

Maplewood

CITY NEWS 

Get Involved With Your Local Cable Co.



Greetings and Happy New Year from your Cable Commissioner! I was appointed by the City Council to the Ramsey/Washington Cable Commission in June 2002. This Commission serves 12 local communities with coordinated services from AT&T. We have meetings every other month which are broadcast on Channel 16. The Commissioner works to maintain or improve cable service to our local subscribers.

January 2003

—New fun and exciting spring programs at the Nature Center

—The Human Relations Commission needs YOU

—Find out what changes are taking place in the Gladstone Neighborhood

—Become a Maplewood firefighter

—Take part in the Commemorative Tree Program

Produce your own tape

Cable is the only source for programming that truly focuses on events and issues of concern to the first tier suburban communities. Our local content channels are 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, and 20. Any citizen in Maplewood can take classes (only \$10 apiece) to learn how to use their cameras, edit suites, and the Studio—and produce a program tape that can be aired on Channel 15. Live shows are produced every evening in the Studio. Even if you don't produce your show at the SCC (Suburban Community Channels), you can still submit any noncommercial tape for playback.

Take advantage of this great opportunity

The SCC facility, located at the corner of County Road F & Bellaire in White Bear Lake, is here for your use. It is an exciting way to express yourself and exercise your First Amendment right to free speech, as well as learn something new and meet some very interesting people.

Key Commission actions since July:

- Approved the merger of AT&T and Comcast with unique protections for our franchise.
- Did not adopt a change in programming policy which defined "adult content" and would have required any program with "adult content" to be aired between 11 pm and 6 am.
- Approved funding for new cameras for both the public access and GTN (government) studios.



I am also on the Channel 15 committee which recommends policy for the public access operations (Channel 15). Since July, we have had two meetings. Key activities include:

- Recommended adoption of revised programming policy (I voted against this)
- Completed initial review of 14 grant applications. The maximum available for any one grant is \$1000. Grant award recommendations will be made after the next meeting on December 18th at 4:30 p.m.

Give Us Your Feedback

Anyone interested in commenting on the operations, capabilities, program offerings and content of our local channels is welcome to contact me, Kim Facile at kimfacile@hotmail.com.



Several times during this past year, residents have asked if we have a plan of what we are about. The answer is yes. The City of Maplewood does have a comprehensive plan. We attempt to promote beauty and



esthetic affects aimed primarily at utilizing the land area of our city along sound engineering lines, so that the citizens may find it a better, healthier, more economical, and more attractive place in which to live, work, and play. Cities have found that following a well-considered city plan is far superior to the usual haphazard growth. The cost of preparing such a plan is so reasonable and its advantages so great that the arguments for it are unanswerable. A good plan is devised with the public common good in mind. It promotes the legitimate interests of homeowners, businesses, public utilities, and the city as a landowner. City planning improves the street and transportation systems for persons and businesses within the city, and to and from the city. A plan aids citizens in selecting and developing land for homes, businesses, and other purposes by showing the relationship of different classifications to one another. The zoning ordinance which belongs in our city planning program protects the public safety, health and secures the owner who invests in sound improvements in harmony with the plan. A good park and playground which the citizens of our community owe their children and themselves is best achieved through a comprehensive planning program. To obtain such results the plan must be consistently carried out during a long period of years. This ordinarily requires a responsible and continuing planning commission with technical staff support to prepare the plan and keep it up to date. We hold public hearings at which all citizens or property owners may be heard while the original plan is being revised. Cooperation of our city officials and employees from our city departments is needed. We give careful adherence to the plan and consider the planning commission's advice. The city

public works, approval of purchases of city property, and other matters affecting the city's physical development. Required contact with neighboring government agencies to secure coordination within the metropolitan region is kept. Support of the city plan by citizens is needed and is generally given. City planning fosters a feeling of unity and community pride. Citizens feel that they are really part of the community and take more interest in its affairs when they have a conception of its plan and how they can contribute to its logical development. You may find the City of Maplewood's comprehensive plan at the Maplewood library or stop by city hall and visit our city manager, Richard Fursman, or assistant manager, Melinda Coleman. They will see to it that you are able to view our plan.

Remembering Past Employees

At the end of each year I try to remember those employees who have retired or moved on to bigger and better positions of employment. We would like to thank those that this has occurred in 2002. They are:

Judy Horsnell	Colleen Callahan
Jim Meehan	Mary Ellen Otis
Rick Bowman	Craig Campbell
Heather Hom	Mike Herbert
Sarah Greenwalt	Bob Wenger
Dillon Young	Debra Larson
Lance Lundsten	Don Winger
Angela Velasquez	Larry Cude

City Employees

Our city currently has 164 full-time and 32 regular part-time employees. We also have 94 paid-per-call firefighters and over 400 temp/seasonal and casual part-time



employees who work throughout the year. The city organization has very little to sell except the service of trained responsible employees. We select and train employees continuously. The City of Maplewood has no dishonest employees or loafers or careless employees in our organization. This is because the wrong kind are kept out or eliminated as quickly as they are discovered. The process of employee

cost of selecting employees is heavy. It makes no difference how much an investment the city has in an employee. If they prove to be of the wrong kind, they are eliminated without waste of time. Again, the city has little to sell except trained and reliable human service, and a reputation to maintain. The City of Maplewood's policy is to give superior service of unquestioned value and integrity. Whether the employee is in a uniform or not you can expect service of good faith and we guarantee the integrity, training, and skill of all city employees.

Have A Happy New Year

The honor of serving as your Mayor is a very enjoyable and rewarding assignment. I thank you for this. Let 2003 be the best year of your life.

Bob Cardinal, Mayor
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 bob@calhouncompanies.com

Maplewood Historical Society

Check It Out!

A very attractive fence and gate have been built along the front of the Bruentrup Heritage Farm site and a parking area, with a path to the farm yard, has been installed just east of the house. The parking area will allow for a greater number of people to visit the farm at one time without having to park along the street.

If you can answer this question, you may win a FREE one-day pass to the Maplewood Community Center or a one-year membership in the Maplewood Area Historical Society:
Which Maplewood Mayor served the longest term in office?

Send your entry to: Char Wasiluk,
 1740 Frank St., Maplewood 55109
 Answers must be received by January 6. MAHS members and their immediate families are not eligible. Answer will appear in the March issue of the *Maplewood City News*.

*Answer to November's question:
 Where in Maplewood did the first settlers build their homes?*

*Answer: In the area which is now County Road C and Hazelwood.
 No correct answers were received.*

Station 2: Battling The Blazes

Learn more about the women and men who risk their lives by responding to fire and medical emergencies here in Maplewood. Each of the five fire stations along with the recently hired full-time day firefighters will be profiled in coming issues.



Fire Station 2

Maplewood Fire Department Station 2 is located at 1900 Clarence Street, just north of Frost Avenue. The area served by this station is known as "Gladstone." There are 19 well-trained EMT/Firefighters who respond to an average of 1,000 calls per

year. This station has one ambulance, one fire engine, and one rescue engine.

Stop by the station

All stations offer yearly open houses, Halloween activities, and station tours to civic groups. City residents are welcome to stop by for free blood pressure checks and tours of the station.

Join the team!

Become a paid-per-call firefighter! This is a great opportunity to get involved and help your community. All training and equipment is provided and you are also eligible for a city/state funded retirement plan. Building life-long friendships and saving lives is our business. Make a difference! Call Susan at 651.779.4945.



JOIN THE MAPLEWOOD HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION!



You will be part of a team in charge of improving the human relations climate of the community.

- Members serve 3 years
- Meetings are held the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm at City Hall
- Must be a Maplewood resident
- Application deadline is January 15

For an application, call **651.770.4500**.

Nature Center Fun

Make A Birdhouse

(4th grade to adult)

Saturday, March 8, 1:30-3:30pm

\$5 per birdhouse (pre-pay by March 4)

Make a wooden birdhouse to take home and learn to identify various birds. Small scout groups welcome.

Call 651.738.9383 for more information, or to register.

Live Animals

(All ages)

Saturday, March 29, 1:00-2:00pm

FREE!

Touch and see our fox snake, box turtles, and tiger salamander. Find out if reptiles and amphibians make good pets.

March Maple Moon

(Ages 7 and older)

Tuesday, March 18, 6:30-8:30pm

\$3 per person (pre-pay by March 16)

Hike or snowshoe (need 6" of fresh snow), by the light of the moon. Enjoy a maple sugar treat and much more!



Capital Improvement Projects

Gladstone Neighborhood

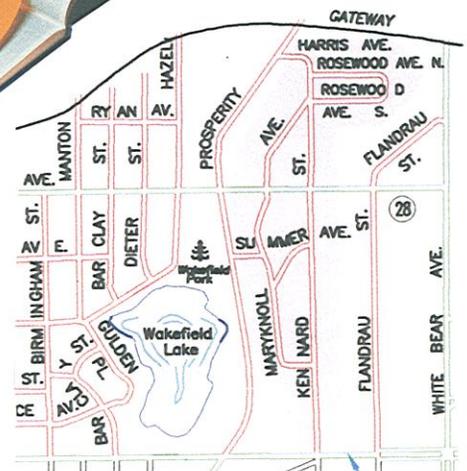
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Projects in the CIP are grouped by

Neighborhood that is outlined in the adjoining map.

One project is planned for the neighborhood and it is indicated by the letter A on the map to the right. This project involves replacement of the pavement in 2003 on Kennard, Harris, Rosewood, Summer, Maryknoll, and Flandrau streets. For further information on this project, contact the Public Works Director at 651.770.4552.

Information on projects in other neighborhoods is in the



In November 2002, the Maplewood City Council conducted two regular meetings. Below are the highlights of those meetings:

- Approved the final plat for the Beaver Lake Townhomes.
- Approved the conditional use permit for the Ponds of Battle Creek Golf Course at 601 Century Ave. South for one year.
- Approved the conditional use permit for Hill Murray High School at 2625 Larpenteur Ave. for one year.
- Approved Paul Schlomka's conditional use permit for a landscape business (Schlomka Landscaping, Inc.) within the Farm Residence zoning district and the conditional use permit for a pole barn that is larger and taller than code allows at 2511 Carver Ave.
- Approved the Chili's conditional use permit to operate a restaurant with a curbside/food-to-go facility within the Business Commercial-Modified zoning district at 1800 Beam Ave.
- Approved the addition of a new apprentice building inspector position in the Community Development Department.
- Adopted the first reading of an ordinance placing a moratorium on development in south Maplewood and to conduct a public hearing in the near future.
- The National Association of Town Watch presented the city with a 2002 award recognizing the city's outstanding participation in America's Night Out Against Crime. Parks and Recreation Director Anderson, Chief Lukin, and Chief Thomalla were recognized for their department efforts.
- Adopted a resolution ordering the preparation of an Alternative Urban Areawide Review for the proposed development by the Hartford Group for the Hijacek property.
- Directed staff to pursue the planning process for Hillcrest Village and the Gladstone neighborhood including hiring a market analyst, a financial consultant, and design consultant.

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



Commemorative Tree Program

Plant a tree to celebrate a special event, honor someone special, or contribute to our parks! For more information, call **651.698.4543** or visit the website at www.friendsoftheparks.org.

To submit newsworthy information, contact Heidi Hersom.
651.779.3543 heidi.hersom@ci.maplewood.mn.us

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

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Hours

Monday - Friday 8:00am - 4:30pm
Deputy Registrar Office is also open Mondays until 6:00pm

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

City Meetings:

Council/Manager Workshops & City Council Meetings

Workshop at 6:00pm
Council meeting at 7:00pm
January 13 & 27

Pre-Agenda Meetings

January 9 & 23 at 4:45pm

Community Design Review Board

January 14 & 28 at 6:00pm

Housing & Redevelopment Authority

January 14 at 7:00pm

Human Relations Commission

January 7 at 7:00pm

Parks & Recreation Commission

January 20 or TBA at 7:00pm

Planning Commission

January 6 & 20 or TBA at 7:00pm

Mayor's Forum

January 4 from 10:00am - noon

Historical Preservation Commission

January 16 at 7:00pm

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

The January 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 East, Maplewood.

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

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Maplewood Police Focus On Impaired Drivers

Safe and sober enforcement
Maplewood Police arrested 20 motorists for DWI during a recent Safe & Sober enforcement wave focusing on impaired drivers. From December 12 through January 2, Maplewood Officers worked during regular and overtime patrols to educate and enforce an effort to reduce the damage caused by drunk drivers.

Penalties for the crime
The drivers arrested for DWI

during this enforcement wave may face fines, loss of license, jail time, and increased insurance rates but, most importantly, they were stopped from causing injury or death to those who share the road with them.

Motorists also were cited for not having valid licenses or



insurance, as well as other violations. Some people were arrested for outstanding warrants, drug violations, carrying a pistol without a permit, possession of methamphetamine, or other criminal offenses.

New Year's Resolution
Maplewood Police hope their efforts not only saved lives, but also convinced others to make driving sober one of their New Year's Resolutions.

February 2003

—Discover the **wild gardener** in you

—Learn about the new amenities soon to come in the Hillside Neighborhood

—The Human Relations Commission needs YOU

—Find out the 2003 Budget Tax Levy details

—New MCC recreation program information

—And much more!

330,000 Square Feet Of New Development Proposed West Of The Maplewood Mall

The City of Maplewood is currently working with the Hartford Group for the development of a mixed-use project planned for an 86 acre site located south of Interstate 694 and west of the existing Maplewood Mall. The proposed development includes approximately 270,000 square feet of commercial office space, 25,000 square feet of medical office space,

22,400 square feet of retail/restaurant space, 850 housing units (including multi-family and senior housing), and a 13,000 square foot community center.

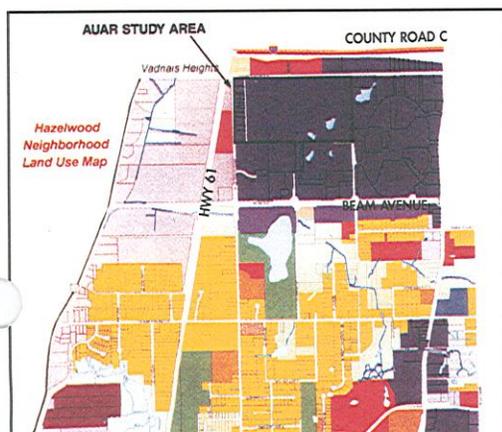
Because of the size and scope of this project, the city requires many planning applications and a lengthy review process. The most complex part of this review is the "Alternative Urban Area Review" (AUAR). The AUAR is mandated by the state of Minnesota. This environmental review looks at vegetation, wetlands, noise, traffic, and other anticipated impacts from the development. The AUAR requires a study of these issues and then a mitigation plan and commitment from the developer and the city to address any problems that arise from the development.

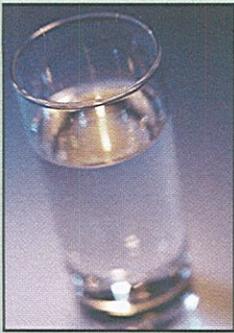
One of the most obvious issues to be addressed is traffic. As part of this project, the City is working on extending and

reconnection will be needed.

The Draft (AUAR) is available for review at the Environmental Conservation Library, 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN; at the Legislative Reference Library, 520 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, MN at the Maplewood Branch of the Ramsey County Library, 1670 Beam Avenue, Maplewood, MN; at Maplewood City Hall, 1830 County Road B East, Maplewood, MN; and on the City of Maplewood web page at www.ci.maplewood.mn.us.

Comments or questions may be directed to: Chuck Ahl, Director of Public Works, City of Maplewood, 1830 County Road B East, Maplewood, MN 55109;





Our city had been fortunate to have a seat on the Saint Paul Regional Water Services Board for the past four years. Mr. Kevin Kittridge served the first year, and

I have had the privilege to serve these past three years.

Construction begins at the water treatment campus

Major changes will be occurring to the McCarron's water treatment campus of the Saint Paul Regional Water Services (SPRWS). With the entrance on Roselawn Avenue, just east of Rice Street, you will notice the major expansion in renovation beginning this summer. If possible drive by and view the current picture. Construction of three buildings designed to house SPRWS employees and equipment currently located in Saint Paul will be completed by the end of 2004.

Management is excited about the move

For a number of reasons, the utility staff and management are excited about this move to Maplewood. The consolidation of the various utility operations at the plant site will help enhance efficiency, promote easier communication between employees, facilitate work flow, and improve other operational needs. The move will allow the utility to save rental fees currently paid to lease space downtown as well as allow them to sell their construction yard at I-94 and Hamline Avenue to Concordia College.

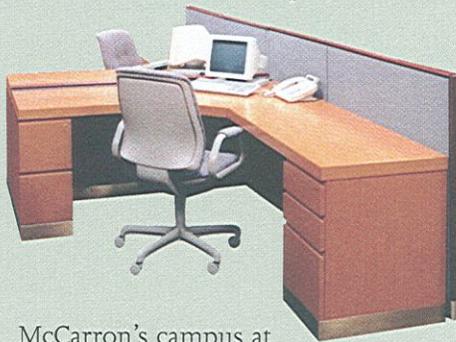
A moving date is in sight

The architectural firm of Hammel, Green and Abrahamson, Inc., of Minneapolis has been working with SPRWS on the project since the summer of 2002. The design phase of the project is scheduled for completion by the end of May, and SPRWS will ask for bids on the project in June. The utility hopes to have a contractor hired and begin construction by the end of

July, which is expected to last 14 to 16 months. All SPRWS employees will move onto the site by the end of 2004.

Who will be housed where

Moving the 150 employees now housed in other locations will bring the total number of employees at the



McCarron's campus at 1900 North Rice Street to about 250. One of the new buildings will house SPRWS equipment, including construction vehicles; a second new building will provide office space; and the third—a "shops" building—will house a meter shop, a warehouse, and a garage for vehicle maintenance. The existing treatment plant is undergoing renovations as well. Our city is working closely with SPRWS staff on the project. Our planning staff and the water utility have been meeting to discuss various site design issues.

Running at a superior level

You should note the significance of what Maplewood means to the Saint Paul Regional Water Services. I will tell you after serving and being involved in this utility for the past three years, that this governmental unit is run at a superior level and is functioning without reproach.

For more information

Please give me a call if you would want a few minutes one on one with the mayor at McDonald's or Burger King. When we have a great city such as ours, suggestions and constructive criticism can only make the city better. You should know that we will do everything possible to make your city the very best it can be.

"Maplewood— one and the same."

Bob Cardinal, Mayor
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robert.cardinal@ci.maplewood.mn.us

On December 9, 2002, the City Council adopted the 2003 Budget and tax levy. The budget totals \$38.8 million, which is 15% higher than 2002. The tax levy for 2003 is \$11.9 million and is 15.3% higher than 2002. The tax levy increase is \$1,579,650 and most of the increase is for higher principal and interest payments on bond issues (\$505,020), a possible state aid reduction (\$317,270), and higher capital improvement expenditures (\$296,700).

City taxes in 2003 on a median value home will be \$47.75 per month and approximately 33% of the total tax bill. This is an increase of \$5 per month in the city portion of the tax bill. The median value home in Maplewood has an estimated market value of \$145,800.

Utility rates in 2003 for sewer and recycling services will be increased by \$6.35 per quarter. This will make 2003 the first year that the rates will be above those of 1999. The rate increase is needed to finance an increase in sewage treatment rates and to partly replenish working capital.

Maplewood Historical Society

Bruentrup Farm Update!

Members and volunteers planted many bushes, perennials, and bulbs around the farmhouse this past fall. Stop by and take a look when greening and growing start in the spring.

If you can answer this question, you may win a FREE one-day pass to the Maplewood Community Center or a one-year membership to the Maplewood Area Historical Society:
When did New Canada Township cease to exist?

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

Answers must be received by February 10. MAHS members and their immediate families are not eligible. Answer will appear in the February issue of the *Maplewood City News*.

Answer to December's question: Which Maplewood Mayor served the shortest term?
Answer: Norm Anderson, who served from Jan. 1990 until his death in early July 1990. No correct answers were received.

Capital Improvement Projects

Hillside Neighborhood

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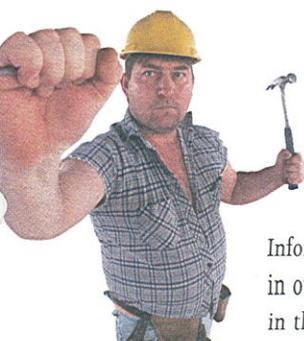
Projects in the CIP are grouped by neighborhood. This month the focus is on the **Hillside Neighborhood**.

Two projects are planned for the neighborhood and they are indicated on the map below:

- A**-Sterling Oaks Park Development
- B**-Beebe Road, Holloway to Larpenteur

The Sterling Oaks Park project includes installation of a tot lot, tennis court, trail system, and hard court surface in 2004. For further information on this project, contact the Parks and Recreation Director at 651.770.4573.

The Beebe Road project involves replacement of the pavement in 2007. For further information on this project, contact the Public Works Director at 651.770.4552.



Information on projects in other neighborhoods is in the 2003-2007 CIP

Discover The Wild Gardener In You!



Landscaping with Native Plants

Thursdays, March 13-April 10
6:30pm - 8:30pm at

1955 Clarence Street (Gladstone Fire Station)

The Maplewood Nature Center is offering fantastic landscaping courses that will teach you how to create that beautiful yard you've always dreamed about. After attending these affordable sessions you will also be given the opportunity to purchase shrubs and prairie plants at a **DISCOUNTED** price. Don't miss out!

Introductory Classes (Sessions one and two are required before attending the other sessions)

1) March 13—Rethinking Your Yard:

Native Plants and Low-Maintenance Lawns
Discover the benefits of landscaping with the native plants of our region. Learn about sustainable care of traditional lawns and alternative lawn choices.

Speakers: Ginny Gaynor, Maplewood Naturalist
TBA, Ramsey County Master Gardener

2) March 20—Embracing Wildness in a Cultured Garden

View superb landscape designs from refined gardens to a slice of the wild! Learn to blend native trees, shrubs, and flowers into harmonious plantings.

Speaker: Jim Hagstrom, ASLA, Owner of Savanna Designs

March 27—Butterfly and Prairie Gardens

Attract butterflies to your garden with prairie wildflowers. Become familiar with prairie plants and the butterflies that visit them. Place order for wildflowers.

Speaker: Jan Hayman, Maplewood Naturalist

April 10—Planting the Wet

Learn to use native plants to enhance the beauty of your pond, lakeshore, and wet spots in your yard. Use an interactive CD-ROM, *Restore the Shore*, to select plants for your site.

Speaker: Michelle Bratager, DNR

April 3—Native Trees and Shrubs

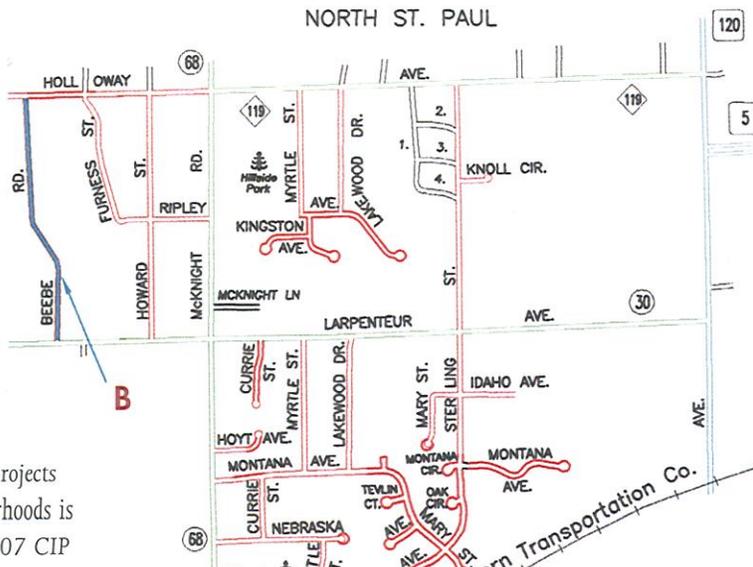
Find out which of Minnesota's native species work well in home landscapes for beauty, shade, privacy, and wildlife. Learn what to plant after buckthorn removal. Place order for shrubs.

Speaker: Jim Calkins, University of Minnesota

Pre-registration required!

Fee: \$5 per session or \$20 per series

To register, call the Nature Center at 651.738.9383.



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These are co-ed recreational leagues at B+ and B- levels. All fees include court time and a free can of balls.

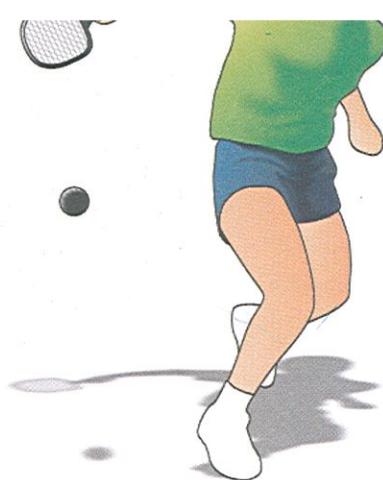
Dates: April 12- June 20

Fee: member \$14 non-member \$30

Registration Deadline: April 7 (No exceptions)

Co-Rec Leagues	Activity #
Level B+	6505.103
Level B-	6505.104

Schedules are available for pick up beginning Wednesday, April 9 at 5pm. Any schedules not picked up by Thursday at 5pm will be mailed out.



Beat the winter blues. Be part of the MCC adult racquetball league!

Lifeguard Training

Lifeguard Training is a class offered through the MCC to train and certify prospective candidates to be lifeguards. If you are interested in a job that provides good pay and teaches lifesaving skills, then this is the class for you!

Prerequisites: Participants must be at least 15 years of age by the last day of class. Contact Ron at 651.779.3565 for other requirements.

Location: MCC and outside sites.

Dates: Saturday, March 22 9:00am-3:00pm

Sunday, March 23 12:00pm-6:00pm

Monday-Thursday, March 24-27 9:00am-3:00pm

Sunday, March 30 12:00pm-6:00pm

Fees: members \$150 non-members \$180

Activity # 1531.101

Flotation Friday!

Fun For All Ages. Come jump, splash, float, slide, and meet lots of people. The inflatable Magic Island, beach balls, whales, sharks, and everything else the MCC has that floats will be available in the pool for everyone to enjoy.

Bring your friends and family.

Dates: February 21, March 28, April 25

Time: 5:30pm-8:30pm

Fee: FREE for members

Daily admission for non-members

YogaKids—Ages 6 and older

Yoga is the original mind/body fitness exercise that has been around for thousands of years. The gentle moves will improve flexibility, endurance, circulation, and strength. All poses and stretches are done with the child's growing and developing body in mind. No pre-registration required.

Location: MCC Activity Room

Dates: Saturdays 9:00am -10:00am

Fee: members FREE

non-member \$6.25 per class
(or 10 classes for \$50)

Community CPR

This class is designed to inform people how to respond in emergency situations. Participants may receive a certification in adult, infant, and child CPR.

Location: MCC Activity Room

Fees: member \$55 non-member \$75

Date: Friday, February 7 & 14

Time: 12:30pm-4:30pm

Activity # 0010.401

Date: Saturday, April 5 & 12

Time: 1:00pm-5:00pm

Activity # 0010.101

The **Maplewood Community Center** offers aquatics classes, recreation programs, and MUCH MORE! Come and see for yourself.

- Fitness Facility
- Banquet/Meeting Room
- Fitness Classes
- Theatre Entertainment
- Child Care Service
- Professional Massage
- Birthday Packages
- Group Packages

www.maplewoodcommunitycenter.com

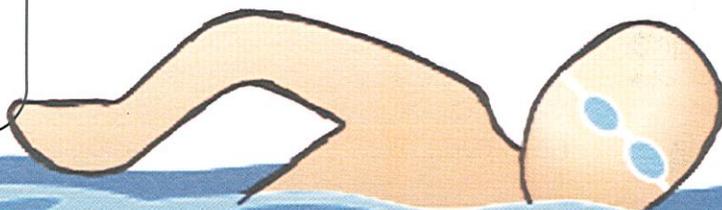
For more information, call 651.779.3555.



Maplewood Community Center

PARKS & RECREATION DEPT.

Watch for the upcoming spring Parks & Recreation Issue coming this March!



AQUATICS, RACQUETBALL, YOGA AND MUCH MORE. DON'T MISS IT!

SWIM LESSON REGISTRATION:

MCC Members: Monday, February 24 at 8:00 am

MCC Non-Members: Wednesday, February 26 at 8:00 am

Phone registration with credit card payment begins on March 3.

Registration Deadline: One week prior to the beginning of class

Tuesday & Thursday Mornings

April 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 22		
Parent/Child 1 & 2	9:00-9:30	1507.101
Preschool 1	9:30-10:00	1508.101
Preschool 2	10:00-10:30	1509.101
Preschool 3	10:30-11:00	1510.101

Monday Evenings

March 31, April 7, 14, 21, 28, May 5, 12		
Preschool 1	4:30-5:00	1508.102
	7:00-7:30	1508.103
Preschool 2	6:00-6:30	1509.102
	6:30-7:00	1509.103
Preschool 3	6:00-6:30	1510.102
Level 1	4:00-4:45	1500.101
Level 2	5:00-5:45	1501.101
Level 3	6:30-7:15	1502.101
Level 4	5:00-5:45	1503.101
Level 5	7:30-8:15	1504.101
Teen Swim I&II	7:30-8:15	1519.101

Tuesday Evenings

April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, May 6, 13		
Tot Swim	4:30-5:00	1513.101
Preschool 1	7:00-7:30	1508.104
Preschool 2	6:00-6:30	1509.104
	6:30-7:00	1509.105
Preschool 3	6:00-6:30	1510.103
Level 1	4:00-4:45	1500.102
Level 2	5:00-5:45	1501.102
Level 3	6:30-7:15	1502.102
Level 4	5:00-5:45	1503.102
Level 5	7:30-8:15	1504.102
Level 7	7:30-8:15	1506.101

Thursday Evenings

April 5, 10, 17, 24, May 1, 8, 15		
Parent/Child 2	6:30-7:00	1527.101
Tot Swim	6:00-6:30	1513.102
Preschool 1	6:00-6:30	1508.105
Preschool 2	4:00-4:30	1509.106
	4:30-5:00	1509.107
Preschool 3	4:30-5:00	1510.104
Preschool 4	7:00-7:30	1511.101
Level 2	5:00-5:45	1501.103
Level 3	7:30-8:15	1502.103
Level 4	6:30-7:15	1503.103
Level 6	5:00-5:45	1505.101
WSA	7:30-9:00	1517.101

Saturday Mornings

March 29, April 5, 12, 26, May 3, 10, 17		
(No Lessons April 19)		
Parent/Child 1	10:00-10:30	1507.102
Parent/Child 2	11:00-11:30	1527.102
Tot Swim	9:00-9:30	1513.103
Preschool 1	9:30-10:00	1508.106
	11:30-12:00	1508.107
Preschool 2	8:30-9:00	1509.108
	10:00-10:30	1509.109
	10:30-11:00	1509.110
	12:00-12:30	1509.111
Preschool 3	8:30-9:00	1510.105
	11:00-11:30	1510.106
Preschool 4	11:30-12:00	1511.102
Level 1	10:30-11:15	1500.103
Level 2	9:30-10:15	1501.104
	11:30-12:15	1501.105
Level 3	8:30-9:15	1502.104
	9:30-10:15	1502.105
	10:30-11:15	1502.106
Level 4	8:30-9:15	1503.104
	11:30-12:15	1503.105
Level 5	8:30-9:15	1504.103
	10:30-11:15	1504.104
Level 6	9:30-10:15	1505.102
Level 7	11:30-12:15	1506.102
Adult	9:00-9:45	1512.101

Sunday Mornings

March 30, April 6, 13, 27, May 4, 11, 18		
(No Lessons April 20)		
Preschool 2	10:30-11:00	1508.108
Preschool 2	12:30-1:00	1509.112
Preschool 3	12:00-12:30	1510.107
Level 1	11:00-11:45	1500.104
Level 2	1:00-1:45	1501.106
Level 3	2:00-2:45	1502.107

Swim Lessons Fees

(Only for spring session 2003)

Members \$30.00 Non-Members \$42.00

In December 2002, the Maplewood City Council conducted two regular meetings. Below are the highlights of those meetings:

- Adopted an ordinance (No. 836) that places a moratorium on development in south Maplewood but exempted the property at 2516 Linwood Ave. subject to the predevelopment agreement with Don Letsch.
- Adopted a resolution approving the alignment study and report for County Road D, and authorized preparation of a preliminary report on the improvements and a right of way map based upon the Preferred Alternative Alignment.
- Approved a contract with Century College for the training of two firefighters in the amount of \$10,000 each.
- Approved the 2003-2005 contract between the Cities of Maplewood and City of Landfall for police services.
- Approved a 1.5% increase for intoxicating liquor license fees for 2003.
- Approved the intoxicating liquor license for the Ciatti's Italian Restaurant located at 1900 Cty Rd. D.
- Approved a resolution ordering the Preparation of the Feasibility Study for the Maplewood Drive West/Keller Parkway Resurfacing, Project 03-02.
- Adopted a resolution that authorizes distribution of the Alternative Urban Areawide Review for the Legacy Village at Maplewood according to the Environmental Quality Board distribution list and established a 30-day comment period.
- Adopted a resolution ordering the preparation of the Preliminary Report for the White Bear Avenue Improvements (Woodlyn to Buerkle) project 02-21, and authorized the finance director to transfer \$150,000 from the street aid fund to the project fund.
- Approved revisions to Pay and Benefits for Non-Union Employees.

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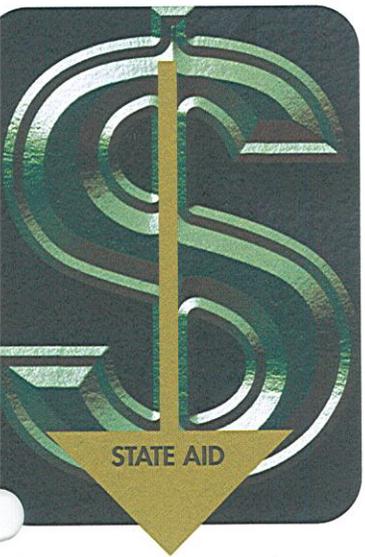
CITY NEWS



Maplewood

With All The State Budget Cuts, What's In Store For Maplewood?

March 2003



The Maplewood City Staff and Council have been strategizing on how to respond to the assumed 2003 reductions in State Aid. The Governor has proposed cutting aid to cities to help reduce the \$4.5 billion projected state budget shortfall.

The Maplewood budget for 2003 was prepared last fall and adopted in December with the understanding that all or part of the \$1.5 million in State revenue the City receives could be wiped out. The State revenue comes in the form of housing credits in the amount of about \$800,000 and in Local Government Aid (LGA) in the amount of \$717,000. The final dollar amount of reduction will not be known until the legislature adjourns in May. Until then, many capital expenditures are being postponed and may ultimately not happen in 2003.

A few of the items being held in reserve to cut are park development projects, building maintenance, sidewalk and storm sewer improvements, street seal-coating, hiring a new police officer, and purchasing fire

fighting equipment and computer software. There are no foreseeable reasons to cut into the existing levels of essential services regardless of the amount of aid cut.

Maplewood has a solid budget plan, an enviable bond rating, and does not have the vulnerability and dependence on aid that many cities do. Moorhead, Minnesota, for example, has a property tax levy and LGA collection that closely resembles Maplewood in dollar amount, at about \$11 million. However, the ratio is significantly different. In 2002, Moorhead received \$8.24 million in LGA and levied only \$2.85 million. At the same time, Maplewood received \$717,000 in LGA and levied \$9.6 million. Another way to look at it is Maplewood received \$20 in LGA per capita, and Moorhead received \$256 in LGA per capita.

We will share more information as the legislature makes decisions this spring.

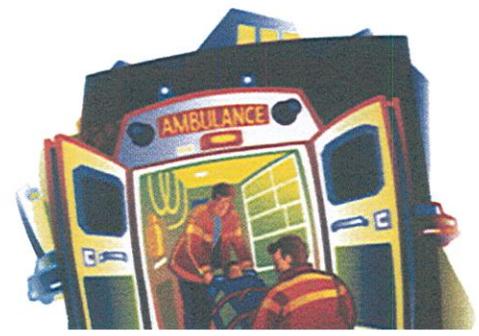
- Painting assistance for seniors and disabled homeowners
- Get details on this years spring cleaning event
- Find out what new changes are taking place in the Beaver Lake Neighborhood
- Take part in diversity awareness
- The annual auction is coming soon!

Are You At Risk Of Not Being Found In An Emergency?

Inserted in this months **Maplewood City News** is a brochure entitled "If we can't find you, we can't help you." Each day, 911 call centers receive inadequate information about the location of an emergency call. The Maplewood Fire and Police Departments ask that you review this brochure to help ensure the best possible response time to your emergency needs. A couple of key factors to keep in mind:

- C. If you are calling from an area that does not have an address such as an intersection, please make sure to give them both cross streets and any landmarks that may help to determine where you are.
- D. If you are calling from an office complex, it is important that they know the building number, suite number, and the floor you are on.
- E. Please give them as much information as possible regarding the nature of the call.
- F. Please speak slowly. Provide the 911

Following the instructions outlined in this brochure will help emergency personnel to assist you much more efficiently.



A. Please give your correct name, house number, and street name, indicating if it

Whenever it is possible and efficient to do so, the City attempts to provide public services at the level closest to those affected. One of the major reasons for the state deficit (\$4 to 5 billion) is due mostly to higher health care costs. The state general fund is approximately \$31 billion. K-12 Education and Higher Education account for over 50% of that budget. Another almost 20% is for health care.



Affordable Housing

It is sometimes difficult to find affordable housing units in Maplewood and adjoining

is particularly complex in Maplewood. Our City is now almost fully developed at 95%, and sites for new housing opportunities are almost all gone. Extraordinarily high land costs drive development costs skyward, making lower cost housing impractical without huge public subsidies.

Residential Neighborhoods

Residential neighborhoods are a defining characteristic of Maplewood. Many neighborhoods in our community have a unique character defined by architectural housing styles and a mix of housing types, including affordable housing. A top objective of our City's long-range plan is to maintain strong residential neighborhoods. To meet that goal the city council and city staff work to maintain and improve the condition of the city's housing stock through housing maintenance and rehabilitation programs and encourage affordable life cycle housing opportunities where possible. We are particularly proud

affordable housing in Maplewood, a first ring suburb of our capital city Saint Paul.

Providing Opportunities

The City of Maplewood is committed to the Livable Communities Act, legislation designed to encourage cities to provide more affordable housing. In addition, the City of Maplewood encourages affordable housing through other programs such as the Metropolitan Councils Family Affordable Housing Program, a new program meant to increase the number of affordable housing units in suburban Ramsey County. We are proud of keeping our residents in their homes and providing opportunities for others to live in this wonderful community.

Give The Mayor A Call

Please give me a call if you would want a few minutes one on one with the mayor at McDonald's or Burger King. We are always open to learn how to better serve you.

Bob Cardinal, Mayor H:651.765.8600 B:952.831.3300
robert.cardinal@ci.maplewood.mn.us

Maplewood's Stop Sign Policy

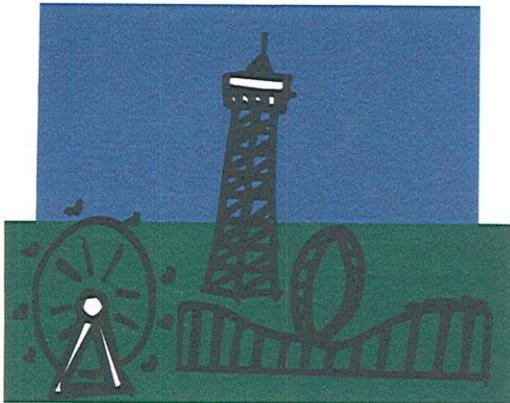
The council has a policy whereby the issue of neighborhood stop signs will only be heard once each year.

Often a stop sign is installed at the request of neighborhood residents, only to be opposed by other residents and subsequently removed. To help eliminate this problem, the city council adopted the following **neighborhood stop-sign policy**:

1. Requests from citizens require a minimum of 12 property owner signatures in order to show neighborhood support and hopefully to foster neighborhood discussion before going to the council.
2. A response will be sent by the city to the requesting party indicating that a public meeting will be held during the month of May.
3. A special article will be published in the May **Maplewood City News** to provide a discussion of stop sign pros and cons, along with the list of areas to be considered.
4. Depending on the number of requests, either a special meeting or a regular council meeting will serve as the open meeting for the public discussion.

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

Keep in mind that this policy for one hearing per year applies only to neighborhood stop signs. Other warranted stop sign requests will still be considered on a case-by-case basis throughout the year. Please send your petition, with a minimum of 12 property owner signatures, to the public works department before March 31, 2003.



EDGERTON SCHOOL CARNIVAL

Saturday, March 15
from 11:30-3:30 pm at the
Edgerton Community Gym

Come enjoy our annual School Carnival! Many fun activities for all ages, including Little Tyke Basketball Hoop, Fish Pond, Goldfish Game, Two Liter Pop Toss, Minnow Race, Moon Walk, and Snake Pit. Other carnival highlights include a Cake Walk and huge Silent Auction. There will be great prizes and delicious food and beverage for all!

For more information call
651.779.1922.

Seniors or Disabled Homeowners: Is Your Home In Need Of Exterior Paint?

What Is A Paint-A-Thon?

Metro Paint-A-Thon is celebrating its 20th anniversary of service to the 7-county metro area. A program of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches, it is a community effort by groups of volunteers who will scrape, prime, and paint the exteriors of selected homes.

During the last 19 years, more than 5,000 low-income senior and disabled homeowners have had the same experience: they walk out of the front door of their freshly painted home with a renewed sense of pride and independence. Their house, once covered with dull, flaking paint, had suddenly become an asset to the neighborhood.

When Paint-A-Thon volunteers take a

step back at the end of the day, they've not only restored a home's brilliance, they've renewed the homeowner's sense of pride and independence, they've provided the community with a beautiful asset, and they've made some great memories with their co-workers and friends.

Eligibility Guidelines

- The house must be owned by someone 60 years of age and up or by someone who has a permanent disability
- The house must be a single family home, occupied by its owner(s), structurally sound, in need of paint, and not in need of major repair
- The household income must not exceed certain income limits (call for details)

Contact Us Today!

Phone: 612.721.8687 ext. 321

e-mail: jjohnson@gmcc.org

website: gmcc.org/paint-a-thon

The application deadline is May 15, 2003.

The selected homes will be painted the weekend of August 2 & 3.

Capital Improvement Projects

Beaver 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. Capital projects include such things as public works improvements, development of parks, and building projects. Major equipment purchases included in the CIP are items that cost in excess of \$50,000. On May 13, the City Council approved the 2003-2007 CIP.

Projects in the CIP are grouped by neighborhood. This month the focus is on the Beaver Lake Neighborhood.

Five projects are planned:

1. Lions Park Improvements
2. South Beaver Lake Trail Corridor
3. North Beaver Lake Trail Corridor
4. Carlton Street Improvements
5. Ferndale Street Improvements

The Lions Park project involves new playground equipment, ungraded ball

Drive. The North Beaver Lake Trail Corridor project is scheduled for 2006 and will run from Lakewood Drive to the Pondview Apartments. For further information on these projects, contact the Parks and Recreation Director at 651.770.4573.



The Carlton Street reconstruction project is scheduled for 2004. The Ferndale Street project involves reconstruction of the roadway from Maryland to Stillwater Road. For further information on these projects, contact the Public Works Director at 651.770.4552.



Diversity Awareness Award And Poster Contest

Sponsored by:
Maplewood Human Relations
Commission and Premier Bank

The Diversity Award: \$500
Recognizes students and/or educators of elementary and secondary schools for their efforts to demonstrate an awareness of diversity in our society through curriculum, projects, or programs. Monies go to the class/school involved initiative.

Poster Contest: \$25 (1st) \$10 (2nd)
Is an opportunity for students in grades K-5 to express their insight on diversity in an artistic manner. 1st and 2nd place prizes are given for each age grouping. (K-1, 2-3, 4-5).

Contests are open to all Maplewood residents and Maplewood public, parochial, and private schools. To request an application, call 651.770.4500.
Submission deadline: March 27, 2003

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- Accepted donations from Countryside Volkswagen-Saab for \$3,000 and The Partnership for \$30.
- Approved an intoxicating liquor license for Ehrick Holland for Red Lobster Restaurant.
- Approved an intoxicating liquor license for Bernard Klarkowski for Bennigans Restaurant.
- Approved Barbara Ann Schuett for an individual personal service license.
- Authorized the city engineer to hire a consulting engineer to assist in the preparation of a Comprehensive Sewer Study of South Maplewood from Linwood Avenue to the southern city border and directed the finance director to transfer \$15,000 from the sewer fund to establish a project fund.
- Reappointed Clayton Robinson to the Police Civil Service Commission with his term expiring on December 31, 2005.
- Reappointed Will Rossbach, Gary Pearson and Jackie Monahan-Junek to serve on the Planning Commission for another three years with their term expiring on December 31, 2005.
- Reappointed Matt Ledvina, Linda Olson and Diane Longrie-Kline to serve on the Community Design Review board for another two years with their terms expiring on January 1, 2005.
- Reappointed Commissioners Rick Brandon, Donald Christianson and Audrey Duellman to the Maplewood Parks and Recreation Commission for a three-year term expiring on December 31, 2005.
- Approved the Maxfield Market Research Contract for the Hillcrest and Gladstone Development Study.
- Denied the request for street lighting along County Road B from the railroad tracks to Mississippi Street based upon the city's standing criteria to fund street lights at major intersections only and direct the public works department to inform the property owners of the policy and recommend yard-lighting options.
- Accepted the 2002 Maplewood Planning Commission Annual Report.

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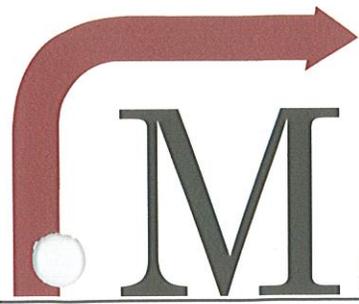
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Major Traffic Changes Are Ahead For South Maplewood

Get ready! The spring of 2003 will see the start of many south Maplewood traffic projects. The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) will begin the major portion of the replacement of the Wakota Bridge over the Mississippi River in March 2003. In October, MnDOT began a separate portion of



the project when they started the reconstruction of the Bailey Road bridge. That project is anticipated to last until November 2003. Detours posted by MnDOT have

added significantly to traffic on Sterling Street and Carver Avenue. That traffic should return to the new Bailey Road in November 2003. Beginning fall of 2003, MnDOT will begin closing some movements at the Carver Avenue intersection with TH 61 and replacing it with a single ramp that will provide

access from Carver to northbound TH 61 only. All other access at Carver will be routed to Point Douglas Road via a new interchange near Bailey Road. More information on the project can be found at MnDOT's website at www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/

wakota. You can also call MnDOT Public Affairs at 651.582.1176. Wakota project open houses are scheduled for early April.

Ramsey County is working with Washington County and MnDOT on Century Avenue between Interstate 94 and Lower Afton Road. This segment of road was formerly Trunk Highway 120 and under the jurisdiction of MnDOT. An agreement has transferred the road to joint ownership by the two counties. The counties are working with the cities of Woodbury and Maplewood to develop plans to upgrade the road, include the segment in Woodbury called Valley Creek Road. Meetings are anticipated to be held during the summer and fall of 2003, although these are tentative.

Ramsey County is also considering changes to traffic in south Maplewood with two projects under consideration. The first project, scheduled for late 2003 or early 2004, would provide additional turn lanes and a signal system at Lower Afton Road and McKnight Road. Traffic congestion and safety concerns have moved the county to propose this improvement. More information is available from Ramsey County Traffic Engineer Dan Soler at 651.482.5209.

April 2003

—Find out why solid waste disposal rates will be changing

—The Maplewood street sweepers will soon be in your area

—Find out what new changes are taking place in Battle Creek Park

—Challenge yourself with a little Historical Society trivia

Wanted!

Volunteer siren monitors are needed to help monitor our outdoor warning sirens. If you live in one of these areas and are home during the day please call 651.770.4500.

- 217 E. Roselawn Ave.
- Kohlman Lane & Keller Pkwy
- 1530 E. Co. Rd. C
- McKnight Rd. & Lydia Ave.
- 1600 Myrtle Ave.
- 14 Sterling St. & 7th St.
- 220 O'Day St.
- 2501 Londin Lane



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MAPLEWOOD RESIDENTS

Underground Water Storage Tanks

The Saint Paul Regional Water Services (SPRWS) and the Board of Water Commissioners provide water from the Mississippi River. One of the issues our environment faces is one of the issues I particularly am greatly concerned about, that being—leaking underground storage tanks (LUST). Dave Schuler with SPRWS provided me with a map and information of the LUST sites in the area. Vadnais Lake Watershed has 62 LUST sites; Maplewood has 64 LUST sites; Ramsey County has 641 LUST sites; and the state of Minnesota has 14, 026 LUST sites. The information provided in an article from the American Water Works Association (AWWA), suggests 700,000 LUST sites in America. This is an issue I intend to address.

What's To Come?

The City of Maplewood being a Plan B City, with Council—Manager form of government, faces continued challenges in

the next several years. As mayor, I intend to help create and form the very best city and city government possible. I have posed questions to the council and the city manager to help analyze and evaluate all of our efforts. You will find that this does include involvement from you, citizens, to make our city all we can be. Please read the following questions and help us evaluate where we are headed.

City Council And City Manager Evaluation

- To provide services to citizens in a tax efficient manner
- Actively welcoming input from constituents
- Working effectively as five council members and City Manager
- Providing visionary leadership while empowering staff
- Bringing strong communication skills and integrity to the community
- Promoting a positive image and presence for the City of Maplewood
- Helping continue growth and successful development of Maplewood
- Professional development
- Handling council-manager political difficulties that city may face as elected officials
- Providing community with politically stable environment
- Personal commitments to the city we serve
- Creating city management teams and shifting roles to facilitate change agent
- Creating city management teams that lead to more support for manager and council
- Perform “above and beyond” what is required to accomplish things that are often unrecognized and the rewards for which “are highly uncertain at best”
- Deep seated loyalty to the city and personally accepting and endorsing its mission
- Communicated support to employees throughout the city organization
- Handle conflict in minimal manner where the city manager has found strong support for his role as leader of his staff
- City manager asked to express opinions on the level of support he receives from the council
- City manager expresses his level of job satisfaction and effectiveness with his elected officials
- City manager rates political stability, family desires and needs, degree of management latitude, quality of life in community, salary and benefits
- City manager to express community characteristics, such as partisan elections, racial diversity

- City manager to express why he wants to continue
 - Is the right chemistry present between the city manager and the community?
 - Does racial and ideological growth conflict within the community?
 - Does the diversity in Maplewood create political conflict?
 - Does the city appear in slow growth, moderate growth, or rapid growth?
 - Does the community growth in Maplewood provide continual challenges for the city manager and his staff?
 - Do nonpartisan elections help make Maplewood's government less conflictual and produce a more stable environment for the community?
 - Does the mayor support the city manager in our council-manager form of government?
 - Is the city manager one of three types the careerist, the administrative specialist, and the local appointee? Example: the careerist sees city management as a life-long occupation and is likely to move from city to city in search of greater opportunities and advancement. Example: the administrative specialist is recruited from another field, such as business management because of his or her expertise in a particular field. Example: the local appointee is the hometown manager with deep roots who had the fewest professional ties, was likely to have the lowest level of education and experience, and demonstrates the fewest signs of either geographic or job mobility
 - The city manager can rate his satisfaction in his work from not satisfied to highly satisfied
 - How does the city manager view his job satisfaction?
 - Does the city manager receive support from the city council?
- How effective is the city council as a decision making body?
- Does the city council make decisions with speed and ease reaching consensus?
 - How well does the city council work together?
 - What degree of political and personality conflicts interfere in their work?
 - What favorable community conditions and government stability have combined for the city manager to work with?

Give The Mayor A Call

Please give me a call if you would want a few minutes one on one with the mayor at McDonald's or Burger King We are always open to learn how to better serve you.

Bob Cardinal, Mayor H:651.765.8600 B:952.831.3300
robert.cardinal@ci.maplewood.mn.us

Maplewood Historical Society

The historic Preservation Commission is conducting a survey of historic properties in Maplewood. If you live or have a business in one of these buildings or own vacant property that might fit that description, and have not been contacted, please call Lois Behm at 651.770.8941.

If you can answer this question, you may win a FREE one-day pass to the Maplewood Community Center or a one-year membership to the Maplewood Area Historical Society:

A very popular type of sticky paper was invented in Maplewood. What was it called?

Send your entry to: Char Wasiluk, 1740 Frank St., Maplewood 55109. Answers must be received by April 7. MAHS members and their immediate families are not eligible. Answer will appear in the June issue of the *Maplewood City News*.

Answer to January's question: Which Maplewood Mayor served the longest term? Answer: John Greavu, who served from 1978 through 1989. No correct answers were received.

Maplewood Residents and Businesses: Your Solid Waste Bill Is Changing

The Change?

Beginning in April 2003, a new line will appear on your garbage bill called the County Environmental Charge (CEC). This charge is a result of study done by Ramsey County to



evaluate the way funds are collected for solid waste programs. The money that has been collected on the property tax statement will be eliminated effective March 31, 2003. The CEC will replace the Waste Management Service Charge beginning April 1, 2003. A formula was developed by Ramsey County that determines the rates that residents and businesses will be charged on the garbage bill. This year the bill will include nine months, but the rates in 2004 may change when the charge will be collected over 12 months.

This Is A Fairer Way To Pay

The CEC is not a new charge but a new way to collect for services. For many years the waste charge on property tax statements has paid for services such as household hazardous waste, recycling grants to cities, and resource recovery. The old charge was a flat fee and not related to trash volume. The CEC now relates the amount paid to how much trash is produced.

To Learn More...

Please visit the Ramsey County web site at www.co.ramsey.mn.us/recovery/index.htm for additional information on the CEC. Click on **Trash Today (January 2003 publication)** for a comprehensive overview of the CEC. This publication also has information on reducing trash at work and at home as well as numerous links to other sites that may be helpful in reducing the amount of trash that we produce. Residents with questions can contact Ramsey County by e-mail at: cec@co.ramsey.mn.us or call 651.633.EASY. (TTY for hearing impaired can call 651.221.9832.

Quality Services In Challenging Times

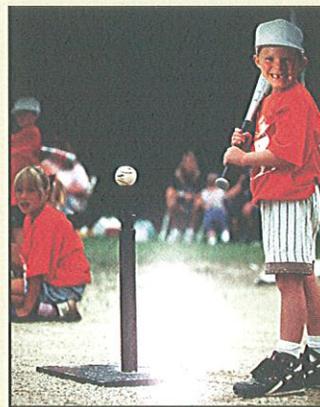
The Staff and City Council met for 8 hours on February 18, 2003 to discuss plans for 2003-04 and beyond. All ideas and plans were filtered through the reality of over \$1.4 million in revenue reduction from the State. The number one goal at the end of the day was to assess and prioritize services through the 2004 budget planning process. In the same light, a goal of finding revenue sources other than property taxes was a high priority. The Council reiterated a commitment to the redevelopment of housing, business areas, and infrastructure to maintain the economic, social, and environmental health of the City.

Other ongoing goals and new services addressed were continuing to upgrade public communication with the city web page and new phone system, modernizing the way departments operate, and the rapidly growing tasks and related costs of homeland security.

Capital Improvement Projects

Battle Creek Neighborhood

The Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) is a multiple-year plan that is used by city staff and elected officials to identify and plan for needed capital projects and major equipment purchases. Capital projects include such things as public works improvements, development of parks, and building projects. Major equipment purchases



included in the CIP are items that cost in excess of \$50,000. On May 13, 2002 the City Council approved the 2003-2007 CIP.

The Battle Creek Neighborhood project involves improvements to Afton Heights Park. A new 90-foot ball field will be constructed including a grass infield, fences, and irrigation. One of the existing ball fields will be eliminated for parking and two existing ball fields will be

renovated. This project is scheduled for 2003. For further information on these projects, contact the Parks and Recreation Director at 651.770.4573.

Information on projects in other neighborhoods is in the 2003-2007 CIP booklet, which is available for public review at the Maplewood branch of the Ramsey County Library.

Street Sweeping

Spring street sweeping is upon us. The street division will begin sweeping when the streets are significantly clear of snow and ice. Routes are prioritized to ensure that environmental issues such as water quality and vegetation concerns are addressed. For more information, log onto the City website at www.ci.maplewood.mn.us or call the Public Works department at 651.770.4576.

Council's Corner

In February 2003, the Maplewood City Council conducted two regular meetings. Below are the highlights of those meetings:

- Approved a one-year time extension for the Woodlynn Heights Townhomes Number Seven preliminary plat. This plat shall be subject to the February 14, 2000 conditions of approval.
 - Agreed to review the conditional use permit for the planned unit development for the Carriage Homes of Maple Hills again in one year or sooner if the owner proposes a major change to the site.
 - Set the commercial fertilizer applicator's fee at \$112 for the year 2003.
 - Adopted a resolution approving a conditional use permit for a planned unit development for the Highwood Farm development on the south side of Highwood Ave., east of Dennis St.
 - Approved Mr. Bob Tillges' request for a 10-foot sign setback variance at Markham Pond Office Building (1570 Beam Ave.) with conditions as outlined in the resolution.
 - Adopted a resolution authorizing the improvement of Hazelwood St. from Cty. Rd. C to Cty. Rd. D, City Project 01-16 and directing the preparation of a preliminary report for the project.
 - Adopted a resolution supporting legislation about the siting of group homes and adult foster care in Maplewood.
 - Directed the city engineer to send a letter of support to the Ramsey County Highway Engineer for the federal funding proposal for Interstate 94 Improvements between McKnight Rd. and Century Ave.
 - Agreed to review the conditional use permit for the bus maintenance and repair garage for Comfort Bus Company at 1870 Rice St. again in one year to ensure completion of their project.
 - Adopted a resolution approving Erik Ohlson and Stephanie Jacques' request for a conditional use permit for exterior storage and a metal storage building at 1949 Atlantic St.
 - Approved the building elevation, grading/drainage, and lighting plans date-stamped February 11, 2003, and the site/landscape plan date-stamped February 12, 2003, for a 6,528-square-foot metal building for the Ohlson Landscaping, Inc. business located at 1949 Atlantic St.
 - Approved the boundary change petition dissolving the East Mississippi Watershed Management Organization.
 - Approved the landscaping and street light system at Frost Ave. and English St. and authorized preparation of plans and specifications for the Evergreen Knoll Concept.
- For more current highlights of the council meeting log on to:

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April 14 & 28

Pre-Agenda Meetings

April 10 & 24 at 4:45pm

Community Design Review Board

April 8 & 22 at 6:00pm

Housing & Redevelopment Authority

April 8 at 7:00pm

Human Relations Commission

April 1 at 7:00pm

Parks & Recreation Commission

April 21 at 7:00pm

Planning Commission

April 7 & 21 at 7:00pm

Mayor's Forum

April 5 from 10:00am - noon

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April 17 at 7:00pm

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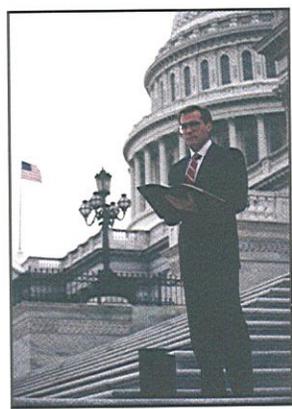
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CITY NEWS 

The Reality Of State Aid Cuts



Discussion At The State Capitol
 Maplewood joined more than 450 city officials, business owners, and residents at the State Capitol, April 9, to express concerns about the negative effects proposed legislation would have on cities.

The Governor's current proposal would cut \$938,000 from the \$1,466,000 in aid Maplewood was slated to receive in 2003. The proposal would then eliminate the remaining \$528,000 in 2004. The City Council took action on March 31 to trim \$938,740 from the 2003 City budget to meet the anticipated cuts.

Council Makes Budget Cuts
 The Council cut park development funds by \$155,000; the capital improvements budget was cut \$80,000, storm sewer and housing rehabilitation funds were reduced a total of \$100,000. Additionally, fire equipment was cut \$175,000 and street maintenance projects were reduced by \$62,500. A delay in adding a new police officer saved \$22,500 and some miscellaneous items amounting to \$26,350 were also slashed. The remaining \$317,000 reduction comes from a reserve levy that was added at the end of 2002 to offset the \$938,000 in State aid cuts.

3 Million Dollars Of State Aid Gone
 If the cuts remain intact, Maplewood will have lost all of its \$3 million in State aid over the past three years. The good news would be, that there is nothing left for the State to take away from Maplewood. However, the City's funding issues would be compounded by proposed legislation designed to prevent Cities from making up any of the losses in aid. Some of the potential long-term impacts were shared with Representatives Wasiluk and Slawik and Senator Wiger who have pledged to help Maplewood all they can.

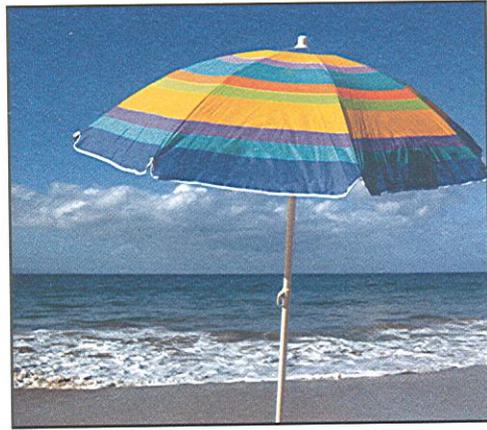
May 2003

- Find out about the first annual P & R summer kickoff parade
- Where does all the street water runoff go?
- A new look for the City website
- What's in store for the Vista Hills Neighborhood?
- Are you following the recreational fire rules?

Maplewood Community Center: Gearing Up For Summer

Great Summer Savings
 If you haven't heard, the Maplewood Community Center is offering a NEW summer promotion. Join in the month of June, July, or August, and we will waive the initiation fee, a savings of up to \$75. Offer ends August 31, so hurry in! Call 651.779.3555 ext. 0 for more information.

Swim Lessons
 Summer swim lesson registrations are now being accepted. Pick up an April Parks and Recreation issue or log on to www.maplewoodcommunitycenter.com



MCC Birthday Parties
 MCC birthday parties are always a big hit!

can enjoy the party without worrying about the details. All packages include use of the facility, a birthday party host, cake, party accessories, and fun grab bags for the kids. For more information, call 651.779.3567.

Building Shut Down
 The building will be closed August 31 - September 14 for MCC's annual cleaning. Along with the traditional pool projects, floors will be refinished, walls will be painted, and lockers will be replaced. Stop in and see the changes!

disturbing times on the national and international scenes, and we are plagued and concerned with serious budgetary and security issues at the state and local levels. As a result, I believe it is a good time for all of us to be aware of the workings and needs of our community and to take the initiative to come forward and make a difference right here!

Public Safety and a Secure Community

Public Safety, community security, and personal safety are the combined responsibilities of our superior police and fire departments and of our residents. On a day-to-day basis or at a time of natural disaster or national tragedy/threat, we community members and neighborhood residents need to be prepared, observant, and willing to participate.

Preparation for possible severe weather events or a regional or national emergency means you need to be aware of our community emergency plan and create a disaster plan specific to your family and household. An important part of your

plan is assembling a disaster supply kit: a flashlight and battery-operated radio with extra batteries, a supply of water (minimum of 2 quarts per person per day), canned

and dried foods, blankets, and first aid supplies. At home, in your neighborhood, "out and about"—always be observant and aware of your surroundings, of persons or situations that seem unusual or dangerous; remain calm and confident. If medical help, law enforcement or fire protection seems necessary, call 911 for immediate assistance. Now is the right time to work with your neighbors to form a Neighborhood Watch Group: a great way to know and relate to your neighbors, to establish a communication line in your neighborhood, and become better informed about basic personal safety and home security. If you like being outdoors and want to participate more actively in community security, you are welcome to volunteer for Park Patrol. (Please contact Maplewood P.D. at 651.770.4530 about either program).

Please put these important public safety dates on your calendars: 1) National

time to acknowledge the importance of community safety and to express our appreciation to all our P.D. personnel. 2) National Night Out, August 5, 2003—plan your neighborhood block party now (contact Deputy Chief John Banick at 651.770.4502), join the kick-off parade take part in the activities at your local fire station or the Nature Center. 3) National Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 13-17, 2003—a good time to focus on fire safety in your home, school, or workplace and to be grateful to the people who respond 365 days a year to your fire/medical emergencies.

For on-line information about Police-Fire-Emergency Management, visit the City of Maplewood website at www.ci.maplewood.mn.us.

City Government Local Services and Fiscal Responsibility

In spite of serious budget constraints, state cuts to local government and potential "tough times" long term, Maplewood City Council and staff are dedicated to strong city services, a livable community, and fiscal accountability.

State budget cuts have resulted in loss of Local Government Aid to many cities, including Maplewood. Your city staff and council are working consistently to make adjustments and cuts, while maintaining basic services and prioritizing Capital Improvement Projects and development plans. More serious long-term implications will be realized if legislative proposals to cap levy limits and freeze the bonding ability of local units of governments are adopted. State manipulation of local funding tools will mean that state officials who are unfamiliar with Maplewood will take away local control and determine how our city can function. These budget restrictions could severely impact the viability and quality of life in Maplewood—delay street and infrastructure construction/reconstruction, cut park funding and spending, delay hiring of public safety employees, and limit or delay community development/redevelopment.

On April 9, 2003, I was fortunate to join city staff and citizens, along with representatives from many other Minnesota cities, for City Day at the

more about the impending threats to maintaining healthy local governments, to discuss possible solutions with people from other cities, and to present our concerns in person to our local legislators: Senator Chuck Wiger, Rep. Nora Slawik, and Rep. Scott Wasiluk (www.senate.leg.state.mn.us or www.house.leg.state.mn.us). It is necessary for elected officials at all levels of government to cooperate and work diligently to maintain strong cities across the state.

Citizen input and support are very important to the process, especially right now. To participate in the solution, to express your concerns or ideas, contact your legislators and your city council members. Governing is always a cooperative effort.

Council member, Kathleen Juenemann



Rainwater, Resource, or Waste?

Drainage and runoff issues are often a source of frustration for many. Traditional misguided thinking has been to drain all rainwater away as quickly and efficiently as possible. Then at times, when it fails to rain, we spend time and money watering our lawns and gardens with tap water.

Think about it...

Runoff from our streets, drives, and yards is a source of pollution of our lakes, streams, and wetlands. Rain barrels, redirecting down spouts onto turf areas, and rainwater gardens are just a few examples of ways to better utilize this resource and protect our water resources.

Find out more about rainwater gardens on the City web page at: www.ci.maplewood.mn.us.

Capital Improvement Projects

Vista Hills Neighborhood

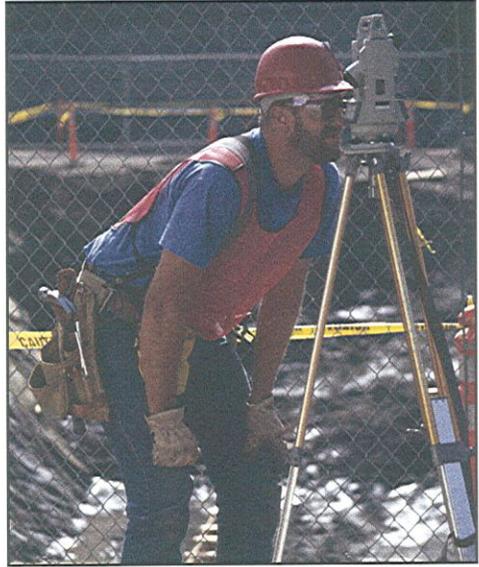
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Projects in the CIP are grouped by neighborhood. This month the focus is on the Vista Hills Neighborhood, where two projects are planned for 2006.

The first project involves replacement of the pavement on Sterling Street from Londin Lane to Mailand Road. The second project will replace the pavement on streets near Sterling Street and Mailand Road. The streets included in this project are Mary Street, Mary Lane, O'Day Street, O'Day Lane, O'Day Circle, Dorland Drive, and Pond Avenue. For further information on these projects, contact the Public Works Director at 651.770.4552.

Information on projects in other neighborhoods is in the 2003-2007 CIP booklet which is available for public review at the Maplewood branch of the Ramsey County Library.



Recreational Fires

With spring and summer approaching, many of you are probably looking forward to relaxing next to a recreational fire in the yard. The city does not require a permit for recreational fires, but there are rules that must be obeyed.

A violation of the recreational fire rules can result in a fine issued and losing the privilege to have a fire. If you have questions or would like a copy of the recreational fire rules, contact Fire Marshal, Butch Gervais at 651.770.4546.

You can also read more about recreational fires on our website at www.ci.maplewood.mn.us.

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 651.770.4526 for an application. The deadline for applications is May 7. Funding decisions will be made by the City Council on May 27.

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



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.

Parks & Recreation Summer Kickoff

Saturday, May 31

Maplewood Parks and Recreation is kicking off the start of their summer programs with the first annual *All Star Parade*. The event will begin at 10:00am on White Bear Ave. from Frost Ave. to the MCC. After the parade, participants and their families are invited to come enjoy music, food, games, swimming, inflatables, and more at the Maplewood Community Center.

For more information, call 651.779.3556.

Thank you to the following sponsors:



In March 2003, the Maplewood City Council conducted two regular meetings. Below are the highlights of those meetings:

- Appointed Carol Watnemo to the Maplewood Human Relations Committee.
- Congratulated Nate Dey, a North High School Senior and Maplewood resident, on receiving the Mr. Hockey Award, which recognizes the best high school hockey player in Minnesota for 2002.
- Adopted a resolution ordering the improvement of the Maplewood Drive West/Keller Parkway Resurfacing, City Project 03-02.
- Adopted resolutions approving a conditional use permit and a comprehensive land use plan amendment from OS (open space) to P (park) for the City of St. Paul's proposed Sandy Lake Soccer Complex.
- Approved a temporary intoxicating liquor and food permit for the Church of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 1725 Kennard Street, for their annual Spring Festival event to be held May 3rd and 4th.
- Approved the Beaver Lake Townhomes second addition final plat.
- Approved the Towns of New Century third addition final plat.
- Adopted a resolution approving a revision to the conditional use permit and approving plans for an addition to John Schmelz's Countryside Motors Automobile dealership located at 1180 Highway 36 E.
- Approved the permit request from Champ's of Maplewood to hold a one-time event on July 26, from 7-11 p.m. to benefit the Second Harvest Food Shelf.
- Adopted a resolution ordering the Preparation of a Feasibility Study for the Atlantic Street Water Main and Utility Improvements north of Frost Avenue, City Project 03-16.
- Adopted a resolution ordering the preparation of a Feasibility Study for the Carver Avenue Trunk Sanitary Sewer Improvements, City Project 03-17.
- Adopted a resolution for the Parkway Avenue Lift Station Removal Improvements, Project 02-14.
- Denied the adoption of a resolution to authorize Maplewood voters to approve a one-half percent city sales tax.
- Approved \$938,740 in 2003 expenditure reductions for 14 items identified by the City Management Team that are necessary due to anticipated state aid reductions.
- Approved council reconsideration and a public hearing on April 28, 2003 for Sibley Cove Apartments.

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

Have You Seen The New Look?

If you have recently logged on to the City website you have probably noticed a significant change in its appearance. The content of the site has been reorganized to give you more current, valuable information in less time. Whether you have questions about dog/cat licenses, City Council meetings, the Community Center, or programs offered through the Parks and Recreation Department, you can find your answers here! We hope you will find this new site a useful tool. Let us know what you think by filling out the feedback form located in the lower left hand side of the "home page." Enjoy!

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A “European” Legacy Village Moves Into Maplewood

A Mixed-use Development Plan

The Planning Commission and City Council met on May 19 to review the latest ‘Legacy Village’ plan offered by the Hartford Group. Legacy Village is a mixed-use, planned unit

Corporate Site Is A Must

The business-commercial component includes a site for a popular furniture store, three separate restaurant and retail buildings, and a corporate site. During the presentation and discussion,

June 2003



Hartford indicated the market was weak on the corporate side, but council and planning commission members made strong comments about the corporate site as a must. Members of the council and commission also indicated a desire to see grocery and pharmacy components included for the residents, especially seniors. Hartford also

- Find out what’s happening at this years Ramsey County Fair
- Are you aware of what fertilizers can do to wetlands?
- The Maplewood Police Department gets recognized
- Get ready for the annual National Night Out celebration
- What’s happening in the Highwood Neighborhood?

development located on 79 acres west of Maplewood Mall. Representatives from the Hartford Group presented their third draft of a plan that includes 616 units of residential development with a mix of commercial, business, and public uses.

The residential development suggests 198 units of rental town homes, 198 units of for-sale

heard the preference of some to “spread-out” the work force or ‘affordable’ housing units throughout the development rather than cluster all of that housing together.

A European City Design

As proposed, many trails will cross the site, meandering around ponds, neighborhoods, and public amenities such as soccer fields, tot-lots, and a planned water park. The overall design of the project looks a lot like a European city with the buildings hugging the sidewalk and Maplewood’s second planned round-about at the intersection of the main thoroughfares.

If the developers are able to meet their deadlines, the



Regent
Communities

July 4th Celebration



Grab your red, white, and blue. Head to Hazelwood Park for a phenomenal display of bursting fireworks. Before the ooo’s and ahhh’s, visit the live petting zoo, inflatable play structures, and much more. Listen to jammin tunes from “The Rockin’ Hollywoods,” participate in fun games, and

letters coming to you, each councilmember is given an opportunity to address the city residents with a message. Councilmember Juenemann was given this duty in May, councilmember Collins will give his in July, councilmember Wasiluk will give hers in August, and councilmember Koppen will give his in November. This is a practice I wish to continue.

Thank You For Your Service

Besides our excellent staff of 201 full-time and part-time employees, we have many volunteers that I would like to thank. These volunteers comprise commissions and committees that allow the city to function in an excellent manner. By name, the Planning Commission members are Lorraine Fischer, William Rossbach, Gary Pearson, Mary Dierich, Matt Ledvina, Dale Trippler, Paul Mueller, Jackie Monahan-Junek and Tushar Desai; the Parks & Recreation Commission members are Donald Christianson, Bonnie Qualley, Peter Fischer, Marabeth Timmers, Carolyn Peterson, Rick Brandon, Craig Brannon, Audrey Duellman and Peter Frank; the Community Design Review Board members are Matt Ledvina, Ananth Shankar, Craig Jorgenson, Diana Longrie-Kline and Linda Olson; the Human Relations Commission members are Rita Ander, Anastacia Belladonna, Barbara Damchik-Dykes, Gordon Heining, Elmo Mattox, Carol

Civil Service Commission members are Steven Gunn, Tzianeng Vang and Clayton Robinson; the Cable Commission volunteer is Kim Facile; the Historical Preservation Commission members are Annemarie Fosburgh, Gordon Heining, Edna Ledo, Robert Overby, Carolyn Peterson, and Donald Weigert; the Housing and Redevelopment Authority Commission members are Thomas Connelly, Lorraine Fischer, Gary Pearson, Joe O'Brien and Beth Ulrich; the Emergency Management staff are Bob Dollerschell, Larry Cude, Bill Mikiska, Bob Bade, Ken Mauston, Duane Williams, Karma Kumlin. Also, we have 142 election judges. Thank these people for their service to our city when you see them.

National Hunger Awareness Day

National Hunger Awareness Day is Thursday, June 5. All visitors to the Maplewood Chipotle Mexican Grill will be given a free burrito for making a \$5 donation or for bringing two or more nonperishable food items for the North St. Paul-Maplewood-Oakdale Area Food Shelf.

Local Cable Programming

If you are not currently subscribing to cable but would like to view city council meetings, school district information, and other local cable programming, call Comcast at 651.222.3333 for information on Universal Service. You can receive several free channels from the Ramsey/Washington Cable Commission via Comcast. Universal PEG

standard install of 200 feet of PEG) and there is no ongoing monthly fee if you have a cable-ready television. An A/B switch is also provided at no charge so you can switch to your TV's over-the-air broadcast channels. As long as you live in the Ramsey/Washington cable area, you are eligible! Universal PEG Service offerings may change from time to time.



Enjoy Your Summer

Hopefully, you may enjoy the summer vacation, talking with neighbors, backyard play, walking trails, using our 35 great Maplewood parks and numerous

Ramsey County parks and all the other activities that fine outdoor weather allows. Don't forget the Fourth of July celebration and fireworks!

Again, I ask you to call me if you would like to share some constructive criticism or an opinion to help make our city better. A visit to Embers or another city coffee or tea spot is appropriate for a one on one with the mayor.

Mayor, Bob Cardinal
H 651.765.8600 W 952.831.3300
robert.cardinal@ci.maplewood.mn.us

Capital Improvement Projects

Highwood 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.

Capital projects include such things as public works improvements, development of parks, and building projects. Major equipment purchases included in the CIP are items that cost

in excess of \$50,000. On May 13, 2002, the City Council approved the 2003-2007 CIP.

Projects in the CIP are grouped by neighborhood. This month the focus is on the Highwood Neighborhood where one project is planned for 2005. The project is the development of Applewood Park and will cost \$300,000. The project will include construction of tennis courts, trail system, tot lot, and picnic shelter. For more information on this project, contact the Parks and Recreation Director at 651.770.4573.

Information on projects in other neighborhoods is in the 2003-2007 CIP booklet which is available for public review at the Maplewood branch of the Ramsey County Library.



Applewood Park: East of Sterling, South of Linwood, West of Century (a 16-acre site)

Save Our Local Lakes And Wetlands!

Use zero-phosphorous fertilizer

If you must fertilize, do not use fertilizer that contains phosphorus. Remember, it's phosphorous that accelerates algae growth in our lakes and wetlands. Consider this—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 additional phosphorous to look green and healthy.** Make sure to keep any excess fertilizer off hard surfaces—sweep the



Look for a "0" in the middle (phosphorus) number on the bag.

fertilizer from sidewalks, driveways, and streets so it won't run off into our waters. For more information, log on to www.ci.maplewood.mn.us.

Governor Pawlenty Awards The Maplewood Police Department

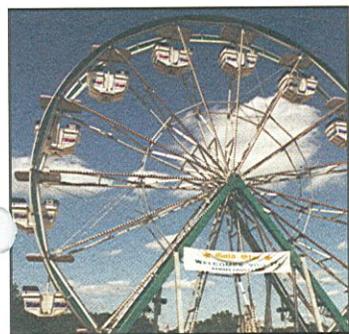


Left to Right: Retired Brigadier General Denny Schulstad, Retired Maplewood Chief Don Winger, Chief David Thomalla, Governor Tim Pawlenty, Officer Dick Doblak.

Governor Tim Pawlenty and retired Brigadier General Denny Schulstad presented the Maplewood Police Department with the "Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Award" at the Bloomington Marriott Hotel. Out of 400 nominations, there were only 20 awards given. Maplewood Police Officer Dick Doblak nominated the department after he was deployed for one year to St. Louis to train other military personnel.

RAMSEY COUNTY FAIR

FREE! July 9-13



Mark your calendar! The 90th 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, chili cook-off, 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 dog demonstrations, fireworks, parade, carnival rides, and much more! For a complete list of events and times, call the county fair office at 651.770.2626 or log on to www.ramseycountyfair.com.



Maplewood Historical Society

The Maplewood Historical Society will be hosting its annual Garage Sale June 5-7 at the Bruentrup Farm (2170 East County Road D) from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Come check it out! After May 27, donated items can be dropped off at the Farm 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm (no clothing accepted). For more information, call Carolyn Peterson at 651.748.9009.

Maplewood Area Historical Society:
Where was the first apartment house in Maplewood built?

Send your entry to: Char Wasiluk, 1740 Frank St., Maplewood 55109. Answers must be received by June 6. MAHS members and their immediate families are not eligible. Answer will appear in the July issue of the *Maplewood City News*.

Answer to January's question: A very popular

Municipal Election 2003



State statutes require that if more than twice the number of individuals to be elected to a city office file for nomination their names shall be placed upon the primary ballot for an election to be held on September 9, 2003. If not, there will be no primary election.

An individual who is eligible and desires to become a candidate for an office to be voted for at the municipal primary election shall file an affidavit of candidacy with the municipal clerk. Two council member positions (Kenneth Collins and Julie Wasiluk) are open for filing. These are four-year terms. The filing period begins on July 1, 2003 and will close at 5:00pm on Tuesday, July 15, 2003. There is a filing fee of \$5 payable to the City of Maplewood.

If you have questions, please contact the City Clerk, Karen Guilfoile, at 651.770.4577 karen.guilfoile@ci.maplewood.mn.us or Lori Hansen at 651.770.4523 lori.hansen@ci.maplewood.mn.us



National Night Out Tuesday, August 5

Get ready to celebrate the 20th Annual National Night Out with your neighbors. Enjoy root beer floats, hot dogs, visits from the Fire Dept. and

In April 2003, the Maplewood City Council conducted two regular meetings. Below are the highlights of those meetings:

- Announced April 13-19, 2003 as National Public Safety Telecommunication Week.
- Denied the land use change for Van Dyke Village Town Homes (from BC and R-3 (M) to R-3 (H)).
- Approved the Home Occupation License for a hair salon at 2697 Pinkspire Lane.
- Approved the on-sale liquor license for Donald Standley at the Maplewood Moose Lodge.
- Denied the request from Kevin and Darla Stebbins for an increased front yard setback of approximately 270 feet for a new house on a vacant lot on the east end of Arlington Avenue.
- Approved the County Road D Realignment project schedule, City Project 02-07 as proposed.
- Adopted a resolution approving distribution of a Final Alternative Urban Area-wide Review Document and Mitigation Plan for Legacy Village, City Project 02-18.
- Adopted resolutions for the Gladstone West Neighborhood Street Improvements, City Project 00-05, directing the modification of the existing construction contract and acceptance of the project.
- Proclaimed May 2003 as Falun Dafa Month in the City of Maplewood.
- Appointed Annastacia Belladonna to the Maplewood Human Relations Commission.
- Approved the lifeguard service contract with White Bear Township.
- Adopted a resolution allowing the city, or an agent of the city, to repair the septic system located at 2575 Carver Avenue and assess the costs associated with this repair to the property in the form of a special tax assessment.
- Adopted resolutions calling for a Public Hearing and an Assessment Hearing for the Kennard/Frost Area Street Improvements, City Project 02-10.
- Declared the date of May 3rd as the Official Stephanie Sward Hometown Day in the City of Maplewood.
- Adopted a resolution for the land use plan change from BC (business commercial) to R-3 (H) (residential high density) for the 7.1-acre site of the Sibley Cove Housing Development.
- Adopted a resolution for a conditional use permit for a planned unit development for the Sibley Cove Apartment Development on County Road D, west of Ariel Street.
- Approved design plans for Sibley Cove Apartment Development on County Road D, West of Ariel Street for an 80-unit building on the east end of the site.
- Approved Xcel Energy for outdoor lighting at Edgerton Park.
- Adopted a resolution approving a conditional use permit for a 20-unit planned development for the Van Dyke Village Town House Development on the west side of Van Dyke Street, north of County Road B.
- Directed the City Engineer to request that Ramsey County conduct an engineering evaluation of the Joy Road/Lydia Avenue/Lake Boulevard intersection to determine whether a stop sign is warranted.
- Approved reconsideration of Hazelwood Street Improvements from County Road C to Beam Avenue.

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June 9 & 23

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June 10 at 7:00pm

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June 3 at 7:00pm

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June 16 at 7:00pm

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June 2 & 16 at 7:00pm

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Flying Colors Kite Festival

Saturday, August 16

A Fabulous FREE Event For The Whole Family!

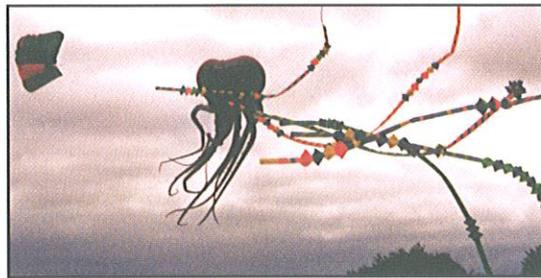
Head to Harvest Park in Maplewood, 2561 Barclay Street (North of Hwy. 36 and East of



Hwy. 61) 11:00 am to 4:00 pm to see kites of all shapes and sizes from national

award-winning kite makers. See professional kite flyers fly figure patterns with their

beautiful kites and watch amazing kite aerobic performances with choreographed music. Children can learn how to build their very own kites in a free workshop. Join in kite games and competitions. This is a fun event for novice and experienced flyers. For more information, call 651.779.3556 or log on to www.mnkites.org.



Council To Consider New Environmental Funding

The Maplewood City Council has established protection and enhancement of the city's environment as one of their



highest goals. In particular, management of the surface water features of our city is viewed as a critical endeavor that requires

a renewed focus. In March, Maplewood submitted an application for a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Program, or SWPPP. The SWPPP is a federal mandate under a program called the National

pollutant Discharge Elimination System. During the summer of 2003, the Council will review a proposal to provide a dedicated fund for some of

the following activities:

- Flood protection and reduction
- Water quality improvements, including increased street sweeping
- Wetland protection
- Erosion and sediment control
- Drainage system construction
- Community education on environmental protection issues
- Improved fish, wildlife, and recreational opportunities.

The Council will consider a monthly fee similar to the water and sewer bill that each homeowner currently receives. The current proposal is that each Maplewood homeowner would be charged \$1.75 per month beginning around October 2003 for these environmental enhancement programs. The Environmental Utility Fund for Surface Water Management would include charges to business and industry equivalent to the amount of parking area and impervious roof areas on their

particular site. Surrounding communities, such as Roseville, St. Paul, Woodbury, Vadnais Heights, North St. Paul, and Oakdale have had similar fees in place, some dating back to the mid-1980s.

Property owners interested in additional information on this issue can attend a Public Information Open House on August 7 at 6:30 pm at Maplewood City Hall. The City Council will consider adopting the ordinance implementing the Environmental Utility Fee at a Public Hearing on August 11, 2003 at 7:30 pm. Interested parties are invited to the Public Hearing to express concerns or support for programs. Additional information on the Environmental Utility Fund can be found on the city website at www.ci.maplewood.mn.us. Comments should be directed to Director of Public Works/City Engineer, Chuck Ahl at 651.770.4550 or chuck.ahl@ci.maplewood.mn.us.

July/August 2003

—Find out details on this year's National Night Out

—Learn the ins and outs of Police work

—Check out our "new" Code Corner

—Find out what's happening in the Parkside and Kohlman Lake Neighborhood

COUNCIL MEMBER COLLINS' LETTER TO RESIDENTS

Establishing Goals

Every year the Maplewood City Council, together with the department managers gets together to establish goals for the city. In this column I'd like to discuss our goals for housing and neighborhoods. There are two primary goals: To invest in redeveloping the city's deteriorating residential and commercial properties, and to provide increased diverse housing for the city's changing population. What follows is a list of projects underway in Maplewood that relate to our city goals for housing and redevelopment.

Legacy Village

The Legacy Village project is located west of the Maplewood Mall, south of I-694, and between Southlawn Drive and Hazelwood Street. This project, if approved as proposed, will have 616 housing units. Currently, the proposal calls for 198 units of rental town homes, 198 units of for-sale town homes, 50 units of apartments, and 120 units of assisted-living housing. In addition to the housing, the project is planning various commercial uses such as corporate headquarters, offices, retail, and restaurants. In addition, walking trails will interconnect all areas of the development into a pedestrian-friendly environment.

Researching Opportunities

The city engaged the services of the Maxfield Research Group to look at the market feasibility for potential redevelopment opportunities in the Gladstone and Hillcrest areas. The study found that current market conditions favor multifamily housing, both for-sale and

independent senior, with longer term potential for new retail/commercial development. Based on this study, the city will begin further land use planning activities for both areas. Residents in these areas will be asked to participate in the planning for the redevelopment of these areas.

Redevelopment

The city is moving forward on the redevelopment of the property at the NW corner of Larpenteur Avenue and Aldolphus Street. Over the last year, the city acquired 5 single-family homes that had flooding problems or were in poor condition. The homes were demolished to make way for new town homes. The land will be sold to a developer to build the town homes. With this project, the storm water ponding problems will also be corrected. The costs of property acquisition were funded through the city's Housing Replacement Fund.

How To Finance Redevelopment Projects

Finally, the city is looking at various



methods to finance the redevelopment projects. In June, the City Council approved the 2004-2008 Capital Improvement Plan. This plan includes funding sources for

streetscape and roadway improvements in the Hillcrest and Gladstone redevelopment areas and funding for the Housing Replacement Fund.

City staff will continue to look for new partnerships and funding opportunities for housing activities. We have a great partnership with Ramsey County and various state agencies that provide funds for housing activities such as first time homebuyers, home repair, work force housing, and other supportive housing projects. The City of Maplewood is also working with the Lakeview Lutheran Church Task Force on Affordable Housing to help with the evaluation of workforce housing projects and the types of housing in the Legacy Village project.

Mixing The Population

Besides these listed activities, staff and the City Council will continue to evaluate our housing stock and redevelopment programs. Ideally, housing in Maplewood should vary in type, size, and price so that our neighborhoods can be home to people in a broad range of ages, incomes, and occupations. A mixed population, including people who work at home, or families that may be smaller in size than in the past, creates demand for goods and services and helps our community thrive.

Stay In Tune With Your Community

I encourage all of you to stay informed about city activities and projects. For more information about housing and redevelopment or current city projects; log on to www.ci.Maplewood.mn.us or contact the Community Development Department at 651.770.4560 or you may call me, Ken Collins, at 651.483.1149.

Code Corner

The City of Maplewood outlines specific regulations from dog licensing to zoning in its city code. The code is in the final stages of recodification and is now available on the city website. "Code Corner" will highlight different areas that may be of interest to our residents. Go to www.ci.maplewood.mn.us and click on "City Code."

Sec.28-5 Peddlers, Solicitors, and Vendors

- Any resident who wishes to exclude solicitors from their property may place a printed sign with the following notice: "Peddlers and Solicitors Prohibited."
- Such sign shall be at least 3^{3/4}" long and 3^{3/4}" high, and the printing should be at least 48-point type.
- No solicitor shall enter the premises or attempt to enter where a sign is displayed.

Violation of this ordinance is a petty misdemeanor and is prosecutable by law.

Citizen's Police Academy

Thursdays, September 4-October 30, 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
- Gangs & drugs
- Traffic stops
- Criminal investigation
- DWI enforcement
- Use of force

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, call Lieutenant Dave Kvam at 651.770.4503.

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Projects in the CIP are grouped by neighborhood. There will be an article each month in the *Maplewood City News* that will cover the planned projects for one of the 13 neighborhoods in the city.



Parkside Neighborhood

Four projects are planned for the neighborhood:

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

The Kenwood East Area Streets project is scheduled for 2006. It involves replacement of the pavement on Kenwood, Allen, Bellwood, Payne, Lee, Greenbrier, Skillman, Searle, Kenwood Court, Laurie Court, and Viking Drive. DeSoto Street, from Larpenteur to County Road B, and Skillman Avenue, from McMenemy to Desoto, are scheduled for reconstruction in 2007. The DeSoto Area Streets project includes upgrades to Clark, Arkwright, Bradley, Skillman, Sloan, and Mississippi streets in 2007. For more information on these projects, contact the Public Works Director, Chuck Ahl, at 651.770.4552 or log on to www.ci.maplewood.mn.us.

Kohlman Lake Neighborhood

Five projects are planned for the neighborhood:

1. Walter Street Trail Corridor
2. Gervais Avenue, Maplewood Drive to Cypress
3. County Road D Realignment, West of Hwy 61
4. Highway 61 Improvements at County Road D
5. County Road D Water Improvements



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 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. The County Road D Realignment, West of Highway 61, will provide better area traffic flow and is scheduled for 2004. As part of the realignment of County road D, various turn lane improvements and median revisions will be constructed along Highway 61 in 2004. Improvements to the water system along County Road D near Highway 61 will be completed in 2005. For more information on these projects, contact Public Works Director Chuck Ahl, at 651.770.4552 or log on to www.ci.maplewood.mn.us.

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.

Historical Society

Upcoming Events

Summer Open House at the Bruentrup Farm:

August 23, 10:00-3:00 pm

Call 651.748.9009 for more information.

Hoedown at the MCC: October 24, 6:30-9:00 pm

Christmas Tour At The Farm: December 13 & 14

Holiday Tea: January 10

If you can answer this question, you may win a FREE one-day pass to the Maplewood Community Center or a one-year membership to the Maplewood Area Historical Society:

Where was the first free-standing church (not in a building primarily used for something else) in Maplewood? And do you know when it was built?

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

Answers must be received by August 11.

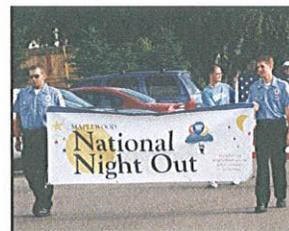
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Answer to June's question: Where was the first apartment house in Maplewood?

*Answer: English Manor on English Street at Ripley
No correct answers were received.*

National Night Out

Tuesday, August 5 at 6:30 pm



Kickoff 6:00-6:30pm

Maplewood's Shortest Parades at

Fire Station 2
(1955 Clarence St.)

Fire Station 4
(Lower Afton Rd. & Londin Ln.)

Events To Add Your 2003 Block Party Experience:

- Root Beer Floats
- Puppet Wagon
- Face Painting
- Picnic Kits
- Moon Walk
- Music
- Restaurant Samples
- Dunk A Cop
- Creative Block Party Themes

• Visits from Police, Fire, Paramedics, and Maplewood resident Amy Peterson, an Olympic silver medallist in speed skating.

Plus! 50 FREE MCC passes will go to the largest "apartment block party" and 25 FREE MCC passes will go to the largest "neighborhood block party."

A variety of donated prizes from Maplewood businesses will also be raffled off during the evening.

Don't miss it! For more information call Lieutenant David Kvam at 651.770.4503 or log on to www.ci.maplewood.mn.us.

Council's Corner

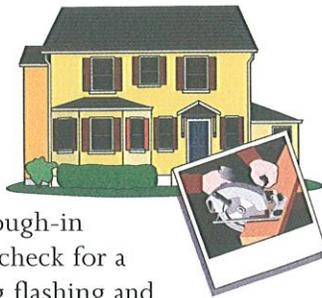
In June 2003, the Maplewood City Council conducted two regular meetings. Below are the highlights of those meetings:

- Approved the miscellaneous permit and waived the fee to conduct a parade for the White Bear Avenue Business Association.
- Adopted a resolution ordering the preparation of a preliminary report for the Carlton Street Improvements (Conway Avenue to Minnehaha Avenue), Project 03-22.
- Accepted the applicant's petition and approved a resolution ordering the preparation of a feasibility study for the Arkwright Street Extension, North of Kingston Avenue, City Project 03-23.
- Approved a 2003 Budget Change to eliminate the carpet replacement at City Hall and directed staff to make the appropriate budget changes that are necessary due to the additional state aid reduction of \$47,000.
- Appointed Roberta Hawkins and Marilyn Gebauer to the Maplewood Human Relations Commission, and to reappoint Elmo Mattox to a new three-year term.
- Scheduled a Public Hearing for the first City Council Meeting in September to address the 2:00 a.m. bar closing.
- Approved an Outdoor event for Brad Karl at the Chalet Lounge at 1820 Rice Street, hosting the Make-A-Wish Foundation on July 26, 2003.
- Adopted a resolution showing the City Council's intent to comply with the Livable Communities Demonstration Account Program contract requirements for the requested \$8,000 opportunity grant for planning purposes for the Gladstone Neighborhood.

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

New Permit Fee

A siding permit is now required by the City of Maplewood. The permit fee is \$50.50. Two inspections will also be required along with the permit. The rough-in inspection will verify materials used and check for a weather-resistive barrier, exterior opening flashing and kick out flashing. The final inspection will verify the installation of address numbers, materials, flashing, caulking, and protection of openings and completion of the job. Log on to our City website at www.ci.maplewood.mn.us to find out more.



Is Buckthorn Lurking In Your Yard?

See page 36 in the Parks & Recreation book and look for the brochure inserted inside to find out more about Buckthorn.

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July 22, August 12 & 26 at 6:00pm

Housing & Redevelopment Authority

August 12 at 7:00pm

Human Relations Commission

no meeting scheduled

Parks & Recreation Commission

July 21, August 18 at 7:00pm

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Maplewood

Council Set To Talk 2004 City Budget

Recouping Lost Funds

City Manager Richard Fursman and Finance Director Dan Faust delivered the proposed 2004 budget to the City Council in August. The overall budget is \$31.5 million, which is 18.9% less than 2003. The budget includes a proposed \$12.8 million tax levy that is 7.5% higher than the current year. The biggest share of the increase, (2/3) is to recoup a portion of the state

aid cuts enacted by the state legislature. The remainder of the increase is for higher bond payments to cover public improvement projects.

How Will The Proposed Levy Affect You?

The Council's first meeting to discuss the budget will be September 4 at 5:00 pm in the City Council Chambers. The Council will adopt the 'preliminary' levy and send it to the County in time to meet a September 15 deadline. If the proposed levy is ultimately passed in December, the likely impact on the property taxpayer will be about a \$3-\$4 increase on a \$150,000 home. The County will send out notices in November with the exact amount of increases. There was a significant amount of value-added building in the City in 2002, which should help spread the tax burden and reduce the increase.

September 2003

INSIDE!

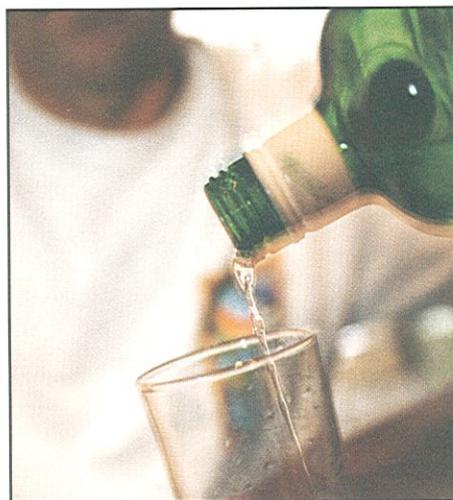
- South Maplewood gets a new needed trail
- Big savings for buckthorn removal products
- Reminders for pet owners
- Find out where to vote this September
- What's happening in the Hazelwood Neighborhood?
- Don't miss the Historical Society Hoedown

New City Phone Numbers

A new telephone system has been installed at the City Hall campus. By mid-September eight remote city locations will also be integrated into the new system. The five fire stations, the Nature Center and the Carver and Edgerton gyms will be networked for both telephone and data via a fiber network.

The new telephone system has also provided an opportunity to change the city phone numbers to one prefix rather than the confusing assortment of prefixes that we have used over the years. All city telephone numbers now begin with the 249 prefix. The main City Hall number is 651.249.2000 and the Community Center can be reached at 651.249.2100. Please note that for the time being, the old city phone numbers

Could Maplewood Be The Next City With 2 am Bar Close?



The Council will conduct a special public hearing on the 2:00 am bar closing time on September 8, at 6:00

to stay open until 2:00 am. July 1, 2003 was the first day bars could stay open as late as 2:00 am. The council wanted more time to study the possible impacts and to see what other cities do. Research indicates that many cities are passing the 2:00 am closing time, including area cities such as St. Paul, Roseville, Oakdale, White Bear Lake, Bloomington and Stillwater to name a few.

At issue is the concern over public safety on one side, and the ability of business owners to stay competitive on the other. City officials and liquor

The City of Maplewood is seeking applications for many exciting volunteer positions.

Help Make Important Decisions Regarding Maplewood's Development

The CDRB is a five-member advisory board that reviews site and architectural plans for industrial, commercial and multiple-family developments in Maplewood. They meet the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 6:00 pm at Maplewood City Hall. There is currently one vacancy on this board.

Get In The Maplewood Zone

The Planning Commission is a nine-member advisory board that advises the City Council on all land use and zoning matters in Maplewood. The Planning Commission meets the first and third Mondays of each month at 7:00 pm at Maplewood City Hall. There is currently one vacancy on this board.

The city is also seeking applicants for future HRA vacancies. The HRA is a five-member advisory board that reviews housing matters and policies in Maplewood. The HRA meets the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm at Maplewood City Hall.

How To Apply

You must be a Maplewood resident to apply for these positions. For more information, contact Shann Finwall at 651.249.2304 or Tom Ekstrand at 651.249.2302. Applications can be obtained from the city web page (ADVISORY BOARD APPLICATION), by requesting an application be mailed, faxed, or e-mailed to you via the above-referenced telephone numbers, or by picking one up at the Community Development Department at City Hall, 1830 County Road B East. The City will accept applications for the CDRB and Planning Commission vacancies through September 3, 2003, and on an ongoing basis for the HRA positions.

Planned For South Maplewood



South Maplewood residents will soon be seeing a trail along Lower Afton Road from McKnight to Century. A petition signed by 140 residents identified concerns about pedestrian and biking safety along the route. County Commissioner Victoria Reinhart has indicated the County's willingness to share a 50/50 split of the \$600,000 cost of the improvement. The City Council took action on August 11 to begin the feasibility and design work needed before construction can begin.



We Want You!

Maplewood Fire Department is looking for a special group of citizens that are willing to serve their community by joining the paid-per-call Fire Department. It's a great way to help your neighbors, make life-long friends and get involved in your City. Call **651.747.8791** for more information or log on to www.ci.maplewood.mn.us.

Code Corner

A Reminder To Pet Owners

All dogs and cats must be restrained by a leash not exceeding eight feet in length or kept within a fenced yard or area.

Owners are responsible for cleaning up and disposing of any feces of their animals.

No owner or custodian of any dog within the city shall allow the dog to remain outside and unattended for a period exceeding four consecutive hours.

For more information regarding pets and licensing requirements, contact the city clerk's office at 651.249.2003 or log on to www.ci.maplewood.mn.us and see Chapter 10 of the City Code.

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 Nursery: 25% OFF!

Concentrated (41%) Glyphosate products (8 oz - 2 1/2 gallon) and Trichlophyr Brush and Stump Killer. **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**

Coupon good through 9/30/03

For more information on buckthorn, call the buckthorn hotline (Carole Gernes) 651.748.3066
Maplewood Nature Center (Ann Hutchinson) 651.738.9383
Website www.ci.maplewood.mn.us (click on "Nature Center")

Capital Improvement Projects

Hazelwood 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. Capital projects include such things as public works improvements, development of parks, and 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. There is an article each month in the *Maplewood City News* that will cover the planned projects for one of the 13 neighborhoods in the city. This month the focus is on the Hazelwood Neighborhood.

Nine projects are planned for the neighborhood:

1. Harvest Park Improvements
2. Hazelwood/Cty. Rd. C Area Streets
3. Cty Rd. D, Hwy 61 to Hazelwood
4. Hazelwood St., Beam Ave. to Cty. Rd. D
5. Kennard St., Beam to Cty. Rd. D
6. Cty. Rd. D, Hazelwood to White Bear Ave.
7. White Bear Ave., Woodlyn to Buerkle
8. Hwy 61 Frontage Rd. Improvements
9. Cty. Rd. D and Southlawn Traffic Signal

The Harvest Park Improvements project will irrigate the existing five fields in 2006. For more information on this project, contact the Parks and Recreation Director at 651.249.2102.

In 2004, the Hazelwood/County Road C Area Streets project will replace the pavement on eight streets. The County

Road D, Highway 61 to Hazelwood project involves construction of the road at a new location in 2004 so that it can be extended to Highway 61.

The Hazelwood Street/ County Road C to St. John's Boulevard project involves replacement of the pavement and installation of curb and gutter in 2003.

In 2004 Hazelwood Street will be reconstructed from Beam Avenue to County Road D. The Kennard Street project involves extending the street from just north of Beam Avenue to County Road D in 2003 and 2004. In 2008 County Road D will be reconstructed from Hazelwood to White Bear Avenue.

Between 2003 and 2005 preliminary engineering will be done for a major improvement of White Bear Avenue between Woodlyn Avenue and Buerkle Road.



Improvements will be made to the Highway 61 frontage road in 2005. A traffic signal is planned for 2008 at the intersection of County Road D and Southlawn Avenue. For more information on these projects, contact the Public Works Director at 651.249.2402.

Information on projects in other neighborhoods is in the 2003-2007 CIP booklet which is available for public review at the Maplewood branch of the Ramsey County Library.

Maplewood Historical Society

Great upcoming events!

Hoedown at the MCC

October 24 at 6:30-9:00 pm

Christmas Tour At The Farm

December 13 & 14

Holiday Tea

January 10

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Maplewood Area Historical Society, call Anne Fosburgh at 651.777.6339. Meetings are held the

If you can answer this question, you may win a FREE one-day pass to the Maplewood Community Center or a one-year membership to the Maplewood Area Historical Society:
For whom was Lake Gervais named (Include the person's first name)

Send your entry to: Char Wasiluk, 1740 Frank St., Maplewood 55109. Answers must be received by September 8. MAHS members and their immediate families are

Maplewood Primary Election

September 9, 2003

Polling locations will be open from 7:00am - 8:00pm. There are two council seats on the ballot.

PRECINCT 1

Maplewood Fire Station #3
(Parkside) - 2001 McMenemy Road

PRECINCT 2

St. Jeromes School
380 E. Roselawn Avenue

PRECINCT 3

Edgerton School
1929 Edgerton Street

PRECINCT 4

Maplewood Fire Station #2
(Gladstone) - 1955

Clarence Street

PRECINCT 5

Gladstone Community Center
Frost Avenue at Manton Street

PRECINCT 6

Maplewood Fire Station #7
(Hazelwood) - 1530 County Road C

PRECINCT 7

First Evangelical Free Church
2696 Hazelwood Street

PRECINCT 8

Concordia Arms- 2030 Lydia Avenue

PRECINCT 9

Maplewood City Hall
1830 E. County Road B

PRECINCT 10

Ramsey County Home
2000 White Bear 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 more information, please contact Karen Guilfoile at 651.249.2002 karen.guilfoile@ci.maplewood.mn.us or Lori Hansen at 651.249.2001 lori.hansen@ci.maplewood.mn.us



MCC Reminder!

The Maplewood Community Center will

In July 2003, the Maplewood City Council conducted two regular meetings. Below are the highlights of those meetings:

- Adopted a resolution granting a temporary gambling license to conduct a raffle to raise funds for Robert Kelly at Midway Stadium in St. Paul on August 17, 2003.
- Approved the preliminary plat, conditional use permit, architectural and site plans date-stamped July 1, 2003, and landscape plans date-stamped May 20, 2003 for the Woodlyn Ponds Twin Homes.
- Adopted a resolution approving a comprehensive land use plan amendment, a conditional use permit, and preliminary plat date-stamped June 12, 2003, for the proposed Legacy Village on the south side of County Road D between Southlawn Drive and Hazelwood Street.
- Authorized the preparation of a development agreement with the Hartford Group, Inc. providing tax abatement not to exceed a present value of \$3.8 million dollars for the proposed Legacy Village on the south side of County Road D between Southlawn Drive and Hazelwood Street.
- Moved to approve the off-sale liquor license and the cigarette and tobacco license for Blong Lee to be used at 2728 Stillwater Road, for the store that will operate as Princess Liquor 'n Tobacco.
- Placed a moratorium on future off-sale liquor licenses until parameters are set for distances between liquor license holders.
- Authorized the city to execute a development agreement for the Sibley Cove Apartments on County Road D. This agreement shall provide a tax increment note in the principal amount of \$1,175,234 with an interest rate of 4.75 percent for the Sibley Cove Limited Partnership for the Sibley Cove Apartment on County Road D.
- Received a special report on the Environmental Utility for Surface Water Management and called a Public Hearing for August 11, 2003 at 7:30 pm to consider the first reading of the ordinance establishing the Utility fee.
- Adopted a resolution approving plans and advertising for bids for the Hazelwood Street Improvements (County Road C to Beam Avenue), City Project 01-16 and directed staff to explore the round-about concept for this project.
- Adopted a resolution approving the conditional use permit for the Liberty Classical Academy to operate a school in the church building at 1717 English Street.
- Awarded the bid for lockers at the Maplewood Community Center to the local representative of Bartley Sales in the amount of \$101,000 with \$26,000 being allocated from the park development fund and \$75,000 from the Maplewood Community Center fund.

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

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Council/Manager Workshops & City Council Meetings

Workshop at 6:00 pm
Council meeting at 7:00 pm
September 8 & 22

Pre-Agenda Meetings

September 4 & 18 at 5:00 pm

Community Design Review Board

September 11 & 23 at 6:00 pm

Housing & Redevelopment Authority

No meeting scheduled

Human Relations Commission

September 2 at 7:00 pm

Parks & Recreation Commission

September 15 at 7:00 pm

Planning Commission

September 2 & 15 at 7:00 pm

Mayor's Forum

September 6 from 10:00 am - noon

Historical Preservation Commission

September 18 at 7:00 pm

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

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

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

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

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Maplewood

Changes Ahead For The Annual City Fall Clean-up Day

October 11, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Gethsemane Lutheran Church Parking Lot

Gethsemane

Lutheran Church

is located at

2410 Stillwater

Avenue at the

southeast corner

of Stillwater Road

and Stillwater Avenue.

Please enter the

parking lot from the

driveway on Bartelmy

Lane which is on the

east side of the

church property.



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. The fee schedule is listed below. In addition, the city will begin separating electronics (state rule requirement) 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%. Beginning January 1, households will no longer be able to dispose of electronics in the trash.

Maplewood residents will be able to dispose of old appliances, computers, monitors, TVs, tires, construction debris, mattresses, old furniture, car parts, scrap metal, and other assorted junk (refer to charges below for disposal cost). No brush or tree waste, oil, antifreeze, paint, or any hazardous waste will be accepted. Please provide proof of Maplewood residency.

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

Clean-up Day Collection Fees:

(Cash or check only)

Cars without a trailer: \$10

Pick-up trucks and cars with trailers: \$15

Exceptionally large loads: \$25 plus

Computer/monitor*: \$15

Car tires with or without rims*: \$3

TVs all sizes, VCRs, Printers, Appliances*: \$10

*in addition to above costs

Example Fees:

Car without trailer plus console TV: \$20

Pick-up truck with appliance and computer: \$40

Please call 651.249.2300 with any questions regarding the fall collection event.

Primary Election Results

Every Vote Counts!



The primary election was held September 9. Two council seats are open with the top four candidates proceeding on to the general election ballot.

Since there was a tie, the fourth candidate was decided by the toss of a coin. The winner of the coin toss was candidate Bob Zick. Candidate Dick Seppala then requested a recount, which was held on September 22, 2003. The recount confirmed 481 votes for Seppala and 481 votes for Zick. Bob Zick will proceed to the general election as the fourth candidate. The general election will be November 4, 2003.

Following Are The Results:

Will Rossbach

681

...

525

October 2003

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS AT THE MCC!

Beer Tasting

Oct. 16, 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Come enjoy great beers brewed both locally and nationally. Sample delicious hors d' oeuvres.

\$30 (\$35 at the door)

Spooky Splash

Oct. 25, 5:30 - 8:30 pm

Join the Aquatics staff for our biggest event of the year! Fish for candy and prizes in the Freaky Fish Pond, bob for apples, and enjoy Halloween refreshments. The underwater lights will make the pools glow with excitement while you splash to scary music. FREE for members, daily admission for non-members

Second Annual Wine & Jazz Festival

Nov. 13, 7:00 - 9:30 pm

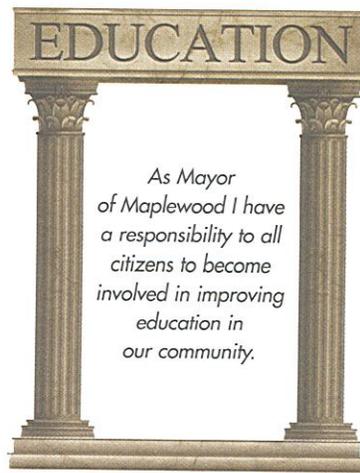
Back by popular demand! Come taste over 80 different wines all under \$20. Enjoy wonderful hors d' oeuvres and jazz music. Proceeds will go towards a chosen charity. \$30 (\$35 at the door)

Today, we are facing tough economic times and global concerns but citizens clearly suggest that education is the core value all Americans wish to value. Education is essential and needs to be paramount for lawmakers and for that matter city officials. We at Maplewood are no different and wish to be accountable for our policy decisions and spending. Education also has to be accountable for all policies and spending. As Mayor, taking a leadership position I believe we all need to become more involved in our local schools. This requires becoming advocates for quality education. Strong leadership by public officials is only second in importance as a factor, after high levels of parental involvement to ensure that our community has strong schools. This means knowing education issues, fighting for education resources, and holding schools accountable for quality performance.

Protect Values

When we wish to protect our families, we have to incorporate protection of education as a priority. If federal funds for education can be obtained we can recognize support and evaluations getting tough on failing schools. Paying for reduced class size or support for early child education programs clearly jumps out as two worthy goals. Support to invest more in teachers' skills will bring increasing and higher pay for excellent performing teachers in low performing schools and providing more before and after school programs. Emphasis again for higher pay for qualified teachers who work in low performing schools can make these schools successful. Citizens expect and demand excellent and greater effort from their elected

quality of local education. Make no mistake that education is a pivotal issue for all elected officials. As Mayor, I cannot emphasize enough the importance I place on advocating for quality education whether or not, as Mayor, I have direct governance responsibility. As Mayor of Maplewood I have a responsibility to all citizens to become involved in improving education in our



community. The top issues as I see them as we move forward as a city are to be concerned not only about education, but—health care, creating jobs and economic development, retirement and social security, terrorism and security, tax cuts, and transportation, roads, and transit.

Maplewood—Expanding For The Future

Maplewood will be changing as building continues on a larger scale in the coming years. We will not see an Ordway Center for the performing arts, or a Federal Reserve Bank. We will not see The St. Paul Companies or Land O' Lakes, but we should hope to acquire a corporation in the area west of

highlighted the significance of HeartEast St. John's Hospital as an anchor for medical care and services. This is demanding further restaurant and food establishments to our city. 3M Company continues on their expansion at 3M headquarters. Senior housing seems to continue to flourish and Maplewood is welcome to all housing needs of our residents. Interstate 694 will expand and provide more transportation capacity to our city. We probably should not exclude the possibility of a major foundation, educational institution, arts institution, religious institution, media communications institution, or retail corporation as a future neighbor.

As the City of Maplewood complements the City of Saint Paul, we will expand and develop in a proper manner.

Again, I ask you to call me if you would like to share some constructive criticism or an opinion to help make our city better. A visit to Perkins or another city coffee or tea spot is appropriate for a one on one with the mayor.

Mayor, Bob Cardinal
 H 651.765.8600 W 952.831.3300
 robert.cardinal@ci.maplewood.mn.us

MCC Facelift

The Maplewood Community Center was recently recognized as the "Best Fitness Center in the Region." The Maplewood Community Center has been hosting Maplewood residents for the past nine years with over three million patrons being served.



The community center opened for a special "members only day" on September 14, after being closed for two weeks for a floor to ceiling cleaning and installation of new lockers. The new lockers are a state-of-the-art system including ergonomic handles and the latest technology in safety and security.

In addition to the new lockers, all wooden floors were resealed and walls were painted floor to ceiling. The Maplewood Community Center is proud of its Best Fitness Center designation and strives to provide the cleanest and safest fitness facilities at the most economical rate. For membership information, call 651.249.2100 or log on to www.maplewoodcommunitycenter.com.

Fire Prevention Month



October is Fire Prevention Month; there are some safety tips that everyone needs to remember:

1. Check your smoke detector to make sure they are working properly (this should be done once a month).
2. Change your batteries frequently.
3. You need a smoke detector on each level of our home including the basement.
4. If your smoke detectors are more than 10 years old they should be replaced.
5. Fire extinguishers need to be checked once a year. This can be done at the same time you check your smoke detectors.
 - Take the fire extinguisher and shake it (this keeps the powder loose).
 - Check the gauge to make sure it shows a charge.
6. Once every six years service your fire extinguisher or purchase a new one.
7. If you use the fire extinguisher, it needs to be serviced by a licensed contractor or you need to purchase a new one.

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Capital Improvement Projects

Maplewood Heights Neighborhood

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Three projects are planned for the neighborhood:

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

The Joy Park Improvements project consists of construction of a large picnic shelter and parking lot



improvements in 2007. For more information, contact the Parks & Recreation Director at 651.249.2102. The Beam Avenue, White Bear to Bellaire project involves replacement of pavement in 2008. In 2005, County Road D will be reconstructed from McKnight to Lydia. For more information, contact the Public Works Director at 651.249.2402.

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Maplewood Historical Society

Hoedown at the MCC

October 24 at 6:30-9:00pm
KidsDance, Games, Spooky Room, Refreshments, and fun for everyone!

Dining Cards For Sale

Get over 200 cards for only \$17, that can be used once a month for reduced prices at various surrounding restaurants. To get your cards, call 651.748.9009.

If you can answer this question, you may win a FREE one-day pass to the MCC or a one-year membership to the Maplewood Historical Society:

What major retailer was in Maplewood Mall when it opened and is still in operation at the same site today?

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

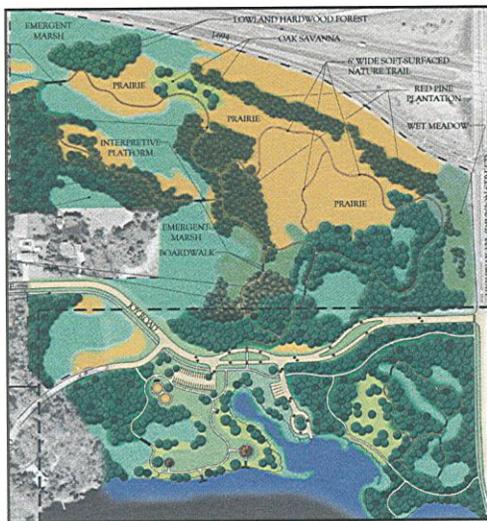
Answers must be received by October 3.

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

Answer to July/August question: Where was the first free-standing church (not in a building primarily used for something else) in Maplewood?

Answer: Lakeview Lutheran—original building erected about 1868 or '69, and has been added to and updated. The winner: Pat Flung

Parks On The Grow



(To view this plan on a larger scale, go to www.ci.maplewood.mn.us click on City Departments, Parks & Recreation, then City Parks, and then Joy Park.)

Maplewood is fortunate to have an excellent balance of residential, commercial and open space land. The Maplewood park system boasts of 33

The Maplewood City Council approved the phase one development plans on September 8 for Afton Heights Park. Afton Heights Park is a 12-acre, neighborhood/community athletic play field in southern Maplewood, located on Upper Afton Road between Century Avenue and McKnight Road. Afton Heights Park has hosted literally thousands of youth baseball, softball and other organized athletic events during the past 30 years. The approved development plan for Afton Heights Park includes construction of three baseball/softball fields, two new soccer fields, playground equipment, trail system, and greatly improved parking facilities. This project will be funded through proceeds from the park development fund and a \$100,000 grant from Ramsey County for the establishment of community soccer fields.

The Parks and Recreation Commission has been developing a master plan for

The City Council and Parks and Recreation Commission invite all residents to attend the next community park planning meeting for Joy Park to discuss the proposed master plan on Monday, October 27 at 7:00 pm at the Maplewood Community Center.

Gethsemane Park is a 10-acre park leased from Gethsemane Lutheran Church/School at the southeast corner of McKnight and Stillwater Roads. The city has enjoyed a 30-year lease with Gethsemane Church to "utilize" land as a neighborhood park. Representatives from Gethsemane Church have forwarded a letter of intent to the city that the lease may not be extended and possible development of the site could occur. The Parks and Recreation Commission will be reviewing the proposed church/school development plans at their November 17 commission meeting held at 7:00 pm at Maplewood city hall.

- Adopted a resolution of appreciation for Craig Jorgenson for his years of serving on the Maplewood Community Design Review Board.
- Approved a one-year extension (until July 8, 2004) of Sinclair Oil Corporation's conditional use permit to operate a motor fuel station at 223 Larpenteur Avenue East.
- Approved to review the conditional use permit for Feed Products and Service, 1300 McKnight Road again in one year.
- Approved to review the conditional use permit for the Keller Golf Course maintenance building at 2166 Maplewood Drive again in one year.
- Approved the following language be added to the City Council Policy and Procedure Manual under Section 14-Council Administrative Policies: *City Hall is a nonpublic forum and prohibits all campaigning for public office within all municipal buildings and equipment.*
- Adopted a resolution accepting election judges for the 2003 Primary Election.
- Accepted a \$675 donation from the Ramsey County Agricultural Society to be used for the Maplewood Reserve and Explorer programs.
- Entered into an agreement with Federal Siren Corporation to upgrade the emergency warning sirens at a cost of \$33,596.30.
- Entered in to an agreement with ADT Security Systems provide a security system in the remaining four of five fire stations at a cost of \$39,948.
- Adopted a resolution approving a zoning map change from F (farm residence) to B-C-M (business commercial modified) for the proposed office building project east of the property at 2035 County Road D East.
- Approved plans date-stamped June 26, 2003, for the proposed Maplewood Office Park for the site east of the property at 2035 County Road D East.

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

continued...Fire Prevention Month



8. Always have a fire extinguisher in the kitchen area.
9. Know two ways out of your home and practice this with your family.
10. Designate a family meeting place and make sure everyone knows where it is.

For more information, contact the Fire Marshal, Butch Gervais, at 651.249.2804 or log on to www.ci.maplewood.mn.us.

Maplewood Fire Department Open House

Station 1 (1177 North Century)	Saturday, October 4	11:00 am - 3:00 pm
Station 2 (1955 Clarence St)	Tuesday, October 21	6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Station 3 (2001 McMenemy)	Tuesday, October 14	6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Station 4 (2501 Londin Lane)	Friday, October 31	5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Station 7 (1530 E Cty Rd C)	Saturday, October 11	11:00 am - 3:00 pm

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A SPECIAL 2004 BUDGET FOCUS

November/
December 2003



A public hearing will be held on the 2004 Proposed Budget at 7:00 pm on Monday, December 1 in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Understanding City Budget

This special edition of the November/December newsletter is designed to bring the 2004 proposed budget into focus. Too often the budget process is confusing and meaningless to many Maplewood residents who don't have the time to dedicate to examining the hundreds of pages of budget

documents. This is the City's first attempt to summarize the most significant services provided in a way that can be appreciated and understood. It is not the intent of this summary to describe each program and expenditure; therefore, some miscellaneous items and functions are not mentioned. You will hopefully gain insight into how your tax dollars are used to operate your services.

Proposed 2004 Budget

The Maplewood budget, like most cities and businesses is comprised of Operations, Debt Service and Capital Improvement sections. The combined proposed 2004 budget for those areas totals \$31.5 million; which is 18.9% less than 2003. Most of us tend to focus on the "General Fund" part of the budget, which details the day-to-day operations of the City. That part of the budget is proposed to grow by 2.9% to \$16.6 million. The City also budgets other programs with operating funds that are primarily self-sufficient. Some of those programs include: sewer,

infrastructure development, charitable gambling, and Park programs to name a few.

\$1 Million Dollar State Aid Cuts

On the revenue side, Maplewood is feeling the impact of a nearly \$1 million cut in State Aids. A tax increase of 7.5% is recommended to recoup 60% of those State cuts and to also fund higher debt payments on bonds that are coming due in 2004. For the owner of a median valued home in Maplewood a tax increase of somewhere between \$3-\$4 a month can be expected.

What To Cut

Some staff positions will not be filled to save on costs, however, most programming will remain at current levels. The question that will be before the council is whether or not to keep services at current levels, or to cut programs to keep the \$3-\$4 a month increase out of the budget.

...budget focus continued inside!

General Election Results

The Results Are In

The November 4th election results will have Will Rossbach and Jackie Monahan-Junek being sworn in at the first council meeting in 2004 held on January 12. The council seats are four year terms.

Following are the results:

2,498 Will Rossbach
2,093 Jackie Monahan-Junek
1,918 Diana Longrie-Kline
1,478 Bob Zick

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Commission, but with their new responsibilities, Maplewood is now looking for two new members to join.

If you would like to find out more about the position of this committee, please visit our city website www.ci.maplewood.mn.us. There is information about the Planning Commission and other city advisory boards as well as the ability to access applications.

You may also contact the Community



Maplewood Residents

Maybe you've heard me talk about this valued service before. I wanted to take this opportunity to mention the NEST service again because of the many new people moving into our area who don't know about it. Also, I want to make you aware that legislative changes will be impacting the cost of the service. NEST has provided an affordable means of transit for those who need it. Recent cuts in funding from the State will be passed on to our riders in the form of a fare increase from \$1.75 to \$2.00 per ride as of January 1, 2004.

Even at \$2.00 per ride, NEST continues to be a bargain. You can have a regularly scheduled ride to pick you up each day or you can call 2 or more hours ahead of your pick-up time. You can also transfer to a mainline Metro Transit bus for no extra charge. If you need a ride or know of someone who does, call during the week from 8:00 am until 4:30 pm at 651.227.6378.

Thank you and Happy Holidays
Councilmember, Marv Koppen



Curb-to-Curb Bus Service

Northeast Suburban Transit (NEST) provides Curb-to-Curb mini-bus service. The bus will take you anywhere in the cities of North St. Paul, Maplewood and Oakdale, as well as Century College, Hillcrest and Sun Ray Shopping Centers, the NE-YMCA and WBL K-Mart.

Maplewood Historical Society

Great Upcoming Events!

Old Fashioned Holiday Tour at Bruentrup Heritage Farm
(2170 E. Cty. Rd. D) December 13 & 14 from 12:30 -4:00 pm
Holiday Tea at the Farm
January 10 (Call 651.748.9009 or 651.776.7183 for reservations)
Christmas or Birthday Gift Suggestion:

Dining cards: For only \$17 you get a box of over 200 cards, which can be used once a month for reduced prices at restaurants, Twins games, car washes, bowling, and more. They pay for themselves many times over, and make great gifts! Cards are available from any Society member, or by calling Carolyn at 651.748.9009 or Char at 651.776.7183.

If you can answer this question, you may win a FREE one-day pass to the Maplewood Community Center or a one-year membership to the Maplewood Area Historical Society:

For whom was Flicek Park named, and when was it dedicated?

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

Answers must be received by December 8.

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

The answer to the July/August trivia question: For whom was Lake Gervais named? Answer: Benjamin Gervais Winner: Phyllis Kubes

City Clerk

The mission of the City Clerk Department is to maintain accurate and complete permanent city records, to manage the processing of business licenses and department operations. To present a courteous, service-oriented team providing a high level of accuracy and efficiency and to manage all municipal, federal and state elections focusing on legal compliance and integrity.

The City Clerks Department Has Three Divisions

1. Administration
2. Deputy Registrar
3. Elections

Administration

The administrative section of the department is responsible for record keeping functions for all City Council

actions including the city code of ordinances and the processing and issuance of city business licenses and permits. Additionally, the administrative section compiles and publishes the agenda packets for council meetings for city council, staff and the public use. The agenda and packets can be found on the city website at www.ci.maplewood.mn.us.

Deputy Registrar

The City has a full service department of motor vehicle and passport processing. In 2000, actual numbers of transactions were 55,891 in 2003; we are estimating approximately 65,350 transactions. Keeping up with the growth has been a challenge of the department.

2004 General Fund Budget
\$651,020

Net Property Tax Cost For Average Home Per Month
\$1.48

Elections

The city has approximately 28,000 registered voters and 16 precinct locations throughout the city. With changing laws and piqued interest in election administration, time spent on election preparation has required increased staff time. The city has approximately 120 judges on record and is in great need of new election judges. If you are interested, please see the city website or call 651.249.2001.

Community Development

The mission of the community development department is to plan and monitor the construction and uses associated with all buildings to ensure that they are safe and in compliance with city, state and federal laws. The budget for 2004 for the department is outlined below by the six divisions.

Following is a list of 2004 objectives that are related to the city's strategic plans:

1. Continue planning process and coordination of city services in the redevelopment neighborhoods.
2. Continue the scattered site housing program.
3. Continue the dialog and education process to provide a better understanding of housing trends and needs in Maplewood.
4. Continually look for new funding sources or efficiencies in programs or processes.
5. Review development applications and undertake redevelopment planning with an emphasis on public input and inclusive process.
6. Increase and enhance citizen communication and education about departmental services on-line and in "City News".
7. One major focus of the department that is not

reflected in the objective statement relates to the building inspections division. Maplewood continues to have growth in residential and commercial building.

8. Building investment remains healthy due to new construction, regular maintenance and remodels. Following is a graph showing building activity for the last five years and year to date activity for 2003.

2004 General Fund Budget

\$1,157,750

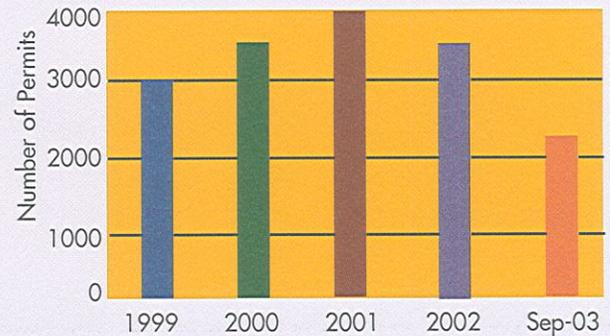
Net Property Tax Cost For Average Home Per Month

\$2.63

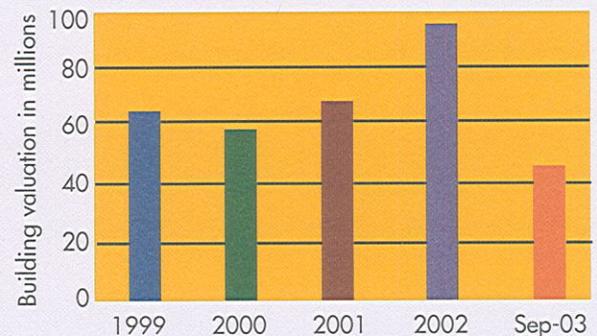
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BUDGET

<u>Total By Program</u>	<u>2003 Budget</u>	<u>2004 Budget</u>
Administration	\$349,950	\$394,730
Building Inspections	408,280	506,980
Environmental Health	58,100	61,140
Planning	211,940	194,900
Recycling	303,140	375,420
Redevelopment	343,280	200,640
Totals	1,674,690	1,733,810
<u>Total By Fund</u>		
General Fund	1,028,270	1,157,750
Redevelopment	343,280	200,640
Recycling Program	303,140	375,420
Totals	\$1,674,690	\$1,733,810

PERMITS ISSUED 1999 - SEPT. 2003



TOTAL VALUATION OF BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED 1999 - SEPT. 2003



Executive/Legislative/Other



Maplewood is governed by and elected, part-time City Council consisting of a mayor and four councilmembers. All legislative power is vested in the council, which appoints citizens to various advisory commissions and a full-time City Manager who is responsible for the administration of City business. The City Manager

by the Council. Costs included in this section contain the Manager's office, the City Council, Charitable Gambling, and the Human Relations, Parks and Recreation, Planning and Police Civil Service

2004 General Fund Budget

\$1,524,070

Net Property Tax Cost For Average Home Per Month

\$3.47

Technology Department provides accounting services and information technology systems for all City operations and maintains the City's financial health and stability.

2003 Highlights

- Maintained the City's superior bond rating with Moody's Investors Service.
- Received the Government Finance Officers Association awards for excellence in financial reporting and distinguished budget presentation.
- Converted monthly financial reports to a digital format for easier distribution.

small purchases that are paid by purchasing cards.

- For greater efficiency, increased the percentage of employees paid by direct deposit.
- Improved the City's web site which has increased its usefulness to the public.

The department is divided into three divisions: **Administration, Finance Services** and **Information Technology Services**. Administration manages department operations, borrows money by issuing bonds to finance capital improvements, invests city

and monitors the annual City budget and prepares the annual update of the City's five-year capital improvement plan. Finance Services collects revenues, pays vendors and employees, maintains accounting records and prepares financial reports. Information Technology Services provides and supports internal information systems and maintains the City's web site.

Net Property Tax Cost For Average Home Per Month
\$1.53

Fire

The Maplewood Fire Department is made up of 85 paid-per-call firefighters/EMT's and nine full-time firefighters/EMT's. These individuals respond to all types of emergencies from five fire stations located throughout the City. Over the past five years our calls for help have increased all but one year. These calls for help range from structure fires, medicals, accidents with injuries, and hazardous incidents. Our firefighters train over 144 hours a year in the areas of hazardous materials, firefighting, terrorism, and medical emergencies. The Fire Department responses for help continue to increase. The Maplewood Fire Department pledges to its customers to provide them with the highest level of service during their emergency.



2004 General Fund Budget
\$1,758,880

Net Property Tax Cost For Average Home Per Month
\$4.00

TOTAL CALLS FOR HELP BY YEAR



Human Resources

The Human Resource Department writes and interprets personnel policies, oversees the hiring process, manages the employee benefits program, negotiates and interprets labor agreements, manages grievances, coordinates the safety program, ensures compliance with state and federal laws, rules and regulations related to employment law and safety, oversees employee performance management, and approves and/or provides training.

2003 Highlights

Will continue refinement of safety program to ensure compliance with state and federal laws and regulations and develop concise, systematic training and documentation program.

All five labor agreements expire 12-31-03 so the second half of 2004 will be primarily focused on research, negotiation, and implementation of union contracts.

2004 General Fund Budget
\$312,240

Net Property Tax Cost For Average Home Per Month
\$.71

Parks & Recreation

The mission of the Maplewood Parks & Recreation Department is to provide a community environment for all citizens to participate in and enjoy cultural and recreational activities on an equitable basis.

2004 Highlights

- Development of Afton Heights neighborhood park/community play field
- Develop a feasibility report to expand the MCC fitness area to include conversion of the southwest gym to cardiovascular equipment to include purchase of 16 new cardio machines
- Development of new exhibit space for the Maplewood Nature Center
- Restore Priory Preserve to include trail development, fern bog restoration, and removal of non-native species
- Establish a comprehensive no-mow policy in conjunction with the establishment of prairie grass areas

Maplewood Parks & Recreation Has Seven Divisions

- Administration
- Maplewood Community Center
- Maplewood Nature Center
- Park Maintenance
- Recreation Programs
- Open Space Management
- Marketing/Public Relations

The city has 33 neighborhood parks/community play fields, miles of trail systems, and 13 neighborhood park preserves. In addition, the Maplewood Community Center and Maplewood Nature Center serve 425,000 residents per year with facilities ranging from aquatics to gymnasiums to theatre programs to environmental interpretation programs.

The parks and recreation department is responsible for the in-house production of the 12 city newsletters, as well as other city publications.

The biggest challenge facing the parks and recreation department is redeveloping existing neighborhood park sites that are 20 to 30 years old and restoration of the city's open space properties. Specific challenges facing the department include addressing environmental concerns including reduction of city deer population, establishment of a no-mow policy, and development of native prairie grass areas

Additional challenges include increasing recreation program fees, which in turn impact users. The department is continually reviewing and evaluating fees and charges for

**2004 General
Fund Budget**
\$1,584,730

**Net Property Tax
Cost For Average
Home Per Month**
\$3.60

Police Department

The Maplewood Police Department includes five major programs. These programs include Administration, Police Services, Emergency Medical Services, Dispatching Services and Animal Control (services provided on a



contractual basis). The total proposed budget for 2004 is \$6,727,830. This represents an 11.5% increase. A majority of the increase is to provide for increased personnel costs. In an effort to reduce costs, the Police Department reduced its clerical staff by one position in hopes a new records management

system will alleviate some of the workload in this area. The Department continues to focus on improving current technology and utilizing new technology.

2002 Highlights

Maplewood Police Officers responded to 23,071 Calls for Service.

Maplewood Dispatching Services handled over 120,000 telephone calls.

Maplewood Emergency Medical Services crews responded to 2,116 calls for medical assistance



Other service within the Police Department budget include:

- Animal Control
- K-9 Program
- Police Records
- Drug Abuse Resistance and Education (DARE)
- Investigations
- School Resource Officer
- Police Reserve

**2004 General
Fund Budget**
\$6,702,810

**Net Property Tax
Cost For Average
Home Per Month**
\$15.23

The Public Works Department provides a strong infrastructure system of streets, sidewalks, streetlights, storm sewer, storm ponds and the sanitary sewer system throughout Maplewood. The City of Maplewood's water system is operated by either St. Paul, North St. Paul, Woodbury or Little Canada.



Completed a number of major street reconstruction projects. County Road D between White Bear and McKnight; English Street, between Frost and TH 36; and Hazelwood Street between County Road C and Beam were three of the worst conditioned streets in Maplewood. The intersection of Frost and English has been enhanced with a roundabout, one of the first in Minnesota. The roundabout provides a safer alternative to a four-way stop and has been well received by area motorists. A number of neighborhood streets along Frost Avenue between English and White Bear Avenue were

also upgraded as part of the neighborhood streets program. A much-needed sidewalk was added by Public Works crews to White Bear Avenue under the TH 36 bridge. The Public Works crews also reconstructed Maplewood Drive south of County Road C.

Maintenance operations continued to provide high levels of service. Over 250,000 feet of sanitary sewer was cleaned. Maintenance crews spent nearly 1,400 man-hours each of the past winters plowing snow and sanding slippery roads. Crews spent over 1,800 man-hours sweeping the Maplewood streets.

\$2,246,930
Net Property Tax Cost For Average Home Per Month
\$5.11

2002/2003 Highlights

Completed a major study of traffic congestion in the Maplewood Mall Area. The plan begins implementation in 2003 to help drivers and pedestrians move more efficiently in northern Maplewood. Improvements to Mall Area roadways are anticipated to be completed during the next 3-5 years.

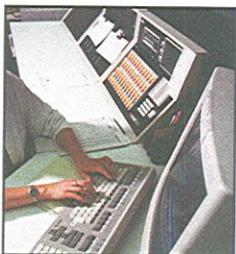
2004 Objectives

Implement a new Environmental Utility operation plan. The new charge (\$1.75 per month to residents) allows for an expansion of street sweeping, wetland replacement, storm pond cleanup and environmental planning. Continue the City's neighborhood street reconstruction program. Begin major implementation of the Maplewood Mall Area Transportation Plan including realigning and reconnecting County Road D between Hazelwood and TH 61 and upgrading White Bear Avenue between Beam Avenue and I-694.

Capital Improvements Planned for 2004

Capital improvements and major equipment purchases planned for 2004 are 7.4% of the budget. Items included in this part of the budget are the following:

Mobile Digital Communications- \$54,000



The system will provide essential information from dispatch for managing fire and EMS incidents. The system increases

police officer safety and allows the police to obtain information concerning persons and vehicles, including arrest warrant information, protection orders, stolen vehicles,

missing persons, gang member identification and criminal history data.

Citywide Sidewalk Sterling Oaks Park Development-\$250,000

This proposed development will include a tot lot, tennis court, trail system and hard court surface.

Priory Preserve Improvements-\$200,000

This project will restore the native plant communities at the preserve and provide access to the preserve in a manner that protects the site's resources.

Public Works Building addition-\$1,250,000

This project will provide a 16,000 square foot addition of warm garage

space for city vehicles and equipment. These projects are part of the City's five-year Capital Improvement Plan that is updated annually.

Improvements-\$50,000

This will finance a program to install sidewalks that are missing along segments of heavily traveled roads.

Replacement Of Fire Truck-\$371,350

The new vehicle will replace a 1984 pumper tanker and will provide additional water capacity along with new safety and technology.

2004 General Fund Budget
\$2,347,120

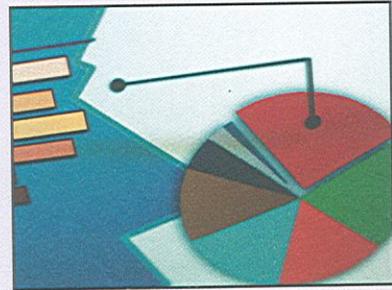
(These items will be funded in 2004 with reserve funds.)

Debt Service Cost for 2004

Principal and interest payments on City bond issues account for 11% of the 2004 budget. The fact that Maplewood has debt is

2004 Budget
\$3,455,620

Net Property Tax Cost For Average Home Per Month
\$10.10



not unusual; most cities have debt just like most homeowners have a mortgage. Maplewood's debt consists of public works improvement

bonds, tax increment bonds and bond issues approved by voters in referendums. Minnesota cities are prohibited by state law from issuing bonds to finance their operating budget. It is anticipated that at the end of 2003 the City's debt will be \$37.0 million and this will increase to \$44.5 million by the end of 2004.

City bond issues are assigned ratings by Moody's Investor Services. Maplewood has an "Aa2" rating and there are only two ratings higher than "Aa2". Only 13.6% of Moody's ratings nationwide were "Aa2" or better in February 2003. The July 2003 Credit Report indicated that "Moody's expects the City's moderate debt burden to remain manageable" and "the City's financial position will continue to be well maintained given a history of conservative budgeting".

Taxes Will Be 44% of City's Revenues in 2004

Most of the City's revenues in 2004 will be from non-tax revenues. The largest non-tax revenue category is charges for service which are 37.4% of the City's revenues. Charges for service consist of Community Center fees, recreation program fees, utility charges, miscellaneous department fees and ambulance charges. The remaining revenues come from special assessments, licenses, permits, other governments, fines, penalties and miscellaneous items.

2004 PERCENT SOURCE BUDGET OF TOTAL

Taxes	\$12,999,770	44.0%
Special Assessments	643,770	2.2%
Licenses and Permits	1,320,650	4.5%
Other	710,840	2.4%

Where Does Your 2003 Tax Dollar Go?

In 2003 the City received 26.2% of the property taxes on property within the City. The following illustration indicates the allocation of property tax dollars by government type.



County	Schools	City	Other
35.9%	32.4%	26.2%	5.5%

The following data is for property in Maplewood that is located within School District 622.

Maplewood Homeowner Costs For Services In 2004

Police Protection	\$15.23
Debt Service on Bond Issues	\$10.10
Public Works	\$5.11
Executive	\$4.66
Fire Protection	\$4.00
Parks & Recreation	\$5.24
Community Development	\$2.63
Finance & Information Technology	\$1.53
All Other	\$1.00

TYPICAL SERVICES

Rubbish removal	\$20.03/month
Phone service	\$24.00/month
Cable television	\$44.00/month
City property taxes	\$49.50*/month

*Breakdown of 2004 city taxes on median value (\$156,000)

Where Does Maplewood Rank In Property Tax Comparison?

The last annual Minnesota Homestead Property Tax Review prepared by the Minnesota Taxpayers Association and the Citizens League indicates that Maplewood had the 50th highest property taxes on a \$160,000 house in the metropolitan area (after application of the Market Value Homestead Credit).

An analysis of the City's portion of the 2002 taxes compared to other cities indicates that Maplewood ranks 63rd out of the 108 cities in the survey. In 2001 Maplewood ranked 71st. Maplewood's taxes and the five cities with the highest municipal taxes are:

1. Bayport	\$1,141
2. Centerville	1,111
3. Belle Plaine	1,074
4. Jordan	971

In September 2009, the Maplewood City Council conducted two regular meetings. Below are the highlights of those meetings:

- Larry Cude, former Maplewood Emergency Management Director, presented an award to the memory of Bill Makiska in recognition of his outstanding service to the community through his involvement in the Maplewood Fire Department, Police Civil Service Commission and Deputy Director of the Maplewood Emergency Management.
- Approved the proposed agreement between the City and Retailers Protection Association to set up a bad check program to handle dishonored checks through a pretrial diversion process.
- Adopted a resolution authorizing the preparation of plans and specifications and acquisition for the right of way for the County Road D Realignment Project, TH 61 to Hazelwood (City Project 02-07).
- Approved the right of entry agreement on the Hajicek property.
- Adopted the 2:00 a.m. Bar Closing for seven nights a week. An annual city fee of \$500 will be imposed to the establishments participating.
- Adopted a resolution of appreciation to Matt Ledvina for his 6 years of service on the Maplewood Planning Commission.
- Adopted a resolution approving up to \$4.7 million in tax-exempt revenue financing for Mounds Park Academy at 2051 Larpentour Avenue.
- Approved a conditional use permit for the Hmong American Alliance Church at 2515 Maplewood Drive North.
- Adopted a resolution in support of any all efforts to maintain a suburban court facility.

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