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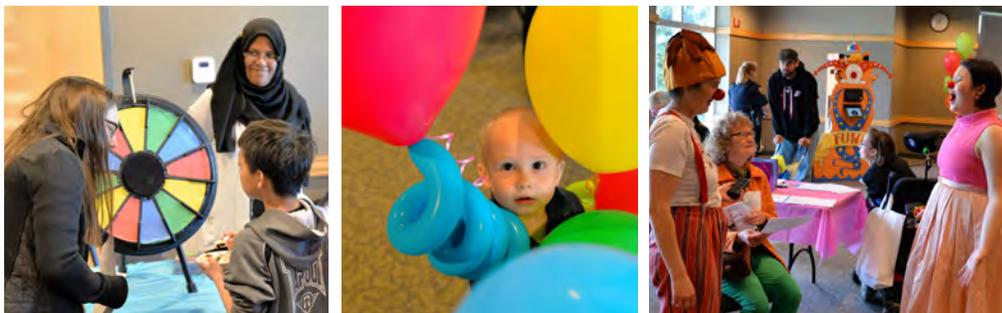
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Free summer movie nights at Bruentrup Farm

Maplewood Parks and Recreation is offering two family movie nights, June 20 and Aug. 29, at the Bruentrup Farm. Movie selections will be made by an open vote. Visit the movie night event pages on Maplewood Parks and Recreation's Facebook to cast your vote. The Bruentrup Farm is located at 2170 County Road D East.



Laughter and Kinship

Uniting Community Through Creativity and Play

On April 1, the Maplewood City Council and the Maplewood Police Department will hit the stage for a little friendly joke battle. Each team will pick its top three jokes and then challenge the audience to determine the funniest joke in Maplewood.

"It's a great event. Residents and kids submit their jokes to us at our table and we use those during the joke battle," Mayor Nora Slawik said. "The jokes can be about anything as long as they're family friendly."

Like the Council, the Police Department will also have a table where jokes can be submitted. Kids can also collect erasers and pins at the tables.

Last year's winning joke, which is still getting laughs around City Hall, was: "What chews trees and sings? Justin Beaver"

The second annual KID CITY Laugh In event is Saturday, April 1, from 4-5:30 p.m. at the Maplewood Community Center-YMCA, 2100 White Bear Ave. The family-friendly event is free.

In addition to the joke contest, there will be free ice cream and root beer floats, lots of entertainment, and a chance to share a laugh at Maplewood's Laughter Museum. Attendees will also be able to purchase food from the Tot Boss food truck.

KID CITY is a unique partnership between the city of Maplewood's Parks and Recreation Department and Z Puppets Rosenschnoz. The partnership is funded, in part, by the Minnesota State Arts Board, the Bigelow Foundation, and the St. Paul Foundation. It's goals are to engage Maplewood residents in City revitalization through the creativity of children, to spark connections across diverse populations and to empower children to become future leaders in the community.

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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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Crooked Pint Aims Straight for the Taste Buds



Maplewood's newest restaurant, the Crooked Pint, celebrated its grand opening in March and its combination of craft beer, juicy Lucy burgers, friendly staff, and proximity to the Xcel Energy Center is already winning it a loyal following.

"Things have been busy since we've opened," General Manager Jarrod Byers said. "Things have been going great and people seem to be excited to have us here in Maplewood."

In addition to Maplewood, the Crooked Pint has locations in Apple Valley, Chaska, Minneapolis, and Rochester. Locations in Duluth, Sioux Falls, S.D., and Trophy Club, Texas are also coming soon.

Most recently, the Crooked Pint building served as a Champps Sports Bar and Grill before sitting vacant for a

number of years. All told, the Crooked Pint team spent about five months getting the location ready for operation.

"The re-model went well, but when you're doing a big project like this, something unexpected is always going to come up," Vice President of Operations Tim Kreiser said with a laugh.

With the craft beer phenomenon showing no signs of slowing, the Crooked Pint is a beer fan's nirvana thanks to 32 craft brews on tap, including several local varieties.

On the edible side of the menu, the Crooked Pint features eight different styles of juicy Lucy burgers, jumbo tater tots, pot pies, hot dishes, a Friday night fish fry, and plenty of shareables. There are also daily lunch specials.

Both Byers and Kreiser expressed excitement over the fact the Maplewood Crooked Pint features two separate event spaces that are perfect for weddings, family reunions, corporate events, and more.

"We've already had one event and have spoken to people who are interested in booking," Byers noted. "I think we're going to be able to provide a unique service with those spaces."

Since it's just minutes for the Xcel Energy Center, the Crooked Pint will be running a shuttle bus between the restaurant and arena for Wild games and other big events.

For more information visit www.crookedpint.com or call (651) 252-6500.

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"It's a creative partnership that we're really very proud of," DuWayne Konevko, Maplewood's Parks and Recreation Director, said. "We're anticipating an even bigger turn out for this year's Laugh In and are really excited to offer something special and unique to the community."

In addition to the Laugh In, KID CITY artists lead Brainstorm Theater, Laugh Lab and KID CITY Council Programs at Weaver Elementary, John Glenn Middle and Fairview Alternative High Schools, and arts activities at the summertime WOW events through Maplewood Parks and Recreation.

"There's definitely been growing excitement about the Laugh In," Audra Robbins, Maplewood's Recreation Manager, said. "It's a fun way for residents of all ages to get to know each other and share a few laughs."

Joke swap challenge prizes

Six semi-finalist will get skating passes to Saints North and the grand prize is a free Splash Bath birthday party at the Maplewood Community Center/YMCA, as well as a photo with Mayor Nora Slawik and Police Chief Paul Schnell that will be published in Maplewood Living!

Rice Street/Larpenteur Avenue Gateway Corridor Visioning

Help Maplewood and its partner cities, St. Paul and Roseville, create a plan for reinvestment and revitalization for the Rice Street/Larpenteur Avenue corridor. During the next nine months, the cities will be cooperatively developing a vision for the short and long-term future of the area. A community advisory group made up of stakeholders from each city will help guide that vision.

The purpose of the project is to understand and respond to barriers, challenges, benefits, and opportunities associated with changes in land use, access, transit services, and other facilities around key nodes in the corridor; and identify potential redevelopment sites throughout the study area. The advisory group will meet approximately five times throughout the planning process to help determine community needs and desires, review plan concepts, and provide input on major design elements.

Applications for the Rice Street/Larpenteur Avenue Gateway Corridor Community Advisory Group will be accepted through April 14, with the first advisory committee meeting to be held in May. For additional information and to complete the advisory group application, visit www.maplewoodmn.gov/rice-larpenteur. For more details, contact Shann Finwall, Environmental Planner, at shann.finwall@maplewoodmn.gov or (651) 249-2304.



Maplewood Spring Clean Up

Saturday, April 22, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Alrich Arena (1850 White Bear Avenue)

The Spring Clean Up provides Maplewood residents a way to dispose 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 prescription medication. Residents can bring sensitive documents (bank and credit card statements, medical records, etc.) and have the documents shredded from 8 a.m. to noon for free. Residents are encouraged to bring a food or cash donation to support Second Harvest Heartland, a local food shelf.

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Bulky Items*

Appliances**	\$20.00
Electronics (w/screen)	\$15.00
Car Tires	\$5.00
Furniture which cannot be reused (couches, mattresses, chairs)	\$10.00

* Bulky item charge in addition to load charge

** Appliances with ammonia subject to increased charge

Additional Materials Collected at No Charge

- Furniture Which Can Be Reused (lightly used) Disabled Americans Veterans—(www.davmn.org)
- Bicycles (any condition) - Re-Cycle (www.re-cycle.com)
- Carpet (dry carpet and foam padding, maximum 6-foot wide roll) Bro-Tex (www.brotex.com/carpetrecycling)
- Small Engines (lawn mower, snow blower, etc., any condition) – Small Engine Doctors
- Household Hazardous Waste – Ramsey County (RamseyAtoZ.com)

Information: Chris Swanson, Environmental Specialist at (651) 249-2305 or chris.swanson@maplewoodmn.gov.

www.maplewoodmn.gov/cleanups



U.S. Mail Serving In Early Maplewood

On July 11, 1888, Luis E. Sharpnack became the first official postmaster at Gladstone, a neighborhood in today's Maplewood. In the 1890s, the post office was located in the St. Paul and Duluth Railroad depot before moving to Mueller's grocery store. Jacob Faust became postmaster on Feb. 12, 1901 and he relocated the post office to his grocery store on Frost Avenue. In 1924, this post office was discontinued and the mail routes were transferred to North St Paul.

Rural Free Delivery began in Gladstone on May 1, 1903 and Rex Shane delivered the route. The annual salary of a mail carrier was \$600 and the carriers could cover their routes in less than eight hours.

This photo shows Rex Shane's mail wagon in front of the Faust store. He stabled his horses and wagon in a shed in back of his home at 1800 English Street.

Gervais Honored for Long Career



From left to right: Councilmember Bryan Smith, Councilmember Marylee Abrams, Butch Gervais, Butch's wife Becky, Councilmember Kathy Juenemann, Mayor Nora Slawik, and Councilmember Tou Xiong.

For nearly 40 years, Butch Gervais served the Maplewood Fire Department with dedication, and now he's decided to hang up his bunker gear and call it a career.

marshal, training captain, crew captain, station chief, and district chief. In 2011, Butch also completed emergency management training through the federal Department of Homeland Security. In 2007, he was also part of a team that responded to the 35W bridge collapse.

For his part, Butch said fire-fighting equipment, training, and standard practices have changed dramatically since he joined the Maplewood Fire Department in 1978.

"The changes just in technology have been incredible," he said. "Our gear has also become much safer and more advanced."

While Butch is eager to begin his retirement he explained that he'll miss many of the friendships he's built during his career. He added he'll also miss the excitement that comes with the job.

"One minute you're responding to an emergency and an hour later you're responding to a completely different kind of emergency," Butch said.

Fire Chief Steve Lukin said Butch's experience will be hard to replace.

"Butch has really seen it all and done it all," Lukin said. "He's been an incredibly valuable member of the department and we're going to miss him."

Gervais, who is currently Maplewood's Assistant Fire Chief/Fire Marshal, will officially retire April 3 and just a few days later he and his wife Becky will head to their new home outside Phoenix, where they'll enjoy spending time with family and grandchildren.

"I just thought the time was right," Butch said. "One day you sort of realize life is passing you by and I wanted to spend more time with my family doing the things I enjoy."

Butch has been with Maplewood full-time for about 18 years but before that he served the department in a part-time capacity. While working part-time, Butch also worked for State Farm Insurance.

During his time in Maplewood, Butch filled a number of different roles for the Fire Department, including fire

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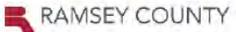
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Q&A with Maplewood City Councilmember Tou Xiong



Q: What's been one of the most interesting topics the Council has tackled this year?

A: One of the most "interesting" topics the Council has tackled this year has definitely been the issues surrounding the Stargate Nightclub. It was a very unique and tragic situation that occurred coupled with the history

surrounding the business. The more the Council looked into it, the more I saw how interesting City Government became.

Q: Is there an issue or topic the Council will soon be addressing that you're excited about?

A: The Business Retention and Engagement tours with businesses and organizations within Maplewood is something I am excited about. As a newer councilmember

it is something that I am fortunate to see it start, and I look forward to seeing the program continue throughout my time on City Council. It is a great way to learn about our businesses and introduce our city government to them. It is exciting to building stronger economic relationships in Maplewood!

Q: What kinds of things have you been hearing lately from residents?

A: Currently, the Minnesota State Legislature is still in session and what I have heard from neighbors has been related to the developments at the Capitol. I am from the southern part of Maplewood, and the state legislation on the sound mediation at the police fire range is an issue that has come up. Also, there has been lots of great questions from residents about transit funding and the state budget for transportation. There are strong connections between what happens at the capitol and how it can impact the city of Maplewood.

Do I Need A Building Permit?

Are you planning an improvement to your residential dwelling, workplace, eatery, shopping or entertainment venue, or place of worship?

Minnesota Building Code states: *"An owner or authorized agent who intends to construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, demolish, or change the occupancy of a building or structure, or erect, install, enlarge, alter, repair, remove, convert, or replace any gas, mechanical, electrical, plumbing system, or other equipment, the installation of which is regulated by the code; or cause such work to be done, shall first make application to the building official and obtain the required permit."* Building Code Administration section 1300.0120

- Some permits are flat fees (roof, siding, window replacement, deck, sheds).
- Others are based on the value of the project.
- Some are exempt.

Building permits protect the property owner

Maplewood's city employees will verify that a contractor's licensing, bonding and insurance are current and sufficient before a permit is issued.

Our plan review can uncover unexpected issues prior to the start of a project. Building inspections can discover errors or deficiencies that could result in further expense

or a safety concern to the owner. Our building inspector's primary priority is the safety of its residents and proper construction.

What our building inspectors do for you

Building codes were created to prescribe a high level of quality and safety. Very often, products and contractors exceed minimums, but it is the inspector's job to first review the plans for conformance to the codes, then field inspect the workmanship to ensure that the design is followed and that nothing is overlooked.

The Minnesota State Building Code is comprised of 23 different codes, and hundreds of referenced standards. It is a large volume of documents to understand and process, but its intent is to provide a safe environment for our citizens to live, work, eat, entertain and worship. Your inspectors also continue to stay current with the frequently evolving codes through research and continuing education.

The Building Inspection Department will follow your project from start to finish and ensure that it meets the requirements of the state building codes and that you end up with a safe and well-executed building.

For more information visit www.maplewoodmn.gov or call (651) 249-2300.



Maplewood's Use of Force Workgroup Offers Written Guidance to Police Officer

City Council Appointed Workgroup Invests More Than 550 Hours Reviewing Police Department Policies

Maplewood's 12-member Use of Force Workgroup recently finished its Maplewood City Council appointed task of reviewing a substantial portion of the police department's 400-page policy manual, including all policies pertaining to police officer use of force.

During its time together, the workgroup researched and reviewed a broad range of departmental policies, including: body worn camera use, bias-based policing, responding to persons in crisis, and requirements for the use of deadly force. The workgroup offered several specific policy recommendations, such as adding a police vehicle pursuit tactic that is intended to bring high-speed pursuits to an end more quickly and safely, and authorizing a neck restraint tactic to bring violent encounters to an end with less risk of injury. Police department leadership must act upon the group's recommendations within 30 days and provide the City Council with the rationale should any of the policy recommendations not be adopted.

One key product of the workgroup's time together was a document titled "Guidance to Our Police Officers," which will become the Prologue to the police department's policy manual. A full copy of the guidance document is available at www.maplewoodmn.gov. This document, which was unanimously adopted by the Workgroup reflects the group's understanding of the challenges police officers face, while still providing clarity about what it asks of police officers serving in Maplewood.

"I couldn't be more proud of our police officers and the community members serving on this workgroup," said Maplewood Mayor Nora Slawik. "The efforts of the workgroup will serve as lasting guidance to our



Police Chief Paul Schnell and the Use of Force Workgroup recently met with the Maplewood City Council.

department, which will result in delivery of the most fair, transparent, and professional police services possible," Mayor Slawik added.

Following final adoption of the updated policy in late March, Maplewood Police Department's command, supervisory, and leadership staff will create training plans and protocols to ensure that the Workgroup's values and specific recommendations are thoughtfully implemented.

In July of 2016, following high-profile police shootings in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and Falcon Heights, Minnesota, the Maplewood City Council established a Workgroup to review and make recommendations for changes to the police department's "use of force" policies and training protocols. Since that time, Workgroup members participated in 15 meetings and invested more than 550 cumulative hours to policy research and review.

A New Face at the DMV



When you come in for a driver's license renewal or a new set of tabs, you might be greeted by Missy Hanson, a licensing specialist and the newest member of Maplewood's team.

"It's been marvelous," Missy said of her first few weeks on the job. "I'm loving it."

Missy comes to Maplewood after two years as a pharmacy

tech at Hennepin County Medical Center (HCMC). Prior to her time at HCMC, she also worked as a pharmacy tech at other locations.

Missy lives in North St. Paul with her husband Bud and their two children, Koby, who's 4½, and Camron who is 11 months.

"My first couple of weeks were really busy," Missy said. "But that's good, because I was able to learn a lot in a short period of time."

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Monthly Trash Hauling Rates (\$.75 cart fee & taxes - 9.75% county and 28% state)

Cart Size (gal.)	2015	2016	2017	Amount of Change (2016 to 2017)
20 (every other week)	\$7.02	\$6.70	\$6.61	minus \$.09
20 (every week)	\$9.53	\$9.12	\$8.99	minus \$.13
32 (every week)	\$10.85	\$10.44	\$10.32	minus \$.12
65 (every week)	\$12.16	\$11.73	\$11.61	minus \$.12
95 (every week)	\$13.62	\$13.19	\$13.07	minus \$.12

Yearly yard waste subscription will be adjusted from \$79.50 to \$80.97 per year, an increase of \$1.07 per year. **The new rates go into effect April 1, 2017.** For more information contact Republic Services at (651) 455-8634 or visit the City's residential trash webpage at www.maplewoodmn.gov/trash.

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