

# Maplewood LIVING



MARCH 2016



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## July 4<sup>th</sup> Sponsors Needed!

Monday, July 4th, 2016  
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## The New Guy

By Councilmember Smith

When I got the assignment to write an article for this month's Maplewood Living, I really didn't want to write "the new guy" article. The reality is, however, that I have now been sworn in for about six weeks, I have attended 3 council meetings, and have been working hard to learn the ins and outs of Maplewood operations and how to be the best councilmember I can. It feels strange to be writing this so early; I am the new guy after all...

We have all been the new person: new kid at school, new person at work, or the new family on the block. It can be a tough time of uncertainty and anxiety, but it is also a time of opportunity for new friends, new skills, and new knowledge. I have felt all of these feelings since being sworn in. In fact, I am not only the new guy here, but also am the new guy on the Gateway Corridor Commission and a number of other groups for which I now represent the city.

As I have begun this journey, there are a number of life lessons I reflect on and hold in my heart:

**1. Be grateful:** I am deeply grateful for this opportunity to serve our city, and also for my colleagues on the council, the mayor, and many leaders from the city staff who have all been generous and patient while teaching me and answering all my rookie questions.

**2. More elephants and fewer hippos:** Picture it: elephants have huge ears and small mouths while hippos have huge mouths and small ears. I know I can tend to be more of a hippo, more apt to speak than I am to listen carefully. I am doing my best to be more of an elephant, and it takes a great deal of energy for me to slow down, shut my mouth, and listen. I am doing my best, and when I am successful, I find it serves me quite well.

**3. Be kind:** I have never regretted being kind to someone – I have, however, regretted being unkind almost every time. My wife and I have always expected our son to show kindness to others, and at 7 years old, he is now my role model. I hope I can grow up to be as kind and empathetic as him.

While I really didn't want to write the new guy article, I think that I just did. One thing I have learned in my career is that people typically feel "new" a lot longer than they are seen as "new" by others. Hopefully you still see me as "new" – I know I still feel it. I am looking forward to the challenge ahead, to getting to know you all better, and to working to make our city the best it can be.



Councilmember Bryan Smith

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## Frequently Called Numbers

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Maplewood Community Center	(651) 249-2230
Recreation	(651) 249-2120
Public Works	(651) 249-2400
Police Non-Emergency	(651) 767-0640

Visit the City website at [www.maplewoodmn.gov](http://www.maplewoodmn.gov) for the meeting schedule of the City Council, Commissions and Boards.

To advertise in this newsletter call Heidi Carey at (952) 212-7333 or email [heidi@careycommunications.org](mailto:heidi@careycommunications.org).



## Easter Eggstravaganza!

**Saturday, March 26, (Pre-hunt Activities 10:00 am**

**Hunt: Ages 3-5: 11:00 am Ages 6-8: 11:30 am)**

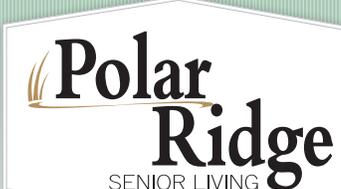
**At Edgerton Gym 1929 Edgerton Street, Maplewood**

Join the Maplewood Parks & Recreation staff for delicious breakfast treats, colorful crafts and a visit from the Easter Bunny, then it's happy hunting. Children will be divided into two age groups and will be hunting for wrapped candy and plastic eggs, some of which may be redeemed for a special prize. Bags of goodies are available for children under 2 years of age. Don't forget your camera. In the event of inclement weather, treat bags will be given out at 11:00 am. Happy Hunting!  
 Cost: \$5.00 per child Registration Deadline: March 25



### How do I register?

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# Maplewood Spring Clean Up

Saturday, April 23, 8:00 am - 1:00 pm  
Aldrich Arena, 1850 White Bear Avenue

The Spring Clean Up provides Maplewood residents a way to dispose of or recycle items that are not accepted in the regular trash service. Items accepted include appliances, electronics, bulky metals, tires, furniture (including mattresses), carpet, bicycles, household hazardous waste, and unused or unwanted prescriptions. Residents can bring sensitive documents (bank and credit card statements, medical records, etc.) and have the documents shredded for free. Document Shredding runs from 8:00 am to Noon. Residents are encouraged to bring a food or cash donation to support Second Harvest Heartland, a local food shelf.

For a full list of items accepted and fees, visit the City of Maplewood's website at [www.maplewoodmn.gov/cleanups](http://www.maplewoodmn.gov/cleanups) or contact Chris Swanson, Environmental Specialist, at [chris.swanson@maplewoodmn.gov](mailto:chris.swanson@maplewoodmn.gov) or (651) 249-2305.



Electronics recycling at the Spring Clean Up



Mattress recycling at the Spring Clean Up

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# What's the Scoop on our Streets?

I'm glad you're asking. The majority of streets in Maplewood's south leg, in addition to several segments throughout the city, have been hit hard by a form of pavement failure coined "pavement stripping." This type of failure is very shallow and is therefore hard to patch.



Pavement stripping failure



Pavement stripping close up

Whether patched or not the result is a very bumpy ride. You may recognize the failure from the photos below.

In 2015, the City Council voted to invest an additional \$1 million per year, for 20 years, directly into fixing the premature failures of pavement installed back in the early 1990's. This additional investment will be covered by new revenue from the gas franchise fee in addition to special assessments. The gas franchise fee is \$2.50 per month for residential customers and \$6.00 per month for most commercial customers. In effect since October 1, 2015, the fee is automatically collected on your monthly Xcel Energy gas utility bill. The new revenue is dedicated directly toward pavement repairs per city ordinance.

The additional investment begins this year, in the south leg, on streets such as Lakewood Drive, Snowshoe Lane, Sterling Street, and others. The bar chart on page 5 depicts the predicted percentage of the city's 135 miles of local streets in "good condition" with three different levels of proposed improvement over the first five years of the 20 year plan.

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Maplewood Parks & Recreation presents...



## Outdoor Family Expo

**SATURDAY, APRIL 16**

**10:00am - 2:00pm • Free Family Event**

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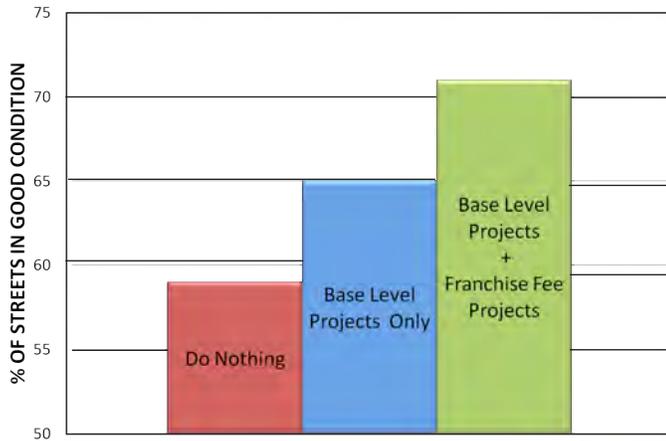
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STATE OF THE STREETS BY THE YEAR 2020



This boost in investment positions the city to more quickly meet its goal of attaining a “good condition” rating on at least 75% of its streets in future years. The green bar above represents the injection of the franchise fee projects on top of the base level capital improvement plan. This additional focus on street repair will help improve quality of life within our local neighborhoods. For more information on when your street may be up for improvement please visit [www.maplewoodmn.gov](http://www.maplewoodmn.gov) and go to “Streets” under “Public Works.” Or feel free to email [michael.thompson@maplewoodmn.gov](mailto:michael.thompson@maplewoodmn.gov) or call directly at (651) 249-2403.

## City Council Awards Cable Franchise to CenturyLink

In January, the Maplewood City Council voted to pass an ordinance granting CenturyLink a franchise for providing cable services in Maplewood. Just what does that mean to Maplewood residents? Well, it means that for the first time, many Maplewood residents will have a choice in who their wired cable TV provider is. Comcast will continue to offer their Xfinity cable service to residents but will now compete with CenturyLink for subscribers.



CenturyLink’s service, “PRISM®TV”, is currently being offered in select areas and expanding. To see if you qualify for PRISM®TV and for more information about PRISM®TV features, channel lineup, and plans and prices, visit their website at [www.seeprismtv.com](http://www.seeprismtv.com) or contact their Maplewood retailer at (651) 770-2843 or [Maplewoodretail@centurylink.com](mailto:Maplewoodretail@centurylink.com).

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Week 4 Nickelodeon Universe	Week 10 ValleyFair
Week 5 The Works Museum	Week 11 MN Zoo/Imax
Week 6 Wild Mountain	Week 12 AMC Theater/Pizza Party

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# Helping Those in Need



The Christian Cupboard Emergency Food Shelf (CCEFS) is located in the basement of the Woodbury Lutheran Church at 7380 Afton Road, Woodbury. The entrance is on the western side of the building. In addition to Woodbury, Landfall and Oakdale, they serve the southern portion of Maplewood that is bounded by McKnight to the west and Stillwater Blvd/Ave to the north.

They serve customers on Mondays from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm, on Thursdays from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm and on Fridays from 9:00 am to 1:30 pm. To receive service you simply need a photo ID and a current utility bill to demonstrate residency in the area.

After customers are registered, they can come to the cupboard once a month. When they visit, they will have the opportunity to select, with the help of one of their shopping assistants, from a variety of products that they have on hand and that best suit the household's particular

needs. The total amount of items received depends on the size of the family. Customers can choose from perishables, non-perishables, personal care products, frozen and/or refrigerated products. Please note the choices available will vary from visit to visit and reflect what they receive as donations or are able to purchase from their partners.

Second Harvest Heartland is a key partner of Christian Cupboard. They work together on the food rescue from area grocers (Cub, Lunds, etc) as well as purchasing products from them directly. This past summer, Christian Cupboard worked with them to supply farm produce. They bring in pallets of produce to distribute to area families. It was a great success and they will look to expand to new sites next year.

Christian Cupboard is critically dependent on donations (cash and food) from the community to function. Their goal is all about taking care of those in need in the community. To donate or for more information call (651) 233-1296 or email [contact@christiancupboard.org](mailto:contact@christiancupboard.org).

## Date:

March 28th - April 2nd

### MORNING CLASSES

Mon - Gym Court 2 (10-11am)  
Tues - Gym Corridor (10-11am)  
Thur - Gym Corridor (10-11am)  
Fri - Gym Corridor (10-11am)

### EVENING CLASSES

Mon - Gym Court 1 (5:30-6:30pm)  
Tues - Gym Corridor (5:30-6:30pm)  
Thur - Gym Court 2 (5:30-6:30pm)  
Sat - Gym Court 1 (8:00-9:00am)

\*Times/locations are subject to change

For more information contact Lori Resendiz at 651-249-2207 or [lori.resendiz@maplewoodmn.gov](mailto:lori.resendiz@maplewoodmn.gov)



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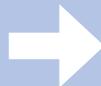
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- **Online** <https://activenet004.active.com/maplewoodmn/>
- **In Person** MCC Customer Service  
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- **By Phone** (651) 249-2230  
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- By using a compost bin you can reduce more than 25% of your waste which saves you money!

The rain barrels and compost bins come with a ten-year warranty, are made from recycled content, and are extremely affordable - \$74 for a rain barrel and \$59 for a compost bin. Order the bins online at [www.recycleminnesota.org](http://www.recycleminnesota.org).

Pick up your pre-ordered rain barrel and compost bin on Saturday, April 30, 2016, at the Ramsey County Parks building at 2020 Van Dyke Street in Maplewood.

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