CITY'S OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

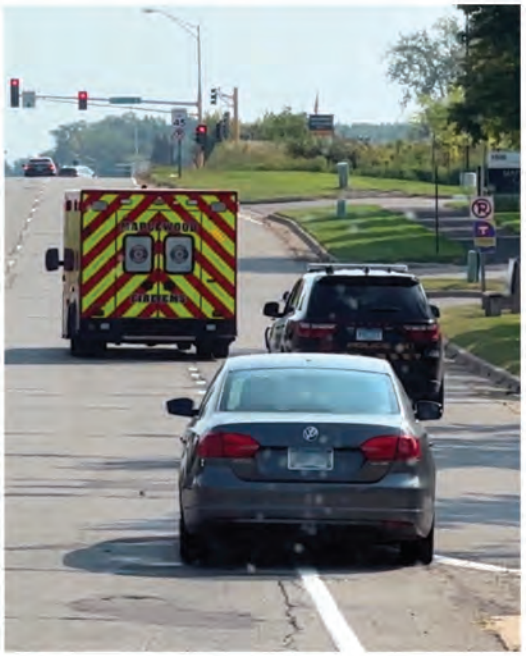
MAPLEWOOD LIVING

November 2025

8,375

Projected 2025 calls for service

- **3.5%** increase in the last year
- **27%** increase since 2020.
- Getting to **93%** of emergencies within eight minutes



Fire-EMS secures $1.6 million grant to strengthen response

Maplewood received a federal grant that will help fund six additional firefighter positions over three years, enhancing the department's operational effectiveness, safety, and ability to meet national staffing and response standards.

The SAFER (Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response) Grant is a highly competitive, nationwide funding stream, with a small group of departments attaining funding.

The grant is part of a long-term strategy to increase trained fire-EMS staff on duty for a wide range of emergency calls.

The department's call volume continues growing. We anticipate responding to nearly 8400 calls for service by the end of this year. That's a 3.5% increase over 2024 and a 27% increase since 2020.

With incremental staffing increases, Maplewood Fire-EMS achieved its long-standing goal in 2024, getting to 93% of emergencies within eight minutes, improving from a range of 81–89% (2019–2023).

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Maplewood

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 (612) 322-1620
marylee.abrams@maplewoodmn.gov

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nikki.villavicencio@maplewoodmn.gov

City Manager

Michael Sable, City Manager (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
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

Help our Police Department

From auto thefts to assaults, private home security cameras have been helpful in solving a variety of crimes in Maplewood.

Thanks to a new voluntary camera registration program, our officers have been more efficient identifying cameras that may have captured crime footage.

If you have a camera and would be willing to share recordings if a crime happens in your area, let us know.

By registering for the program, you are not granting police access to any cameras, nor do we collect usernames, passwords, or other camera credentials. Also know that even if you are registered, participation remains entirely optional. Registrants may decline any request for footage.

Scan the QR code to register:

(The image above is a recent example of a private camera that helped lead to the arrest of a suspect wanted for multiple vehicle thefts in Maplewood.)

MAYOR FOR A DAY ESSAY CONTEST

LMC

Fourth, fifth, and sixth graders are encouraged to get involved by answer the prompt, "What would you do if you were mayor for a day?"

Three winning students will be chosen from among submitted entries. They get $100 and their essay published in Minnesota Cities magazine.

Submission deadline: Dec. 12.

Only winners will be notified in early January.

The League of Minnesota Cities, not the City of Maplewood, runs the contest. Please go to their website to learn more and submit an essay -- lmc.org/mayorforaday

Growing Small Businesses in Maplewood

To grow a vibrant and resilient business community, Maplewood hosted an intense two-day seminar for financial coaches and businesses advisors who work with small business owners and entrepreneurs.

The Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) taught the seminar, which showed finance coaches how to build financial literacy sessions for small businesses and entrepreneurs, which is critical in the early-stages of getting a business up and going.

Maplewood was one of 15 cities across the U.S. chosen for a competitive grant from the International City/County Management Association (ICMA), financed by the Gates Foundation last spring.

If you are interested in starting a new business in Maplewood, please call (651) 249-2300 or email: Danette Parr danette.parr@maplewoodmn.gov

Resources for Homebuyers

Maplewood partners with organizations to ensure safe suitable housing for all. One important aspect of this is home ownership. Ramsey County provides educational courses and financial resources for:

- Homebuyer Assistance
- Home Improvement Programs
- Foreclosure Prevention

Learn more at Maplewoodmn.gov/homeownership

This time of year is a great opportunity for first-time home buyers to prepare for that big life decision.

Maplewood and the east metro has a lot of affordable housing options.

According to averages on the top realtor websites, Maplewood's median home price is about $330,000 – $350,000. That's well below the $400,000 median sale price for the Twin Cities metro.

3M

3M Community Meeting December 10

6 - 7 p.m.
Cottage Grove City Hall Training Room

3M invites you to a community meeting to learn more about the Cottage Grove site and management of stormwater and wastewater. The meeting will feature current information regarding facility operations, changes made or planned to enhance environmental stewardship, management of production materials, implementation of the new permit, and community engagement.

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AT THE
MAPLEWOOD AREA
HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BRUENTRUP HERITAGE FARM

SATURDAY, DEC. 6TH
11 AM TO 4 PM

Free Event, Donations Appreciated.
Free Shuttle from Mariner Middle School.

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

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Lakeview Commons
Assisted Living | Memory Care
ecumenlakeviewcommons.org | 651-770-1111

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Seasons at Maplewood
Independent Living+
Assisted Living | Memory Care
ecumenseasonsmaplewood.org | 651-756-1859

Set up for a successful spring with these fall gardening tips

Let leaves and plant stems stay in flower beds

- Both are great habitats for pollinators.
- Leaves serve as natural mulch, repressing weeds and helping retain soil moisture.
- Keep plant stems at least 14 inches long.

Help newly planted trees thrive

- Remove water bags from trees before winter
- Put on tree guards to help protect against animal damage and extreme weather conditions. Take them off in early spring.

Don't chuck the pumpkin

- Leave pumpkins in the garden when the season ends. They will decompose naturally and are rich in nutrients that benefit plant growth.
- If you need to get rid of them, take them to a Ramsey County Yard Waste site or dispose of them through the City's curbside yard waste collection with a yearly subscription.
- Don't throw them in the trash. State law prohibits leaves, grass clippings, brush and other plant material from being mixed with your trash.

Prevent Buckthorn's return

You did a great job removing that buckthorn this fall. Help prevent it from returning by spreading native seed this winter or early spring.

Two companies offer seed mixes for Maplewood residents.
MNL- MNLcorp.com

- Click "Online Shop" in the top right corner, then signature mixes
- Use code: **Maplewood20** for 20% off

Prairie Moon

- Email Quotes@Prairiemoon.com

For shaded area seedings ask for
Maplewood Shady Buckthorn Mix (33094)

For sunny area seedings request
Maplewood Sunny Buckthorn Mix (33110)

- Include your name, billing/shipping address, phone number and seeding area size in square feet or acres

2025 Street projects nearing completion

Most of the work on Maplewood's two main street projects is wrapping up after another positive construction season.

The Prosperity-Hazelwood Area included a full reconstruct, featuring:

- New concrete curb and gutter
- New trail along the west side of Prosperity Road
- Storm sewer system expansion and features to improve water-quality
- Sanitary sewer system repairs
- Water main replacement

The South Leg area

- Street resurfacing
- Curb and gutter repairs

Before and after of Haller Ave. East of McKnight Road

Prosperity improvements feature a curb and gutter system to ensure better storm drainage, a trail to the west, and new pavement.

County Projects of note:

- County Road D (west of Highway 61)
- Beam Avenue (White Bear to Highway 61)

Thanks to community members and drivers for your patience this summer.

In 2026, crews will be working in two northside neighborhoods.

- Beam-Walter Area is a pavement replacement project
- County Road C Area Streets is a full reconstruction

2026 Project
Beam-Walter Area

2026 Project | County Road C Area

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

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

Thursday Evening Basketball

TotStars	(Ages 2-3)
PreStars	(Ages 3-5)
MightyStars	(Ages 6-9)

Nov 13, 20, Dec 4, 11 (Skip Nov 27)

Saturday Morning Floor Hockey

PreStars	(Ages 3-5)
MiniStars	(Ages 5-8)
SkillStars	(Ages 7-10)

Nov 15, 22,
Dec 6, 13
(Skip Nov 29)

INCLUSIVE SPORTS AND GAMES DAY

Saturday, Dec 6 • 9am–3pm • Maplewood YMCA

Open to the Public. Everything is Free.
No Experience Needed.

This is a welcoming event created for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and the surrounding community.

Be ready to move, laugh and connect.

Together, we will enjoy activities, build friendships, and celebrate the power of wellness for all.

Carnival Games and Challenges
- Games – Music– Dance – Free Food

Info Expo
- Information – Swag – Prizes and More!

Adapted and Unified Sports Events
- Running, Basketball, Swimming
- Athlete Preregistration Required
- Free T-shirt and Medals!

SCAN FOR MORE INFO!
Maplewood YMCA Community Center
2100 White Bear Ave, Maplewood, MN 55109
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ymcanorth.org
651-747-0922

City of Maplewood
1830 County Road B East
Maplewood, MN 55109
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SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE COMMUNITY EVENTS!

DECEMBER 6

Inclusive Sporting and Games Day

9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Maplewood YMCA Community Center

See ad on p7 for more information

DECEMBER 6

Meet St. Nikolaustag

11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Bruentrup Heritage Farm

Vendor market, kids crafts

DECEMBER 8

2026 Budget Hearing

7 p.m.
Learn more about Maplewood's budget
City Council Chambers

DECEMBER 10

3M Community Meeting

6 - 7 p.m.
Cottage Grove City Hall Training Room
(12800 Ravine Parkway South)

See ad on page 4

DECEMBER 13

Rice Larpenteur Winter Warm-up

1 – 3 p.m.
1698 Rice St, St Paul

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
FOR OUR 2025

SANTA PARADE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20TH