

CITY'S OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

MAPLEWOOD LIVING



January 2026



- METRO Bronze Line
- Park & Ride
- Current METRO lines**
- Gold Line (Bus Rapid Transit)
- Green Line (Light Rail)
- B Line (Bus Rapid Transit)
- Other Planned METRO lines**
- Gold Line Extension (Bus Rapid Transit)
- G & H Lines (Bus Rapid Transit)

- Exclusive bus lanes
- Side-running bus lanes



Bronze Line

Good things really do come for those who wait!

By Marylee Abrams, Maplewood Mayor



After voting to withdraw support for the Purple Line in September 2024, I am pleased today to support the new Bronze Line.

After much study and review, the old Purple Line plan didn't make sense. I have always been a proponent of good transit, but the Purple Line projected cost was prohibitive, the ridership projections too low, and the impact on both the Vento Trail and then White Bear Avenue too disruptive. I knew we could do better.

Maplewood's vote against the Purple Line meant Ramsey County and the Met Council had to go back to the drawing board. The result is the Bronze Line. It will be the first hybrid line in the metro area, running in dedicated lanes in St. Paul, and running with traffic along White Bear Avenue when the route crosses over into Maplewood. All lanes of traffic will continue to be open.

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The Bronze Line saves millions of dollars in construction costs, and will not disrupt the over 27,000 vehicles that use White Bear Avenue on a daily basis. Construction on the Maplewood portion of the line will include a mill and overlay on White Bear Avenue, which was already scheduled as necessary routine road maintenance. Additionally 6 bus stops will be built on the Maplewood end of the route.

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Visit with the Mayor & Council

We've made it even easier to visit with Mayor Marylee Abrams or any of our City Council Members, to discuss concerns or to share ideas for Maplewood.

The Mayor and Council set their own meeting calendars. You're encouraged to reach them directly through the contacts below.

If you are unable to reach them, contact Lois Knutson at (651) 249-2051 or Lois.Knutson@maplewoodmn.gov

Elected Officials

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kathleen.juenemann@maplewoodmn.gov

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nikki.villavicencio@maplewoodmn.gov

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Frequently Called Numbers

City Hall (651) 249-2000

Business Licenses (651) 249-2005

City Clerk/Elections (651) 249-2002

Community Development (651) 249-2300

Includes: Building Permits, Code Enforcement, Housing, Health

Fire (651) 249-2800

Maplewood YMCA Community Center (651) 747-0922

Parks and Natural Resources (651) 249-2111

Police Non-Emergency (651) 767-0640

Public Works (651) 249-2400

To advertise in this newsletter please contact:
Joe Sheeran (651) 249-2061
joe.sheeran@maplewoodmn.gov



Serve your community, join a city commission

We're looking for community members from a variety of backgrounds who bring different experiences to serve on the following advisory commissions:

- Heritage Preservation Commission (one meeting every other month)
- Parks and Recreation Commission (one meeting per month)
- Environmental and Natural Resources Commission (one meeting per month)

Commission members collaborate with staff and make recommendations to council.

Learn more about the commissions and apply at: maplewoodmn.gov/1246/



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The Bronze Line will also include micro transit which will provide additional flexibility and front door service. Micro transit is expected to begin in 2026.

I want to thank everyone for their persistence and belief that we could do better than the original transit proposals. Good things do come to those who wait, and that includes a more sensible transit option, that better fits the needs of our community.

Bronze Line Community Outreach

As our partners from Metro Transit and Ramsey County plan the new Bronze Line, we want to ensure the community has every opportunity to stay engaged.

Visit the Bronze Line's website for engagement opportunities.



metrotransit.org/bronze-line-project-public-engagement

2025 BY THE NUMBERS

TOP VISITS TO MAPLEWOODMN.GOV

1		Wakefield Park Community Building
2		Maplewood Police
3		Building Inspections
4		Fire-EMS
5		Trash Hauling

Other pages: City Council, Friday Fireworks, Employee Directory, Nature Center
TOP SOCIAL MEDIA VIDEOS + 150,000 VIEWS IN 2025.

1		Trunk or Treat promo
2		Candy Drop
3		Traffic Enforcement
4		Friday Fireworks
5		Bergeron Memorial



AWARD-WINNING SENIOR LIVING IN MAPLEWOOD

CALL TO SCHEDULE A TOUR & ASK ABOUT OUR MOVE-IN SPECIALS!

ECUMEN

Lakeview Commons

Assisted Living | Memory Care

ecumenlakeviewcommons.org | 651-770-1111

ECUMEN

Seasons at Maplewood

Independent Living+ Assisted Living | Memory Care

ecumenseasonsmaplewood.org | 651-756-1859



What you're paying for:



1830 County Road B East
Maplewood, MN 55109
(651) 249-2000

2026 MUNICIPAL PROPERTY TAX

POLICE	\$ 47.71
FIRE/EMS	\$ 26.19
PUBLIC WORKS	\$ 14.47
ADMIN/COUNCIL/CITY CLERK	\$ 10.41
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.....	\$ 7.25
PARKS AND NATURAL RESOURCES	\$ 7.03
FINANCE	\$ 3.72

DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$ 18.74
CAPITAL PROJECTS.....	\$ 6.74

MONTHLY RECEIPT* **\$142.25**

**BASED ON 2026 MEDIAN VALUE HOME (\$353,300)*



For more on Maplewood's budgets scan the QR

Maplewood's 2026 budget:

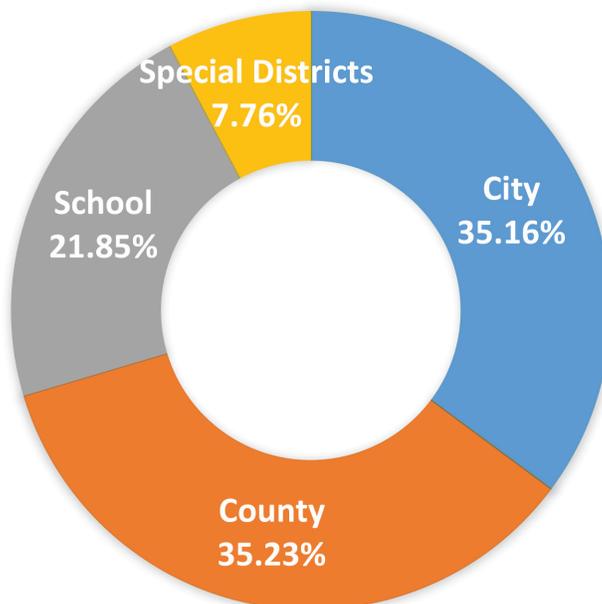
- Enhancing public safety
- Maintaining roads and infrastructure
- Improving blighted properties

Council and staff believe these are smart investments that will ensure a safe and prosperous community.

With community outreach starting June, the 2026 budget process was one of the most transparent in Maplewood's history. This included meeting community members at events, holding monthly discussions on every aspect of the budget, and providing an opportunity for public comment at council workshops.

After hearing from community members, the council worked with staff to pass a final levy of 7.94%. This is lower than the median levy for all Ramsey County cities. The increase to a median value home is about \$12/month.

Maplewood's share vs others





We're proud of our community and staff who helped make the holidays a little brighter through several December giving events:

Angel Tree Operation – Public safety organized a gift drive involving nearly 200 children and adults in senior communities. Big thanks to staff and the folks from The Urgency Room who sponsored someone and helped wrap the gifts.

Operation Christmas Child – Helped pack 1500 boxes to be shipped to children worldwide. Boxes included hygiene supplies, clothing and toys.

Shop with a Cop – Participated in National Latino Peace Officers Association's Woodbury event.

First Evangelical Free Church toy collection – The church youth group bought toys for Maplewood-area children and donated them to the police department, who gave them to Weaver Elementary parents to give to their kids.

Community Partner Spotlight: Calvary Church

For the last several years, Calvary Church has donated gift cards for our Public Safety Department to hand out when they encounter people with immediate needs. This year, the church donated 100 Cub Foods gift cards (\$50 each).

The church's Community Care Fund finances this effort through a monthly offering aimed at responding to practical local community needs.

Calvary Community Care exists to meet the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of individuals and families both within the church and the broader community. It is a core part of their ministry.

"Our congregation is passionate about partnering with local organizations and first responders to care for people in tangible ways," says Mike Graham, Pastor.

Calvary Church has two campuses, located in Roseville and White Bear Lake.

Learn more about the congregation at calvarychurch.us.



Mike Graham, White Bear Campus Pastor donates gift cards to Mayor Marylee Abrams, Dean Miller Maplewood's Embedded Social Worker and the public safety leadership.

We also like to thank Beaver Lake Lutheran, who donated about \$1700 in gift cards for public safety staff to distribute.

The Community Partner Spotlight is an occasional Maplewood Living feature highlighting nonprofits, small business, educators and other organizations contributing to community wellbeing.

Nominate an entity you think we should spotlight by emailing Joe.Sheeran@maplewoodMN.gov



Rice and Larpenteur 2025 Winter Warmup

Organizers and neighbors didn't let zero below temperatures ruin this year's Winter Warmup. They moved indoors to the Nepali Kitchen, with the same turn out as normal.

Since Revitalize Rice and Larpenteur formed nearly a decade ago, there have been marked improvements to the area, more coordination among the partner communities and a strong partnership has formed to advocate for continued investment and recognition.

Maplewood is proud to be part of this alliance.



Christmas Tree Pick Up

Republic Services customers in Maplewood are eligible for one free live Christmas tree pick up during the first three weeks of January.

- Place tree next to your trash cart on your collection day.
- Remove ornaments. Do not place in plastic.
- Contact Republic Services at (651) 455-8634 with questions.



Scan the QR code



Maplewoodmn.gov/snow

Our Plow Team is Ready

Help us with winter plowing

- Do not park on the streets overnight, it may block plows
- Give snowplows room to operate
- Remove basketball hoops, hockey goals, sleds, and other items from the street
- Do not put trash/recycling cans in the roadway
- Don't build snow forts in the snow piles along the road
- Secure mailboxes and posts
- Clear area around your mailbox after plowing to prevent mail delivery interruptions
- Watch for trash and recycling service interruptions

Scan the above QR code or learn more by visiting maplewoodmn.gov/snow.

RevSports Class Sessions!



LOCATION: Edgerton Gym or Edgerton Park

Cost: \$69/Session

VISIT: maplewoodmn.gov/2068/RevSports-Classes
for details on classes, times and scholarships

See classes and REGISTER:

Maplewood.Revsports.org

REVSORTS CONTACT:

Info@RevSports.org or (612) 234-7782

Thursday Basketball Classes

Session 1: 1/22, 1/29, 2/5, 2/12

Session 2: 2/19, 3/5, 3/12, 3/19

(Skip Feb 26)

Session 3: 4/9, 4/16, 4/23, 4/30

Ages 2-3: 5:45 p.m. -- 6:10 p.m.

Ages 3-5: 6:15 p.m. -- 6:55 p.m.

Ages 5-8: 7:00 p.m. -- 7:40 p.m.

Saturday Basketball Games

Session 1: 2/21, 2/28, 3/7, 3/14

Session 2: 4/11, 4/18, 4/25, 5/2

Session 3: 5/9, 5/16, 5/30, 6/6

(Skip 5/23)

Ages 4-5: 9:30 a.m. -- 10:15 a.m.

Ages 6-8: 10:30 a.m. -- 11:30 a.m.

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

SUMMER DAY CAMPS

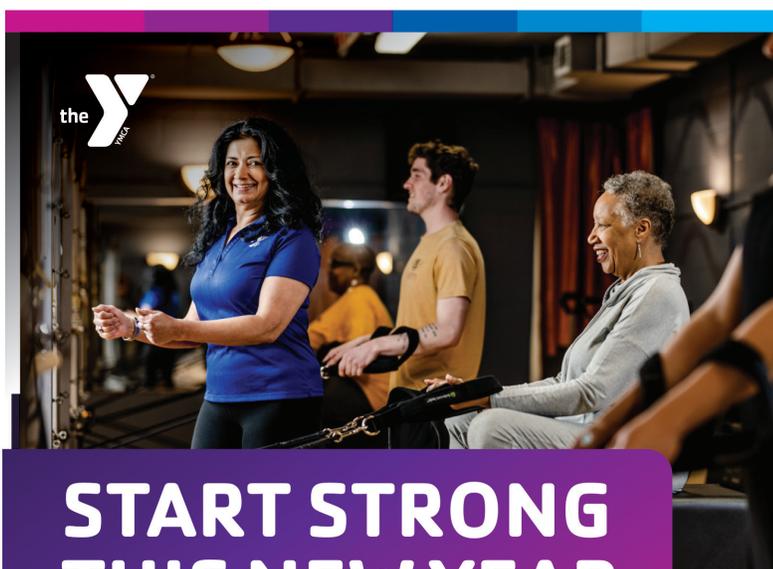
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WWW.MAPLEWOODMUSEUM.ORG/DAYCAMPS

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Snowshoe Rental

9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Monday - Friday
Nature Center Grounds Only
\$5 a pair for two hour rental

Come experience the winter beauty of the Nature Center Preserve

Maplewood Nature Center - 2659 East 7th Street
maplewoodnaturecenter.com or (651) 249-2111



Skating with Public Safety

FEBRUARY 15

12 - 3 p.m.

Follow social media for more details.

Warming houses and ice rinks open until Feb 15th (weather permitting)

WARMING HOUSE LOCATIONS/HOURS:

PARK	WEEKNIGHT	WEEKENDS
Afton Heights 63 N Sterling St	5:30-8:30pm	1-4pm
Four Seasons 1685 Gervais Ave	5:30-8:30pm	1-4pm
Gethsemane 2401 E 7th St	5:30-8:30pm	1-4pm
Wakefield 1860 Hazelwood St	5:30-8:30pm	1-7pm

Warming houses closed Dec 31 and Jan 1

PLEASURE RINKS *No warming houses

PARK	ADDRESS
Edgerton	2001 Edgerton St
Kenwood	1864 Kenwood Dr W
Kohlman	1000 County Rd C
Playcrest	2390 Lydia Ave
Pleasantview	1100 Marnie St