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Maplewood Mall Business Offer



For the month of May, Maplewood Mall is offering all businesses located within 10 miles of the mall a 50% discount on all corporate gift card activation fees. For more information call (651) 770-3863 or email nicole.drennan@wpglimcher.com.

A Day Without Laughter Is A Day Wasted

By: Councilmember Tou Xiong



One of the greatest moments of being a Maplewood resident at this time is seeing my neighbor laughing. My neighbor and I are both very different in age, culture, career, and even politics but sharing a laugh threw away those differences between us and definitely brought our families closer. The great Charlie Chaplin once said, "A day without laughter is a day wasted". I think this quote speaks out to remind us about living life to the fullest by reaching out to the lighter nature in all of us. The work and representation of the City of Maplewood is no laughing matter, but we risk so many pitfalls if we fail to 'lighten up' as a city.

What are these potential pitfalls that we as a city face? Simply, the fact is that really serious people that take themselves too seriously can be a real downer to be around. Also, we can alienate people or fail to appreciate the talented and friendly people all around us. One thing I have learned from my time on the Council is that we can get serious teamwork done and still enjoy it at the same time with a bit of laughter here and there.

Moreover, we risk missing great opportunities by sticking to an extremely serious and rigid mindset. It is an outlook where we would end up doing things that we like to do or only what we can foresee and feel safe with. Here, I think it would be against the bold innovative experimentations that have helped make Maplewood such a great forward-thinking city.

The city of Maplewood is bring the lighter side of life through laughter by way of welcoming Z Puppets' Kid City into Maplewood. Throughout the year, Maplewood Parks & Recreation and Z Puppets Rosenschnoz will bring youth to



"laugh, learn, play and spark connections across cultures" here in our great city through public art. There will be many events held throughout Maplewood (see ad on page 3 for more details), and I certainly look forward to being a part of the laughter movement. We can all be part of the lighter mood in our city and see the less serious side of our neighbors.

So, in other words, we shall not have a day wasted in our city because we had lived without laughter.

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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 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.



Maplewood Channel 16 schedule is available online at www.maplewoodmn.gov/TV16.

Maplewood Movie Night at Bruentrup Farm



Thursday, June 23, 5:30 pm (movie starts at 6:30 pm)

Join us for a fun family event on Thursday, June 23rd at the Bruentrup Historical Farm, located at 2170 County Road D East. Enjoy yard games, concessions, picnic areas, activity stations for the kids and more. This is a FREE event for everyone!

Watch the movie **"Barnyard"** in the Historic Bruentrup Barn.

"Barnyard" is about a farmer who is away, and all the animals play... and sing, and dance. Eventually, though, someone has to step in and run things, a responsibility that ends up going to Otis, a carefree cow. The show starts at 6:30 pm, rain or shine. Chairs are provided but you are welcome to bring your own.

For more details visit the Maplewood Parks and Recreation facebook page.



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Maplewood Welcomes Ellen Paulseth, the New City Finance Director

Maplewood has hired Ellen Paulseth as its new Finance Director. She began in the position on Monday, May 2nd.

Maplewood City Manager, Melinda Coleman announced in April that Paulseth had been selected to succeed Gayle Bauman, who left earlier this year after managing Maplewood's Finance Department for more than the last five years.

City Manager Coleman said that Paulseth stood out from the other candidates for her years of government experience and technically sound skills. Paulseth comes to Maplewood with more than 30 years of government Finance experience. Before coming to Maplewood, she was Deputy Director of Accounting & Finance for Washington County, and Finance Director for Forest Lake and Centerville. Several candidates were considered before three finalists were named. The hiring decision was made after a panel interview, additional testing, and simulated budget presentations to the group.

"All of the panels saw her as someone who will be a good leader and who wants to mentor the employees in her department. She is quite talented and will be a valuable member of our senior management team," City Manager

Coleman said.

Under Paulseth's leadership, Maplewood finance department will continue to produce our Comprehensive Financial Reports, Annual Budget, and five-year Capital Improvement Projects Reports. Both the CIP and Budget processes are scheduled to start this month.



Despite joining Maplewood during the busy financial reporting season, Paulseth said "I am very excited to join the Maplewood team and look forward to growing with Maplewood."

Ellen is involved in numerous community and civic organizations over the years and has enjoyed outdoor activities, traveling and the arts.

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For more info call 612-724-1435 ext. 4 or email Rachel@zpuppets.org
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MAPLEWOOD PARKS & RECREATION

This activity is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Minnesota State Arts Board, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund.

Don't Be The Victim of a Scam

By: Detective Alesia Metry, Maplewood Police Investigations



The Maplewood Police Department is dedicated to protecting its citizens. The following are three of the latest scams in which people have been cheated out of their money.

Official Sounding Calls About Your Email Being Hacked or Your Computer Being Shut Down

Scammers call and state there is a problem with your computer, and they need access to fix the problem. They may pressure you by saying that if the computer is not fixed immediately, you will lose all of the information on the computer. The scammer then talks you through a process that gives them control of your computer and they are then able to access all of your records (including financial documents).

- Do NOT give control of your computer to anyone offering to "fix" your computer.
- Never give out any financial or sensitive information to anyone who contacts you on the phone or the computer.
- If you are pressured, act immediately by **hanging up**.

If you have questions, call your computer software company directly by looking up the number yourself. **Do not** use a number the possible scammer provided.

Care.com or Other Job Opportunity Websites

First, CARE.COM is a legitimate website that assists people in finding babysitters, nannies, etc.... However, scammers have learned how to take advantage of this site and others like it. The scammer contacts you and agrees to hire you. They may say they are moving to the area from out of State.

The scam is they then send you a check for a large amount of money and tell you to cash it. When you put the check in your bank account, it appears to be a good check. **Checks Take 7-10 Days to Clear.**

The scammer contacts you before the check clears and says they need some of their money back. They tell you to keep a set amount of the money for yourself (for the inconvenience) and then have you send them a cashier's check, money order, pre-paid debit card or cash for the remaining amount. After you do this, you discover the original check they sent you was **not good**, and **you** are out the money you sent to the scammer.

Bottom line, **do not send** any money until after you have confirmed that the original check has cleared, and the money is in your account. **Be suspicious anytime you are asked to send someone money!**

If you have questions, or you are suspicious **Call Your Bank**. Bank employees are a great resource and very knowledgeable about how to prevent being scammed.



Calls From the Government or Other Official Groups

THE IRS reports that over 450,000 people have been contacted by scammers claiming to be from the IRS. If you receive a phone call from what appears to be a legitimate group, like the IRS or Xcel Energy, be suspicious. Scammers have the ability to spoof a phone call so that your caller ID will read "IRS" or "XCEL ENERGY." The scammer will try and convince you that you owe money and if you do not send the money immediately something bad will happen such as a warrant will be issued for your arrest or your power will be shut off. They will tell you to send or wire: money, prepaid debit cards, etc., immediately.

Stop and Check it out. If you do not believe you owe the money, then hang up or tell the caller to send the information in writing and then hang up.

- Most businesses will not call you if you owe money. They tend to send the demand for money by U.S. mail or email (**if you have set up an online account with them**).
- Check out the information the caller is telling you.
- Look up the number of the agency and call directly back to the agency (**do not use the number provided by the caller**).
- If you need help verifying the information, contact a friend or relative to assist you before sending money.
- Do **not** send or wire: money, cashier's checks, money orders or pre-paid debit cards unless you are **positive** you owe the money, and you have verified the address where you are sending the money is legitimate.

A good rule is to think before you send any money. Are you positive you owe the money? Are you positive the person/agency you are sending the money to is real? Is the address legitimate? If you have any doubt, do a little research and check it out.

Council Proclaims May 7th Arbor Day

May 7th is Arbor Day in Maplewood! Arbor Day is observed throughout the United States and the world as a day to celebrate trees. Trees cool our homes and streets by providing shade in the summer, habitats for migrating birds, and pollen for native wild bees. Each state and community varies the date to coincide with planting times. The Maplewood Nature Center is celebrating Arbor Day with Trees for the Bees – a program for Girl Scouts (www.maplewoodmn.gov/1196/Arbor-Day). The nature center is also offering a class “Energy Saving Landscapes” on Thursday, May 12, from 6:30 – 7:45 pm. Participants will learn how trees and shrubs can help reduce our home energy bills. There will be a tour of hardy Minnesota native trees and shrubs in the yard. (register on-line) For additional self-guided family fun, hike the nature center trails (open seven days a week from dawn to dusk) to find and identify trees.

May is Arbor Month in the state of Minnesota, and it’s a great time to plant a tree. Maplewood has a Cost Share Reimbursement for residents planting deciduous shade trees in their yard. While it is tempting to plant a large tree, smaller trees have been found to quickly catch up to larger trees, have a higher survival rate, and cost less to install. A list of hardy and beautiful Minnesota native species to choose from is available at: www.maplewoodmn.gov/1071/Tree-Purchase-Rebate. Call the Nature Center at (651) 249-2170 if you have any questions about which tree species qualify for the rebate.



Presentation Parish

Spring festival

MAY 13, 14 & 15
 Sat 11:30 am - 5:00 pm
 Sun 11:30 am - 3:30 pm

Food Booths • Beer • Pull Tabs
 Book Booth • Craft Show • Silent Auction
 Grannie’s Attic • Theme Baskets
 Kiddie Land • Live Outdoor Music
 Raffle \$6,000 in Cash Prizes!

Acapulco Restaurant Taco Dinner
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Tinucci’s Chicken Dinner
 Sun 11:30 am - 3:00 pm
 \$3 kids \$9 adults

MASS: Sat 5:00 pm • Sun 8:30 am & 10:30 am
 Fr. Charlie Lachowitz presiding at all Masses.

New! Classic Car Show - Sun 11:00-2:00 pm

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 Church of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 1725 Kennard St. in Maplewood

Friday Family Night 6-9 pm
 Dancing, Food & Games

Saturday
Kittenball Tournament

Bingo
 7:30 - 9:30 pm *Great Door Prizes*
 9:45 pm *High-Stakes Bingo*

Live Music Outdoors
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Maplewood Community Center Presents

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Maplewood Participates in Building Safety Month

To help raise awareness of building safety, the City of Maplewood Building Inspections Department proudly celebrates Building Safety Month during May. Building Safety Month is a public safety awareness campaign to help individuals, families and businesses understand what it takes to create safe, resilient, affordable and energy-efficient homes and buildings.

"When our building safety and fire prevention experts inspect buildings and review construction plans to ensure code compliance they help to ensure the places where you live, learn, work, worship and play are safe," said Maplewood Building Official Nick Carver. "We work closely with contractors, homeowners, plumbers, roofers and other construction industry trades to provide maximum public safety."



Maplewood Building Official
Nick Carver

The building inspectors in Maplewood provide a critical service to your family's safety and the protection of your assets. Whether in your home, place of business or enjoying a meal or a show, you can feel safe, you can trust everything has been taken care of to ensure the safest possible environments for your life to happen. That's because of all the "invisible" work that has been inspected, corrected or eliminated to make it safe.

The Police and Fire Departments are very visible reminders that Maplewood has your safety covered. But there are persons who go before them to make your environments safe. If not for contractor licensing and inspection services, construction work could be varied and even hazardous. Permits are the vehicle necessary to accomplish these services; without a permit the work you are paying for cannot be checked for code compliance.

Maplewood strives to maintain the lowest possible building permit rates. Partially to encourage the proper permits are requested and issued, but also to provide this service at a great value for the citizens. What value can you give to your confidence in knowing your family is safe?

Code officials work hard every day to provide public safety by ensuring buildings are constructed safely. If you do happen to see one of our invisible inspectors, just remember that they are your first line of defense in public safety.

An advertisement for Maplewood Pediatric Dentistry. The top half features a photograph of a young child wearing a grey knit hat, swinging happily on a swing set. A teal speech bubble with white text says "We're moving down the street this summer!". Below the photo is a yellow banner with the text "We provide gentle encouragement in a fun, child-friendly atmosphere". The bottom half of the ad has a dark background with a white silhouette of a child swinging. Text on the right side includes "Maplewood Pediatric Dentistry", "Claire Mielke, DDS", "Peter H. Mielke, DDS", "Board Certified Pediatric Dentists", and the phone number "651.779.9002". At the bottom, it lists the address "1675 Beam Avenue Suite 202 Maplewood, Minnesota 55109" and the website "www.MaplewoodPediatricDentistry.com".

An advertisement for BHSI Behavioral Health Services. The top half features a photograph of a smiling woman with blonde hair, wearing a light blue button-down shirt, sitting in a chair. To the right of the photo, text reads "Want compassionate and individualized mental health care?" and "Help for children, adolescents and adults." The bottom half of the ad has a dark blue background with white text. It says "North St. Paul and Five Other Locations.", "Our staff of psychologists, psychiatrists, clinical social workers and family therapists are committed to offering high quality mental health care.", and the BHSI logo (Behavioral Health Services). At the bottom, it provides the phone number "(651) 662-0800", the website "bhsiclinics.com", and the address "2497 7th Ave E, Suite 101 • North St. Paul".

Police Department Introduces Crime Mapping Tool to Public



The Maplewood Police Department and BAIR Analytics Inc. recently partnered to provide a new way for the public to stay informed about crime and community safety issues in

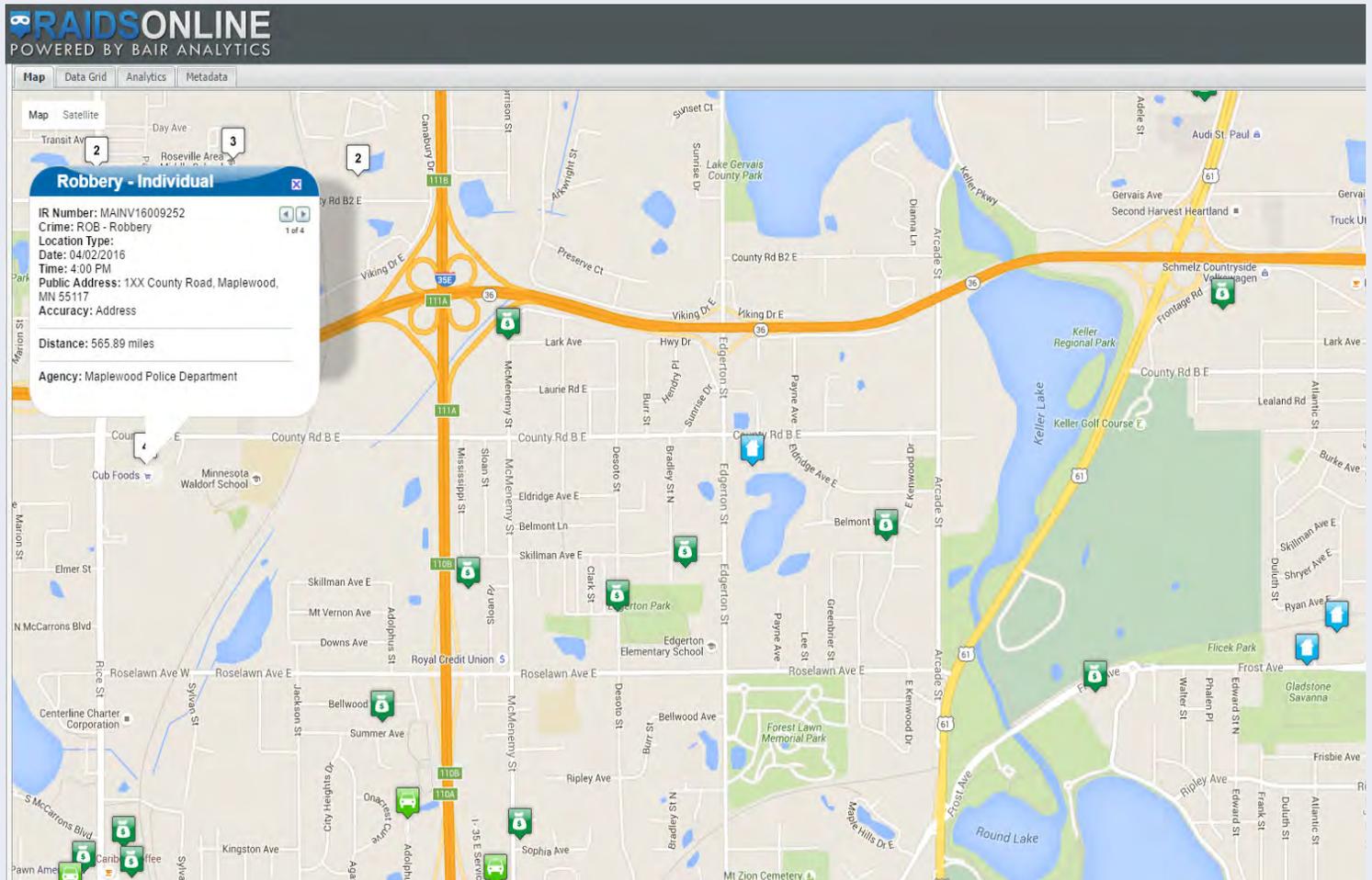
Maplewood. The Police Department now has an online crime map called RAIDS Online (www.raidsonline.com) that maps and analyzes crime data, alerts Maplewood citizens about crimes in their area, and allows the Maplewood Police Department to quickly alert the public about crimes as they occur.

Online or via their mobile app (the RAIDS Online Mobile

app is available for FREE on the Apple App Store) Maplewood citizens can view a map and grid with reported crimes and calls for service in their area and sign up for crime alerts that automatically emails information about recent crime activity. RAIDS Online automatically syncs with the Maplewood Police Department's records system to keep crime information updated online and in the mobile app.

"We're pleased to be able to offer this new interactive mapping tool to our residents," said Maplewood Police Chief Paul Schnell. "We know that the best community safety outcomes are the result of a strong, informed, and engaged partnership between police and community," he added.

Anyone can visit Maplewood's crime map from the "Crime Mapping" link on the City website, www.maplewoodmn.gov.



Maplewood Police Department's online crime map called RAIDS (www.raidsonline.com)

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Barbecues/Open Flames are prohibited for the following

- Any structure containing three or more dwelling units.
- On ground level Barbecues/Open Flames shall be 15 feet from the structure.
- Examples: Apartment building, Townhomes any dwelling unit meeting the criteria in the first bullet point.

Fuel Storage

- No person shall store or use any fuel, barbecue, torch or similar heating or lighting chemical or device on any balconies for structures listed above.

Exception

- Listed electric or gas fired barbecue grills that are permanently mounted and wired or plumbed to the buildings gas supply or electrical system and maintain a clearance of 18 inches on all sides.

- Lesser clearances may be installed on balconies and patios when approved.

Single family dwellings

- This section is for homes that don't meet the criteria in the first bullet point.
- Grills on decks are allowed, but you should make every attempt to keep the 15 foot clearance from the house.
- Don't store extra fuel next to the grill.
- Using propane is a better option instead of charcoal because once the propane is shut off the flame is out. With charcoal the coals stay hot for hours and if the coals fall onto the deck it could cause a fire.

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