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December 2025



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A Higher Standard for a Growing Maplewood

By Mike Sable, City Manager

I want to wish everyone a safe, healthy, and happy holiday season.

While this time of year is ideal for recharging, I want to assure you Maplewood's staff remains dedicated to serving our community.

Reviewing our work at the end of the year, I see hundreds of accomplishments, everything from the routine (well-plowed streets) to the extraordinary (approving Maplewood's first new residential neighborhood in 30 years).

Maplewood has always had a dedicated, professional staff. We may be Ramsey County's second-largest city, but we strive to be its best and best-run. That's our commitment to you.

We're doing that through three core pillars:

- Exceptional Service – setting a high standard for service, and then meeting it
- A Culture that Supports and Empowers People – giving our teams the tools and resources to be successful and make a difference in residents' lives
- Strong Relationships – we can't, and shouldn't, do everything ourselves; so we partner with others to deliver necessary services

I hope you're noticing some of the differences:

- Faster code complaint response, including tear-downs of run-down properties
- Significant auto theft decreases and proactive policing
- Faster Fire/EMS response (93% of all calls in 8 minutes or less)
- More small business and entrepreneur resources
- Help for residents with dead or dying trees
- A redesigned Maplewood Living for improved clarity and more information



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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

| | |
|--|----------------|
| Marylee Abrams: Mayor marylee.abrams@maplewoodmn.gov | (612) 322-1620 |
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| Nikki Villavicencio: Councilmember nikki.villavicencio@maplewoodmn.gov | (651) 558-7662 |

City Manager

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| Michael Sable, City Manager michael.sable@maplewoodmn.gov | (651) 249-2055 |
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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 |
| <i>Includes: Building Permits, Code Enforcement, Housing, Health</i> | |
| 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 |

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These are a few small examples that demonstrate what happens when we just put our heads down and do the hard work. It doesn't end up in the newspaper, and that's okay. That's actually a good thing.

Doing the routine work really well gives us the capacity to tackle bigger opportunities:

- Connecting South Maplewood with better services and amenities
- Redeveloping the North End, including working with St John's to expand health care options
- Expanding housing options in the Gladstone Corridor
- Reimagining the Maplewood YMCA Community Center for the next generation
- Expanding the East Metro Public Safety Training Facility for police, fire/EMS, and other first responders to train together.

At a time when trust in state and federal governments is declining, we're proud to be a trusted partner in doing the work that matters each day. Maplewood's staff are committed to delivering exceptional service to Maplewood.

Thank you!

SHOP LOCAL

We've made it a little easier for you to find and support a local business.

Visit our shop local guide at Maplewoodmn.gov/shop or scan the QR code.

This is not an exhaustive list. It comes from our business records and crowd sourcing.

If you think we've missed a great local shop let us know. info@maplewoodmn.gov



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Moving away from the Purple Line: Better option on the way

Over the past year, City Council and staff have worked with Metro Transit and other partners on transit that better serves Maplewood.

As a result, the city, along with Metro Transit and Ramsey County, is proud to roll out the Bronze Line, a first-of-its-kind hybrid route, offering Maplewood faster, flexible and more efficient service, with no disruption to traffic in Maplewood.

The Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) line will go from the Maplewood Mall Station to St. Paul's Union Station (along White Bear Ave through Maplewood).

Why the Purple Line didn't work for Maplewood:

- Bus only lane would have congested White Bear Ave traffic, hampered Public Safety response
- More expensive (total construction cost would have been up to \$450 million)
- Initial proposal didn't include micro transit

Bronze Line maintains more frequent service:

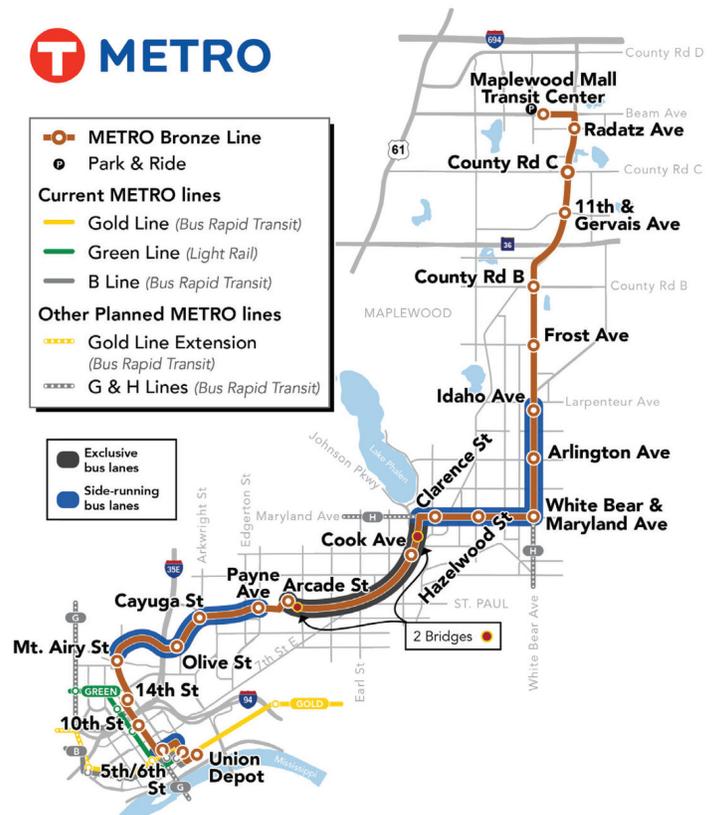
- Saves the Bruce Vento Trail
- Minimizes disruptions in a congested corridor (all lanes open)
- Lowers construction costs (more than \$100 million less)
- Provides micro transit transfers to and from the Maplewood Mall Transit Center

Maplewood will have **six** stations, with buses running every **10** minutes.

“This redesign demonstrates what’s possible when agencies listen, adapt, and respond,” says Mayor Marylee Abrams.

“Maplewood residents asked for flexible design, less disruption, and better bus service, and that’s what the Bronze Line delivers.”

They city wants to thank community members who shared their views on this project and worked collaboratively to deliver a transit project that works for our community.



Scooters, strollers and bikes could soon be rolling around Maplewood's newest neighborhood -- Century Ponds.

With a recent series of City Council votes, Maplewood is significantly closer to transforming Ramsey County's Ponds at Battle Creek Golf Course into homes for more than 200 families.

Overall, the plan features:

- 133 single-family homes
- 73 town homes
- New 1.7-acer public park
- Nearly 2 miles of public paved trail

The neighborhood also has:

- Wetlands
- Natural Areas
- Vegetative Buffering



Conversations about the golf course's future started in 2020, after Ramsey County announced its closure. New development ideas ranged from leaving the land as is to high density housing.

Considering the City's future growth needs, Council and Staff started working with a planner and engaged a variety of community groups and natural resources advocates. Those community-generated ideas gave developer D.R. Horton a basic blueprint for creating a community that met Maplewood's needs.

Next Steps: Metropolitan Council has to approve Maplewood's comprehensive plan amendment, allowing homes at the site.

Recycle your Holidays

Trees and greenery

Do not toss live Christmas trees or holiday greenery into backyard woods or your residential compost pile. It increases the chances of spreading invasive pests.

Take advantage of free tree recycling:

- Republic Services customers in Maplewood are eligible for one free live Christmas tree pick up during the first three weeks of January.
 - Remove ornaments. Do not place in plastic.
 - Contact Republic Services at (651) 455-8634 with questions.
 - Recycle your live tree at a select Ramsey County Yard Waste collection site for free.
 - Holiday greenery is not accepted at the yard waste collection sites.
 - Put holiday greenery in a plastic bag and place in your trash.
 - Do not burn holiday greenery.
- Visit [RamseyRecycles.com/YardWaste](https://www.ramseyrecycles.com/YardWaste) for questions, or call (651) 633-EASY (3279), answered 24/7

String lights and chords

String lights (both LED and non-LED) and chords are considered household hazardous waste and should not be placed in the trash.

- Bring string lights and chords to the Ramsey County Environmental Center in Roseville (1700 Kent Street).
- Visit [RamseyRecycles.com/HHW](https://www.ramseyrecycles.com/HHW) (651) 633-EASY (3279), answered 24/7.



Our Plow Team is Ready for the Snow



Help us make plowing go smoothly this winter.

- Do not park on the streets overnight, it is illegal.
- 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



- 23** Plows, loaders and other equipment clearing roads and sidewalks
- 3** Mechanics
- 4** Support staff, tracking weather, directing crews and fielding calls

2026 Solid Waste Rates

Maplewood Trash Service (Republic Services bills residents on a bi-monthly schedule.)

| Cart Size and Service Level | Rates (includes taxes and fees) |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 20 gallon every other week | \$28.13 bi-monthly |
| 20 gallon every week | \$29.14 bi-monthly |
| 35 gallon every week | \$35.02 bi-monthly |
| 65 gallon every week | \$53.75 bi-monthly |
| 95 gallon every week | \$70.69 bi-monthly |

Recycling Collection (Maplewood adds the recycling fee to residential water bills)
\$17.91 quarterly

Yard Waste Collection (Residents can opt into the yard waste service through Republic Services. Yard waste is collected from April through November. The fee is added to residents' trash bills in the spring.)
\$153.30 per season

More information at maplewoodmn.gov/solidwaste
Contact Shann Finwall, Sustainability Coordinator, at (651) 249-2304 or shann.finwall@maplewoodmn.gov



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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 League Basketball

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.



Warming houses and ice rinks expected to open December 26th – February 15th

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 |

For full skating rink information including, locations, operating dates and times, closure policy and more visit our website: maplewoodmn.gov/221. *Weather permitting

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| DECEMBER | 3M Community Meeting |
| 10 | 6 - 7 p.m. Cottage Grove City Hall Training Room (12800 Ravine Parkway South) |

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|-----------------|---------------------------------------|
| DECEMBER | Rice Larpenteur Winter Warm-up |
| 13 | 1 - 3 p.m. 1698 Rice St, St Paul |



*Santa Parade
Saturday,
December 20
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.*



Santa will make his first official stop at the Salvation Army (2080 Woodlynn Ave) by about 9:20 a.m.

Salvation Army's Breakfast runs from 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

RSVP for the breakfast by December 15 at the QR at left.

If you plan to visit one of our stops, please consider donating: canned goods, pasta, rice, grains, powder milk, peanut butter, instant meals and cereals, bottled water, juices, milks, toiletries, women's hygiene products



Route Map and info, including parade tracker app.

Maplewoodmn.gov/Santa