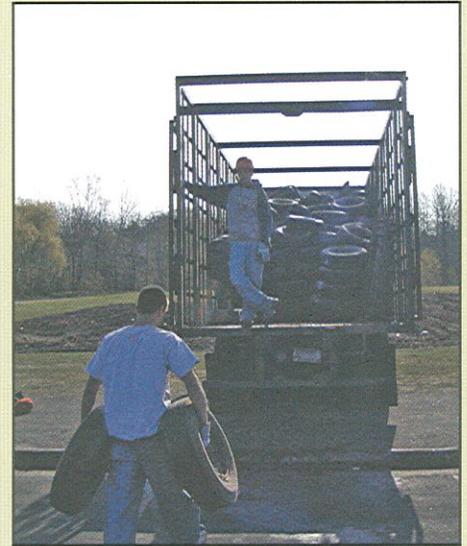
Cars without a trailer.....	\$10
Pick-up trucks and cars with trailers.....	\$15
Exceptionally large loads (determined by the city).....	\$25 plus
Computer/monitor (in addition to above costs).....	\$15
Car tires with or without rims (in addition to above costs).....	\$3
TVs all sizes (in addition to above costs).....	\$10
VCRs (in addition to above costs).....	\$10
Printers (in addition to above costs).....	\$10
Appliances (any residential appliance-in addition to above costs).	\$10

**(Proof of residency required.)**

Example fees:

Car without trailer plus console TV.....	\$20
Pick-up truck with appliance and computer.....	\$40

For more information on the fall collection, call 651.249.2400.



**2005 Ramsey County  
 Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)  
 Collection Site Locations and Hours**

**HAZARDOUS WASTE**

**October 7-29**  
 Van Dyke Street, in parking lot,  
**MAPLEWOOD**  
 Friday 10am - 6pm  
 Saturday 9 am - 4pm  
 Sunday - Thursday CLOSED

**Year Round Collection**  
 Bay West, Inc. 5 Empire Drive  
 (between Jackson and Rice St., just north of  
 Pennsylvania Ave., near the State Capital)  
**ST. PAUL**  
 November - March  
 Saturday 9am - 4pm  
 April - October  
 Wed., Thurs., Fri. 11am - 6pm  
 Saturday 9am - 4pm

For more information, call 651.633-3279 or visit the website at  
[www.ramsey.co.mn.us/ph/ch/index.asp](http://www.ramsey.co.mn.us/ph/ch/index.asp)

**Silver Lake  
 Aquatic Plant  
 Survey**



The Valley Branch Watershed District is looking for your opinions about the aquatic plants in Silver Lake.

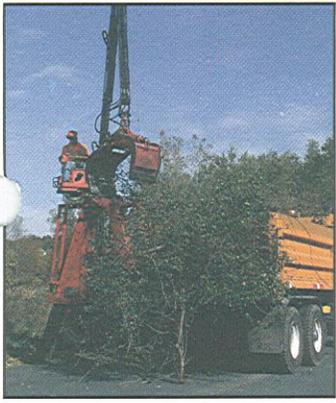
Questionnaires are available until October 10 at the Public Works Building near Maplewood City Hall, and at North St. Paul City Hall, and Oakdale City Hall. Questionnaires are also available on-line at the Valley Branch Watershed District website [www.vbwd.org](http://www.vbwd.org). The responses to the questions will be used to develop an aquatic plant management plan for Silver Lake.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

Americans throw away enough sheets of office paper each year to build a 12-foot high wall stretching from New York to San Francisco—that's approximately 10,000 sheets per person! AND The EPA estimates that paper and paper board account for almost 40 percent of our garbage!

*The city of Maplewood is rolling out a new recycling program. Watch for details coming soon.*

# 2005 Maplewood Buckthorn Removal Program



The buckthorn removal targeted area for this year includes three neighborhoods. The first is the Priory neighborhood between McKnight Road and Century Avenue to the West and East, Larpenteur Avenue to the north and the railroad tracks to the south. The second area is the Hillside Park neighborhood between McKnight, Century, Larpenteur and Holloway. The third neighborhood is the neighborhood between McKnight, Beebe, Holloway and Larpenteur.

These residents will receive free pickup of buckthorn during the weeks of October 17 & 24. Your buckthorn should be stacked along the boulevard, but not overhanging the street or sidewalk, by October 17. City workers will start collecting buckthorn on that date and will continue pick up until they have visited all pre-registered households. The city will visit each address only once. The city cannot pull into driveways or yards to pick up buckthorn. If you live in the targeted area and did not receive a buckthorn information letter, please call the Buckthorn Hotline at 651.249.2188.

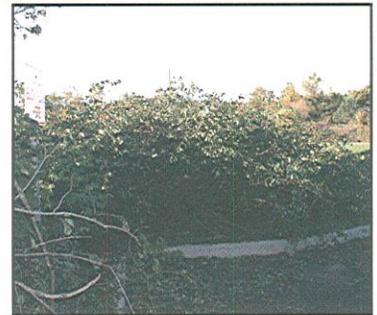
For other residents, the City of Maplewood will have sites for buckthorn drop-off. You may bring your buckthorn to the **Maplewood Community Center** parking lot on these dates only: **October 15, 16, 22, and 23**. Look for the signs to find the designated area.

Buckthorn may be dropped off at the **Londin Lane Fire Station** from October 1 through October 23. Place your buckthorn between the signs on the west side of the parking lot. Driving off the paved parking areas is not allowed. Only city vehicles are allowed off the lot. The city will move your buckthorn to the grinder.

For buckthorn drop-off during the rest of the year, please bring your brush to one of the Ramsey County Compost sites that accept buckthorn and other brush. **You must bring proof of residency.**

Only the following County sites accept brush: Eastside, Midway, Arden Hills/New Brighton, Shoreview/White Bear Township. **All brush must have stumps removed or it will not be accepted.** Directions to these sites are available at [www.co.ramsey.mn.us](http://www.co.ramsey.mn.us). Click on "Yard Waste and Composting" under the "Environment" column. Call Eureka Recycling for directions, site closings due to weather conditions or other information at 651.633.3279. Attendants are on duty at the sites if you have questions.

Call the Buckthorn Hotline at 651.249.2188 for answers to frequently asked questions or to leave a message. Calls are returned one day per week until October 26.



## Are You Polluting Area Lakes And Streams And Don't Even Know It?

Stormwater runoff is the rain, melting snow, and excess water runoff from household or business activities that flows from lawns, driveways, rooftops, and streets into the storm sewer system. Most of this runoff flows directly into our lakes and streams without first being treated. A common misconception is that this runoff flows into the sanitary sewage treatment system. It does not. The runoff carries with it salt, sand, pesticides, fertilizers, leaves, grass clippings, oil and other fluids that may leak out of vehicles, soaps, bacteria and viruses, cleaners, and many other pollutants. It then discharges them directly into our bodies of water. The term "nonpoint source pollutant" is used to describe these potential pollutants because they cannot be traced to a single source.

In developed areas like the City of Maplewood, a large majority of the land surface is covered by pavement and buildings which do not allow the stormwater runoff to soak into the ground. Instead, storm sewers are used to collect and carry the large amounts of runoff and discharge the runoff into area waterways. As a result, the runoff carries with it these nonpoint source pollutants that can adversely affect our water quality.

- Create sustainable landscapes that minimize stormwater runoff;
- Create a rain garden;
- Limit the use of pesticides, insecticides, and fertilizers in favor of nontoxic methods;
- Make the connection between land use and water quality;
- Repair leaks in vehicles;
- Properly dispose of all household hazardous wastes;
- Be a responsible steward by sweeping up leaves and grasses, cleaning up pet waste, and not allowing these in the street or storm sewer systems; and
- Get involved in the protection of our resources.



*Maplewood Nature Center volunteers stencil stormdrains to prevent pollutants from draining to the marsh.*

For additional information on these and other ways to help prevent stormwater pollution, please log onto the City of

highlights from the July City Council meetings.

- Approved to review the conditional use permit (CUP) for Olivia Gardens PUD again in one year (July 2006) or sooner if the owner proposes a major change to the site.
- Adopted a multi-family recycling ordinance amendment with an effective date of January 1, 2006.
- Amended the city's sign code pertaining to the size, number, and placement of political signs.
- Awarded the following Charitable Gambling Contributions:

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Award</u>
Dispute Resolution Center	\$2,200
Tubman Family Alliance	\$800
Maplewood Historical Society	\$9,500
Family Institute for Well Being	\$2,000
Century College	\$1,120
Edgerton Community Drama Club	\$900
Police Explorers	\$5,700
Webster School PTO	\$2,932
Heritage Theatre Co.	\$4,516
Ramsey County Fair	\$3,590
Fire Explorers	\$3,900
Police Reserves	\$3,000
MCC Room Rentals	\$13,500

- Moved to "pull back" from the county dispatch consolidation proposal and continue to pursue the 800 MHz technology change with the intention of remaining independent.
- Tabled the purchase of 800 MHz Dispatch Equipment until the August 22 City Council Meeting.
- Awarded proclamations of recognition to Chantel Boyer, Jennifer Oie, and Katherine Elicerio for their hard work, dedication, and commitment in earning the Girl Scout Gold Award.
- Adopted a resolution to construct a noise berm as part of the street reconstruction program for the Brookview Area Streets beginning in 2008 and extend the height of the berm as high as possible (approximately 9 additional feet) the entire length from the western end to the existing MnDOT berm near the Crestview Drive to the existing noise wall at Sterling Street.
- Authorized the City Engineer to retain a traffic consultant to investigate and monitor impacts of traffic along Roselawn Avenue between Rice Street and I-35E.
- Moved to bring in a speaker and organize a council workshop on Democratic Governance.

For more current highlights of the council meeting log on to:

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

## CITY OF MAPLEWOOD

### Maplewood City Council

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### Hours

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

Deputy Registrar/Passport 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

September 26 & October 10, 24

### Pre-Agenda Meetings

September 22 & October 6, 20 at 4:45pm

### Community Design Review Board

September 27 & October 11, 25 at 6:00pm

### Environmental Committee

October 4 at 7:00pm

### Historical Preservation Commission

September 15 & October 20 at 7:00pm

### Housing & Redevelopment Authority

October 11 at 7:00pm

### Human Relations Commission

No meeting scheduled

### Parks & Recreation Commission

September 19 & October 17 at 7:00pm

### Planning Commission

September 19 & October 3, 17 at 7:00pm

### Mayor's Forum

October 1 at 10:00am-noon

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

The September 12, 26 and October 10 & 24 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

For other questions or comments regarding "Maplewood City News," contact the City Manager richard.fursman@ci.maplewood.mn.us

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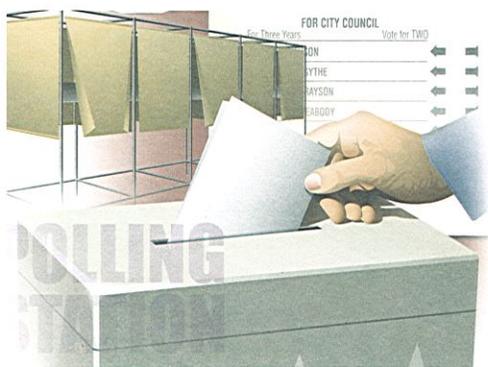
CITY NEWS

# Maplewood



November 2005

## Do You Know Your Local Candidates?



Find out about your 2005 Maplewood candidates by attending a Candidates Forum on **Wednesday, October 26, 2005 at 7:00 pm.** This informative session will be held at City Hall in the council chambers at 1830 County Road B East. The forum is sponsored and will be moderated by the League of Women voters. You can also view this event live on Government Television Network on channel 16. For more information, contact City Clerk, Karen Guilfoile at 651.249.2002 or [karen.guilfoile@ci.maplewood.mn.us](mailto:karen.guilfoile@ci.maplewood.mn.us).

## General Election November 8, 2005 For Mayor And Two Council Members

### Candidates for Mayor (Vote for One)

Will Rossbach  
Diana Longrie

### Candidates for Council Member (Vote for Two)

Rebecca Cave (Cunnen)  
Kathleen "Kathy" Juenemann\*  
Erik Hjelle  
Marvin C. Koppen\*

\*Indicates Incumbent

For more information, please visit the city

## Maplewood Halloween Events

### Halloween Haunt "The Lizard Of Oz"

(Ages 4-10 with an adult)  
Friday, October 21  
Guided Hikes Start at  
6:15 pm and leaves every  
15 minutes at the  
Maplewood Nature Center  
(2659 East Seventh Street)  
\$5/child (pre-pay by Oct. 20)  
651.249.2170

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. Plus! Do the candy leaf crawl, drink hot cider, touch and see live snakes, lizards and turtles, meet the Compost Grump, and listen to music.



### Holiday Crafts (Ages 3-6)

Tuesday, October 25  
6:15 - 7:15 pm  
In the MCC Craft Room  
(2100 White Bear Ave.)  
\$10 Act. # 2960.300  
651.249.2100

Bring your friends and create fun and easy Halloween crafts with the Maplewood Parks & Recreation

### Harvest Hoedown

Friday, October 28  
6:30 - 9:00 pm  
At the MCC Banquet Room  
(2100 White Bear Ave.)  
Join the Maplewood Historical Society for their annual Harvest Hoedown. Enjoy hot dogs and other many treats. 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 for \$18. For more information, call Carolyn at 651.748.9009.

### Spooky Splash

Saturday, October 29  
5:30 - 8:30 pm  
At the MCC Aquatics Center  
(2100 White Bear Ave.)  
Free for members  
Daily adm. for non-memb.  
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 the huge aquatics center with only the under water lights on. Call 651.249.2100 for more information.

### Maplewood Fire Stations

Please bring your children and stop by any one of the Maplewood Fire Stations on Halloween night (Monday, October 31) between

## November 7-11, 2005

Winter weather can be a killer in Minnesota—literally. Each year, adults and children in our state suffer injuries or death because they aren't aware of essential safety measures. Winter Hazard Awareness Week is about helping adults behave safely and teaching children to protect themselves.

Your winter safety information is on the web. Look for "Winter Hazard Awareness Week" on the Minnesota Department of Public Safety Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management website.

You'll find simple safety tips for work, play, home and travel. There are lesson plans, an extensive list of internet resources, and direct links to weather warnings, road conditions and more.

If you are an educator, a public safety professional or media representative, you're in a good position to make use of Winter Hazard Awareness Week materials.

Please help spread the word to keep Minnesotans safe as they work and learn, play and travel, struggle and snuggle through another Minnesota winter.

### Daily Topics:

#### Monday, November 7

Winter weather: ice storms, blizzards, sub-zero temperatures, winter weather watches and warnings, wind chill chart

#### Tuesday, November 8

Outdoor winter safety: ice safety, snowmobile safety, hypothermia, frostbite, outdoor childhood safety

#### Wednesday, November 9

Winter fire safety: holiday fire safety, alternative heat source safety, smoke detectors

#### Thursday, November 10

Indoor air issues: carbon monoxide, radon, asbestos, mold, Also: winter travel and insurance issues

#### Friday, November 11

Winter safety on the road: winter auto safety, snowplow safety, road conditions, winter driving tips, winter car survival kit, accessing 9-1-1 on a cell phone

[www.hsem.state.mn.us](http://www.hsem.state.mn.us)

## Local Area Food Shelf Needs Your Help

Maplewood city employees will be collecting food, supplies, and cash donations to help stock the North St. Paul Area Emergency Food Shelf during the month of November.

Donations will be accepted from November 1-30 at City Hall and the Maplewood Community Center. For more information, contact Bert Darst at 651.249.2051 or [bert.darst@ci.maplewood.mn.us](mailto:bert.darst@ci.maplewood.mn.us)



## Revision

Signs are an integral component of a city's complex built

environment and are needed to communicate information to both the public and private sectors. Sign codes are written to protect the public health, safety, and welfare and to give guidelines to businesses for visibility and promotion.

In the fall of 2004, the city conducted an on-line survey where both residents and business owners could give their opinions on sign-related issues that affect the community. The results of the survey have been reviewed and analyzed by city staff and the Community Design Review Board. From the survey results and other research staff has completed a revised sign code.

The next phase of the project will be to obtain feedback from the residents and business owners on the proposed sign code revisions. The city is committed in this sign code revision process to maintaining a cooperative spirit, and further invites interested parties to review the major changes and overall revised code. All responses will be considered as we move forward. You can access the proposed changes at [www.ci.maplewood.mn.us](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us). Direct any questions to Shann Finwall, AICP, Planner 651.249.2304 or [shann.finwall@ci.maplewood.mn.us](mailto:shann.finwall@ci.maplewood.mn.us).

## Snow Removal Reminder



Winter is on its way! This means it's time to start thinking about winter safety.

### Good Winter Driving Techniques

Snowplow drivers will soon be out in full force clearing snow and ice—making our roads safe for motorists.

Remember to practice good winter driving techniques.

- Yield to snowplows.
- Give the plow driver room.
- Slow down.
- Stay alert.
- Never drive into a snow cloud.
- Be patient. Follow a safe distance behind the plow.

To minimize the possibility of breakdown, winterize your vehicle. And—Keep a winter storm survival kit in your car.

### 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 quick access to them in case of a fire.

# Capital Improvement Projects

## Maplewood Heights Neighborhood

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The CIP projects are grouped by neighborhood. This month the focus is on the Maplewood Heights Neighborhood where four projects are planned.

- 1-Joy Park Improvements
- 2-Joy Park Redevelopment
- 3-Beam Avenue, White Bear to Bellaire
- 4-County Road D, McKnight to Lydia

The Joy Park Improvement project consists of construction of a large picnic shelter and parking lot improvements in 2007.

The Joy Park Redevelopment project includes reconfiguration of Joy Road, an improved boat ramp, small picnic

shelters, creative play area and restore native plant species. The redevelopment is scheduled to begin in 2008 with completion in 2009.

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

The Beam Avenue project, White Bear Avenue to Bellaire project involves replacement of the pavement in 2008.

Major reconstruction on County Road D from McKnight to Lydia will include drainage improvements along with upgrades to the utility systems. This reconstruction project has been delayed from 2007 to 2010.

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You can find information on projects in other neighborhoods in the 2005-2009 CIP booklet which is available for public review at the Maplewood branch of the Ramsey County Library.

## Eureka Recycling Awarded City Recycling Contract

The City of Maplewood will begin providing weekly recycling collection **starting January 2, 2006**. Below is an introductory letter from Eureka Recycling to the residents of Maplewood.

Eureka Recycling is proud to be the city of Maplewood's new recycling partner! Eureka Recycling is a nonprofit organization that offers a variety of services and programs dedicated to reducing waste. We're driven by our mission—not profits—to show that recycling is a cost-effective way to improve the health of our environment. We invest any proceeds from recycling back into the community. That's why our trucks run on biodiesel, a cleaner fuel that is better for the environment and your health. That's why we continue to look for ways to add materials so you can recycle more, like reusable clothes and

question about recycling.

Eureka Recycling also runs the Twin Cities Free Market, an online catalog for you to give away and get reusable items for FREE, a Recycled Paper Co-op so that individuals and small businesses can buy recycled paper at competitive prices, and we produce various educational materials and workshops. Call our hotline or visit our website for more information. You should receive recycling program information in the mail in mid-December, including your pickup schedule, how to sort your materials, and reminder stickers for your calendar.

We look forward to hearing from you and are thrilled to be Maplewood's new recycler. Together we can reach a waste-free tomorrow!

The entire Eureka Recycling team!  
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### Community CPR

Adults & Grades 7+  
Date: Saturday, November 19  
Time: 10:00 - 5:00 pm  
Location: MCC  
(2100 White Bear Avenue)  
Activity # 1402.301  
\$55 MCC Members  
\$75 Non-members

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- Approved the Conditional Use Permit Review for the expansion of a nonconforming automobile repair facility and sales/storage lot at Countryside Motors located at 1180 Highway 36 E.
- Authorized the Director of Public Works/City Engineer to incur up to \$8,000 from the Environmental Utility Fund for extra grading costs as needed for the property sold to Krongard Construction, Inc. at Larpenteur and Adolphus.
- Adopted a resolution changing the land use plan for the Woodlands of Maplewood plat on the east side of McMenemy Street, north of Kingston Avenue. This change is from R-1 (single dwellings) to R-2 (single and double dwellings).
- Adopted a resolution changing the zoning map for the Woodlands of Maplewood plat on the east side of McMenemy Street north of Kingston Avenue. This change is form F (farm residence) to R-2 (single and double dwelling). The reasons for this change are those required by the city code and because the owner plans to develop this property with a mix of single and double dwellings.
- Approved the project plans (site plan, landscape plan, grading and drainage plans and building elevations) for the Woodlands of Maplewood townhouses on the east side of McMenemy Street, north of Kingston Avenue.
- Set the hearing dates for the proposed Budget and Property Tax Levy for December 5th at 7:00 pm and December 12th at 7:00 pm.
- Adopted a resolution approving a tax levy up to \$14,106,370 which is 5% more than 2005.
- Adopted a resolution approving the Memorandum of Agreement with the State of Minnesota Historical Preservation Organization for Railroad Right of Way near County Road D.
- Held a moment of silence for Ramsey County Sheriff's Deputy Joedy Newton who passed away on Sunday, September 25th.
- Accepted a donation from the Washington County Bank for \$125 to be used to purchase dog food for the Police Department's two canines.
- Approved the quote from Aggregate Industries for the 2005-2006 winter sand requirements, based on their low quote of \$8.42 per ton. An initial purchase of 2,100 tons is recommended with the option to purchase up to an additional 900 tons if needed, for a total not to exceed \$25,260.00.
- Awarded the bid of \$106,780 to Road Rescue for a new ambulance for the Fire Dept.
- Adopted a resolution approving a conditional use permit for the outdoor storage of roll-off containers, trailers and associated materials on the property at 1055 Gervais Ave.
- Approved conversion of three Police Officer positions to two new sergeant and one new lieutenant position to improve Police Department structure and supervisory coverage while reducing overtime costs.
- Adopted a resolution that authorizes distribution of the AUAR for the Gladstone Redevelopment Area according to the Environmental Quality Board (EQB) distribution list and establishes a 30-day comment period.

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(Closed Thanksgiving)

### Community Design Review Board

November 9 & 22 at 6:00pm

November 8 is Election Day

### Environmental Committee Meeting

November 1 at 7:00pm

(at Maplewood Nature Center, 2659 E. 7th St.)

### Historical Preservation Commission

November 17 at 7:00pm

### Housing & Redevelopment Authority

No meeting scheduled

### Human Relations Commission

No meeting scheduled

### Parks & Recreation Commission

November 21 at 7:00pm

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## Gladstone Neighborhood Redevelopment Plan Update

The Gladstone Planning process is nearing completion. The planning consultants, task force members, advisory boards and city staff are currently evaluating proposed development concepts. In addition, the planners have been receiving comments on the AUAR. The AUAR is a comprehensive look of the proposed redevelopment scenarios that would generate the greatest environmental impact. The study looks at wetlands, storm water retention, traffic and water

and sanitary sewer systems. During the month of November, the various city advisory boards were given updates and reviews of all of this information.

The next city wide Public Meeting will be held at the Maplewood Community Center on December 1 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. The Maplewood City Council will hold a public hearing on the Proposed Master Plan on December 8.

All of the planning documents, newsletters, comments from public meetings



and the AUAR study can be found on the city web page at [www.ci.maplewood.mn.us](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us). Once you are on the main page there is a Gladstone photo in the lower right that will guide you to the various sections and documents. If you don't have access to our web page, please call Melinda Coleman at 651.249.2052.

## NOV. 8, 2005 ELECTION RESULTS

Diana Longrie, receiving the highest number of votes for Mayor and Erik Hjelle and Kathleen Juenemann, for Council Members will be sworn in at the January 9, 2006 council meeting.

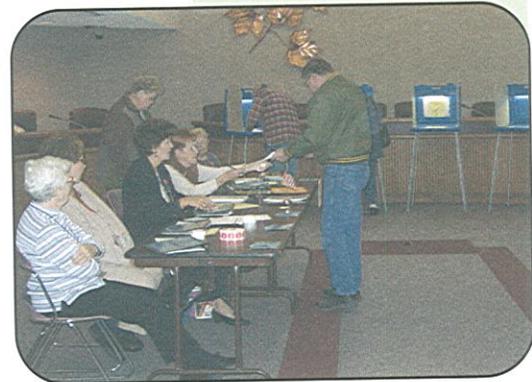
Thank you for all who came out to vote!

## City Approves Long-Awaited Agreement For County Road D

County Road D provided access to Maplewood Mall from the west until 1981 when a very unfortunate fatal traffic accident occurred. Since early in the

In April 2001, the Maplewood City Council identified traffic concerns around Maplewood Mall as one of their top priorities and goals. An engineering study found that the Mall area was being restricted in its ability to thrive and expand because of congestion on White Bear Avenue and the need to re-establish a second westerly access exit from the mall area. White Bear area improvements will be addressed with federal funding assistance in the next 5-8 years.

Beginning in early 2002, the City Council approved an alignment for County Road D that would locate the new roadway on the northern edge of the Countryview Golf Course and re-establish the County Road D alignment near the existing roadway at



*Residents cast their vote at City Hall.*

Xcel Energy had to be negotiated and cooperative plans developed. As part of these agreements, the city was provided over one million from MNDOT dollars to improve Highway 61 and help with County Road D.

The new Legacy Village Development came to fruition in part because of these road improvements. Legacy Village is funded through developer contributions



the city as a matter of day-to-day operations. These issues in most cases are addressed and handled in a short period of time. Some may involve a public meeting or two and a few people who are affected or interested participate in the process. The problem is that once the issue is gone so are the people. I believe that we need to have the public involved in a much greater fashion which is why I am making my number one goal to increase citizen involvement in the decision making process in the city.

I took a step in that direction two years ago when in response to citizens concerns in the south end of the city I set up the south leg group. We meet every other month to discuss current topics and share ideas. During this last campaign I had several people in the west end of the city indicate that they would also like to set up a similar group and I am working to set one up. If you would like to set up a group in your section of the city all you need to do is call me.

These meetings are a step in the right

is to set up a city-wide process that would only be done every few years and would give you considerably more input in to how the city spends our money. One process for this is called Democratic Governance and to be successful needs to involve at least 5 to 10% of the taxpayers in Maplewood. The biggest part of the process is to convince you to be involved. I anticipate that we may have to spend nine months or so trying to meet with every group of any kind that exists in the city just to get everyone on board. I would expect that the actual participation that any individual would need to contribute to the process would be limited to two to three evenings max.

If you are interested in having a bigger voice in helping to determine our spending habits, or would like to help to get the ball rolling, call me or any member of the City Council and express your interest.

Thank you,  
Will Rossbach, Councilmember  
651.484.5427

## Council's Corner

Highlights from the October 2005 City Council Meetings:

- Proclaimed November 8 as World Planning Day.
- Accepted a donation for the Police Department from Dean Mathisen, 2096 McKnight Road, North St. Paul, in honor of his father who passed away on October 8, 2005.
- Adopted an Ordinance with provisions for a special election in the event of a council vacancy when more than six months remain in the term.
- Adopted a resolution approving a comprehensive land use plan amendment from BC (business commercial) to L (library) for the proposed Ramsey County Library to locate within Legacy Village along Southlawn Drive.
- Adopted a resolution requesting a traffic study by Metro Transit at the Rice Street/County Road B intersection prior to site approvals for the Park and Ride Facility at this intersection and a petition to our local legislative leaders to expedite the improvements to the Rice Street Bridge over TH 36.
- Approved and accepted the joint powers agreement for consolidated dispatch options with Ramsey County.
- Adopted a Contract Agreement between the City of Maplewood and Eureka Recycling for Recycling Services starting January 1, 2006.
- Approved the hiring of a management company to utilize sharpshooters to reduce the deer herd in southern Maplewood.
- Named David Bartol as the number one candidate for the temporary appointment for the city council vacancy. The official vote for appointment is scheduled for the November 14 City Council Meeting.

For more current highlights of the council meeting log on to:  
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## Now Available To Maplewood Businesses



The City of Maplewood is participating with the Twin Cities Community Capital Fund (TCCCF). The purpose of the TCCCF is to leverage millions of dollars in revolving loan funds and other economic development funds owned and managed by local governments and development financing organizations. By pooling their resources, TCCCF members will have the advantage of offering much larger loans than would be possible with limited local resources and greater gap-lending flexibility for financing local development projects. Members, such as the City of Maplewood, will partner with local lenders and other economic development organizations to finance the following:

- Fixed assets, including land and building purchases.
- Building construction (permanent financing only).
- Leasehold improvements and building renovations.
- Machinery and equipment purchases, renovation, and moving expenses.
- Working capital (when secured by fixed assets-with a fixed repayment schedule).

TCCCF loans are not available for refinancing of existing debt, for the purchase of equity positions in business enterprises, or for speculative real estate developments.

For more information about how to apply for a TCCCF loan, please contact your local representative (see below) or call 952.546.9049 and ask to speak with a loan officer.

Loan applications, including detailed financing policies and credit criteria, are available on the TCCCF website at [www.tcccf.org](http://www.tcccf.org). The city representative is Melinda Coleman at 651.249.2052.

# Capital Improvement Projects

## Sherwood Glen Neighborhood

The Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) is used to identify and plan for needed capital projects and major equipment purchases over the next five years. It is updated annually and presented to the Planning Commission and City Council for approval.

Neighborhood meetings are held before a project is undertaken.

The CIP projects are grouped by neighborhood. This month the focus is on the Sherwood Glen Neighborhood where seven projects are planned.

- 1 -MCC Fitness Expansion
- 2 -Hazelwood Street, Frost Avenue to Cope Avenue
- 3 -Highway 36 Pedestrian Crossing at Hazelwood
- 4 -City Hall Parking Lot
- 5 -Lark/Prosperity/Burke Area Streets
- 6 -Hills & Dales Area Streets
- 7 -County Road C Area Streets T.H. 61 to White Bear Avenue

In 2006, the Maplewood Community Center Fitness project will provide an expansion with a 2,000 square foot solarium being constructed next to the east side of the gym. For further information on the Community Center project, contact the Parks and Recreation Director at 651.249.2102.



Maplewood Community Center

The Hazelwood Street project from Frost Avenue to Cope Avenue involves replacement of the pavement, addition of curb and gutter, storm sewer, and rain garden amenities. This project is scheduled for completion in 2009.

A pedestrian crossing at Highway 36 and Hazelwood is scheduled for construction in 2009. This project will construct a trail next to the highway from Hazelwood Street to the Vento Trail Bridge.

The City Hall parking lot is scheduled to be repaved in 2007. Also included in this project is replacement of the sidewalk entrance to City Hall and improvements to the rain garden area. This is scheduled to begin in 2006 with completion in 2009.



In 2008, seven streets in the Lake/Prosperity/Burke area are scheduled for full reconstruction.

A majority of the streets in the Hills & Dale area will require full reconstruction in 2010. Cope Court east of Atlantic Street will only require replacement of the pavement.

In 2010, a number of streets along County Road C, between T.H. 61 and White Bear Avenue will require complete reconstruction.

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

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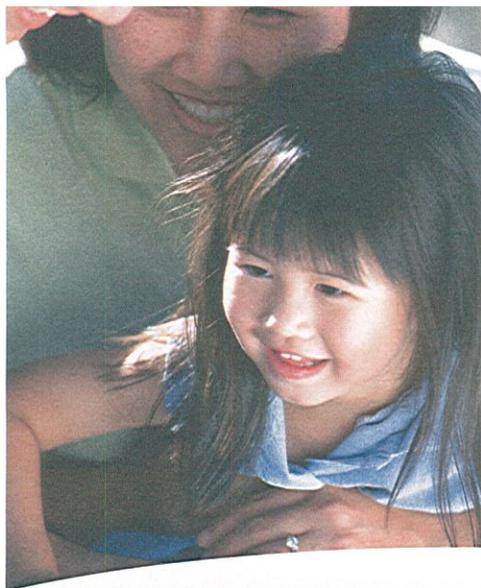
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Construction is proceeding on the project with portions of the work likely to be open to traffic in early December 2005. The remainder of the project, including the roadway connection through the former Countryview Golf Course site, will be completed in early summer 2006 and will provide the much needed second access to the Maplewood Mall area.

For a more detailed history of this project, visit the Maplewood website at [www.ci.maplewood.mn.us](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us) and visit current projects.

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(Closed Thanksgiving)

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December 13 & 27 at 6:00pm

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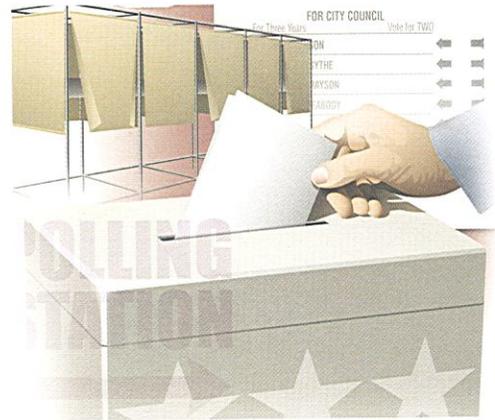
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## Notice of Filing Period Special Election 2006



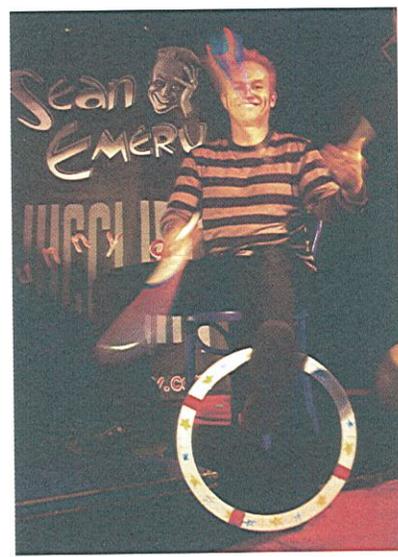
The city council recently approved an ordinance specifying that a special election be held in the event of a council vacancy when more than six months is left in the term. With the September 2005 resignation of Jackie Monahan-Junek there is a vacancy on the council. A special election will be held on February 28, 2006.

An individual who is eligible and desires to become a candidate for the office to be voted for at the special election shall file an affidavit of candidacy with the municipal clerk. The term for this council seat will expire on December 31, 2007. The filing period begins on December 20, 2005 and will close at 5:00 pm on January 3, 2006. There is a filing fee of \$5.00 payable to the City of Maplewood.

Also on the ballot will be a question to increase the city intoxicating liquor license allotment from 32 to 37.

If you have questions, please contact City Clerk Karen Guilfoile at 651.249.2002 or karen.guilfoile@ci.maplewood.mn.us.

## Introducing... JUST FOR YOU (A New Entertainment Series)



Maplewood Community Center reveals the "Just For You" matinee series. There's something for everyone. Enjoy an electrifying show each month with talented individuals who will leave you utterly amazed, laughing to tears, and wanting more, at the Maplewood Community Center. Starting in January, lunch will be included with the show for an additional small fee.

**IN DECEMBER:**  
**Comic, Sean Emery**  
Wednesday, December 14 at 1:00pm  
Tickets: \$8 (reserved seating)  
Call 651.249.2100 x0 for tickets.

## THE 12 DAYS OF FITNESS December 12-23, 2005

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, 2005) and earn up to 12 entries in a drawing to win:

- FREE 3-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 12/26/05.

2100 White Bear Avenue  
Maplewood, MN 55109



Starting in 2006, Maplewood's new recycling partner, Eureka Recycling, will be coming to your curb EVERY week. The switch to weekly collection not only makes our program more convenient for you, it's also better for the environment. We expect to see an increase of at least a 15% in the amount Maplewood recycles. Here's why:

Weekly collection provides more space to store recycling. Most people end up throwing away recycling they don't have room to store, particularly if they miss a collection day and have to store a month's worth of recycling. Weekly collection gives you MORE space to put more recyclables in your bins, so less goes into the trash.

By recycling more materials, new materials like petroleum (which is a nonrenewable resource used to make plastic bottles) do not need to be mined. It is also more energy-efficient to make new products from recycled materials than from virgin materials. These environmental benefits of recycling more materials far outweigh the environmental cost of collecting each week.

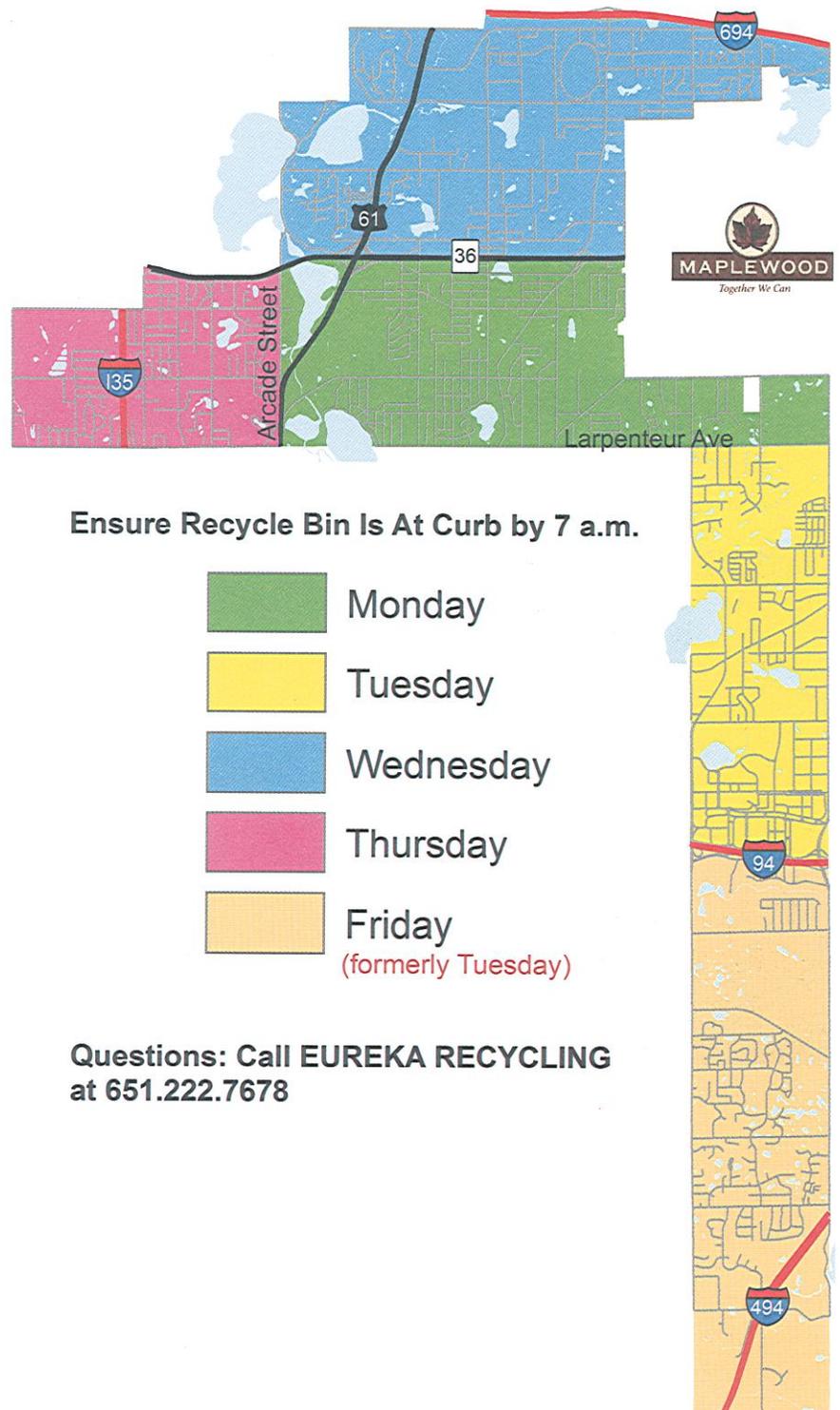
Recycling more materials is great for the environment, and it's also great for Maplewood because Eureka Recycling will share the revenue from the sale of recyclables with the City. This new source of money will be used to offset the cost of picking up your recycling and pay for other environmental programs. So remember: the more you recycle the more money that comes back to the City and is reinvested in our community to reduce waste.

In addition to recycling more often, you can now recycle boxes used to carry pop and beer. You can also put good, clean reusable clothes and linens at the curb. Clothes and linens are sold to a reuse company that markets the clothes to thrift stores or sends them overseas for reuse. Put your clean towels, sheets, blankets, curtains, clothes, belts, coats, hats, gloves, shoes and boots in a sturdy, labeled plastic bag next to your other recycling. Textiles must be dry, clean and free of mold and mildew.

The folks at Eureka Recycling know that recycling is an important part of reducing waste today and reaching a waste-free tomorrow. Eureka Recycling is dedicated to making sure everything they collect finds its way into new products. So, even though they are picking up new materials for recycling, don't be surprised if they leave behind things that really can't be recycled—like yogurt tubs and pizza boxes.

Check your mailbox for all the details about Maplewood's recycling program. Eureka Recycling mailed you a calendar with your specific recycling dates along with two types of stickers: friendly reminder stickers for your own calendar and stickers to put on your bags of clothes and linens so the drivers can clearly identify them. Be sure you have your material out by 7 am since the time of day your recycling gets picked up is likely to change. If you have questions, or your recycling gets missed, call Eureka Recycling at 651.222.7678.

## MAPLEWOOD'S WEEKLY RECYCLING SCHEDULE



Ensure Recycle Bin Is At Curb by 7 a.m.

Questions: Call EUREKA RECYCLING at 651.222.7678

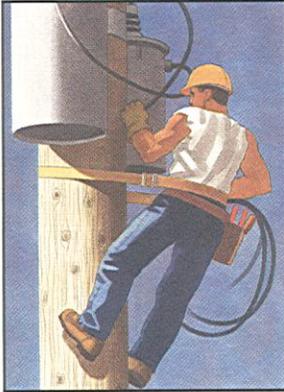
# Capital Improvement Projects

## Gladstone 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 Gladstone Neighborhood where there are three projects planned.

1. Gladstone Area Streetscape
2. Gladstone Area Redevelopment
3. Gladstone Savanna Improvements

The Gladstone Area Streetscape improvements to Frost Avenue (from Flicek Park to Prosperity) and English Street (from the Gateway Trail to Ripley) are scheduled for completion in 2006. Proposed improvements include burying overhead power lines, installation of sidewalks, decorative streetlights with banners and flower baskets, entry monuments, street side landscaping, and colored concrete crosswalks.



The Gladstone area redevelopment project will begin with streetscape and roadway improvements. The second phase of the project includes acquisition of specific properties for redevelopment. The City may act as developer or in agreement with a private developer to acquire and demolish existing buildings and properties for development according to an approved Gladstone redevelopment scenario. The project is scheduled to be completed in 2007.

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

In 2008, the Gladstone Savanna improvements are scheduled to restore native plant communities and install trails and interpretive signage. For further information on this project, contact the Parks and Recreation Director at 651.249.2102.

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.

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



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

easier and to help you benefit from the latest research on instructional techniques. The zero-depth entry aquatics center makes learning easier for children just getting used to the water.

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

**Call to register today!**  
**651.249.2100 x0**  
(2100 White Bear Avenue)

## 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.

## Outdoor Ice Skating Lessons (Ages 4-9)

Learn the basics of skating including getting up, forward glide, two foot sculling, and snow plowing stops! Participants must have their own skates. For your child's safety, protective headgear is strongly recommended. Call 651.249.2124 for more information.

Date: Saturdays, January 7-February 11

Location: Wakefield Skating Rink

Fee: \$35 Resident \$40 Non-resident

Ages 4-5

Time: 9:00-9:50 am Activity # 2190.400

Ages 6-7

Time: 10:00-10:50 am Activity # 2190.401

Ages 8-9

Time: 11:00-11:50 am Activity # 2190.401

Registration Deadline: December 30

## Skating Rinks

Open: December 26

Close: February 17

Call 651.249.2190 to hear if warming houses are closed due



• Appointed David Bartol to fill the temporary vacancy on the City Council.

• Fire Chief Lukin presented a Life Saving award to Maplewood Community Center Aquatic Supervisor Ron Horwath for providing mouth to rescue breathing on a young student and reviving him.

• Adopted a resolution approving the canvassing of the results from the General Election held on November 8, 2005.

• Called for a Special Election to fill the vacancy on the City Council which will be held on February 28, 2006. The filing period for the council seat is open from December 20 to January 3, 2006.

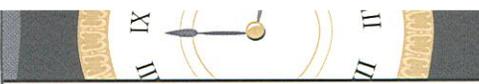
• Approved a referendum for the Special Election and that the following proposed wording be placed on the February 28, 2006 Special Election ballot:

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?

• Approved moving visitor presentations to the beginning of the council meeting following item D (Approval of Minutes) and limiting the total time to 15 minutes, with the time being divided equally among the people who wish to speak.

• Approved the proposed 800-square-foot rooftop patio for the Myth Nightclub located at 3090 Southlawn Avenue.

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



## City Meetings:

**Council/Manager Workshops & City Council Meetings**  
Workshop: 5:00 pm (as needed)  
Council meeting: December 26 (cancelled)

**Community Design Review Board**  
December 13 & 27 at 6:00pm

**Historical Preservation Commission**  
December 15 at 7:00pm (cancelled)

**Housing & Redevelopment Authority**  
December 13 at 7:00pm

**Human Relations Commission**  
No meeting scheduled

**Parks & Recreation Commission**  
December 19 at 7:00pm

**Planning Commission**  
December 19 at 7:00pm

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

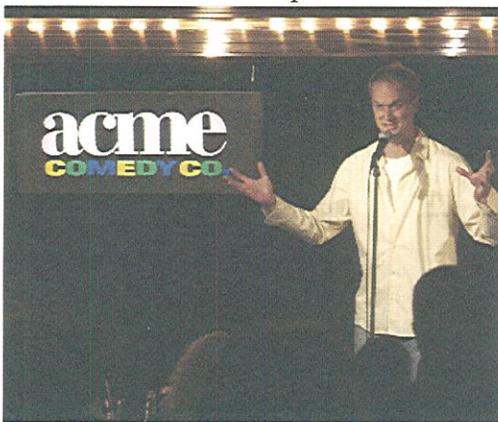
The Dec. 12 City Council meeting will be rebroadcast at 8:00pm on the Thursday following the meeting. All meetings are held at City Hall, 1830 County Road B East, Maplewood.

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

### MAPLEWOOD PARKS & RECREATION

## Acme Comedy Club (Ages 21+)

In Minneapolis



**Saturday, December 17**

Activity # 2460.401

\$33

(Bus leaves MCC at 5:30 pm and returns at 10:30 pm)

**Call 651.249.2100x0 to register.**

Dine in style, enjoy a hilarious show with Kevin Brennan, comedian extraordinaire. Trip includes: transportation, dinner (choice of entree), gratuity and admission to reserved seating for the show. Drinks are available at the bar but not included in the fee.

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

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