

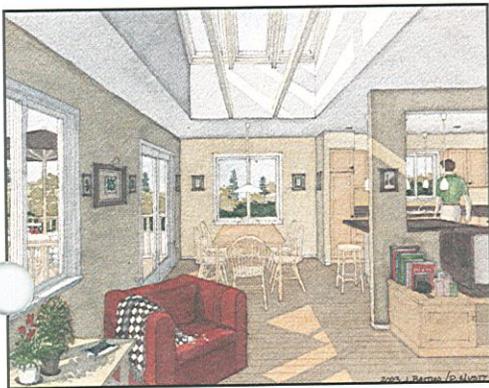


Maplewood

January 2004

Split Visions

The City of Maplewood, along with several other government agencies, recently completed a new book called “**SPLIT VISIONS**”—A Planbook of Remodeling Ideas for Split-level and Split-entry Houses. This book is a joint effort of 15 government agencies and sponsors in the Twin Cities area.



Why Did We Create This Book?

Most of the split-level and split-entry homes built in the inner-ring suburbs in the 1940's, '50's and '60's don't work well for today's lifestyles. They feel cramped, chopped up and dark in comparison to most houses being built today.

We have created this book to help homeowners – and potential buyers – make their split-level homes more modern and livable by offering straightforward, cost-effective solutions to common split problems. Our goal is to show homeowners a vision of how splits can be transformed with a little thought, care and cash.

The book is divided into three sections, one for each of the three most popular types of split. For each type, we first introduce the basic design, then show ideas for how to expand the entry, improve the façade to increase curb appeal, open up the main level, redesign

Discover The Wild Gardener In You!



Landscaping With Native Plants

Thursdays, March 4 - April 1
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm at
Maplewood Community Center
Series \$20

Once again, the Maplewood Nature Center is offering a fantastic landscaping seminar that will teach you how to create that beautiful yard you've always dreamed about. **Save on discounted Plants!**

March 4—Why Go Native? Become familiar with our native woodland, prairie and wetland plants.

March 11—Embracing Wildness in a Cultured Garden View superb landscape designs! Learn the nuts and bolts of site analysis, planting and maintenance.

March 18—Four Season Wildlife and Butterfly Gardens Find out how to enhance your yard for wildlife and attract butterflies to your garden.

March 25—Planting the Wild and Wet Learn how native plants can enhance the beauty of your pond, lakeshore, and those troublesome wet spots in the yard.

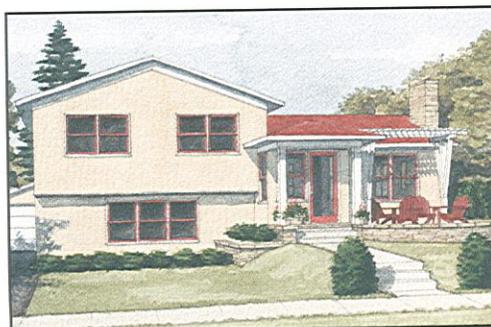
April 1—Native Shrubs and Woodland Wildflowers Find out which native species work well in home landscapes for beauty, shade, privacy, and wildlife.

Call 651.249.2170 to register. (register early, course fills quickly)

pages of the book, we discuss how to start a remodeling project, including tips on how to survive the remodeling process.

Why Is A Split A Split?

Splitting the house into different levels was a clever way to minimize excavation



on stable “frost footings”, continuous strips of concrete poured safely below the depth of typical frost penetration. Splitting the house allows a garage slab to be at grade, a basement level to sit a half-flight below grade and both to sit on frost footings, safe from winter heaving.

However diverse, splits share some similar characteristics: they're built on two or three levels, have simple hip or gable roofs, are found on standard suburban sites and have front doors and garages facing the street.

The book is for sale for \$10.00 at Maplewood City Hall in the community development department. For more

This is a little bit of information that you might appreciate in reference to the "No Child Left Behind Act of 2001". We know the future of our city and nation is our children. A quality education system is required to draw business and industry to Maplewood. Workforce development and training is a function of the education process, and an educated citizenry is critical for the continued success of our community. I would like to create efficient and effective linkage between education and all other appropriate services provided by our city. To improve the use of resources, schools should be centers of the community and neighborhoods and available to all Maplewood citizens.

Reporting Achievement

The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 is first being implemented during the 2003-2004 school year and requires that each state submit a state accountability plan to the U.S. Department of Education that includes a definition of adequate yearly progress, better known as AYP. Every school and school district in each state will have to report on the achievement of students every year in grades 3-8 on state-developed assessments in reading and mathematics.

Continuing Achievement

The purpose of AYP is to assess whether districts and individual schools and specific subgroups of students within each are making academic progress on an annual basis. Schools can often show academic progress as a whole but certain subgroups within the school may not be achieving at the same levels. AYP is a way to determine that all students are continuing to improve and achieve.

A Telling Report

State assessment data are to be disaggregated and formally reported by individual schools and the school district in annual report cards. The report card on the district will be issued by the state and then the school district will issue its district report card. Each report card will indicate which schools and/or the district have not made AYP and will be designated as "in need of improvement." The date of issuance is up to the State's Department of Education.

Defining "In Need Of Improvement"

All students in grades 3-8 are required

reading and mathematics beginning this school year. In the 2007-2008 school year, students will take a science assessment once during each of the following grade spans: grades 3-5; grades 6-9; and grades 10-12. The No Child Left Behind Act specifically defines adequate yearly progress (AYP) and how schools and districts will be identified as "in need of improvement." It is very possible for a high performing school to be so designated if there is some slippage of scores on a state assessment.

We know from research findings that a high quality teacher is the most important factor in student success.

Existing Teachers Must Also Meet The Requirements

One of the requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act is that by the 2005-2006 school year all new hires and existing teachers must meet the requirements to be "fully qualified." In the case of Title I schools, the district can only hire "fully qualified" candidates beginning with this current school year. Not complying with this statutory requirement can lead to the district or schools being designated "in need of improvement."

To be considered fully qualified, a teacher must possess state certification; a bachelor's degree; and demonstrate competence in the subject(s) in which they teach.

All teachers in core academic subject areas must be "highly qualified" by the 2005-2006 school year. These subject areas are English, reading or language arts, mathematics, science, foreign languages, civics and government, economics, art, history and geography.

No one wants any one school or the whole district to be identified "as in need of improvement."

New Business in Maplewood Could Decrease If Improvement Is Needed

In general, being labeled as such would not help very much in our effort to recruit and attract new business. It might affect Maplewood's bond rating, especially if the whole district was so designated.

On the positive side, it would make many of our children eligible for supplemental educational services and additional federal and state funding.

It would also force the community to reexamine its priorities and reflect on the quality of education being provided to our children. This might include revisiting the structure of the school system's governance and organization.

Checklist:

Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP)

1. To make adequate yearly progress, schools and districts must meet four conditions:
 - a) Attendance – 80%
 - b) Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCA) Test Participation – 95%
 - c) Graduation Rate – 90%
 - d) Proficiency – State Determined Percentage of Proficient Students
2. Law states that ALL students be proficient by the school year 2013-2014
3. Measured by Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments.
4. Uses an index and accounting system to determine the percentage of students that are proficient.
5. "Failing School" Lists
6. Adopts rigorous academic standard and measurements of student progress
 - a) Math, Language Arts/Reading, and Science will have state Mandated tests
 - b) By 2008, assessments will be at or near full implementation.
 - c) Districts will be mandated to develop and/or implement standards in other areas.
7. Public Reporting
 - a) Schools must report not making AYP
 - b) School report card
8. School Personnel Licensing
 - a) Mandates that all teachers and paraprofessionals are highly qualified.
 - b) Teacher Licensing and Knowledge in core subject areas.
9. Opportunity Magnifies our responsibility to teach ALL students.

We will be living with this: 2001 Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) for the next dozen years. Become familiar with the Act and ask questions.

Happy New Year 2004!

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Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program



A 1987 amendment to the federal Clean Water Act required implementation of a two-phase comprehensive national program to reduce pollution from storm water runoff. As part of this program, Maplewood and many other communities were required to obtain a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA). The permit identifies a number of

minimum measures that must be met or implemented by the city over the next five years. The six minimum measures are: Public Education and Outreach, Public Involvement and Participation, Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination, Construction Site and Post-Construction Storm Water Management, and Pollution Prevention/Good housekeeping for Municipal Operations.

In 2003, the Maplewood City Council approved the implementation of an Environmental Utility fund for surface water management and storm water pollution prevention. A \$1.75 monthly fee for each Maplewood residential property will support this fund. Maplewood business and industry will also be charged on a monthly basis according to the amount of parking surface and impervious roof area on their particular site. Your December, 2003 utility bill will include this new fee.

The heart of the city's NPDES permit is the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Program (SWPPP). The SWPPP is a federal requirement for the city's permit, and it specifies best management practices intended to satisfy the permit requirements for the minimum measures. Two of the required minimum measures involve public education and public involvement. **A public meeting will be held at 7:15pm at the regular City Council meeting on February 9** where your comments are welcome.

For more information, view the city's permit and SWPPP online at www.ci.maplewood.mn.us. Click on the Storm Water Management page. These documents are also available at the Public Works department at city hall. For more information, call 651.249.2444, or e-mail stormwatermanagement@ci.maplewood.mn.us.

Volunteer Opportunity

The City of Maplewood has an opening on the Police Civil Service Commission. The Commission is a 3-member Council-appointed body which oversees the hiring process for all uniformed officers and may act as a hearing panel for grievances and disciplinary issues. Members serve three-year terms. This term expires December 2006. Interested Maplewood residents can call 651.249.2053 for an application. Applications are due to Human Resources by **January 31, 2004**.

Maplewood Historical Society

**Holiday Tea At The Farm
Saturday, January 10**

Call Carolyn at 651.748.9009 or Char at 651.776.7183 for reservations.

Answer this question, you may win a **FREE** one-day pass to the MCC or a one-year membership to the Maplewood

MAHS members and their immediate families are not eligible. Answer will appear in the March issue of the *Maplewood City News*.

The answer to the October trivia question: What major retailer was in Maplewood Mall when it opened and is still in operation at the same site today? Answer: Sears Roebuck Winner in a drawing: Phyllis Kubes

Capital Improvement Projects

Sherwood Glen Neighborhood

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Projects in the CIP are grouped by neighborhood. This month the focus is on the Sherwood Glen Neighborhood where there are eight projects planned:

1. MCC Exercise Equipment Replacement
2. MCC Furniture Replacement
3. Hazelwood Street, Frost Avenue to Cope
4. Public Works Building Addition
5. Gladstone North Streets
6. Salt Storage Building
7. Highway 36 Pedestrian Bridge at Hazelwood Street
8. City Hall parking Lot

In 2004 one-third of the exercise equipment at the Community Center is



scheduled to be replaced. In 2005 the furniture at the Community Center is

scheduled to be replaced. For more information on these projects, call the Parks & Recreation Director at 651.249.2102.

The Hazelwood Street, Frost Avenue to Cope Avenue project involves replacement of the pavement in 2008. In 2004 an addition to the Public Works Building will be constructed to provide garage space for additional vehicles. The Gladstone North Streets project will provide new pavement in 2005 on ten streets. The Salt Storage Building will be constructed in 2004 to comply with an anticipated legal requirement to protect the environment. In 2007 a pedestrian bridge at Highway 36 and Hazelwood is scheduled for construction. The City Hall parking lot repavement project is scheduled for 2005. For more information, contact the Public

- Mayor Cardinal recognized City Manager Fursman and Councilmember Collins who served the country overseas. The Mayor asked residents to call the receptionist at 651.249.2000 to provide names of others who have served or are currently serving our country so he may acknowledge them at each City Council Meeting.
- Police Chief Thomalla publicly recognized Ken Blissenblach and Nick Sandberg, for their heroic assistance apprehending a purse thief at Cub Foods in Maplewood.
- Appointed Mr. Jeff Bartol to serve on the Planning Commission with a term that would expire December 31, 2004.
- Authorized a \$33,460 transfer from the Water Availability Charge Fund-St. Paul Water District to the Debt Service Fund for the 2002 Improvement Refunding Bonds.
- Adopted a resolution to certify \$31,784.74 of unpaid ambulance bills as special assessments for collection with 2004 property taxes with interest at the rate of eight percent on the total amount for one year.
- Approved a contract for 2004 Recycling Services between the City of Maplewood and Onyx Waste Services.
- Adopted a resolution giving approval for up to \$7.6 million in tax-exempt revenue financing for the Carefree Cottages of Maplewood III at 1801 Gervais Avenue.
- Adopted a resolution to adopt the 2004 budget to levy property taxes payable in 2004. The resolution included the additional \$4970 tax levy that the City Council approved on September 4 and the expenditure revisions discussed on November 24, which are listed in the report.
- Adopted the resolution approving the Planned Unit Development for Heritage Square, Outlot H of Legacy Village PUD.

For more current highlights of the council meeting log on to: www.ci.maplewood.mn.us

Parking Ordinances

After A Snowfall

Parking your vehicle on any street or road in the city for more than 30 minutes during the time between a snowfall and the plowing or removal of snow is prohibited.

Overnight Parking

Parking your vehicle on a street or road in the city between 2:00 am and 6:00 am is prohibited. **This ordinance is in effect 365 days a year.** If you have a special circumstance whereby you need to temporarily park on a street overnight, please call 651.777.8191. Permission may be granted to park on the street overnight for up to 14 days.

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January 12 & 26

Pre-Agenda Meetings

January 8 & 22 at 4:45pm

Community Design Review Board

January 13 & 27 at 6:00pm

Housing & Redevelopment Authority

January 13 at 7:00pm

Human Relations Commission

January 6 at 7:00pm

Parks & Recreation Commission

January 12 at 7:00pm

Planning Commission

January 5 & TBD at 7:00pm

Mayor's Forum

January 3 from 10:00am - noon

Historical Preservation Commission

January 22 at 7:00pm

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

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

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

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CITY NEWS 

February 2004

How Does Maplewood Rate On Property Tax Comparison?

On January 6, the Citizens League issued a report on 2003 property taxes. Included in the report is a ranking of the taxes for 108 cities in the metro area. The 2003 city taxes in Maplewood on a \$160,000 home were \$628, the 41st highest in the report. The highest city-only taxes were \$1,048 in Belle Plaine and the lowest were \$65 in West Lakeland township. Taxes in surrounding cities for a \$160,000 home were \$605-St. Paul, \$412-Roseville, \$441-Little Canada, \$387-White Bear Lake, \$439-North St. Paul, \$628-Oakdale, and \$576-Woodbury.

The 2004 Council Members



Jackie Monahan-Junek, Marvin Koppen, Mayor Robert Cardinal, Will Rossbach, Kathleen Juenemann

The City of Maplewood said thank you and goodbye to outgoing council members Julie Wasiluk and Ken Collins on December 22. New council members, Jackie Monahan-Junek and Will Rossbach took their oath of office on January 12 before their first City Council meeting.

New! Storytime At The Maplewood Community Center

The Maplewood Community Center invites you and your child to explore new discoveries. Experience lively stories that are sure to captivate every young child's imagination. Page after page, the colorful illustrations are terrific. Don't Miss It. For more information, call 651.249.2100.

FREE (Ages 3-7)



WEB CLICKS

Make A Difference! Be Part of the Environmental Committee

Advise the city council on recycling, solid waste, environmental education, water resources, and many other issues. For more information or for an application, log on to the city website and look under "Current Topics".

Join the Parks and Recreation Commission

Be part of a nine-person citizens volunteer board that advises the City Council on parks, recreation programs, trails, and open space. The commission has two vacancies and desires representation from southern Maplewood. For an application, see "Current Topics" on our City website.

Read about more current topics
on our website at

www.ci.maplewood.mn.us.

If you don't have access to the

Schools Face Today

Mayors do not run our City of Maplewood schools, but I believe we can all make them better. Education and our school systems, I.S.D. 622 and I.S.D. 623 have received a lot of attention recently. We have seen some very positive changes. The mayor does not control city schools, that is the responsibility of our Superintendents. Fortunately, we have had stability in our school districts Superintendent positions. Maplewood citizens are reviewing school budgets. Standardized test scores would hopefully continue to rise steadily. Maplewood's schools should see student enrollment rise in the near future. Our school boards of both districts remain popular for placing the children's and student's interests first. You will probably see the mayors in different cities getting more involved in educational issues. Mayors have been embracing targeted initiatives to gain positive changes for their local school systems. Addressing real problems schools face today is what I hope to bring to your attention. These changes should be initiated without political polarizing that may accompany more drastic reforms. The real movement in education today recognizes the importance of providing leadership in education, and finding ways to do this.

After School Programs

Mayors have noticed that turning to after-school and out-of-school programs as an initial way of showing support for our schools. Most mayors want youth development and recreation facilities to support these programs. Since most schools want more of these programs, we should welcome as much involvement as possible. Our school systems have responded to the federal government's call to make after-school programs more academically oriented. I would hope our school districts could create a summer youth program focused on literacy. The school district can implement a system that monitors student progress in after-school and out-of-school programs.

Bringing Police Officials And School Administrators Together

Providing for public safety is a core responsibility for every mayor and connecting city law enforcement



the schools are needed. We currently do have police officers in the city working with our middle and high schools. Specialized training for police officers

known as school resource officers are helping in the school district high schools. Bringing police officials and school administrators together to develop comprehensive school safety plans in case of terrorism and other violent events requires additional coordination.

Bringing More Money To Local Schools

Having little to no authority over our cities' education budgets, nevertheless, requires bringing additional resources and more money to the local schools. We need to support programs aimed at removing barriers to effective student learning, including early childhood, health care, and other services. I would float the proposal to increase taxes for the specific objective of funding pre-kindergarten and all-day kindergarten classes. I would like to help our school districts apply for major grants from foundations and corporate partners as well.

Modernizing Schools

Providing needed help to modernize schools is on the agenda. I have noticed our school districts focusing on access to technology and working to launch programs aimed at increasing families' access to computers outside schools. We can encourage our schools to establish after-school programs in all libraries that provide Internet access and training for students.



Examining ACT And SAT Scores

School district, college, and university officials may want to examine why students' ACT scores and SAT scores vary. Also, these officials may want to work to improve teacher preparation courses.

Should Be Rewarded

Intervening in school systems where they are lacking is not to be overlooked. Calling attention to what students and schools are doing right should continue. Parents and city officials should continue to visit schools regularly and give awards to outstanding students and outstanding faculty. Bringing students to city hall to represent the youth councils and families is a way of supporting education.

Get Involved In Our Local Education System

More could be mentioned in efforts to help our education system and schools with initiatives to tie city health and social service agencies more closely in collaboration with business leaders interested in education reform. We can bring diffuse interests together to focus on education issues and engage citizens in their schools. Our city should continue to be involved in as many services as we can to help control the benefit to our children and schools. I ask you to get involved in our local education system.

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Preserve Our Water Resources



Attend the City Council meeting February 9, 2004 at 7:15 pm and learn about the city's Surface Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP). Your

comments may be incorporated into the city's plan to preserve our water resources.

To submit questions or comments, or to report stormwater related problems, send an e-mail to stormwatermanagement@ci.maplewood.mn.us or call 651.249.2444.

Maplewood Historical Society

Answer this question, you may win a FREE one-day pass to the MCC or a one-year membership to the Maplewood Area Historical Society: **Who was he first Police Chief for the City of Maplewood and how long did he serve?**

Send your entry to: Char Wasiluk, 1740 Frank St., Maplewood 55109.

(Answers must be received by Feb. 9)

MAHS members and their immediate families are not eligible. Answer will appear in the April

issue of the *Maplewood City News*.

The answer to the Nov./Dec. trivia question: For whom was Flicek Park named, and when was it dedicated? Answer: Fred Flicek who was very active in organizing youth baseball. The park was dedicated on August 18, 1962.

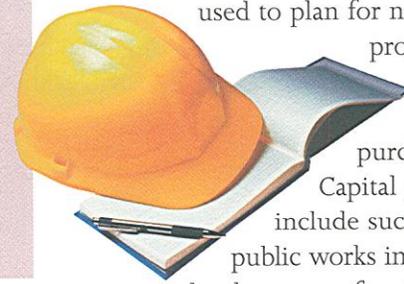
*Winner in a drawing:
No correct answers were received.*

The December Open House and January Holiday Tea events at the farm were great successes. Watch for news of other upcoming events.

Capital Improvement Projects

Gladstone Neighborhood

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building projects. Major equipment purchases included in the CIP are items that cost in excess of \$50,000. On June 9, 2003 the City Council approved the 2004-2008 CIP.

Projects in the CIP 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 to English Street (from the Gateway Trail to Ripley) are scheduled for 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.

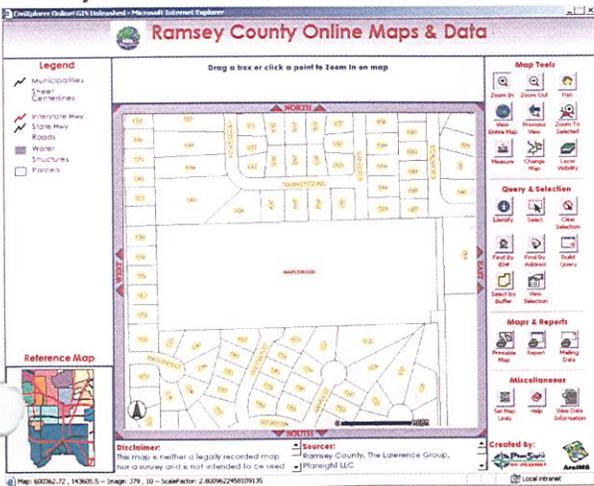
Also scheduled for 2006, is the redevelopment of the Gladstone area. Specific properties will be identified and the City may act as developer or in agreement with private developer to acquire and demolish existing buildings and properties for development according to an approved Gladstone redevelopment scenario that will be prepared in 2004 and 2005.

For more information, 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 more information, contact the Parks &

Ramsey County On-Line Mapping

County-Wide GIS Professionals Collaborate



A newly created interactive map allows users to access property tax, market value, structural characteristics, school districts and acreage throughout Ramsey County. Other datasets such as flood zones, wetlands, parks and trails, points of interest, aerial imagery from 1940, 1953, 1974, 1985, and 2003 in color are included as well. Users can define queries, change layer visibility, customize printable maps, and create mailing labels in this utility. This utility

was made possible by the cooperation of the Ramsey County GIS User's Group.

The website url is <http://maps.metro-inet.us/>. Then you can proceed to Ramsey County User Group Map Service.

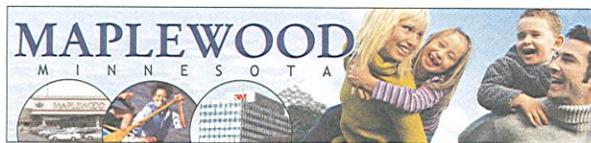
Maplewood Implements New Environmental Utility Fee

In October 2003, the City of Maplewood began implementing a new charge to residents, businesses and institutions in the City. Maplewood will use these funds for enhancing environmental protection of our storm drainage system. The City Council conducted a Public Hearing after publishing notice in the City News and press releases in local papers on August 11, 2003. The charge began showing up on utility bills in December 2003 under an EUC (Environmental Utility Charge) listing. The charge is \$1.75 per single family home per month, and progressively higher for business and institutional properties who generate higher impacts to the storm drainage system. The City will use the funds generated by the new charge to improve street sweeping, increasing storm pond cleanouts, enhancing wetland protection, and repairing local drainage problems. The improvement of storm drainage and wetland enhancement is a federal government requirement placed on all cities in the United States that was set as a requirement on March 10, 2003. The use of the utility charge has been in place in most metro area cities for many years. The Maplewood City Council has delayed use of the charge until

Highlights of the January 12, 2004 Maplewood City Council Meeting.

- Accepted a grant from the American Heart Association in the amount of \$10,967.
- Approve hiring a ninth dispatcher for the Maplewood Dispatch Center.
- Approved the agreement with Ramsey County for the maintenance and construction of Traffic Control Signals and EVP System at the McKnight Road and Lower Afton Road intersection.
- Adopted changes to the City Council Policy and Procedure Manual.
- Witnessed the swearing in of new councilmembers Jackie Monahan-Junek and Will Rossbach.
- Reappointed Dale Trippler, Paul Mueller and Mary Dierich to serve on the planning commission for another three-year term expiring on December 31, 2006.
- Reappointed Ananth Shankar to serve on the community design review board for another two years.
- Appointed Jeffrey Kringle and reappointed Elmo Mattox and Gordon Heininger to the Human Relations Commission.
- Authorized the purchase of five 2004 Ford Crown Victoria squad cars for the Police Department.

For more current highlights of the council meeting log on to: www.ci.maplewood.mn.us



Website Wows

Visit the City's website at www.ci.maplewood.mn.us. The response to our website is tremendous having received **over 250,000** hits since its current rollout in March of 2003. View City Council agendas, committee meeting schedules, and job openings. Link to Nature Center and Community Center happenings. Maps of snow plow routes, crime statistics, parks and wetlands are available on-line. There is something for everyone. Please visit and let us know what you think and how we can improve our site.

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Planning Commission

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CITY NEWS Maplewood

March 2004

SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY

The city will be holding a spring clean-up event from **7:00 am to 2:00 pm** on April 24 in the Aldrich Arena (1850 White Bear Avenue) parking lot.

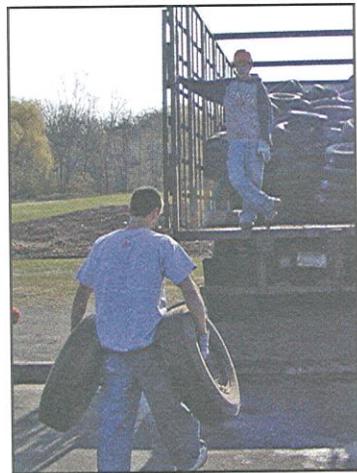
Due to budget cuts, fees will be charged to Maplewood residents who utilize this service to help defray the costs associated with sponsoring this event. Proof of Maplewood residency will be required. The fee schedule is listed below. The city will begin separating electronics from the waste stream and removing the hazardous components which increases the cost of this event. The fee schedule is set up to absorb approximately 25-35% of the total cost for disposal. The city will assume the remaining 65-75% of the cost.



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, leaves or tree waste will be accepted.

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 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Combining these two services will offer residents the opportunity to participate in both events and to not make additional trips for disposal.



In conjunction with the clean up, the city will be sponsoring a food drive for the Second Harvest Food Bank. Containers will be set up to collect food items. Tuna, peanut butter, macroni and cheese, canned soups, stews, infant items, dried foods, and cash are needed.

CLEAN – UP DAY COLLECTION FEES:

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| 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 |
| TV's all sizes (in addition to above costs)..... | \$10 |
| VCR's (in addition to above costs)..... | \$10 |
| Printers (in addition to above costs)..... | \$10 |



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South Leg Focus Groups

Maplewood residents living south of Highway 94 are encouraged to join a neighborhood discussion on new issues. Call Will at 651.484.5427 or to learn more or go to "Web Clicks".

Be Part of the Environmental Committee!

Advise the City Council on a variety environmental issues. Applications are due March 26. Download an application off "Web Clicks".

Edgerton School Carnival

Saturday, March 13, 11:30 - 3:30pm Games, prizes, cake walk, food, and a silent auction. Call 651.772.2565 for more information or go to "Web Clicks".

New City Phone Numbers

The City put in a new phone system

We recently had a public hearing to decide if we should install a roundabout intersection at County Road C and Hazelwood Avenue. It was a difficult decision for me. In preparation for this public hearing, I got information from city staff, attended meetings about it, watched a videotape of the first public hearing from November that I missed, sat in my car at that intersection and at our existing roundabout at Frost and English four times. Also, I surfed the Internet and read about other roundabouts, I talked with two of the homeowners at the intersection, and of course, heard testimony at the City Council meeting.

Roundabouts Are The Best Choice

During that process two things happened. First, I'm now convinced that roundabouts are the best choice in many cases when compared to stop signs and stoplights. Of course, the intersection has to have the necessary traffic flow and there must also be available land at the intersection because they take up more room.

Roundabouts Are Safer

I found a lot of available data that makes comparisons with existing roundabout intersections and the stop signs or lights that they replaced (including our own Frost and English). This information clearly shows that roundabouts are safer, do a better job of slowing, controlling and calming traffic, require less maintenance and save energy and time. The knock against a roundabout is that they cost as much to build as a stoplight intersection.

People Don't Like Change

Secondly, I discovered that almost no one in the neighborhood wanted it but me. Let's face it; people, as a group, just don't like change.

Working With What You Have

In a developed city like Maplewood, where most streets and buildings are already here, we don't have the options that the newer suburbs have. They have the ability to plan their roadway to funnel traffic more efficiently, to not have homes on the collector streets, to cul-de-sac, and to wind streets. We have

the roads or homes wherever we want. So we have to work with what we have.

Traffic Troubles With Limited Solutions

During my time on the City's Planning Commission the complaint we heard more than any other was that "there is too much traffic on my street and it is going too fast!!" The bad part is that this is true. Maplewood, along with a lot of other communities has traffic trouble and here in Maplewood we have limited solutions. We as a city need to be open to new ideas and innovations. The existing traffic controls are failing to provide the control that the public is demanding, so if we hope to make progress, we need to look at different options and be creative. We can't rule an option out because "it isn't the way we did it before." As a matter of fact, we need to seek out new ways of controlling traffic or settle for what we have.

Introducing Freeway Ramps

I was recently reminded that there was quite a public uproar when someone decided that the best way to access a freeway was to use a ramp and merge with the moving traffic on the road. Can you imagine trying to get onto a freeway any other way?

Delay Of Change

The Council decided at the County Road C and Hazelwood proposal to wait a little longer to make changes. This will allow some additional land to develop and in my case to give people more time to think it through.

More Roundabouts In Maplewood

We will, however, have two more roundabouts in Maplewood in the next year or so. This is because the Legacy Village development has two included in its street layout. They will give us more time to see how they function and grade their performance.

Go For A Ride On The Roundabout

So next Sunday, when you have nothing to do, grab the wife and kids and go for a ride on the roundabout. According to some of the locals, it can be hours of fun.

Council Member, Will Rossbach
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On August 25, 2003, the Maplewood city council approved an Environmental Utility to finance the city's Storm Water Management Program. Each property is billed based upon land use and acreage. The Utility also provides for credits to certain properties for the use of Storm Water Best Management Practices (BMP's) (such as storm water ponds, green space, undeveloped land and in the case of residential property, rain water gardens).

Commercial, Industrial, Institutional And Multi-Family

A credit may be granted to properties where it can be demonstrated that there is minimum reduction of 20 percent of the amount of storm water leaving the parcel via the use of an approved Storm Water Best Management Practice (BMP). Credits can be combined to account for a total reduction of up to 75 percent of the Environmental Utility fee. Documentation must be provided to the Public Works Department for evaluation of the claim.

Residential Properties And Rain Water Gardens

Residential property owners can apply for a credit of 30 percent per month for the installation and maintenance of a rain-water garden or other city approved BMP. The rain water garden or BMP must meet current city standards and be approved by the city's Engineering Department.



Rain Water Garden

For more information and a credit application form, log onto www.ci.maplewood.mn.us or call the Public Works Department at 651.249.2400.

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. Major equipment purchases included in the CIP are items that cost in excess of \$50,000. On June 9, 2003 the City Council approved the 2004-2008 CIP.

Projects in the CIP are grouped by neighborhood. This month the focus is on the Hillside Neighborhood where there are six projects planned:

1. Hillcrest Area Streetscape
2. Hillcrest Area Roadway Improvement
3. Hillcrest Area Redevelopment
4. Sterling Oaks Parks Development
5. Priory Preserve Improvements
6. Beebe Road, Holloway to Larpenteur

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 2007 with completion in 2008.

The second phase is the Hillcrest Area Roadway Improvements project scheduled for 2008. 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 and concrete block crosswalks.



The third phase is the Hillcrest Area Redevelopment project scheduled for 2008, which will include acquisition of

property for redevelopment. Specific properties will be identified and 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 the approved Hillcrest development scenario.

For more information on the Hillcrest area projects, contact 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 2004. The Priory Preserve Improvements project is also scheduled for 2004. Construction will include a small parking area on Larpenteur, trails through grasslands and woodlands, two boardwalks to connect the three parcels of the site, two overlook/sitting areas, and benches and bike racks. Restoration will include converting the old fields into prairie, planting a woodland restoration demonstration area, controlling invasive species in woods and wetlands, and plating at entrances. For more information on these projects, contact the Parks and Recreation Director at 651.249.2102.

The Beebe Road project involves replacement of the pavement to begin in 2007 with completion in 2008. For more information on this project, contact the Public Works Director at 651.249.2402.

Information on projects in other neighborhoods is in the 2004-2008 CIP booklet which is available for public review at the Maplewood branch of the Ramsey County Library.

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 phosphorous.

If you have questions, make sure you seek assistance. In addition, you should have your soil tested before applying any fertilizer to your lawn to ensure that your soil is truly deficient of a particular nutrient. The University of Minnesota

it's phosphorous that accelerates algae growth in our lakes and wetlands. One pound of phosphorous in runoff can result in 500 pounds of algae growth.

Soils in the Metro area are already phosphorous-rich and do not need any additional phosphorous to look green and healthy. If you must fertilize, follow the application guidelines and remove any excess fertilizer from hard surfaces by sweeping sidewalks, driveways and streets so it won't runoff into our waters. Be a responsible steward; sweep up leaves, grasses, pet waste and fertilizers from the streets and driveways. Keep your runoff clean and help keep our water resources healthy. Additional alternatives to lawn care and maintenance will be provided in the April issue of Maplewood City News. If

Maplewood Historical Society

Answer this question, you may win a FREE one-day pass to the MCC or a one-year membership to the Maplewood Area Historical Society: **When was the one-room Carver Lake School built on Highwood Avenue and Century?**

Send your entry to: Char Wasiluk, 1740 Frank St., Maplewood 55109.

(Answers must be received by March 8)

MAHS members and their immediate families are not eligible. Answer will appear in the May issue of the *Maplewood City News*.

The answer to the January trivia question: When was the ski jump on Sterling Ave. built?
Answer: 1949

No correct answers were received.

Three vacancies exist on the Maplewood Historical Preservation Commission. Commission members are appointed by the City Council and meet at 7:00 pm on the 3rd Thursday of each month. If you are interested in the preservation of

- Mayor Cardinal recognized the following individuals who are actively serving our country and asked everyone to please keep them in their prayers:
William Cockriel, 943 Century Avenue North, active duty in Baghdad
Will Riser Jr., 2205 Hazelwood Street, Sergeant in the Army Reserve
- Approved and accepted the Planning Commission's 2003 Annual Report.
- Accepted a \$2,500 donation from John Schmelz of Schmelz Countryside Volkswagen-Saab, to show his appreciation for the work done by the Police Department this past year.
- Adopted a resolution for the vacation of an unused drainage and utility easement on the property at 2416 Teakwood Drive.
- Adopted an ordinance creating a new mixed-use zoning district within the City of Maplewood that will allow for the mixture of low-impact commercial developments along with higher density residential development.
- Adopted a resolution ordering the preparation of a feasibility study for the proposed cul-de-sac west of Germain Street, Project 04-03.
- Approved the Intoxicating Liquor License for Noah Castle at 3090 Southlawn Avenue.
- Approved the formation of the Environmental Committee.
- Adopted a resolution of appreciation for Will Rossbach and Jackie Monahan-Junek for their service on the Planning Commission.
- Issued a Meritorious Service Award to Officer Paul Bartz in recognition of his outstanding work during the past year as a City of Maplewood Police Officer.

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Diversity Speech Contest

The Maplewood Human Relations Commission is pleased to announce its first "diversity" speech contest. The contest is open to students of North, Tartan and Hill-Murray High Schools. The schools will each send three speakers who will have an opportunity to have their speeches judged at Maplewood City Hall on Saturday, April 24, from 2:00-4:30 pm. Mayor Bob Cardinal, Honorable Gary Bastian, former mayor of Maplewood, and Premier Bank president, Mark Novitzki will preside over the event. Please join us in celebrating the youth and diversity of our community. Speakers will vie for a \$500 award to further diversity at their school. The event is free and open to the public.

In addition to coordinating special events such as the speech contest, the Maplewood Human Relations Committee serves the community by attempting to improve the human relations climate in our community. The seven-member group is appointed by the Council and works to assure equal opportunity for all citizens. The Commission meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm and are always looking for community input and involvement. Join us at our speech contest or our monthly meeting, we welcome all!

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City Meetings:

Council/Manager Workshops & City Council Meetings

Workshop the 1st Monday 5:00 pm

Council meeting at 7:00pm

March 8 & 22

(6:00pm workshop, meetings as needed)

Pre-Agenda Meetings

March 4 & 18 at 5:00pm

Community Design Review Board

March 9 & 23 at 6:00pm

Housing & Redevelopment Authority

March 9 at 7:00pm

Human Relations Commission

March 2 at 7:00pm

Parks & Recreation Commission

March 15 at 7:00pm

Planning Commission

March 1 & 15 at 7:00pm

Mayor's Forum

March 6 at 10:00am-noon

(Station #3, Parkside, 2001 McMenemy Rd.)

Historical Preservation Commission

March 18 at 7:00pm

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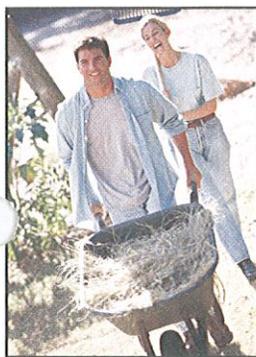
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April 2004

Environmentally Friendly Yards

An Environmentally Friendly Yard Is A Yard:

- that uses nontoxic methods first
- that can sustain itself without the heavy use of fertilizers, additives, insecticides, and herbicides
- that is kind to birds and plants
- that strives to become connected with the surrounding environment;
- that uses native grasses, shrubs, and trees;
- that encourages the growth of natural areas that do not require mowing
- where the owner keeps runoff clean, sweeps up leaves and grasses, cleans up pet waste, and works towards keeping our water resources healthy
- where the owner uses composting
- that is driven towards the principles of environmental stewardship.



How Do We Get There?

First of all, an environmentally friendly yard does not happen overnight or during one planting season. Taking small steps over time, doing study and research, and being willing to get dirty go a long way towards making your yard environmentally friendly. A green thumb is not a prerequisite. Also, look for tips in the upcoming issues of the *Maplewood City News*. Finally, the following websites have information that will help you get started:

www.ci.maplewood.mn.us, www.co.ramsey.mn.us,
www.extension.umn.edu, www.aboretum.umn.edu,
www.soiltest.coafes.umn.edu, www.mda.state.mn.us.

Remember, the City prohibits the use and sale of lawn fertilizers containing phosphorous. If you must fertilize, have your soil tested before fertilizing to ensure that your soil is truly deficient of a particular nutrient. The University of Minnesota offers soil testing and information can be obtained by calling 612.624.4771 or 612.625.3101 or by visiting their website at www.extension.umn.edu.

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Maplewood's Neighborhood Stop Sign Request Policy

The City will only hear requests to issue new neighborhood stop signs, if you have such a request, once a year. Please send your petition, with a minimum of 12 property owner signatures, to the public works department before March 31, 2004. To learn more go to "Web Clicks".

Carver Family Carnival

Saturday, April 3, 10:00 - 2:00 pm
At the Carver Community Gym
Games, prizes, cake walk, food, and a silent auction. Call 651.772.2565 for more information or go to "Web Clicks".

Be Part of the Environmental Committee!

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Mayor's Letter To Residents

This month I would like to talk about the Saint Paul Regional Water Services. I happen to serve as the suburban representative from the City of Maplewood. The Saint Paul Regional Water Services provides quality water services to the cities of Arden Hills, Falcon Heights, Lauderdale, Little Canada, Maplewood, Mendota, Mendota Heights, Roseville, Saint Paul, and West Saint Paul.

Fortunately, Maplewood houses the campus for all the water services that serve all these cities. With such a great resource, I consider this one of our greatest interests to provide the resource all of us need for life. This campus is located just off Rice Street north of Larpenteur Avenue and south of Roselawn Avenue on the western border of Maplewood.

Typically, over the last several years, the production is roughly 25 million— (100 cubic feet) per year. The

pumping is through the McCarron's pumping station. This production builds throughout the year with continued increases occurring at about 160 million for the months of January, February, and March, increasing to 180 million in April, 220 million in May, 240 million in June, **330** million in July, 250 million in August, 200 million in October, and about 160 million again in November and December. So, the peak is the summer months where water is used on lawns and yards. The peak use is consistent July and August.

Besides water production, the SPRWS has maintenance issues that require attention, which include main breaks, main replacements, lead replacements, vehicle damage, service installation, cable hits, turn-ons, and miscellaneous damage issues.

Taste and odor problems occasionally come up and residents need to know

this is not something that is ignored. The SPRWS will continue to monitor taste and odor problems and hopefully correct these problems with expenditures of 12 million for the installation of granular activated carbon filters.

Water issues are usually included in matters of parks, brownfields, community development and housing, economic development, energy and environment, health and human services and urban policies and processes. Note this utility is right in your backyard and services the east metro well.

Please call me if you have any issues that should be brought to my attention.

Mayor, Bob Cardinal
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Get Your Own Compost Bin At A Great Price

This spring you can start making your own backyard compost by purchasing a compost bin package at a discounted price. Ramsey County, in partnership with the Solid Waste Management Coordinating Board, is sponsoring a compost bin distribution program featuring the Garden Gourmet brand bin. The bin package, which normally sells for \$80, is available to Maplewood residents for just \$30. The package consists of the compost bin, kitchen food waste bucket, and "Home Composting Made Easy" book. The City will have prototypes on display at Maplewood City Hall and The Nature Center starting March 15.

Bin packages will be available at several event locations around the metro area. In Maplewood, bins can be picked up at Aldrich Arena, 1850 White Bear Avenue North, on Friday, May 21 from noon to 7:00 pm. Bins must be ordered in advance. You also can view pictures of the bin, find more information, and reserve yours online at www.GreenGuardian.com. For residents without Internet access, starting March 1, telephone orders will be accepted at 651.292.3933. Mail-in order forms also are available at City Hall or at the Community Development counter. Payment for bins is accepted on pick-up day only.



City To Increase Street Sweeping



The recently created Environmental Utility Fund will allow the city to increase street-sweeping activities. Routes will be prioritized to

ensure that environmentally sensitive areas are swept more frequently. In 2003 a total of 2,047 tons of material was 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, driveways and streets. Prevent automotive fluids from coming in contact with streets, keep your runoff clean, and help keep our water resources healthy.

County Road D Improvements Continue

The City of Maplewood continues implementation of improvements to reconnect County Road D, east of TH 61 to the Maplewood Mall area. The improvement has been a recommendation of past engineering traffic studies as one major method to provide relief to the traffic congestion in the area of Maplewood Mall. The realigned County Road D



will provide a new route to access the area from the west. The development of the Legacy Village of Maplewood project, an 86 acre mixed-use development, has

allowed the City Council to approve a financing package to pay for the improvement with little impact to the Maplewood tax payers, while providing much needed public improvements and an expanded tax base.

The County Road D realignment will connect existing County Road D at Hazelwood Street to Trunk Highway 61

near the existing Venburg Tire business, across from Gulden's Restaurant. Work started in December 2003 on the soil correction for the roadway behind Venburg Tire on the north side of Country View Golf Course. Further improvements for roadway construction will begin in June 2004 leading to a planned roadway opening around Thanksgiving of 2004. A signal system will be installed at the new intersection on TH 61. The City Council has also approved a project for the realignment of County Road D, west of TH 61, just north of Gulden's Restaurant. That roadway segment will extend northly from the Gulden's intersection and reconnect to existing County Road D on the east side of the Highridge Court development. The Venburg Tire business is planning to relocate just north of Gulden's Restaurant, while Guldens and Country View Golf will remain open for business during construction.

The photo to the left shows a visual image of the planned improvements extending east of Trunk Highway 61 between Lexus and Venburg Tire. Further updates on the project can be found at www.ci.maplewood.mn.us or by calling the City Public Works Department at 651.249.2400.

Capital Improvement Projects: Beaver Lake Neighborhood

The Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) is a multiple-year plan to identify and plan for needed capital projects and major equipment purchases. Capital projects include such things as public works improvements, development of parks, and building projects. On June 9, 2003 the City Council approved the 2004-2008 CIP.

This month the focus is on the Beaver Lake Neighborhood where there are nine projects are planned:

1. Lions Park Improvements
2. North Beaver Lake Trail Corridor
3. Nature Center Vehicle
4. Expansion of Nature Center Site
5. Nature Center Multi-Purpose Building
6. City Landfill Closure
7. Carlton Street, Minnehaha to Conway
8. Ferndale Street, Maryland to Stillwater Road
9. Ferndale/Geranium Area Streets

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



Aerial view of Lions Park

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

The purchase of an Outreach Mobile Learning Vehicle for the Nature Center is planned for 2006. In 2007, expansion of the Nature Center will include a bike connection between East Seventh and Brand Avenue to the north. Purchasing an approximately one to two acre parcel with house and garage would allow this connection.

Also planned for the Nature Center is a multi-purpose building that would serve as a covered outdoor learning center/picnic shelter with fireplace for programs on one side and garage/storage space on the other side. This project is scheduled for 2005.

For more information on these projects, call 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.

The Carlton Street project scheduled for 2004 involves reconstruction of the roadway from Minnehaha to Conway.

Reconstruction of Ferndale Street between Maryland and Stillwater Road and the Ferndale/Geranium Area Streets are scheduled in 2007 with completion in 2008.

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

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Council's Corner

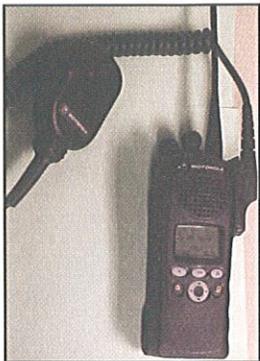
Highlights of the February 23, 2004 Maplewood City Council meeting:

- Adopted a resolution of appreciation for Tzianeng Vang who has been a member of the Maplewood Police Civil Service Commission since May 14, 2001.
- Approved the amended Utility Billing Agreement between the City of Maplewood and the City of Woodbury.
- Authorized the purchase of two new vehicles for the Police Department.
- Authorized the purchase of eight Tasers (electronic incapacitation devices) for the Police Department.
- Approved an Ordinance creating a new zoning district within the City of Maplewood that will allow for the mixture of low-impact commercial developments along with higher density residential developments.
- Adopted a zoning map resolution changing the zoning map for the Hillcrest area in the City of Maplewood from business commercial and single dwelling residential to mixed use.
- Adopted a resolution approving a conditional use permit for a planned unit development and a preliminary plat for the 15-unit Woodhill development on the south side of Linwood Avenue.
- Adopted a resolution changing the zoning map from F (Farm Residence) to R-1 (Single Dwelling Residential) for the proposed Woodhill plat on the south side of Linwood Avenue.

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

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Upgrading The Police And Fire Communication Systems



The Maplewood Police and Fire Departments are in the process of upgrading their communications systems, along with all public safety agencies in Ramsey County. In August of 2003, the Ramsey County Board passed a resolution to begin planning a conversion to an 800 MHz radio system. This system will replace the VHF and UHF systems currently in use. The new 800 MHz system will provide interoperability between public safety entities. Under this system, public safety agencies in Ramsey County would be able to communicate with each other directly.

The State of Minnesota has been working to build an 800 MHz system statewide. Ramsey County is planning on building a sub-system to provide enhanced reception and transmission capabilities to provide better radio coverage for local police, fire and emergency medical services units. The sub-system would be the first step in a multi-phase project. Once the sub-system is constructed, upgrades would have to be done to dispatch center equipment in the four dispatch centers (St. Paul, Ramsey County, Maplewood and White Bear Lake) currently in operation in Ramsey County. The final phase would require replacement of all handheld and mobile radios.

The estimated cost for the county-wide 800 MHz project is \$35 million. A portion of this cost will be funded by Federal grants and funding from the Metropolitan Radio Board. The expected time frame for implementation is 18-24 months.

City Meetings:

Council/Manager Workshops & City Council Meetings

Workshop: April 5, 5:00 pm

Council meeting: April 12 & 26 at 7:00pm

Pre-Agenda Meetings

April 12 & 26 at 6:00pm (as needed)

Community Design Review Board

April 13 & 27 at 6:00pm

Housing & Redevelopment Authority

April 13 at 7:00pm

Human Relations Commission

April 6 at 7:00pm

Parks & Recreation Commission

April 19 at 7:00pm

Planning Commission

April 5 & 19 at 7:00pm

Mayor's Forum

April 3 at 10:00am-noon

Historical Preservation Commission

April 15 at 7:00pm

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City Ordinance Reminder!

Please adhere to the rules and help keep our city looking good.

- Trash containers shall be placed at the rear of the premises, or in the garbage, so as to be out of view from the street and not to interfere with adjoining property.
- The parking of vehicles, boats, and trailers in the front yard is prohibited.
- Unlicensed and/or inoperative vehicles must be immediately removed or stored in a garage. All vehicles stored outside must be kept licensed and maintained in operative condition.

Thank you! For more information, please call 651.249.2804.

Maplewood

May 2004

Gladstone Neighborhood Strategic Planning Study

The Maplewood City Council, Planning Commission and planning staff have started a strategic planning study to consider the future development of the Gladstone Neighborhood. The area presently being studied is between Phalen Place and Ide Street, and between the Gateway Trail and Frisbie Avenue. We began this study in January by contracting with the urban design firm of Architecture and Town Planning to assist us in this planning process. Gladstone is the core of Maplewood in terms of its history and early development, and the city council has shown considerable interest in its rejuvenation.

*Frost Avenue/English Street Roundabout*

Our hope, with the help of the residents, business owners and surrounding neighbors, is to create a plan for Gladstone to guide us through changes as they are proposed for this neighborhood. The city staff has held two neighborhood informational meetings in March and, along with our design

consultant, is currently working with a group of business owners and residents of Gladstone to achieve a suitable plan for the future of Gladstone.

We anticipate that this study will take two to three months to complete. We urge all interested persons to contact us with your comments, thoughts and ideas as to how you would envision Gladstone in the future. If you would like to express your opinion or get involved in this study, please contact Tom Ekstrand, Senior Planner, at 651.249.2302

tom.ekstrand@ci.maplewood.mn.us or

Shann Finwall, Planner, at 651.249.2304 shann.finwall@ci.maplewood.mn.us.

*Maplewood Bakery Building*

Parks & Recreation 2004 All Star Summer Kickoff Parade



Saturday, May 31 10:30 - 2:00 pm

Maplewood Parks & Recreation program participants are invited to join us for the second annual All Star Summer Kickoff! March with pride in our parade with your sports team, daycampers, drama students, and dance partners. Once back at the MCC, the fun continues with live music, great food, sports contests, and more! You will be notified by your coach or class instructors with more



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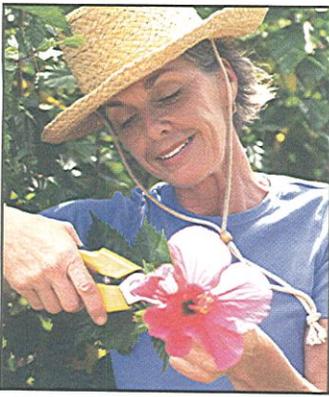
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New Advisory Board Appointment Procedures

On March 22, the City Council adopted a new procedure for appointing people to city advisory boards and commissions. To learn more go to "Web Clicks".

Nature Center & Noodles

The new Noodles Restaurant in Maplewood donated 50% of April 7th's "grand opening" profits to the Nature Center. To learn more go to "Web Clicks".



After much anticipation, spring is finally here and with spring comes our eagerness and desire to spruce up our home and yards, and to spend time outdoors with our kids, families, neighbors, and friends. The public works staff have swept the city streets, the parks crew is sprucing up the parks, the Ramsey County household hazardous

collection sites are open on a more regular basis, road construction is in high gear, and people in-general are taking an active role in the community—whether it be in sports, religious organizations, community-based organizations, or the like.

Get Involved

In the past decade, research has shown that individual's civic involvement has been declining—the reasons for which are too many to list, but may include job commitment, family commitment, financial commitments, hardships, etc. Despite these changes or challenges in people's personal and professional lives, there is always an opportunity for civic involvement.

Become A SkyWarn Spotter

Civic involvement does not necessarily mean you have to contribute money to an organization. It may mean you give a little of your time to the organization of your choosing, or pick up trash on your street, help a school-age child (even if he/she is not your own), coach a sport, lead a girl or boy scout group, drive cancer patients to appointments, visit the elderly in an assisted-living facility, lead a bicycle-

folks looking for a little more structure in their civic involvement, you can train to be a Sky Warn spotter, a member of the paid-on-call fire department, a Neighborhood Crime Watch leader, or a volunteer on one of Maplewood's citizen-based commissions.

Give A Little And Feel Great

The great thing about giving your time is that **you** can decide who (or which organization) to give it to, how much to give, and when to give it. And, what you'll get in return is a great feeling inside that comes from helping others.

We Can't Be Successful Without You

Besides giving your time and/or money to a community organization, being a conscientious, alert, informed, and responsible citizen is foremost to maintaining a safe and thriving community. The city's paid and volunteer staff can only do so much. It is our responsibility as children, parents, grandparents, aunt and uncles, brothers and sisters, and business owners, to make sure our community is safe, thrives, and is a place we are proud to call home. This may require a little extra effort on your part to make that phone call to ask a question or dispel a rumor, to attend a neighborhood meeting, or to attend a commission or city council meeting, etc. I know your efforts will payoff immediately—you'll be (and feel) more involved, you'll be better informed, and you'll have the opportunity to take ownership and responsibility for your role in the community. We can't be successful without all of you!

Share your interest in and talents with the community—there is no greater gift that you can give!!

Have A Safe Summer

Council Member, Jackie Monahan-Junek 651.777.6384
jackie.monahan-junek@ci.maplewood.mn.us

Major Changes Coming To Maplewood Area Roads

The old joke about Minnesota having two seasons: 'winter and road construction' may become a reality over the next couple of years to Maplewood residents. Major construction projects are either underway or on the planning board ready to begin construction soon. These projects will provide a much improved transportation system for Maplewood residents, but the construction process will result in some short-term delays for area drivers.

- Southern Maplewood continues to see progress on the I-494 Wakota Bridge – TH 61 improvement project.
- Interstate 94 between Ruth Street in St. Paul and Century Avenue in Maplewood will see a major upgrade beginning in late 2004.
- Trunk Highway 36 (from Cleveland Avenue in Roseville to TH 5 in Stillwater) will see lane closures and local delays during the summer of 2004.
- The City of Maplewood will be reconnecting County Road D between TH 61 and Hazelwood Street during the summer of 2004.



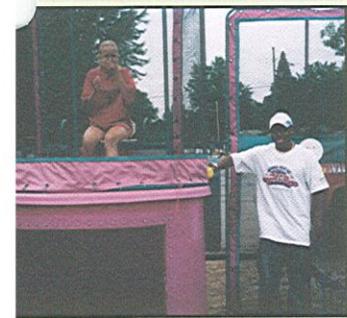
- The major project by MnDOT called "Unweave the Weave" will begin in summer 2004 with the replacement of the Edgerton Street Bridge over the common segment of Interstate 694 and Interstate 35E.

Drivers!!! Please be aware of these construction projects. Plan for delays and drive safe. Remember: a 2,000-pound car has little chance against 80,000-pound construction equipment. BE SAFE, especially in construction zones.

Further updates on these improvements will be provided on Maplewood's website at www.ci.maplewood.mn.us and also at MnDOT's website at www.dot.state.mn.us. Click on 2004 construction projects.

National Night Out 2004

The 21st Annual National Night Out, a unique crime and drug prevention event, has been scheduled for **Tuesday, August 3, 2004**. We cordially invite you and your neighborhood to be part of our **MAPLEWOOD NIGHT OUT 2004**.



(NNO-2003)

Residents dunk their neighbors at Robinhood Park.

Kickoff 5:30 - 6:30 pm

Maplewood's Shortest Parades

Fires Station 2 (1955 Clarence Street)

Fire Station 4 (Lower Afton Road & Londin Lane)

- Root Beer Floats • Picnic Kits • Visits from Police, Fire, and Paramedics • Face Painting • Sidewalk Chalk
- Musical Entertainment • Dunking Booth
- Restaurant Samples

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FREE MCC passes will go to the largest "apartment block party"

FREE MCC passes will go to the largest neighborhood block party"

ADLINE

Friday, July 27, is the deadline to make arrangements for the Police and Fire Department to stop by your site.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Call the **NNO Hotline: 651.249.2192**

For a block party, call the hotline number and leave your name, address, and phone number. www.ci.maplewood.mn.us



(NNO-2003) Amy Peterson, an Olympic silver medalist in speed skating, shows residents her medals, Lt. Kevin Rabbett plays his bagpipes, and CSO Joseph Stienner drives the golf cart.

Capital Improvement Projects

in the Battle Creek Neighborhood

The Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) is a five-year plan for projects such as street works improvements, development of parks, and building projects. The CIP projects are grouped by neighborhood. This month the focus is on the Battle Creek Neighborhood where several projects are planned.

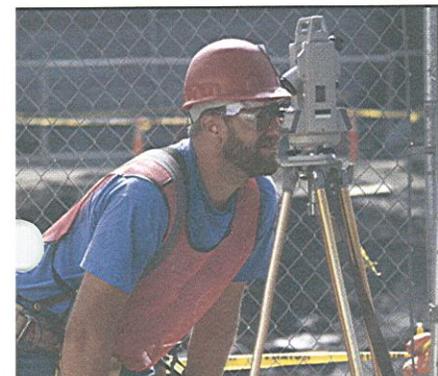
1. Brookview Area Streets
2. Century Avenue, I-94 to Lower Afton
3. Lower Afton - McKnight Signal System

The first project will begin in 2007 and involves the full reconstruction of a majority of the streets in the Brookview area.

Reconstruction of Century Avenue between I-94 and Lower Afton Road will begin in 2005 with completion scheduled for 2007. Other improvements will include sidewalks and utility repairs.

In 2004, Ramsey County will install a signal system and turn lanes at Lower Afton and McKnight Roads.

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



Police Crack Down On Safety

The Maplewood and Woodbury Police Departments will be increasing emphasis on seatbelt and child safety seat violations from May 24

through June 6. This effort is funded by a National Safe &



Sober grant. The purpose is to decrease the number of citizens injured or killed on Minnesota roadways. Anyone with questions regarding seatbelt or child safety seat laws can contact either Sergeant Mike Shortreed 651.249.2656 or Lieutenant David Kvam 651.249.2605 at the Maplewood Police Department.

Maplewood Historical Society

Answer this question, you may win a **FREE** one-day pass to the MCC or a one-year membership to the Maplewood Area Historical Society: **What year was the Ramsey County Poor Farm Barn built?** Send your entry to: Char Wasiluk, 1740 Frank St., Maplewood 55109.

(Answers must be received by May 10)

MAHS members and their immediate families are not eligible. Answer will appear in the June issue of the *Maplewood City News*.

The answer to the February trivia question:

Who was the first Police Chief for the City of Maplewood and how long did he serve?

Answer: Richard Schaller, serving from 1957 - 1984
No correct answers were received.

Spring Tea At Bruentrup Farm

May 15, 2004

Contact Carolyn Peterson at 651.748.9009 or Charlotte Wasiluk at 651.776.7183 for reservations.

Family Day At The Farm

Saturday, June 19 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Join us for a old fashioned day of fun at the Bruentrup Farm! (2170 E. County Road D, Maplewood) Enjoy home made ice cream, a petting zoo, parent/child craft projects, live music, old time games/relays, and more. Families must register for this event by **Friday, June 11th**.

Highlights of the March, 2004 Maplewood City Council meetings:

- Mayor Cardinal recognized the following residents serving the country over seas:
William Cockriel, Active duty in Baghdad
Will Riser Jr., Sergeant in the Army Reserve
Erik Ahlness, National Guard Lieutenant Colonel in Bosnia
Katherine Neiters, Sergeant in the Army Reserves in Iraq
- Adopted an ordinance approving a temporary development moratorium for the Gladstone Neighborhood that temporarily precludes any future development within the Gladstone strategic planning study area.
- Awarded the 2004 Publishing of the Maplewood City News publication to Nystrom Publishing in the amount of \$32,484.
- Offered a city owned site near the Maplewood Community Center to Ramsey County for a possible new suburban court facility.
- Approved the purchase of a DVD-based audio-visual recording system for the Police Department's interview rooms.
- Adopted the 2004 compensation plan for the non-union class of Firefighter-Paramedic.
- Encouraged residents to contact Councilmember Rossbach to participate in the South Leg of Maplewood Focus Group, which will hold monthly meetings beginning in April.
- Adopted a resolution approving No Parking restrictions on Carlton Street from Conway Avenue to Minnehaha Avenue.

For more current highlights of the council meeting log on to: www.ci.maplewood.mn.us

Protecting Neighborhoods Through City Codes

The Maplewood Fire Department will begin checking neighborhoods in May for compliance issues. The City receives hundreds of calls every year on code violations and the most common complaints are: placement and/or storage of refuse/garbage containers; parking in the front yard; vehicles not currently licensed and/or operative; miscellaneous debris in yards and yards not being maintained. The purpose of City codes is to enhance and preserve our neighborhoods and your cooperation is essential. If you have any questions about these neighborhood sweeps, please call the Code Enforcement Officer at 651.249.2804.

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

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May 4 at 7:00pm

Parks & Recreation Commission

May 17 at 7:00pm

Planning Commission

May 3 & 17 at 7:00pm

Mayor's Forum

May 1 at 10:00am-noon

(Hazelwood Station #7, 1530 E. Cty Rd. C)

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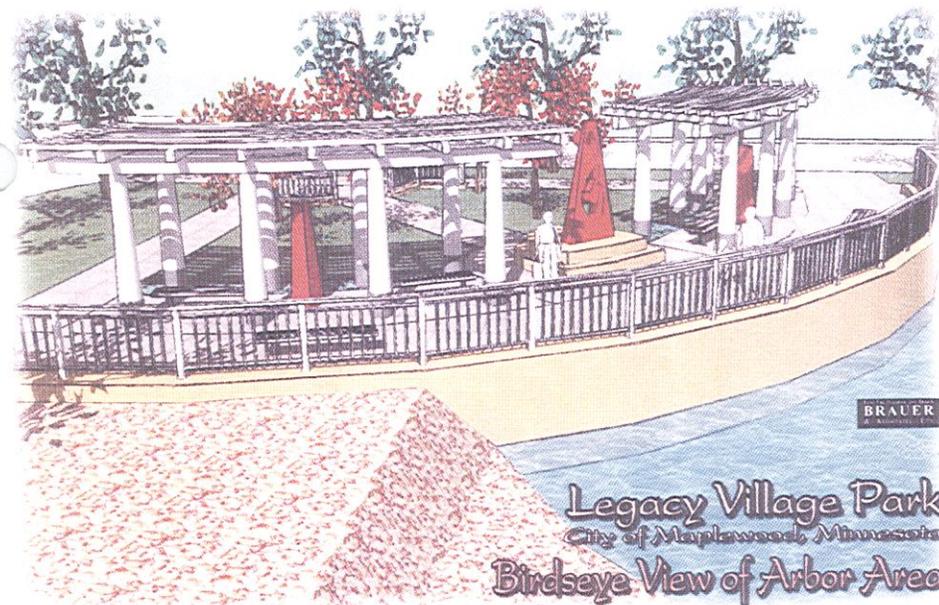
Maplewood

CITY NEWS 

Legacy Village Sculpture Park

Legacy Village is a mixed use development located west of Maplewood Mall bounded by Hazelwood Street, County Road D and Southlawn Drive. The development consists of owner-occupied townhomes, senior assisted-living buildings and commercial property. As part of the planned unit development, the developer has dedicated a 10-acre park in the southeast corner of the property north of Birch Run Station and west of Southlawn Drive. The proposed open space/natural park area will serve as the primary stormwater ponding area for the development and will be surrounded by a sculpture garden.

The master plan for Legacy Village Sculpture Park will include an internal trail system, floating boardwalk and rest areas, while maintaining the integrity of the wetlands' and proposed stormwater holding ponds.



The park project will be coordinated by the Parks and Recreation Commission and ultimately approved by the City Council. Long-range plans include large, free-standing sculptures, fountains, benches, information kiosks and formal gardens. The project is proposed to be funded through the sale of tax abatement bonds as part of the project development costs.

Preliminary grading for the site will be completed by August 1, 2004, with the park scheduled for completion in June 2005. For more information regarding Legacy Village

June 2004

WEB CLICKS



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Emergency Management

Find out the important functions of emergency management in Maplewood

Cops & Lobsters

Maplewood Police raise over \$1,927 for Special Olympics at Red Lobster!!! Find out more.

Volunteer To Host A National Night Out Block Party

Tuesday, August 3 at 5:30 pm

Last year, Maplewood was selected as a **National Award Winner** for its outstanding participation (ranked #17 in the 15,000 - 49,000 population category for all the National Night Out participants nationwide).

Tuesday, August 3 we are hoping to beat last years rank of #17. To do this we need your support—**Volunteer to host a block party in your neighborhood.** The City will provide ice cream, root beer, balloons, visits from Paramedics, Police, and the Fire Department, entertainment, and much more.

50 FREE Maplewood Community Center passes will go to the largest "apartment block party"

and in communities whose interests must at times come before our own.” (Jim Miller, LMC, Aug. 2003). As residents of the City of Maplewood, our community, we have many needs and interests in common: public safety, environmental concerns, parks, development/ redevelopment, public works services, the cost of government, etc. Maplewood City Council and staff are dedicated and determined to make our local government work for our “common good”.

Public Safety—Thanks to creative, efficient administration and dedicated public safety personnel, we continue to receive wonderful, reliable police, fire and emergency medical services. In the first four months of this year, our public safety dispatchers handled 43,108 calls; the Maplewood Police Department answered and responded to 6,939 calls for service; the Maplewood Fire Department responded to 1,000 fire or medical calls. We do appreciate their 24-hour-a-day dedicated service to this community.

As residents, we also have a responsibility and an opportunity to participate as public safety watchdogs in our own neighborhoods. This is a great time of year to establish or revitalize a Neighborhood Block Watch Group. (Contact Deputy Chief John Banick at 651.249.2603). Please mark your summer calendars for National Night Out on Tuesday, August 3. There will be “kick-off” parades at Fire Stations 2 and 4; and police and fire personnel will be available to be part of your block parties. You will find more information on the city website and in the next issue of City News. The Maplewood Citizen Police Academy is also a wonderful opportunity for learning about public safety in this community. The 2004 Academy will run for nine weeks, September 9 through November 4.

Reliable, high quality public safety and emergency medical services are always a high priority in this community. Currently, police, fire and city administrators are reassessing citywide needs and reviewing updates to the Fire/EMS Strategic Plan (summer 2002). Later this summer City Council will meet with them as we decide how to distribute public safety resources to best meet the changing needs and demands of this city. We will consider population changes, plans for redevelopment, the differing needs of young families and seniors, the increase in population density with the anticipated opening of townhomes and a senior building in Legacy Village in 2005.

Environmental Committee—This is an exciting time for everyone in the City with special concerns about our environmental issues. Our Environmental Management Specialist, DuWayne Konewko, now officially dedicates half his time to city environmental issues. In January, DuWayne assisted the City Council in the creation of the Maplewood Environmental Committee, consisting of seven residents with support given by city staff from Community Development, Parks (Nature Center) and Public Works Departments. This committee will be responsible for advising the City Council and other commissions on matters relevant to the environment including recycling, solid waste, environmental education, water resources,

year the committee will focus on promoting recycling in multi-unit dwellings, educating residents and businesses about storm water management, developing collaborative opportunities with area schools and service groups, working with staff on developing an Environmental Land Use Campus Study (for our City Hall – MCC site) and promoting city council goals.

The City Council will conduct interviews and appoint residents to this committee in June. (Applications were accepted through the month of April). The Environmental Committee will hold its first meeting in early August. The mission of this committee is very important in assisting the council in shaping policy, complying with regulatory requirements and disseminating information to city residents.

Since issues of recycling, solid waste disposal, wetland preservation and storm water management are high priorities to me as well, I am very pleased to be the council contact person for this group.

Intergovernmental Cooperation—As local governments continue to work to stretch tax dollars, we hear legislators and special interest groups talk a great deal about intergovernmental cooperation. The idea is for governments to pool resources to achieve a “bigger bang for the taxpayer buck”. This philosophy and practice have been alive and well in Maplewood for years. Schools and parks have been mutually supportive many times. When there is a park adjacent to a school, why make the school build a similar facility? If the school has a park site, why not have the city maintain it during the summer for Park and Rec programs?

There are numerous examples of intercooperative efforts between Maplewood and Ramsey County. We benefit mutually from each other’s parks, trails, services and special projects that are done jointly and independently. Our 2004 Spring Clean-up Event was held at Aldrich Arena (a county facility in Maplewood) in conjunction with Ramsey County Household Hazardous Waste Collection. Maplewood is currently working with the county to fund/construct several road and trail projects. The most ambitious undertaking presently is the countywide 800 MHz Planning Committee which is studying the feasibility and possible implementation of an interoperable emergency communications system that could change the scope of interagency communication within the county, the metro area and ultimately the state.

The City Council recently demonstrated our commitment to intergovernmental projects as a way to stretch tax dollars with an offer to the county of a building site for location of the suburban court. The County’s decision to locate the new facility on our campus will save the City thousands of dollars in overtime pay as police officers appear in court only minutes from city hall/police department. The cost of this project is reduced to the County as a result of the City making the site available, which is also a reduction to Maplewood taxpayers, since we all pay Ramsey County taxes as well. This is a win-win formula that will benefit us as residents of Maplewood and Ramsey County.

Council Member, Kathleen Juenemann

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 percent of net profits to be used for programs or activities for residents of Maplewood. If you have a program that meets the following guidelines, please contact Melinda Coleman at 651.249.2052 for an application. The deadline for applications is June 28. Funding decisions will be made by the City Council on July 12.

Policies For Awarding From Charitable Gambling Fund

1. These funds shall be distributed for projects, equipment, or activities that are based in the community and which primarily benefit city residents.
2. Upon receipt of the funds, the receiving organizations shall understand that the allocation of funds may be a one-time-only distribution, and receipt of funds does not in any way guarantee or commit the city to funding in any subsequent year.
3. Projects that involve the purchase of equipment, supplies, or specific items will be looked upon more favorably than requests for salaries or general operating costs.
4. All funds are required to be expended for the requested project within one year of the date of receipt of the funds

from the city.

5. In general, requests from organized athletic groups will not be funded. 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-related purposes.

Maplewood Historical Society

Don't Miss Family Day At The Farm Saturday, June 19 1:00-4:00 pm

sponsored by Maplewood Parks & Recreation. Call 651.249.2122 for more information.

Answer this question, you may win a FREE one-day pass to the MCC or a one-year membership to the Maplewood Area Historical Society: **There is a sign at the northwest corner of Highway 61/County Road C intersection identifying the**

wooded area as "Fisher's Corner." Why was that name chosen?

Send your entry to: Char Wasiluk, 1740 Frank St., Maplewood 55109.

(Answers must be received by June 7)

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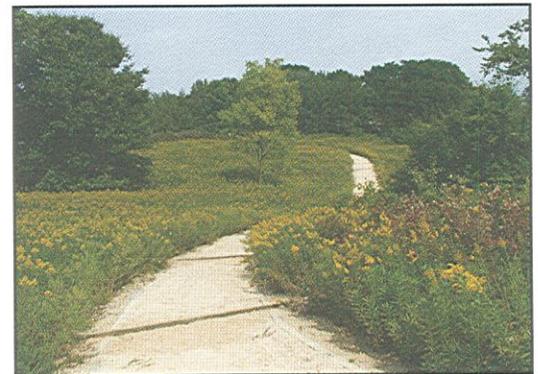
The answer to the March trivia question: When was the one-room Carver Lake School built on Highwood Avenue and Century?

Answer: The school was built in 1894. It operated until 1954 and was the last of the 1-room schools in the district. Winner: Richard Bruehling

Capital Improvement Projects

Highwood Neighborhood

The Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) is a multiple-year plan for capital projects and major equipment purchases. The CIP projects are grouped by neighborhood. This month the focus is on the Highwood Neighborhood where one project is planned.



Applewood Park: East of Sterling, South of Linwood, West of Century

The project is the development of Applewood Park and is scheduled for 2008. 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 more information on this project, contact Bruce Anderson, the Parks and Recreation Director at 651.249.2102.

Information on projects in other neighborhoods is in the 2004-2008 CIP booklet which is available at the Maplewood branch of

Not All Scooters Are Legal For Minnesota Highways

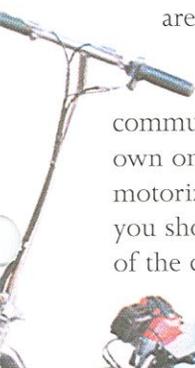
Motorized bicycles, scooters, and electric-assisted bicycles

are growing very popular in local

communities. If you own one of these motorized vehicles you should be aware of the current law.

To legally operate a motorized bicycle or electric-assisted bicycle the operator must be licensed, the motorized bicycle/electric-assisted bicycle must be registered and meet the required safety equipment. If the operator or the motorized bicycle/electric-assisted bicycle does not meet all requirements, they will not be legal for street/highway use (including the sidewalk).

For more information log on to



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- Mayor Cardinal recognized Maplewood residents serving the country overseas:
William Cockriel, Active duty in Baghdad
Will Riser Jr., Sergeant in the Army Reserve
Erik Ahlness, National Guard Lieutenant Colonel in Bosnia
Katherine Neiters, Sergeant in the Army Reserves in Iraq
- The mayor also recognized Celi Dean, Miss Teen Minnesota who is a Maplewood resident and was present at the meeting.
- Appointed Debra Birkholz to the Police Civil Service Commission.
- Approved signing the joint powers agreement between the City of Maplewood and the City of St. Paul for a records management system
- Approved a lot division to split the proposed Venburg Tire site from the Gulden's Roadhouse property, at 2999 Maplewood Drive.
- Adopted a resolution approving a setback variance for a freestanding sign for Venburg Tire to place their sign on the excess highway right-of-way.
- Approved hiring an environmental consultant to do a feasibility study for the improvement of the City Hall Campus.
- Awarded Blue Rhino the bid to update the nature center exhibits at cost not to exceed \$74,550.
- Approved the following council contact appointments, which will serve a term beginning immediately and expiring on 12/31/05:
 - Planning Commission: Councilmember Rossbach
 - Community Design Review Board: Councilmember Rossbach
 - Housing Redevelopment Authority: Councilmember Monahan-Junek
 - Police Civil Service Commission: Mayor Cardinal
 - Parks Commission: Councilmember Monahan-Junek
 - Human Relations Commission: Councilmember Juenemann
 - Historic Preservation Commission: Councilmember Koppen
 - Environmental Committee: Councilmember Juenemann
- Appointed Judith Driscoll to the Community Design Review Board.
- Approved the concept of developing Legacy Village Sculpture Park.

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Parks & Recreation All Star Summer Kickoff Parade

Join us for the second annual All Star Kickoff Parade Saturday, **June 5** from 10:30 - 2:00 pm. March in the parade, enjoy live music, great food, sports contest, giant inflatables, a climbing wall, and more! Call 651.249.2125 for more information. Thank you to our generous sponsors: **City & County Credit Union, Noodles & Company,** Maplewood Community Center, Kinkos, The Donut Family, Vendstock Inc., SkyHawks

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June 8 & 22 at 6:00pm

Housing & Redevelopment Authority

As needed

Human Relations Commission

June 1 at 7:00pm

Parks & Recreation Commission

June 21 at 7:00pm

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CITY NEWS 

July 2004

Gladstone Neighborhood Strategic Planning

In 1886 the village of "Gladstone" was platted. This village was located mainly at the present day intersections of Frost Avenue and English Street. Gladstone was named after a British statesman, William Gladstone. Gladstone was the location of two railroads, the St. Paul and Duluth. This created a hub of activity and growth in the area including businesses such as the Gladstone Shops of St. Paul and Duluth Railroads, St. Paul Plow Works, Gladstone Hotel, Gladstone Poultry Farm, and the Gladstone School.

Today there is no village of Gladstone, only remnants of its history remain. However, the area is still known by many to be the Gladstone neighborhood, or the heart of Maplewood. Instead of railroads, today there are two intersecting trails called the Vento and Gateway trails. Instead of a railroad shop, today there is the Gladstone Savannah. Some of the businesses in the area now include the Maplewood Bowl, Richard's Market, the Gladstone Bakery, and a myriad of auto repair and exterior storage businesses.

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Water Tower On Stillwater Road Between Sterling Street & Ferndale Street Gets A New Coat Of Paint

This project is scheduled for the third week of July and will take about three months. Please keep away from this area for your own safety. For more information, call 651.266.6270.

Hillcrest Revitalization

The City of Maplewood has a unique vision for the Hillcrest area which will ensure economic success and revitalization for the neighborhood. For more information, contact Shann Finwall at 651.249.2304 or shann.finwall@ci.maplewood.mn.us.

Election Judges Needed

Election judges serve as guardians of Democracy. They are vital to efficient and honest elections with accuracy, integrity and dignity.

The City of Maplewood needs more than 200 Election Judges to work at the polls every election. You can join this team of dependable and caring individuals who help ensure this basic right of U.S. citizenship: to vote in fair and free elections.

What Do Election Judges Do?

Election Judges are responsible for administering election procedures in each polling place. Duties include:

- Open and close polls
- Set up voting equipment

- Register and sign in voters
- Distribute and collect ballots
- Record and certify vote totals

Who Is Eligible?

To be an Election Judge, you must:

- Be eligible to vote
- Be able to read, write and speak English
- Attend a training class
- Be a resident of Minnesota

If you are interested in becoming an Election Judge, please contact Lori Hansen at 651.249.2001 or lori.hansen@ci.maplewood.mn.us or Karen Guilfoile at 651.249.2003 or karen.guilfoile@ci.maplewood.mn.us.



July 4th Celebration—Sunday!

Grab your red, white, and blue. 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, colorful play structures, and much more. Listen to jammin' tunes from "The Rockin' Hollywoods."

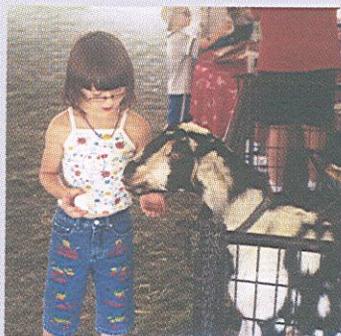
remained there until the late 1940's when it moved to the current site in Maplewood. It has been held in Maplewood every year since that time except for 1998 when it was held for one year at Harriet Island in St. Paul. The formal organization that conducts the Fair is the Ramsey County Agricultural Society. The Society is an incorporated 501C3 organization and its' primary function is to conduct the County Fair. A 13-member board of directors governs it. The board has a President, Vice President, Treasurer, and a Secretary/Manager. The board members, all volunteers, are elected for three-year terms. Members of the Ramsey County Agricultural Society elect the board. Anyone can join the Society for a \$2 annual membership fee, of which I am currently a member.

The County Fair is funded largely from income generated during the fair and from donations and sponsorships from local businesses. Until this year, Ramsey County provided a limited amount of funds for the operation of the fair.

Although no direct funds are provided from the County, the County and County Parks and Recreation Department are assisting in many ways to make it possible, at least for the time being. In 1994, the Washington and Ramsey County Fairs were making plans to merge into one fair. However, the residents in Ramsey County pleaded for its' continuance in this area so it is here today because of the interest and support from the local communities. Every county in Minnesota has a county fair.

There are many features of a county fair that make them different than other community festivals. Many of the events are in competition for entry into the Minnesota State Fair. Only 4-Hers who have competed at the County Fair are eligible to compete at the State Fair. A few other educational exhibits must first compete at the county fair. This is also true for the County Talent Contest winners and for the County Senior Citizen of the year. Winners in these two areas represent the county in those events at the State Fair.

percent of the food vendors at the Ramsey County Fair can also be seen at the State Fair. The county fair is probably the smallest in geographic size in Minnesota; however, it has attracted one of the best carnivals in Minnesota. Gold Star Amusements have played the fair since 1998 and they have agreed to another three-year contract starting this year. The Fair has generally been held the 2nd or 3rd week in July. Ramsey County is the first of county fairs in the Twin City area—they start six weeks before the start of the State Fair.



The Ramsey County Fair may be different than what we expect to see at a rural county fair, but there are also many similarities. Activities include, carnival rides, 4-H and classes open for competition to the general public, commercial exhibitors, food vendors, entertainment of all kinds, children's petting zoo,

farmer for the day exhibit, bingo, beer garden, and much more.

Many civic organizations, and of course the City of Maplewood, have played an important role to the success and the continuation of the Fair in Maplewood. This article does not name the many sponsors and supporters of the Fair but a full schedule of the Fair and the list of sponsors can be seen on their website—ramseycountyfair.com. Fair office number is 651.770.2626. Fair dates are July 14-18.

I would like to thank Mr. Joe Fox, Secretary/Manager of the Ramsey County Fair for providing the above information regarding the Ramsey County Fair. Bring your family and friends. I hope to see you there!

Council Member, Marv Koppen

Ramsey County Fair



FREE! July 14-18, 2004

Mark your calendar! The Annual 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. It has been the intent of the fair planners to make this fair a participation experience as well as a spectator's

experience. Fair participants can become involved in the talent contest, scout pinewood derby, youth pet show, rose show, kiddie tractor pull, car show, 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.

Fun For Everyone

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 on to www.ramseycountyfair.com.



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



Citizen's Police Academy

Thursdays, September 9–November 4, 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 information,

contact Lieutenant Dave Kvam at 651.249.2605 or

dave.kvam@ci.maplewood.mn.us.

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Gladstone Neighborhood Strategic Planning

Some parts of the Gladstone neighborhood have aged better than others, leaving a somewhat tired appearance to the neighborhood. Because of this, as well as Gladstone's vital history, the Maplewood city council has chosen the revitalization of the Gladstone neighborhood as one of their priority goals for 2004. The City began a strategic planning process to evaluate the Gladstone neighborhood and create a design plan to ensure future developments and changes in the area. They want to maintain the positive aspects of the community, build upon the housing stock to serve changing lifestyles, create opportunities for new neighborhood commercial services for the residents, and work toward aesthetic improvements by means of streetscape and property beautification.

A critical key to the strategic planning process is the involvement of the residents and business owners in the neighborhood. Your input, along with a collaborative effort of professional and citizen planners, elected officials, and others will help guide community improvements. In February, the City mailed a survey to business owners and residents in the planning area to gain information on neighborhood concerns and wishes for the Gladstone neighborhood. The planning area is located south of the Gateway

In March, the City hosted two open houses at the Gladstone Fire Station where staff presented two design concepts for future developments. Attendees were asked to submit comments on what they liked or disliked about each concept.

After the open houses, a group of concerned business owners and citizens joined together to form the Gladstone Coalition. The Gladstone coalition submitted a letter to the city council requesting to play an active collaborative role in the development of the Gladstone neighborhood design concept. On April 22, the coalition presented their plan for the rejuvenation of the Gladstone neighborhood to city staff. City staff has met three times with the coalition to understand their goals and interests.

City staff also will host additional neighborhood open houses prior to presenting a final design concept to the city council for approval. These meetings will be posted on the city's website (ci.maplewood.mn.us) and a notice will be mailed to all interested parties.

Residents are encouraged to contact city staff via e-mail or telephone with your comments or concerns regarding the Gladstone neighborhood strategic planning process. Contact Tom Ekstrand, Senior Planner at 651.249.2302, or tom.ekstrand@ci.maplewood.mn.us

Capital Improvement Projects

Parkside Neighborhood

The Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) is a multiple-year plan for capital projects and major equipment purchases. The CIP projects are grouped by neighborhood. This month the focus is on the Parkside Neighborhood where four projects are planned.

1. Kenwood East Area Streets
2. DeSoto Street, Larpenteur to County Road B
3. Skillman Avenue, McMenemy to DeSoto
4. DeSoto Area Street Improvements

The Kenwood East Area Streets project is scheduled to begin in 2005 with completion in 2006. It 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 reconstruction of DeSoto Street, from Larpenteur to County Road B, and Skillman Avenue from Mississippi to Desoto are scheduled to begin in 2006 with completion in 2007.

The DeSoto Area Street Improvements are also scheduled to begin in 2006 with completion in 2007. Streets included in the upgrades are Clark, Arkwright, Bradley, Skillman, Sloan, Kingston, Price, Payne, Ripley, Mt. Vernon and Mississippi. 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.

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



Highlights from the May City Council meetings:

- Appointed Daniel Enga and Tom Geskermann to the Maplewood Parks and Recreation Commission.
- Accepted a donation of \$200 for the Maplewood Police Department from Saturn of St. Paul for use at the annual Landfall Cops 'n Kids Fishing Clinic.
- Authorized an expenditure of \$51,500 for a cooperative project with Ramsey County for the installation of LED lights at 24 intersections.
- Commissioner Reinhart provided an overview of the selection process for the new Ramsey County Courthouse location in Maplewood.
- Faraaz Mohammed, 1st place winner of the 2004 Maplewood Human Relations Committee Diversity Speech Contest, and a student at North High School presented his speech. Mr. Mohammed also formally accepted the \$500 first prize for his school to be used to further promote diversity.
- Mayor Cardinal announced the appointment of Daniel Lee and Michael Grover to the Planning Commission. Their term will begin immediately and run through December 31, 2005.
- Approved the change of ownership and liquor license application for Smiley's Sports Bar & Grill.
- Announced the following Girl Scout Gold Award recipients from Maplewood:
 - Cassandra Cunningham, Tartan Senior High
 - Rena Dobervich, Tartan Senior High
 - Amy Horwath, Tartan Senior High
 - Diana Shockley, Tartan Senior High
 - Lisa Walters, Tartan Senior High

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Citizen Survey

The city would like to thank residents who participated in the 2004 Citizen Survey. Results of the survey will be shared later this summer; answers will be used to help the City Council make decisions that affect our community.

National Night Out 2004

Tuesday, August 3 at 5:30 pm

Get ready to celebrate National Night Out with your neighbors. Enjoy root beer floats, hot dogs, 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

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No meeting scheduled

Parks & Recreation Commission

July 19 at 7:00pm

Planning Commission

July 7 & 19 at 7:00pm

(July 5 City offices closed)

Mayor's Forum

July 3 at 10:00am-noon

Fire Station #4, 2501 Londin Lane

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National Night Out



National Night Out 2003 at Emma's Place

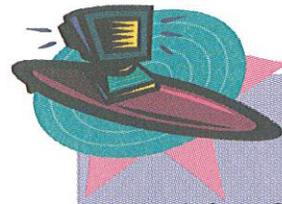
In an effort to heighten awareness and strengthen participation in local anticrime efforts, Matt A. Peskin, Executive Director (the brainchild of National Association of Townwatch) felt that a high-profile, high-impact type of crime prevention event was needed nationally. At that time, he noted that in a typical 'crime watch community', only 5 to 7% of the residents were participating actively. Due to the growth and success of these programs, he felt this percentage was too low. Subsequently, he

proposed a national program which would be coordinated by local crime prevention agencies and organizations—but that would involve entire communities at one time. The first National Night Out was introduced early in 1984—with the event culminating on the first Tuesday in August.

That first year, 400 communities in 23 states participated in National Night Out. Nationwide, 2.5 million Americans took part in 1984. The seed had been planted! The event has since grown to involve more than 34 million people in over 10,000 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities, and military bases worldwide. National Night Out 2004 will take place on August 3rd.

While the traditional 'lights on' and front porch vigils remain a part of NNO, activities have expanded considerably over the years to include block parties, cookouts, parades, visits from police, festivals, neighborhood walks, safety fairs, contests, rallies and meetings.

Peskin said, "It's a wonderful opportunity for communities nationwide to promote police-community partnerships, crime prevention, and neighborhood camaraderie. While the one night is certainly not an answer to crime, drugs and violence, National Night Out does represent the kind of spirit, energy and determination that is helping to make many neighborhoods safer places throughout the year. National Night Out is a night to celebrate crime prevention successes—and to expand and strengthen programs for the next 364 days."



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The City Will Be Sealcoating Residential Streets In August

To find out which neighborhoods will be sealcoated, go to "Web Clicks".

Maplewood's 2004 Night Out Festivities

Tuesday, August 3 KICKOFF 5:30 - 6:00 pm

(Maplewood's Shortest Parades)

Fires Station 2 (1955 Clarence Street)

Fire Station 4 (Lower Afton Road & Londin Lane)

Root Beer Floats • Picnic Kits • Visits from Police, Fire, and Paramedics • Face Painting • Sidewalk Chalk • Musical Entertainment • Dunking Booth • Restaurant Samples • Night Out Tattoos

Have a wonderful safe evening at YOUR neighborhood block party August 3rd!

NNO Hotline: 651.249.2192



Dear Residents

During last fall's election campaign for city council I walked door to door in as many neighborhoods as I could for two reasons. The first reason, of course, was to introduce myself to people and try to convince them that they should vote for me in the upcoming election. (I'm pretty pleased with how that part worked out!) The second reason was so I could hear what you had to say so I could better understand what the issues were as far as the residents were concerned. I heard about a lot of different things that were concerns for people all the way from the neighbor's trashcan to a lengthy dissertation on the entire political structure of the United States.

There was one concern that I heard in the south leg of the city numerous times; it was that they had no council people from their part of the city. I decided that if I were elected I would do my best to make sure that the people from the south leg had easy access to a councilperson. I believe that if people can feel comfortable with the people that represent them, there can

be a better discussion of issues or events in the city, avoiding the tension and anger that can sometimes accompany the various activities the city is involved in. To accomplish this in the south leg, I (with the council's support) set up the South Leg Group. The only qualifications needed to be a part of the group is that you live in the southern portion of the city and that you are interested enough to come to the meetings. We have met three times, the last meeting having been in June with 42 people attending. The discussion topics are brought forward by the people who have attended the meetings. So far we have discussed policing policy, park and trails, and the activities of the city clerk's office. The next meeting is scheduled for August 26 at 7:00 pm at fire station #4 on London Lane. The topic for that meeting will be fire protection and ambulance service in the south leg.

I have been told by some people that I shouldn't give special treatment to an individual part of the city. My reply to them is that I don't believe that I am.

All of the current council is from the northern part of the city. My neighbors, or those of the other councilpersons, can walk across the street and discuss an issue, if they desire, or with a 5 or 10-minute drive they can come to a council meeting. I am just trying to give a similar opportunity to the people of the south leg.

I hope to expand these meetings to other areas of the city. If I can drum up some interest in the west end of the city, I would like to try to set something up there next. If your neighborhood or group is interested in starting a dialog, I would be happy to work with you too.

The more time we can spend talking through the general operations and issues in the city, the better we will be able to work through the tough issues when they arise.

Council Member, Will Rossbach
H 651.484.5427
will.rossbach@ci.maplewood.mn.us

Capital Improvement Projects: Kohlman Lake 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 Kohlman Lake Neighborhood where two projects are planned.

1. Walter Street Trail Corridor
2. Gervais Avenue, Maplewood Drive to Cypress



The Walter Street Trail Corridor project will connect Sunset Ridge Park to the Little Canada trail system in 2006. For more information on this project, contact the Parks and Recreation Director, Bruce Anderson at 651.770.4573.

The Gervais Avenue project involves reconstruction and realignment of the road from Maplewood Drive to Cypress in 2005. For further information on this projects, contact the Public Works Director, Chuck Ahl at 651.770.4552.

Information on projects in other neighborhoods is in the 2004-2008 CIP booklet, which is available for public review at the Maplewood branch of the Ramsey County Library.

Maplewood Historical Society

**Johnny Appleseed Day and
Open House at Bruentrup
Heritage Farm**

FREE!

August 21 from 11:00 - 3:00 pm



Farm Animals,
Tractor Wagon
Rides, Cider Press,
Music and More.

For more
information call

Carolyn Peterson at 651.748.9009.

Construction is progressing on the new building at the Bruentrup Heritage Farm, between the house and the parking lot, resembling the chicken house which could not be moved from the original farm site. It will house a garage for the caretakers, and a visitor center with rest rooms.

Road Construction Ahead!

Get ready for road construction in the area west of the Maplewood Mall. Since last fall, there has been a flurry of activity taking place within the new Legacy Village Development, located west of the Maplewood Mall. The project to realign County Road D west of the Maplewood Mall is set to begin.

County Road D between Hazelwood Street and Southlawn Drive will be the first phase to begin



construction. County Road D will be closed off entirely at Hazelwood Street with access maintained to local businesses and residential properties via County Road D. Traffic from Hazelwood Street and County

Road D will be detoured via Southlawn Drive and Beam Avenue during this phase of construction. The first phase is expected to be complete by November 2004.

Construction of the new County Road D, west of Hazelwood is expected to begin in late-summer 2004

and be complete by July 2005.

Other city road construction projects taking place this summer are:

- **Legacy Parkway** (currently under construction) Located in the Legacy Village Development, between Hazelwood Street and Southlawn Drive. Work to be completed by October 2004.

- **Hazelwood/County Road C Area Streets** (currently under construction) Neighborhood street reconstruction project. Project area located between County Road C and Highway 36 near Hazelwood Street. Work to be completed by October 2004.

- **Carlton Street** (currently under construction) Located near 3M, between Conway Avenue and Minnehaha Avenue. Work to be completed by September 2004.

For more descriptions, updates and location maps of these and other city projects, visit the city website at www.ci.maplewood.mn.us and click on "Read More" in the "Current Projects" section or Contact Chris Cavett, Assistant City Engineer at 651.249.2403.

City Selects Representatives For A Newly Formed Environmental Committee

Congratulations to the following Maplewood residents who were appointed by the City Council to serve on the Environmental Committee; Jeff Connell, Cammy Johnson, Jason Bailey, Gerald Moran, Shelly McVicker, Dale Trippler, and Hans Neve. The City also wants to thank the residents who took part in the interview process. City staff will provide support to the committee and also will serve in a technical capacity role.

The Environmental Committee is responsible for advising the City Council and other boards on matters relevant to the environment. This may include recycling, solid waste, environmental education, water resources, wetlands, and storm water management. Meetings will begin in September of 2004 on the first Tuesday of each month at City Hall at 7:00 pm.

The Environmental Committee will be working to:

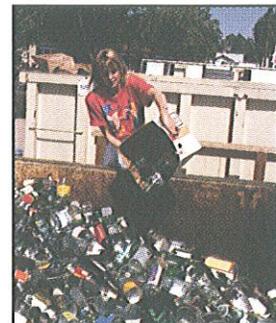
- Promote recycling participation from Maplewood residents including multi-

unit residential complexes.

- Promote recycling participation from Maplewood businesses.
- Promote reduction and prevention of solid waste generation from Maplewood residents and businesses.
- Educate residents and businesses about storm water management and reducing pollutants that may adversely impact surface and ground water.
- Promote natural landscaping techniques including the use of rain gardens, composting, low-impact lawns and increase awareness of exotic plant species.
- Encourage students to take on a leadership role in promoting environmental causes and programs.
- Continue to maintain a close working relationship with Ramsey County and other governmental regulatory bodies.
- Support and help implement the mission and goals of the City Council.

The first topic the Environmental Committee will tackle is recycling and solid waste. The City would like to partner with multi-unit residential complexes and develop strategies to

encourage recycling and reduce the amount of solid waste. The Environmental Committee will promote recycling and solid waste reduction at the residential level and will



be working with schools to promote recycling and encourage students to get involved. The committee will also be responsible for advising the City Council on contractual issues as it relates to recycling and solid waste.

Other topics of discussion will be: Storm water management and reducing runoff material and the importance of wetlands and their buffer areas.

If you have any questions, contact DuWayne Konewko, Environmental Management Specialist at 651.249.2330 or duwayne.konewko@ci.maplewood.mn.us.

Council's Corner

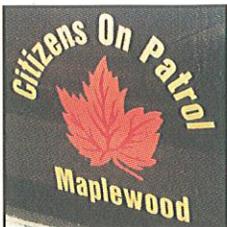
Highlights of the June, 2004 Maplewood City Council meetings:

- Mayor Cardinal recognized Matthew Hite, Delta Company with the National Guard Infantry, who will be serving in Afghanistan for 18 months and is a recent Tartan High School graduate.
- Mayor Cardinal recognized Gordy Heininger for serving on the Human Relations Committee since January of 1991.
- The City Council appointed the following members to serve on the Environmental Committee:

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|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Jeff Connell-3 year term | Shelly McVicker-2 year term |
| Cammy Johnson-3 year term | Dale Trippler-2 year term |
| Jason Bailey-3 year term | Hans Neve-2 year term |
| Gerald Moran-3 year term | |
- Council accepted the low bid from United Roofing of \$82,775 for the re-roofing of Maplewood Fire Stations 1 and 3.
- Moved to participate in 800 MHz with Ramsey County and to hold a public hearing on the matter within 60 days.
- Council encouraged all residents of Maplewood to participate in National Night Out Tuesday August 3rd.
- Moved to continue to allow the Maplewood Commissions to appoint their own chairs.

For more current highlights of the council meeting log on to:
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Maplewood Citizens On Patrol Seeks New Members



The Maplewood Citizens on Patrol [COP] unit is a volunteer group of concerned residents who patrol the City in cars identified with the COP logo and equipped with police radios. These trained volunteers act as the "eyes and ears" of the police, looking for violations of the law, safety hazards, and suspicious activity. They offer assistance to motorists and patrons of the City's many recreational areas. They do not take any enforcement action.

The training for the COP unit is easy, fun, and takes a minimal time commitment. The members then are free to patrol whenever their schedule permits. There are no minimum hours per month and only a few casual meetings per year. (Must be a Maplewood resident, 18 years or older with a valid driver's license and you must pass a criminal background check.)

For more information on this program please call Lt. Kevin Rabbett, 651.249.2604.

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Housing & Redevelopment Authority

August 10 at 7:00pm

Human Relations Commission

No meeting scheduled

Parks & Recreation Commission

August 16 at 7:00pm

Planning Commission

August 2 & 16 at 7:00pm

Mayor's Forum

August 7 at 10:00am-noon

Historical Preservation Commission

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CITY NEWS 

September 2004

 **Vote! September 14**

PRIMARY ELECTION

Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

City of Maplewood Precinct Locations:

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

If you have questions regarding the Primary Election, please contact 651-249-2002 or karen.guilfoile@ci.maplewood.mn.us.



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- Dutch Elm Disease
- National Night Out 2004
- Historical Preservation Commission Opening

School Bus Safety

School bus safety is a major concern of parents as school resumes. School bus safety is the responsibility of motorists, bus drivers, passengers and parents.

Drivers should use caution anytime school is in session, but please be extra cautious in school zones and areas where buses stop and children congregate. Motorists are required to stop at least 20 feet from a school bus stopped on a street or highway displaying an extended stop-signal arm and flashing red lights. A driver shall not move their vehicle until the school bus stop-signal arm is retracted and the red lights are no longer flashing.



- Get to the bus stop at least five minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive.
- When the bus approaches, stand at least three giant steps (6 feet) away from the curb, and line up away from the street.
- Wait until the bus stops, the door opens, and the driver says that it's okay before stepping onto the bus.
- If you have to cross the street in front of the bus, walk on the sidewalk or along the side of the road to a point at least five giant steps (10 feet) ahead of the bus before you cross. Be sure that the bus driver can see you, and you can see the bus driver.
- Use the handrails to avoid falls. When exiting the bus, be careful that clothing with drawstrings, and book bags with straps don't get caught in the handrails or doors.
- Never walk behind the bus.

how Maplewood came into being. In 1956, Maplewood residents made a decision to change their community from township status to a village government primarily because of their need for sanitary sewer services. The city fathers wished to connect with the St. Paul sewer system because that provided the best solution to the problem they were faced with. The St. Paul city council refused to negotiate a sewer contract with New Canada Township unless the township agreed to swap the 3M properties. St. Paul wanted to annex the strip of land, along the east county line on which the Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing complex was and is built. According to law, St. Paul would have had the right to annex any land it wanted as long as that land was part of a township; but could not do so if the land belonged to a village. It was partly because of this that the citizens decided to incorporate.

Maplewood residents can access information from the city through a variety of means. Whether through the Internet (www.ci.maplewood.mn.us), open public records, community organizations, or informal community channels, citizens can take advantage of the existing opportunities on educating themselves on major issues. Successful communities have dialogue, information sharing, and deliberation, across diverse interests. Shared information and a safe space for dialogue greatly enhances a communities' ability to work toward cooperation and

plays within the community. The media understands the responsibility that goes with informing the public and puts forth the effort to report all sides of any pressing issue. While reporting on problems and sensationalizing stories is a reality with any news media, the thoughtful media will also take the time to focus on solutions and report on those efforts and people that are making a difference in the community. The media has to recognize the investments in the community and the welfare of the community is at stake as it struggles to make democracy work. Our community wishes to share and communicate at the highest levels possible and Maplewood residents should understand all vital issues of our community, and help us all make informed decisions. Just as it is the responsibility of the city, the media and other community sources to make information readily available to the public, residents have a similar responsibility to search out a true cross section of opinions and viewpoints.

Please let me know what you think.

Bob Cardinal
Mayor

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2005 Preliminary Budget Sent to Council

The Mayor and City Council recently received the 2005 preliminary budget prepared by City staff. The starting point for budget preparations began with the goals and objectives set by the council earlier in the year. The highest priority goals identified were preserving high quality emergency medical services, neighborhood redevelopment and revitalization, traffic planning, and infrastructure replacement (especially roads and sewers).

One new major initiative involves the transfer of a portion of the emergency medical services from police officers and CSO/paramedics to a shared fire/police hybrid plan. The change is necessary to meet increasing demands on the police. This will lead to additional city staffing which may grow by as much as eight positions.

Another critical issue for the council is preserving the economic and social vitality of the City through the maintenance of roads, sewers and neighborhoods. The proposed 2005 capital improvement expenditure is \$3,809,740 or 49.5% more than 2004. The largest projects planned for 2004 include construction of an addition to the Public Works Building (\$1,050,000), and the police and fire 800 MHz communication system (\$838,940). Proposed expenditures next year for debt service are \$8.8 million, which is 40.7% more than this year to finance payments on city bond issues

Utility rates in 2005 will be increased by \$13.05 per quarter on an average home. The sewer rate increase is needed to finance an increase in expenses, most of which are for contracted sewage treatment costs that are up 10%. Recycling rates are also higher, due to a 3% increase in program costs and the need to increase working capital. In addition, the environmental utility charge that finances storm water management activities needs to be increased because the rates initially set in 2004 have not produced the anticipated revenues.

The \$36.3 million preliminary budget plan could increase property taxes in the range of 1% to nearly 15% depending on the number of programs funded. City taxes this year on a median value home (\$156,000 value) were \$49 per month, which represents 28% of the total tax bill. The proposed tax levy for 2005 will increase city taxes from \$1 to \$8 per month depending on council action.

The Council will be meeting twice before the September 15th budget deadline to finalize the preliminary levy to be certified to the County. Once the preliminary levy is certified to the County, the City cannot raise the amount, but has the option of lowering the levy. The exact amount will not be available until Ramsey County sends notices to each homeowner in November. It is expected that the increase in the city tax levy will be partly offset by increases in the city tax base due to building activity.

Commission Vacancy

The city of Maplewood has an opening on the Police Civil Service Commission. The Commission is a 3-member Council-appointed body which oversees the hiring process for all uniformed officers and may act as a hearing panel for grievances and disciplinary issues. Members serve three-year terms. This term expires December 2006. Deadline to apply is October 1, 2004

Signs are Everywhere!

Signs are an important element of business success. Sign codes give guidelines to businesses for visibility and promotion and protect the public health, safety, and welfare. Maplewood's current sign code was adopted in 1977 with the city making several minor revisions since then. The city is considering a much-needed update to the sign code. It is important to include both businesses and residents in this decision-making process. Please take a moment to fill out our short, anonymous on-line Web Clicks survey. All responses will be considered throughout our sign code revision process. Keep posted for progress reports and future public hearings regarding signs.

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- The Harvest Park Improvements project will irrigate the existing five fields and overseed to established turf in 2006.
- In 2008, the Hazelwood Park Trail Corridor will be connected to the internal Hazelwood Park trail system.
- The Hartford Group, Inc. has dedicated a 10-acre park site for the Legacy Village Sculpture Park project, where a passive sculpture garden will be constructed in 2004-2005.

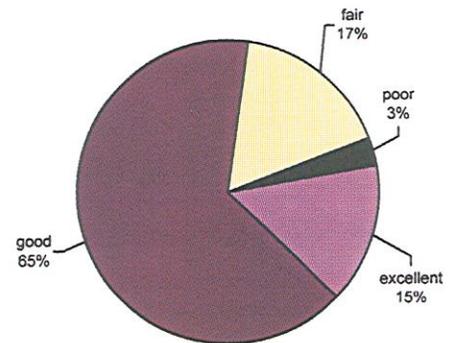
For further information on these projects, contact the Parks and Recreation Director at 651.249.2102.

- In 2005, Hazelwood Street will be reconstructed from Beam Avenue to County Road D.
- County Road D will be reconstructed from Hazelwood to White Bear Avenue in 2009. This project will also include a trail connection from Southlawn to White Bear Avenue.
- Major 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 and County Road D.

- The extension of the Bruce Vento Trail north of Beam Avenue is scheduled for completion in 2005.
- A traffic signal is planned for 2006 at the intersection of Kennard Street and County Road D.

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.



Citizen Survey Results

A survey of the residents of Maplewood by the National Research Center gave officials a chance to measure citizen satisfaction from tax rates to snow plowing. Using a national research model, the City was also able to compare results with Cities around the region and the U.S.

The City scored similar to the norm in almost all categories except snow plowing, sidewalk maintenance and recreation programs where Maplewood was judged to be above the norm.

The City had a favorable response when survey takers were asked to rate the overall quality of services provided. The results indicated that 80% of residents rated the overall quality of services as good or excellent.

The complete survey can be viewed at City Hall or by going to the Maplewood WEB page



China Delegation

A delegation from Zhejiang Province, China met with Mayor Bob Cardinal and the City Manager on July 29th. Vice Mayor Huiqin He and three Province staff members were introduced with the idea of exploring the possibility of establishing a "Sister City" relationship.

The delegation is seeking to establish business contacts for possible trade and investment opportunities. Having a Sister City relationship would enable both Cities to exchange cultural and operational ideas, as well as help to facilitate overseas trade.

The members of the Zhejiang Province will report back to their full council and Mayor and will then inform Maplewood of any ongoing interest in formalizing a Sister City relationship.

Pictured with Mayor Cardinal are, Ms. Huiqin He, Vice Mayor of Jiashan, Zhejiang Province, Mr. Yanming Sun, Director of Bi-tech Department, Mr.

Buckthorn Herbicide Coupon

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

Dege's Garden Center: 25% OFF!
 Concentrated Kills-All®
 Ferti-Lome® Brush and Stump Killer (8 oz - 2 1/2 gallon).
 651.739.5296

Gerten's Greenhouse: 20% OFF!
 All Glyphosate products. 651.450.1501

Bachman's: 20% OFF! (Maplewood store only)
 Vine-X® (13% Trichlophyr) 651.770.0531

Linder's Garden Center: 20% OFF!
 All Glyphosate products and Brush-B-Gone®
 651.400.1037

- Approved the Cahanes Estates preliminary plat at 2415 Minnehaha Avenue.
- Approved staff recommendation of MnDOT's request to grant municipal consent for the proposed improvements to Interstate 94 between McKnight Road and TH 120 and approve the hiring of URS Engineers to conduct additional noise monitoring within the project area.
- Directed staff to establish a Neighborhood Work Group with the intent of working out final design details for any and all solutions including an earthen berm and plantings along the Highway 94 project corridor.
- Adopted the preliminary plat for the Trout Land Development project at County Road D west of Highway 61.
- Adopted a resolution changing the land use plan for the Olivia Gardens plat on the west side of Stillwater Road, north of Bush Avenue.
- The following candidates were appointed to the Historical Preservation Commission:
 - Richard Currie-3 year term
 - Lucille Aurelius-3 year term
 - Robert Creager-2 year term
- Police Chief Thomalla announced that the Maplewood Explorers placed fourth in the National Competition in Emergency First Aid in Atlanta Georgia.
- Approved the following Charitable Gambling Fund Requests:

| Organization | Approved |
|------------------------------|----------|
| Maplewood Historical Society | 10,120 |
| American Red Cross | 1,720 |
| Maplewood Police Explorers | 4,360 |
| L.C. Webster PTO | 2,200 |
| Ramsey County Fair | 4,400 |
| Heritage Theatre Company | 3,140 |
| 622 Communities Partnership | 300 |
| Maplewood Police Reserves | 2,480 |
| Dispute Resolution Center | 3,600 |
| MCC - Room Rentals | 13,500 |

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GLADSTONE NEIGHBORHOOD STRATEGIC PLANNING: Make Your Voice Heard.....

Over the past eight months the City of Maplewood has been undertaking a strategic planning study to consider the future revitalization of the Gladstone Neighborhood. The City's latest Gladstone revitalization concept plan is based on an accumulation of comments and guidance received by the Gladstone neighbors, business owners, staff and our planning consultant. The next step proposed in the Gladstone strategic planning process is to bring the plan to the advisory boards for recommendation to the city council.

A critical element for a successful strategic planning process is the involvement of residents and business owners in the neighborhood. Your input, along with a collaborative effort of professional and citizen planners, elected officials, and others will help guide the Gladstone revitalization concept plan and future community improvements. To help ensure all interested parties are heard on the Gladstone strategic planning process, the City is offering an on-line website survey designed to gain feedback on the latest concept plan. The survey will run until October 31, 2004. Please take a moment to visit the city's website at ci.maplewood.mn.us to complete a survey and ensure your voice is heard.



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- Community Center Anniversary Celebration
- 2004 Maplewood Buckthorn Removal Program
- Election Information
- Sign Code Survey Update

Holiday Food Shelf Challenge

Maplewood City staff will once again join in friendly competition with Oakdale and possibly North St. Paul in stocking the North St. Paul food shelf. Last year Maplewood and the City of Oakdale participated in a fun and impassioned campaign that resulted in 1,000s of pounds of food and \$1,000s going to our area food shelves.

The challenge is to see which community can raise the

The competition is done to bring awareness of the need that exists in our Community during the holidays as well as celebrate the Community's generosity.

If you would like to help the mayor, city council and Maplewood City employees stock the food shelf you can send your donation to City Hall located at 1830 East County Road B. City Hall will accept non-perishable food and personal hygiene items and money. Money collected is then forwarded to Second Harvest Food Shelf and deposited into the North St. Paul Food Shelf account.

when in reality we are still experiencing development and change. The new housing and commercial developments we are experiencing bring added value to the community and help spread the costs of city services and infrastructure. With continued new investment, we have the resources to attract jobs, maintain our schools, streets and services but also build wealth in our largest tangible investment – our homes.

For those of us who have lived in Maplewood for a very long time and for newcomers, change is sometimes hard to understand or accept. Current new developments include: new streets at Legacy Village near Maplewood Mall, Interstate 94 will be widened to three lanes between McKnight Road and Century Avenue, new housing and office construction is strong, and a number of sites within Maplewood are primed and ready for redevelopment. It is this concept of “redevelopment” that seems to draw the greatest citizen interest.

As a council member, it is my responsibility to look not only at the impact of redevelopment on a particular neighborhood, but to be forward-thinking and have a vision for the entire city. This vision should be responsible, allow us to prosper, and add value (both monetary and non-monetary) to the city – for residents and business owners like YOU and ME!!!

understand what other alternative plans (and consequences) are possible for a particular site. Without looking at the “what if’s” and “could be’s,” I don’t believe any of us are getting a complete picture of what redevelopment or development could look like. That’s why, during neighborhood and council meetings, I ask the “what if” and “could be” questions. I already know the answers to many of the questions I pose – I ask so that the residents of Maplewood get more information and have the opportunity to learn about property owner rights, ordinances, and more importantly, so you get a more complete picture of development and redevelopment scenarios.

If you ever question the underlying intent of a question or statement, I encourage you to contact the person that made the statement directly – there’s no better way to get a first-hand explanation but from the horse’s mouth!! And, as always, welcome your questions, comments, and input on any city issue. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Jackie Monahan-Junek

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Home: 777-6384

Preliminary Levy Adopted

The Mayor and City Council unanimously approved the \$13.86 million 2005 preliminary levy at the September 13, council meeting. If the preliminary levy holds up through December without further cuts it will result in an approximate 5% increase for property taxes payable in '05. The new levy means that the median valued homeowner will have an increase of about \$2.50 per month in City taxes, while a home valued at \$250,000 will see an increase of about \$3.95 per month.

The Mayor and City Council spent considerable time with staff trimming the budget back from what would have been a 13% tax hike. Cuts were made in maintenance staffing, capital projects and reserve funds for park operations. The cuts were necessitated by increases in police spending for the hiring of three additional police officers. Recent growth in housing, business and population has increased the demand for police and medical services.

The budget priorities reflect the Mayor and Council’s response to this summer’s survey results which revealed the public’s interest in additional police related services while at the same time keeping tax increases fairly small. The 5% proposed increase is relatively modest compared to the last few years when the City was making up for nearly \$3 million in aid cuts from the State. Public hearings on the budget are scheduled for December 6th and the 13th when final adoption of the budget is scheduled.

Property tax payers will receive Truth in Taxation statements sometime around mid-November. The statements will identify taxes payable in '05 for Schools, the County and the City and information on public hearings.

2004 Buckthorn Removal Program

The targeted neighborhood for Maplewood buckthorn removal this year is the southernmost triangle bordered by Century Avenue on the east, the Maplewood/Newport border on the south and Interstate 494 on the west. Residents of this neighborhood will receive free pick up, of buckthorn only, the weeks of October 18th and 25th. Your buckthorn should be stacked along the boulevard, but not overhanging the street or sidewalk, by October 18. City workers will start picking up buckthorn on that date, and will continue to pick up until they have visited all pre-registered households.

For other residents, the City of Maplewood will have two buckthorn-only drop-off sites this year: the Maplewood Community Center and the Londin Lane Fire Station parking areas.

- The Maplewood Community Center drop-off will be held on October 16, 17, 23 and 24
- The Londin Lane Fire Station drop-off will be held from October 1 to October 14

For more information, call the buckthorn hotline at 651.249.2188

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



Capital Improvement Projects - Maplewood Heights Neighborhood

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- The Joy Park Improvements project consists of construction of a large picnic shelter and parking lot improvements in 2007.
- The Joy Park Redevelopment includes reconfiguration of Joy Road, an improved boat ramp, small picnic shelters, creative play area and restoring native plant species. The redevelopment is scheduled to begin in 2008 with completion in 2009.

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

- The Beam Avenue, White Bear to Bellaire project involves replacement of the pavement in 2008.
- In 2005 County Road D will be reconstructed from McKnight to Lydia.

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.

Maplewood's Fall Clean-up Day

The city will be holding a fall clean-up event from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm on October 16 in the Gethsemane Lutheran Church (2410 Stillwater Avenue) parking lot. Please enter from Bartelmy Lane.

Due to budget cuts, fees will be charged to Maplewood residents who utilize this service to help defray the costs associated with sponsoring this event. Proof of residency will be required. The fee schedule is listed to the right. 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 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. No brush or tree waste will be accepted.

Road Construction Ahead

Fall Construction Update:

County Road D Realignment (east of Hazelwood):

Currently under construction and will continue on through most of October. This segment of road should be opened to traffic around the end of October.

County Road D Realignment (between Highway 61 and Hazelwood):

Little work if any is expected to take place this fall, with the bulk of construction taking place next spring. The new east road is expected to be open to traffic in July of 2005.

County Road D Realignment (west of Highway 61):

The contract for this project was awarded on September 13, 2004. Construction work will take place this fall. Construction will resume next spring with the new west road expected to be open to traffic in July of 2005.

County Road C / Hazelwood Area Neighborhood Street Project:

The 2004 neighborhood streets project (south of County Road C and North of Highway 36, near Hazelwood), has proceeded very well and is nearly complete.

Carlton Street (between Conway and Minnehaha):

This project is still under construction, but is expected to be substantially complete and open to traffic in October.

Next Year's Projects:

Gladstone North Neighborhood Streets Project:

The 2005 neighborhood streets project area, (north of Frost, south of County Road B, west of Hazelwood & east of the Vento trail), is scheduled for reconstruction in 2005. The engineering department is currently preparing a feasibility study and will notify affected residents by mail of neighborhood meetings to be scheduled for this fall.

Hazelwood Street (between Beam Ave. & County Road D):

This segment of road is scheduled to be reconstructed in 2005. The engineering department is currently preparing a feasibility study and will notify affected property owners by mail of upcoming meetings.

More information on specific projects can be found at: www.ci.maplewood.mn.us (Click on "Current Projects" on the left column)

Clean-up Day Fees: Cash or check only

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| 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 (residential appliances - in addition to above costs) | \$10 |
| Example fees: | |
| Car without trailer plus console TV | \$20 |

Highlights from the August City Council meetings:

- Adopted an agreement with Trout Land, LLC, which approves the payment amounts for right-of-entry, easement and right of way acquisition for the County Road D Realignment Project between Trunk Highway 61 and Highridge Court.
- Approved to review the conditional use permit for the over-sized garage for the property at 1501 Henry Lane again in one year or sooner if a problem arises or if the owner proposes a significant change to the site.
- Approved the purchase of five laptop computers and internet service for use by the Mayor and Council members.
- Authorized the hiring of one regular part-time clerk-typist in the public works department.
- Scheduled the fall cleanup date for October 6, at Gethsemane Lutheran Church at 2410 Stillwater Avenue from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- Accepted the list of Election Judges for the 2004 Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, September 14th, 2004.
- Adopted a resolution approving a conditional use permit for David Conover to store or park up to three heavy commercial vehicles (two trucks and loader) on the property at 65 Larpenteur Avenue East.
- Accepted a \$500.00 donation for the Maplewood Police Reserves from the Ramsey County Agricultural Society/Fair Board.
- Adopted a resolution executing an agreement with the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Office of Traffic Safety, for the Safe and Sober Communities project Koppen moved to approve the preliminary plat date stamped July 14, 2004 for the proposed Hillside Estates plat.

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Council Meeting 7:00 pm

October 14 & 25

Pre-Agenda Meetings

October 7 & 21 at 5:00 pm

Community Design Review Board

October 12 & 26 at 6:00 pm

Human Relations Commission

October 5 at 7:00 pm

Parks & Recreation Commission

October 18 at 7:00pm

Planning Commission

October 4 & 18 at 7:00pm

Housing & Redevelopment Authority

October 12 at 7:00pm

Mayor's Forum

October 2, 10:00am - Noon

Historical Preservation Commission

October 21 at 7:00pm

Environmental Committee

October 5 at 7:00 pm

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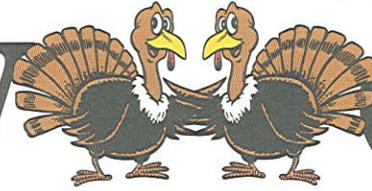
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CITY NEWS



November 2004

Maplewood Community Center and City Hall Gain A New Neighbor



David Chase of Kraus-Anderson Construction and Ramsey County will soon be building a 15,150 square-foot suburban courts building on the vacant city-owned property at 2050 White Bear Avenue. This new \$2.7 million courts building will replace the existing space that the county is leasing in the building at 2785 White Bear Avenue. Construction is scheduled to start by the first of the year with completion expected by August 1.

The Ramsey County Board considered seven alternative sites and endorsed the location near the Maplewood City Hall and Community Center on a 4-3 vote.

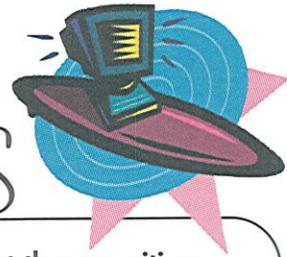
Maplewood City Council approved the new county court house on 9/27/04.

This new site will benefit the county by improving their courts space facilities and will be a complimentary facility to the city (especially the police) of having the courthouse facility within Maplewood.

The exterior of the courts building will have colored jumbo brick, prefinished cement fiber board panels, colored rock face block, and metal panel siding. In addition, it will have two courtrooms, office space, meeting rooms and associated space for the suburban courts operation.

Watch for the development to begin. For more information on this project, contact the city planner, Ken Roberts at 651.249.2303.

WEB CLICKS



Learn more about these exciting topics and events by logging on to 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.

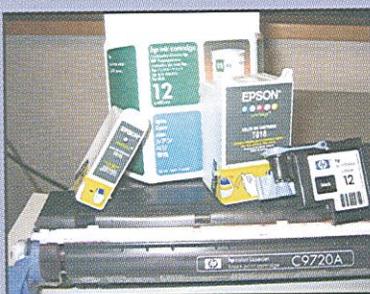
Join the Environmental Committee

Advise the City Council on a variety of environmental issues. Applications are due November 22, 2004. Call DuWayne Konewko at 651.249.2330 or download an application off "Web Clicks".

Holiday Food Shelf Challenge

Don't forget to drop off your food shelf donation at City Hall. (last day 12/31/04)

Recycle For A Better Tomorrow...



As concerned citizens, we believe one of our responsibilities is to help keep our environment clean. In an effort to place fewer plastic products in our landfills, the City of Maplewood is pleased to

We are looking for empty ink jet and laser toner cartridges that you may be using at your home or office. Please come to the lobby of City Hall, admissions desk at Maplewood Community Center or the Maplewood Nature Center to pick up an envelope for ink jet cartridges or to drop off your toner cartridges. Postage has been prepaid. Just place your ink cartridge in one of the envelopes and drop in the mail or leave your toner cartridges at any of the locations.

partner with AAA Environmental, Inc. This partnership offers city employees and the public an exciting

Goals and vision are very important to the civic health and quality of life of any community. Setting specific goals and having broad long-range vision are of great significance to our Maplewood community as we approach "turning 50" (in 2007).

In the late 1950's, the leaders of the Village of Maplewood were focused on establishing a solid tax base, securing basic services, adopting building codes and economic development vision, and building a police force. In 2004, the Maplewood City Council and city staff are still concerned with building a stable tax base, maintaining/improving basic services and infrastructure, prioritizing development and redevelopment plans, and improving and maintaining high quality police-fire-EMS services. In addition, we include environmental issues, parks and open space as high priorities.

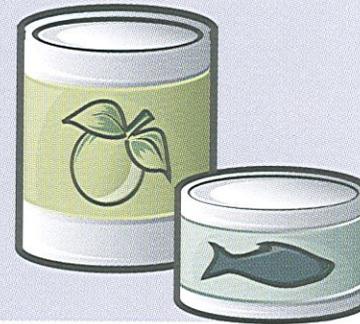
As our city ages, our needs and demands for services increase. Our goal is much the same as that of our predecessors: to develop and maintain a strong, safe, livable community. When planning for new development, e.g. Legacy Village, or potential redevelopment, e.g. Gladstone, the issue is the same: balance—land use, infrastructure demands, environmental protection, housing/commercial goals, various governmental regulations, legal constraints, and resident wishes and concerns.

Building and maintaining a viable community is a complicated process that requires the dedication, talents, patience and efforts of everyone involved—city council, commissions, professional staff, and residents. Thanks to all who participate in this process in any way in Maplewood.

I hope everyone will enjoy a happy, peace filled holiday season!

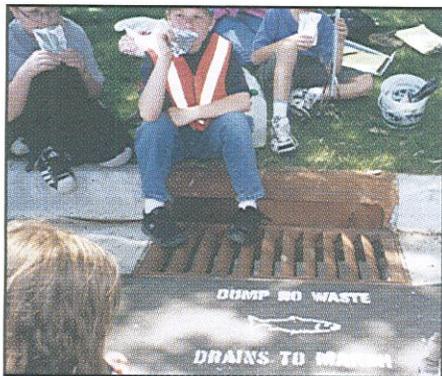
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Reminder: Food Shelf Challenge continues through December 31. Non-perishable food and personal hygiene items or monetary donations (checks payable to Second Harvest Heartland) are accepted at City Hall, Maplewood Community Center, Nature Center and Maplewood Fire Stations. Meet the challenge; help make Maplewood the top contributor; partner to help those in need in our community.



Cleaning Up Stormwater Runoff

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.



Maplewood Nature Center staff stenciling storm drains

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.

Each of us contributes to stormwater pollution and each of us can help prevent storm water pollution. Here are a few ways that each of us can help:

- 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.

For more information on these and other ways to help prevent stormwater pollution, please log onto the City of Maplewood's website at www.ci.maplewood.mn.us. Future issues of Maplewood City News will discuss how these nonpoint source pollutants affect water quality. In addition, the recently formed Environmental Committee will be developing a water quality informational fact sheet regarding stormwater runoff for your home and yard that the City will distribute in the spring of 2005.

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



Capital Improvement Projects

Sherwood Glen 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 Sherwood Glen Neighborhood where eight projects are planned.

1. MCC Fixtures and Furniture Replacement
2. Hazelwood Street, Frost Avenue to Cope Avenue
3. Public Works Building Addition
4. Gladstone North Streets
5. Salt Storage Building
6. Highway 36 Pedestrian Crossing at Hazelwood
7. City Hall Parking Lot
8. Lark/Prosperity/Burke Area Streets

In 2005, the tables, chairs and other miscellaneous furniture will be replaced within the Community Center. In addition, pool furniture will be replaced where applicable. For more information on the Community Center project, contact the Parks and Recreation Director at 651.249.2102.

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

An addition to the Public Works Building will be constructed in 2005. This will provide garage space for the additional vehicles and equipment that have been acquired since the building was completed in 1978.

In 2005, the Gladstone North Streets project will provide new pavement on ten streets. The streets are near the southwest corner of Hazelwood and County Road B.

A Salt Storage Building will be constructed in 2005 to comply with an anticipated legal requirement to protect the environment. The structure will be located within the Public Works maintenance yard near City Hall.

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



Maplewood City Hall

The City Hall parking lot is scheduled to be repaved in 2006.

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

For more information on these projects, contact the Public Works Director at 651.249.2102.



The Nature Center and Maplewood Community Center had great success with their anniversary celebrations. If you didn't get the opportunity to stop by, here is what you missed.

Celebrating 25 years of environmental success at the Maplewood Nature Center!



Kids and parents enjoy the new exhibits including the crawl through log and puppet theater.

The glacial remnant that is green heron pond was busy with nearly 700 visitors on Saturday, September 25. We enjoyed watching many diverse entertainers under the big tent!

Kids were seen wearing "buffs" printed with tracks and animals. There was the Ride 'em TV where one could try to generate enough electricity on the exercise bike to watch a little TV while you ride. Outside, the biggest hit was the

creepy crawly petting zoo where tarantulas and scorpions were held by many a brave hand.

Many free door prizes were won and we gave away water bottles made from recycled plastic. People learned what things they could do in their yard to help the environment.

Grow along with nature! Come to walk the trails, discover the other 12 preserves, as well as how to encourage nature in your own back yard! Call 651.249.2170 for more information.

Celebrating 10 years of fitness, recreation, and entertainment at Maplewood Community Center!

The Maplewood Community Center celebrated its 10-year anniversary on Sunday, October 10, 2004. Over 500 people took part in the day's event. We took a step back in time and offered 1994 daily admission prices throughout the day.

We started the day's event out with a member appreciation breakfast. The pancakes and sausages were hot and delicious. Door prizes were given out throughout the morning. Awards were given out to the forty-three MyAthlon participants. Congratulations to the many participants who worked hard to complete their MyAthlon goals.



The pool was a splashing good time. Kids were able to climb on the Magic Island and play with the various inflatables. Participants also had the opportunity to create an arts and craft project, play basket buckets or go on a scavenger hunt.

Sunday, October 10th also kicked off our new group fitness

Highlights from the September City Council meetings:

- Directed staff to write a letter to Ramsey County encouraging them to include room for Emergency Management and a Dispatch Center in the proposed Courthouse Project.
- Adopted a resolution approving a change to the comprehensive land use plan from BC (business commercial) to R3H (high density residential) for the 4.6 acre site for the Cottages at Legacy Village on Hazelwood Street.
- Adopted a resolution approving the 33-unit Cottages at Legacy Village PUD (planned unit development) on Hazelwood Street. The city based this approval on the findings required by code.
- Awarded a bid for the construction of County Road D Realignment West to Palda & Sons, Inc. in the amount of \$1,333,032.71.
- Approved the second reading of the Maplewood Pawn Shop Ordinance.
- Adopted a resolution approving the Joint Powers Agreement with Vadnais Heights and Ramsey County for Joint funding of the County Road D Realignment Project between Trunk Highway 61 and Walter Street.
- Adopted a resolution ordering the preparation of the feasibility study for the Hazelwood Street Improvements (Beam Avenue to County Road D, Project 03-39).
- Approved the hearing dates for the Proposed 2005 Budget and Property Tax Levy.
- Initial Hearing-Monday, December 6th at 7:00 pm.
- Continuation Hearing (if needed)-Monday, December 13th at 7:00 pm.
- Adoption Hearing-Monday, December 13th at 7:00 pm.
- Thanked retiring Commissioner Paul Mueller for serving on the Maplewood Planning Commission since 1998.
- Appointed Erik Ahlness to the Maplewood Planning Commission with a term expiring December of 2006.
- Adopted a resolution setting the proposed tax levy for 2004 payable in 2005 in the amount of \$13,858,000 (8%).
- Authorized the Mayor and City Manager to enter in to a Standard Master Agreement for professional Engineering Services from Short Elliott Hendrickson, Inc.
- Approved the second reading of the Electrical Franchise Ordinance with Xcel Energy.

For more current highlights of the council meeting log on to: www.ci.maplewood.mn.us

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Human Relations Commission

November 4 at 7:00pm

Parks & Recreation Commission

November 15 at 7:00pm

Planning Commission

November 1 & 15 at 7:00pm

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November 6 at 10:00am-noon

(at Fire Station #2, 1955 Clarence Street)

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Property Value Shifts Upset Tax Value

By Richard Fursman, City Manager

Some serious choices lay ahead for the mayor and city council as they make the final decisions on the 2005 budget. As 2004 comes to a close, the council must set the final levy for next year and decide between maintaining service levels and programs, and reducing a portion of the upcoming property tax hike.

A decrease in commercial property values combined with a sharp increase in home values has shifted a significant share of property taxes from businesses to homeowners. Officials



from the County appraiser's office indicated that commercial property values decreased almost 1% a year ago, while home owners experienced a 15% increase in value at the

same time. This shift will cause many homeowners to experience a 13.8% city property tax increase in 2005 instead of the 5% that was anticipated by City staff and council.

To fund everything that is currently in the 2005 proposed budget, the average homeowner will pay an additional \$7 per month in taxes. The council has several options to decrease that amount, all of which have consequences. They could hold off approving three new police officers planned to broaden patrol options and get Maplewood more involved in the area drug task force. They also have discussed the options of cutting deep into some popular programs such as the nature center, open space restoration and youth recreation programming.

Three years of trimming capital expenditures have left few budget choices for department heads other than cutting people and programs. The council does not want to cut away at the services that make Maplewood a great place to

live, but the city council also realizes that taxes are going up too fast. Recent losses in State Aid are only compounding the problem of trying to keep taxes in line with inflation. In the past three years, the State has reduced aid to Maplewood by over \$2.4 million. The \$2.4 million, which represents about 18% of the City's levy, could not all be absorbed by budget cuts and as a result, has landed hard on homeowners.

A City-wide poll taken during the summer offers some insight, but little help to the council when trying to make decisions on public wishes. Many people expressed frustration with the growing tax burden, but even more residents thought the City should spend more resources in areas the police handle such as traffic, noise, drugs and crime. Residents expressed their delight in the above average parks, trails and recreation programming, leaving the council between the rock of cutting services and the hard place of increasing taxes.

Concerned residents of Maplewood should share their thoughts by coming to the truth-in-taxation meeting on December 6 and/or writing me. Drop me a letter or an email with your thoughts and I will see that they get to the mayor and council. They want to have your input on the 2005 budget and the earlier the better.

December 2004

CITY HALL HOLIDAY HOURS

City Hall will
be closed:

Christmas Eve
Friday,
December 24

New Year's Eve
Friday,
December 31

Have a
safe and
wonderful
holiday
season!

Dear Residents

The City of Maplewood sent a notice to the media in 1993, to find residents interested in forming a Commission for the purpose of collecting information relating to the history of Maplewood. Several people responded. A seven-member commission was appointed. Interest grew so much that they chose to establish the Maplewood Area Historical Society in 1995. From these very small beginnings we have become a very active membership of 117 members at this time.

We have the Historical Preservation Commission. Appointed by the City Council, their role is to work with the city to help preserve our heritage. They have located houses in the city that are 100 years old or more. These residents were given plaques at a special presentation at City Hall. Pictures have been taken of these homes, businesses, and other places of interest.

The Society meets separately on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, 7:00 pm, at the Bruentrup Heritage Farm, 2170 County Road D East, Maplewood. All are welcome. The



Tractor/wagon rides at the Bruentrup Heritage Farm

farm is the home of the Maplewood Area Historical Society. The Mission is to be the collection, preservation, and dissemination of information of Maplewood's people, places and events and to relate that history for present and future generations.

The involvement of the community has been the focus of our work. The biggest project was the saving of the Bruentrup Heritage Farm. The farm originally on White Bear Avenue, was being pursued by developers. Bill and

Raydelle Bruentrup knowing that saving the farm was important to many people, offered it to the City for purchase, but funds were not available at that time. The Society thought the farm should be moved rather than demolished. With land donated for this use by the City, the \$100,000 voted on by the State Legislature, generous donations from private citizens, businesses, labor unions and especially the Bruentrup family, the move was accomplished in 1999. The farm was officially dedicated September 22, 2001 for the purpose of presenting a history of Maplewood's rural beginnings and preserving a landscape which is rapidly disappearing.

The farm was established in 1891 when William Bruentrup married Ida Wagner and the bride's family gave them 40 acres as a wedding gift. They added land until it reached 175 acres. Four generations of the family had farmed there.

Special awards have been given for the preservation. Since the dedication, the farm has had Spring and December open houses every year. The Holiday Open House this year will be Saturday and Sunday, December 11 and 12 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. We also have guests for Farm Teas each January and May. The Teas are very successful and the next Tea will be Saturday, January 8, 2005. Call 651.748.8645 for reservations.

One event that is great fun for everyone is The Harvest Hoedown. This is a fundraiser for the farm and the society. It is held at the end of October every year at the Maplewood Community Center. For information about memberships or any of the events please call Anne at 651.777.6339.

The above information was provided by the Maplewood Historical Society.

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New Emergency Medical Service Model



The city council is considering a staff proposal to blend police paramedic duties with the fire department. The new plan calls for transferring four community service officer-paramedic positions from the police to the fire service. The City would also hire one additional full-time fire fighter-paramedic and an emergency medical service (EMS) coordinator. It has been proposed that the new model will increase efficiencies to the point that all new personnel can be added without increasing costs. The EMS program is operated with funds earned in ambulance fees that cover all direct costs.

The new model would provide relief to police paramedics who now have a heavy dual role on the police department. If the City Council approves the model, the fire department will be responding to a large percentage of the medical calls, with police officer-paramedics being used at times when multiple medical events are happening.

Start Seeing Sculpture...

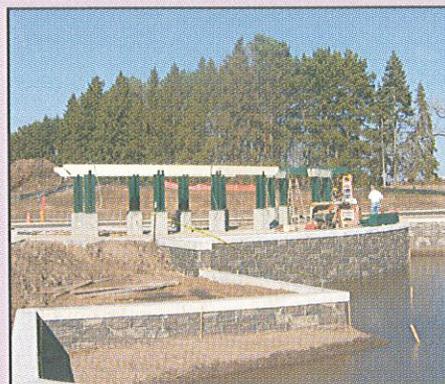
In February 2004, the Maplewood City Council approved the master plan for Legacy Village sculpture garden. Legacy Village sculpture garden is an 11-acre site located west of Maplewood Mall and north of Birch Run Station on the newly constructed Legacy Parkway. The Legacy development is an 80-acre



planned unit development including residential property, restaurants, commercial and senior citizen developments.

Phase one of the new outdoor sculpture garden will be completed December 1. Included in phase one is an internal one and one-half mile trail loop that includes a floating boardwalk, bridge, pergola, lighting and water features.

Phase two will include extensive landscaping focused on native plants as well as a formal rose garden and will be constructed in the spring of 2005. The project



is being funded through the sale of tax abatement bonds.

The sculpture garden will have "pads" for 22 to 30 sculptures. The

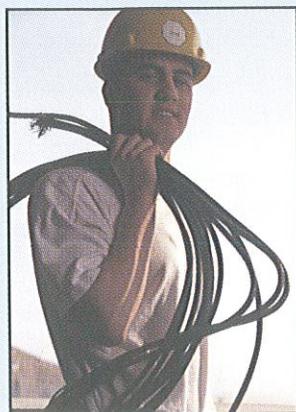
Parks and Recreation Commission and City Council will be establishing policies and procedures for securing sculptures which will be installed in 2005 and beyond. Current plans are for approximately one-third of the sculptures to be permanent pieces, with the remaining two-thirds to be rotated with other outdoor sculpture gardens around the nation on a two- to five-year cycle. The city anticipates corporate and private participation to fund the majority of permanent sculptures.

For additional information and photos on Legacy Village sculpture garden, look on the city website at www.ci.maplewood.mn.us or contact parks and recreation director Bruce Anderson at 651.249.2102.

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 Flicke 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, installing sidewalks and decorative streetlights with banners

and flower baskets, and incorporating entry monuments, street side landscaping, and colored concrete crosswalks.

The Gladstone area redevelopment project began 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 more 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 more information on this project, contact the Parks and Recreation Director at 651.249.2102.

Information on projects in other neighborhoods is in the 2004-2008 CIP booklet, which is available for public review at the Maplewood branch of the Ramsey County Library.

Highlights of the October, 2004 Maplewood City Council meetings:

- Appointed Marlene Palkovich to the Police Civil Service Commission with a term expiring on December 2005.
- Approved the joint project with Union Pacific Railroad and the City of St. Paul for the replacement of the at-grade railroad crossing on McKnight Road, south of Ivy Avenue.
- Adopted a resolution approving the change of manager for the gambling license for The Bird Nightclub and at the AMF Maplewood Lanes.
- Adopted a resolution approving the adoption of the assessment roll of the County Road D Realignment (west), Walter Street to T.H. 61, City Project 02-08.
- Approved an expenditure of \$276,185 for the Police and Fire Department subscriber equipment to utilize the 800 MHz radio system. This equipment includes portable radios for officers and firefighters and mobile radios for squad cars and firefighting equipment.
- Adopted a resolution commending Paul Mueller for his years of service on the Maplewood Planning Commission.
- Adopted a resolution commending Clayton Robinson for his years of service on the Maplewood Police Civil Service Commission.

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

www.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 these 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. It is also a good idea to 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 quicker access in case of a fire.



City Meetings:

Council/Manager Workshops & City Council Meetings

Workshop: 5:00 pm (as needed)

Council meeting:

December 13 & 27 at 7:00pm

Pre-Agenda Meetings

December 9 & 23 at 5:00pm (as needed)

Community Design Review Board

December 14 & 28 at 6:00pm

Environmental Committee Meeting

December 7 at 7:00pm

Historical Preservation Commission

December 16 at 7:00pm

Housing & Redevelopment Authority

December 14 at 7:00pm

Human Relations Commission

December 7 at 7:00pm

Parks & Recreation Commission

December 20 at 7:00pm

Planning Commission

December 6 & 20 at 7:00pm

Mayor's Forum

December 4 at 10:00am-noon

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

The December 13 & 27 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 E., Maplewood.

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

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