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Maplewood Resident selected for MWGS Water Garden Society Tour



Soothing sound of falling water

The Minnesota Water Garden Society (MWGS) will hold their 19th Annual Water Garden Tour on July 30 & 31 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm both days. The 2016 Tour has 13 sites filled with gorgeous water gardens, wonderful waterfalls and stunning streams, as well as beautiful "non-water" gardens. The Tour sites include a variety of water gardens: large and small ponds, pondless water features and container water gardens. In addition to the water features, there are beautiful Koi, unique plants and creative garden art. These sites are residential properties built and maintained by MWGS members. The Tour is self guided and includes sites in Maplewood, Lake Elmo, South St. Paul, St. Paul, Rosemount, Richfield, Eagan, Woodbury and Bloomington.

A Maplewood resident, Allen Eldridge, is host of one of the sites. Allen's site is located on a corner lot with a waterfall and pond in the backyard. In this pond you will find several very large Koi more than 20 years old. Along the backside of the house there is a paver patio with a view of the garden beds. A local distributor and retailer of water plants, Cook Water Farms, will be selling water plants at this site.



20 year old Koi

Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 on the days of the tour. Children 15 and under are free with a paid adult. Visit the MWGS website (www.mwgs.org) for tickets, garden descriptions, directions, and a detailed map. Tickets can also be purchased by calling (612) 803-7663.

The Minnesota Water Garden Society (MWGS) is a non profit 501(c)3 organization whose mission is to increase the enjoyment of and enthusiasm for water gardening through promotion, education and shared experiences. MWGS holds monthly meetings with presentations on a variety of subjects, sells water plants and fish, holds pond parties at members' homes and sponsors a site at the MN State Fair. For more information on the Tour and MWGS, call (612) 803-7663.

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Public Works	(651) 249-2400
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Visit the City website at www.maplewoodmn.gov for the meeting schedule of the City Council, Commissions and Boards.

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Council Corner



Councilmember Abrams

Since my election to the Maplewood City Council, I have been very pleased to be part of real progressive change for our City. The Council adopted a gas franchise fee to help accelerate road repairs in our neighborhoods, voted to exit the Ramsey Washington Cable Commission so we could take on our own communication responsibility, and established a first ever asset management program to help us financially

plan for future repairs to City buildings. The Council created a task force to study Fire and EMS service delivery, and we have begun to implement their recommendations. Gladstone redevelopment is at last underway, and new businesses are popping up all over.

We are seeing a lot of interest from the business community, evidenced by City staff routinely fielding calls about redevelopment opportunities in Maplewood. Our City website includes a "Business and Development" tab where you can find a list and updates on the many projects underway in Maplewood. Recent development in the pipeline include the Hazelwood Medical Office building on Beam Avenue, Ebenezer Karen Baptist Church on Viking Dr., expansion of the Costco gas canopy adding six additional

fueling stations, and the expansion of Costco liquor on the west side of the building, a tear-down and new proposed Taco Bell on County Road D just off White Bear Avenue, and the addition of Chick-fil-A on the north end of Maplewood Square near the Maplewood Mall.

The Council has made a commitment to focus on business growth in our community, recognizing stable growing businesses, create jobs, and insure prosperity for families. It also contributes to our tax base. We have done more than give lip service to business growth and 12 City representatives have enrolled in a course through the University of Minnesota Extension Service. The course is called Business Retention & Expansion or BR & E for short. The 12 represent members on the City Council, City staff, and members of the Planning Commission. The course is eight weeks long and consists of online video, readings, on-linewebinars and even a paper due at the end. Yes, it sounds a lot like school, but the goal is to learn to better engage with our business community.

The 12 of us participating in the BR & E course will be identifying goals and objectives and conducting in-person meetings with our local businesses. We want to learn their needs and ways in which we can work together to benefit them and our community. I will keep you posted on our progress as we work through the course. We want to make it clear to everyone, "Maplewood is Open for Business!"

- Councilmember Marylee Abrams

Mike Mondor Promoted to Chief of EMS



Mike Mondor, Chief of EMS

In January of 2016, the Maplewood City Council authorized the establishment of a Fire and EMS workgroup to study the current service delivery model issues being faced by the department. The goal of the workgroup was to study the delivery of Fire and EMS services and to identify opportunities for innovation and long-term sustainability.

The workgroup was established consisting of five Maplewood residents, Maplewood Fire Command Staff, a Firefighter Paramedic, a representative from the City Manager's office and the Director of Public Safety. The group convened for ten facilitated meetings, each lasting for a minimum of four hours. Collectively, the workgroup invested more than 450 hours to study the current state of the city's Fire and EMS service delivery model and explored potential new opportunities that may exist.

The fire department provided a tremendous amount of data to the group, which clearly outlined the challenges

currently being faced by the department. It was important that the workgroup look at other public and private Fire/EMS services delivery models for the possibility of partnerships. The group met with Regions Hospital/HealthPartners, St. Paul Fire, HealthEast and Alina Medical. Each of these groups provided the workgroup with what their capabilities were in developing partnerships with Maplewood Fire and EMS.

The workgroup believed that the Maplewood Fire and EMS personnel are highly skilled and deliver great service. The workgroup outlined the following three priorities, community risk reduction, safe and effective fire response and to reduce the amount of time engaged in low acuity emergency medical responses. The group felt that by increasing the current level of partnerships that it would lead to a more sustainable way of meeting future Fire and EMS service needs. Additional staff time is necessary to further develop these partnerships, therefore, former Assistant Fire Chief Mike Mondor has been promoted to Chief of EMS. Chief Mondor, will be developing these partnerships to enhance and ensure long-term sustainability for Fire and EMS services for our residents and those who visit this great city.



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Energize Maplewood! Team Energy Challenge Results



Mayor Slawik staying Energized! at the Energize Maplewood! Launch Party in January

For five months beginning in January, 12 teams came together to compete for the title of the “biggest energy losers” in the Energize Maplewood! Team Energy Challenge. The Challenge represented the first phase of the City’s energy action plan titled “Energize Maplewood! A Community Action Plan for Carbon Neutrality.” The plan was developed by an energy action team made up of community stakeholders including business leaders, residents, city leaders, and staff in collaboration with Xcel Energy’s Partners in Energy facilitators.

The energy action team developed the plan’s energy strategies by first examining community energy data. The data showed that approximately 37% of all the electricity and 54% of all natural gas is consumed by the City’s 15,000 residential Xcel Energy customers. The energy challenge was designed to drive participation in energy efficiency and renewable energy programs through increased awareness and competition.

And the Winner is...

The Finny Finsters team with 320 total points took home the \$500 grand prize! The Maplewood Community Center and Lamour teams had a close race for second place with 184 and 183 points, respectively.

The City of Maplewood would like to thank all of the teams for participating in the Challenge and helping the City meet its energy goals. Mayor Slawik participated in the Woodlands of Maplewood team and states that the “Challenge was truly an exciting way to encourage our community to take action”.

Here is a quick summary of the fun and friendly team competition:

- 97 households participated in the Challenge.
- Before the Challenge, 52 households had never participated in an energy program.
- By the end of the Challenge 23 energy program participation actions were completed such as Xcel Energy’s Home Energy Squad® visits, energy audits, insulation rebates, or signing up for Windsource®.
- There were 60 Energize Maplewood posts on social media that kept us up to date, real-time. Check them out at #energizemaplewood.

For additional details on team standings and Challenge results, visit www.maplewoodmn.gov/energychallenge.

What’s Next?

Look for the City’s next energy challenge this fall - *Energize Your Congregation!* Maplewood and surrounding community congregations are invited to participate in the three-month challenge presented by Maplewood, Xcel Energy, and the Neighborhood Energy Connection. Congregations will earn points for energy actions taken by their parishioners at home and at church – and get prizes for winning! For more information visit www.maplewoodmn.gov/energizeyourcongregation.



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Maplewood Receives GreenStep Cities Step 4 Award



Maplewood was presented with the GreenStep Cities Step 4 award during the League of Minnesota Cities Conference. From left to right: Councilmember Smith; Chris Swanson, Environmental and Code Specialist; Councilmember Juenemann; Mike Funk, Assistant City Manager; Shann Finwall, Environmental Planner.

Maplewood was one of seven cities in the state that was awarded the GreenStep Cities Step 4 award during the League of Minnesota Cities Conference in St. Paul on June 15. Step 4 is the highest achievement a City can receive in the program at this time.

Recognition in the form of “Steps” is given to cities as they complete sustainability best practices outlined in the program. The actions are tailored to all Minnesota cities, focus on cost savings and energy use reduction, and encourage civic innovation. Once a city achieves the highest level of sustainability best practices outlined in Steps 1 through 3, Step 4 challenges cities to measure and report with numbers, the aggregate, quantitative results of taking multiple actions. The GreenStep Cities program coordinators are now designing the final recognition in the program – Step 5 – which will challenge cities to show improvement in the Step 4 metrics.

Councilmember Juenemann shared that “the Step 4 measures will continue to challenge us to take actions that will move the sustainability ‘needle’ forward.” For more information visit www.maplewoodmn.gov/greenstepcities.

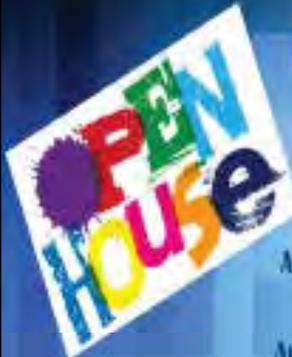


Maplewood Welcomes Four New Firefighters



The three new part-time firefighters (from left to right) Adams Sauerwein, George O’Gara, Anthony Atwater and full-time firefighter Charles Lander

Maplewood fire welcomed three new part-time firefighters and one new full-time firefighter at a swearing-in ceremony held on June 13 at the City Council meeting. Each of these individuals come to us with years of experience in both fire and EMS and they will be a great addition to the team.



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Illicit Discharge – Is Not Just About Oil Spills



When Maplewood Public Works mentions illicit discharge, most people conjure up visions of oil leaks and illegal dumping. But an illicit discharge is any discharge to the storm sewer system that is not composed entirely of stormwater. The

storm drains in your street lead directly to neighborhood wetlands, creeks, and lakes. The pollutants and organic matter carried along with the stormwater contribute to algae blooms and degradation of water quality. Illicit discharge may result from many different situations:

- Illegal dumping practices
- Illegal connections to storm drain system
- Connection of floor drains to the storm sewer
- Failing septic systems
- Improper disposal of sewage from recreational practices such as boating or camping
- Yard waste and yard chemicals

Homeowners are often surprised to learn that yard waste and lawn care chemicals that end up in the storm drain are

considered illicit discharge. There are many potential sources of illicit discharge from yards, and all can be prevented.

Grass clippings and leaves. While mowing, be sure grass clippings fall in the lawn and not in the street. Consider adopting your nearest storm drain and keeping it free of leaves and debris. Decayed vegetation that enters our lakes contributes phosphorus, which provides nutrients that drive algae blooms.

Fertilizer and lawn chemicals. Sweep up fertilizer and pesticide spills, and use proper application methods, so these don't end up going down the storm sewer to a local wetland or lake.

Car washing. Phosphates from soap contribute to algae blooms in our lakes. Use a car wash or wash your car on the lawn so the wash water doesn't run down the drive into the storm drain.

Pet feces. Dispose of pet feces in the trash, never in the street or storm drain.

It is illegal to put anything except stormwater into the storm sewer. If you see or suspect an illicit discharge in the City of Maplewood, please contact Public Works at (651) 249-2400. For more information, visit: www.maplewoodmn.gov/435/Illicit-Discharge.

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Maplewood Sounds of the City

The City of Maplewood, in partnership with Ashland Productions, is proud to announce our lineup for the 2016/2017 Sounds of the City concert series. The lineup for this season's concert series is packed with a diverse range of talent and styles! Whether you enjoy the pop rock melodies of G.B. Leighton, the a cappella stylings of Tonic Sol-fa, or the bluegrass crooning of Monroe Crossing, this series offers something for everybody.

All shows will take place at the Maplewood Performing Arts Theatre. A first-class venue for concerts and performing arts of all kinds and located in the East Metro area, the Maplewood Performing Arts Theatre is one of the Twin Cities best-kept secrets. This beautifully intimate theater, housed in the Maplewood Community Center, 2100 White Bear Ave., seats up to 275 guests for concerts, theatrical productions, and more. Enjoy a night out at our elegant theater and experience an evening of original entertainment.

2016/2017 Lineup

Friday, Sept. 16, 2016	Pat Donohue & the Prairie All-Stars
Saturday, Sept. 17, 2016	E Street Shuffle & Detroit Muscle: A Night of Bruce Springsteen & Bob Seger
Saturday, Oct. 15, 2016	Sinatra & Company
Saturday, Nov. 26, 2016	Takin' It to the Limit: A Tribute to the Eagles
Friday, Dec. 02, 2016	Sherwin Linton Christmas Show
Saturday, Dec. 03, 2016	Keri Noble Holiday Show
Saturday, Dec. 10, 2016	Daisy Dillman Band - 40th Anniv. Show
Friday, Dec. 16, 2016	A Kat Perkins Christmas
Saturday, Dec. 17, 2016	Steven C.
Saturday, Jan. 7, 2017	Shaun Johnson Big Band Experience
Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2017	Chris Hawkey
Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2017	Maiden Dixie
Thursday, April 13, 2017	Tonic Sol-fa
Saturday, April 15, 2017	G.B. Leighton
Wednesday, May 10, 2017	Deuces Wild
Thursday, May 11, 2017	An Evening of Bluegrass with Monroe Crossing

Tickets for all of our performances can be purchased online at www.ashlandproductions.com or by calling (651) 274-8020. Tickets for all shows go on sale 90 days prior to show date. All seating is reserved.



Chris Hawkey



Deuces Wild



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Finished with your summer chores and have leftover paint? It is more convenient than ever to recycle paint in Minnesota. Since the start of the Minnesota paint stewardship program in 2014, PaintCare has set up hundreds of drop-off sites throughout the state where the public can take unwanted, leftover paint for recycling. These sites are at paint retailers (paint and hardware stores) and county household hazardous waste facilities that have volunteered to take back paint, and they are available free to any household and most businesses in Minnesota. The locations accept paint whenever they are open for business.

There are a few restrictions that apply. There are limits on how much paint can be dropped off per visit. Each drop-off site sets a limit and it is normally 5 gallons (some can accept more-call ahead). To learn more or find a drop-off site, please visit www.paintcare.org or call (855) 724-6809.

Items accepted: These products have fees when you buy them and are accepted for free at drop-off sites:

- Interior and exterior architectural paints: latex, acrylic, water-based, alkyd, oil-based, enamel
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- Primers, sealers, undercoats
- Stains
- Shellacs, lacquers, varnishes, urethanes
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- Metal coatings, rust preventatives
- Field and lawn paints

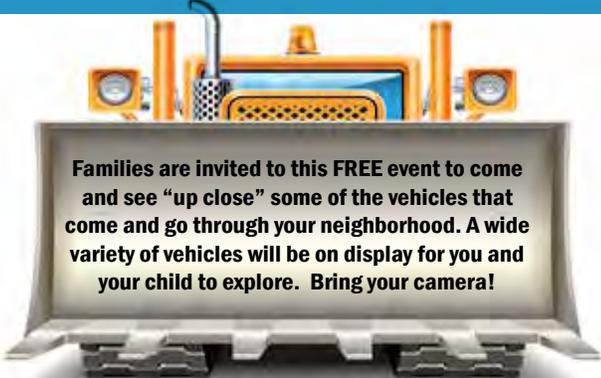
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