

# MAPLEWOOD LIVING

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## Maplewood Senior Advisory Task Force Meeting - join us!

**Tuesday, June 13 at 10 a.m.  
Maplewood City Hall**

Please join us to discuss concerns such as senior housing, transportation, and safety. We will also develop a plan of action to present to the City Council. Monthly meetings will also be held on July 11 and Aug. 8 at City Hall. For information contact: Karla Sand at (651) 739-7397 or karlaviolets@hotmail.com.



*Details  
Inside!*

## Public Safety Director Paul Schnell Says Goodbye



When he came to the City of Maplewood, Director of Public Safety Paul Schnell brought with him a wealth of law enforcement experience and a desire to help Maplewood's police department embrace new ideas and adapt to a rapidly changing profession.

Schnell will now move on to his next adventure when he retires on June 9.

Schnell was hired in July 2013 as police chief and was then promoted to director of public safety in November, 2015. As director of public safety, Schnell had oversight of Maplewood's police, fire, and EMS departments.

"Paul Schnell has been a tremendous asset to Maplewood," City Manager Melinda Coleman said. "His long career in law enforcement speaks for itself, and I've admired his adaptability and willingness to advocate for new ideas and new technologies."

Prior to arriving in Maplewood, Schnell was the Hastings Police Department's chief, a public information officer for the St. Paul Police Department, and a Carver County Sheriff's deputy.

Schnell has a social work degree from the University of St. Thomas and a master's in organizational leadership from St. Catherine University. He's both a licensed peace officer and a licensed social worker.

"Paul's focus on community policing helped build trust in our diverse city," Mayor Nora Slawik said. "In particular, his innovative partnership with our Use Of Force Workgroup, Kid City and WOW events built an important dialogue between our Maplewood citizens and families and our police."

Schnell is also an adjunct faculty member at the University of St. Thomas, St. Catherine University, and Metropolitan State University. He teaches courses in diversity, criminal justice ethics, restorative justice, victimology, and violence prevention.

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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).



## Rush Line Locally Preferred Alternative Public Hearing Tentatively Slated For June 26

Local, regional, and state leaders will be at Maplewood City Hall on June 26, at 7 p.m. for a public hearing regarding the proposed Rush Line Corridor bus rapid transit improvement. This is a preliminary step before further study and environmental analysis proceeds for the project.

During the June 26 meeting, residents can hear details about the proposed locally preferred alternative (route and mode) and submit written and verbal comment. Through Maplewood, the corridor would run along the Bruce Vento Corridor, a former freight rail route, without sacrificing the current recreational trail. Both can co-exist within the wide corridor and could be separated in a safe manner using community input. It connects people to St. John's

Hospital, Maplewood Mall and the Gladstone Redevelopment Area, in addition to destinations in St. Paul and White Bear Lake.

This is a key meeting in the planning process and is another opportunity for planners and community members to engage, share key facts and figures, and express opinions. Please keep an eye out for a separate notice in the Lillie News with more details about an informal meet and greet on the trail in mid-June, prior to the official LPA Hearing.

Visit [www.rushline.org](http://www.rushline.org) for more information.

### Happy July 4th from Oak Meadows Senior Living!



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### WAKEFIELD PARK IMPROVEMENTS

A neighborhood meeting about improvements at Wakefield Park will be held June 28, from 6-7:30 p.m. Enjoy free ice cream and tell city staff what you'd like to see at Wakefield. City consultants will also be on-hand to address any questions and concerns you might have.



# Q&A with Mayor Nora Slawik



**Q:** Planning has begun on the 2040 comprehensive plan, what can you tell residents about that?

**A:** For cities within the seven-county metropolitan area, it's really a key element of our planning process. It's a forward looking course of action that

helps us prepare for the needs and wants of Maplewood residents many years down the road. This will be the first comprehensive plan that I'll be involved in and I'm very eager to get to work.

The comprehensive plan will touch on a number of areas that I know are important to residents, from housing and parks and recreation, to land use and natural resources, and water supply issues. It's really an analysis of where we're at right now and where we think trends will lead us in the next couple of decades.

**Q:** Work on the Rice Street-Larpenteur Gateway Area Vision Plan is in its early stages, what have you learned so far?

**A:** I've heard, from many residents, that the Rice-Larpenteur area of our city is a concern for them. That area certainly has had challenges, as evidenced by the Stargate Nightclub shooting and our City Council's decision for closure just a few months ago. However, it's also an area with a tremendous amount of potential. It's easy to get to, already has a retail core, and is where our borders meet Roseville and St. Paul.

It's been great working with Roseville Mayor Dan Roe and St. Paul City Councilmember Amy Brendmoen, they share our passion for turning the Rice-Larpenteur area into something special. Five of our Maplewood residents have been appointed to a Community Advisory Group and I look forward to seeing the recommendations that come forward.

It's going to take a lot of vision, and a lot of work, but I have no doubt that better days are ahead for that area.

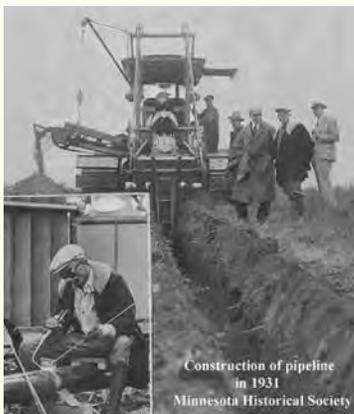
**Q:** Maplewood is well known for its outdoor opportunities, what parts of the city do you like to spend outdoor time in?

**A:** When you're the mayor of Maplewood, you very quickly learn that our residents absolutely love our parks and trails. They value them and believe they must be well maintained and easily accessible. I ride my bike on the Gateway and Bruce Vento Trails, walk on the Phalen-Keller Regional Park Trails and get out to Maplewood parks as often as possible on our long summer evenings.

Fish Creek in our south leg is another of our city's gems. The work that's been done there is fabulous and I've already heard from residents and visitors who are absolutely blown away by that area. It's one of those rare places where you're right in the heart of a major metropolitan area but you feel like you're standing in the woods in northern Minnesota.

## Gasoline Pipeline Spill in Maplewood, Part One

Submitted by the Maplewood Area Historical Society



Construction of pipeline - 1931

Maplewood was the site of Minnesota's largest residential gasoline spill when an estimated 100,000 gallons leaked from an underground pipeline on July 11, 1981.

In 1930, eight of the largest U.S. oil companies created Great Lakes Pipe Line Company to construct an underground pipeline from Ponca, Oklahoma

to Kansas City, Des Moines and into the Twin Cities.

By July 1, 1931, the pipeline was ready to deliver up to 567,000 gallons of gasoline daily from refineries in

Oklahoma. This pipeline was a major supplier of gasoline to the Twin Cities until refineries could be built in St. Paul Park in 1939 and in Rosemount in 1955.

Anti-corrosion techniques were virtually unknown in the pipeline industry when the system was built in 1931 and by the 1970s, gasoline leaks began to occur when the steel pipe began to rust. A 1979 document at the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency said that in the 40 miles of pipe between Newport and Roseville, there were 205 places that were at least 50 percent corroded. Watch for part two next month, about the spill of 1981.



Opening valve to start gasoline flow in July - 1931

# Common Code Complaints

Property maintenance codes exist to prevent blight and promote safe and healthy neighborhoods. Code enforcement responds to a number of issues relating to vehicles, long grass/weeds, junk and debris, exterior storage, exterior property maintenance, home occupations, and other code related issues. Before the city becomes involved, residents can work to proactively address issues at their property. The following are some of the most common code complaints:

**Housing conditions** - Your home should not have any missing shingles or siding, peeling paint, damaged doors or broken windows.

**Junk vehicle complaints** - All vehicles on any property should be currently licensed and have license tabs that are no more than 90 days past their expiration date. They must be in operating condition. When a vehicle has a flat tire, missing doors, no plates, etc. it is considered to be inoperable. Outside storage of vehicles that meet these criteria is not allowed.

**Parking in yards** - Except in permitted parking areas, no person may park or place any motor vehicle in the front yard area of any lot within the city. A permitted parking area is one which consists of concrete, asphalt, paving blocks, gravel or another surface approved by the city.



Vehicles cannot be parked within five feet of a property line. If you intend to expand your parking area, you must contact engineering at (651) 249-2400 before doing so.

**Garbage** - The outside storage of garbage on any property in the city is prohibited. The following items are examples of garbage: cans, paper, cardboard, bottles, wood (not firewood), appliances, furniture, tires, bricks, cement, etc. or any other household refuse or materials.

**Garbage containers** - Garbage cans must be stored behind the front line of the dwelling, in the garage or screened from view from the street. Garbage containers may be placed out next to the street after sunset on the day before garbage collection. Garbage containers and any material not picked up by the garbage hauler must be removed from the street by the end of the collection day.

**Exterior storage of junk and debris** - Outside storage of building materials, firewood, scrap wood, boxes, machinery, equipment, metal, refuse, junk, debris, brush, tires, furniture, and similar materials is not permitted. Grass and weeds - Grass or weeds over the height of eight inches are prohibited and must be cut.

**Firewood** - Firewood may be stored in the backyard if it is neatly stacked at least six inches off the ground and piled no higher than six feet. Firewood must be screened from view if it's stored in the front yard, or on the street side of a corner lot.

Thank you for caring about your property and your neighborhood! If you have any questions about outside storage, yard maintenance, or housing conditions, please call the City of Maplewood's Code Enforcement Division at (651) 249-2300. To report a code violation complaint in your neighborhood please call (651) 249-CODE (2366) or put in a complaint at [www.maplewoodMN.gov](http://www.maplewoodMN.gov).

## NEW FALL SOCCER LEAGUE

PARTNERSHIP WITH NORTH EAST UNITED SOCCER CLUB

Maplewood Parks & Recreation is working with North East United Soccer Club (NEU) to offer a new recreational soccer league. In this introductory league, teams will have one practice and one game per week which is a great option for a busy family. Participants will have the opportunity to work with our local NEU Soccer Club. This partnership provides quality coaching to not only the kids but also the parent volunteer coaches for their teams.

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**LEAGUE DATES:**  
**Register By August 2nd**  
Practice Begins: August 21  
Games Dates: Saturdays Sep 9 - Oct 14  
Game Times: Between 9am-1pm

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- Two coaching clinics available for parent volunteer coaches to attend led by NEU coaches
- A weekly scheduled practice time where NEU coaches are available to work with teams or answer questions
- NEU coaches at the field on game days to help coach, provide feedback and answer questions
- NEU has USSF and US National Youth Soccer licensed coaches

**REGISTER ONLINE: [MAPLEWOODMN.GOV](http://MAPLEWOODMN.GOV) OR CALL 651-249-2111**

# July 4th Celebration in Maplewood

Join your friends and neighbors at Hazelwood Park located at 1663 County Road C (near Maplewood Mall) on Tuesday, July 4 from 4 - 10 p.m.

The Dog House Bar & Grill will be on site serving up refreshing adult beverages. Vendors will provide a mix of favorite foods: tacos and burritos, mini donuts, cheese curds, chicken fries, a variety of tator tot recipes, egg rolls, corn on the cob, hot dogs, corn dogs, brats, pizza, ice cream, sno cones, smoothies, and more.

Live music will start at 6:30 p.m. by the Good For Gary Band - Twin Cities' Hottest Cover Band. Giant inflatables, face painting, and KID CITY will create endless fun. Wristbands are \$3 per person for unlimited rides. The featured entertainment will be the brilliant fireworks show at dusk. The show promises to be a breathtaking pyrotechnic display that will be the highlight of the holiday.

Bring your chairs and blankets, but coolers will not be allowed in the park. Visit [www.maplewoodmn.gov/july4th](http://www.maplewoodmn.gov/july4th) for more details.

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# ALDI is Ready for Maplewood

Maplewood families and foodies have another grocery shopping option after the May 18 grand opening of a new Aldi store at 3000 White Bear Ave. Several city officials and eager area residents were on hand for the grand opening event that showed off ALDI's new open concept store style.

Matt Lilla, Aldi's Faribault division vice president, said Maplewood was a good fit for the company's future.

"We look at a lot of factors before choosing an ALDI location, like population density, proximity to competition, cost of the property and traffic patterns," he explained.

"We want to be conveniently located for our shoppers, and Maplewood was a natural fit."

Lilla also said shoppers who are used to larger, traditional grocery stores, will see something different at ALDI.

"At ALDI, we have our own unique style when it comes to grocery shopping," he said. "We fill our stores with the most popular products in the most popular sizes, display groceries right in their boxes, encourage the use of reusable bags and avoid non-essential grocery store services – all of which translates into big savings for customers."



The rain didn't stop eager Aldi fans from waiting for the store's doors to open for the first time.



Maplewood City Councilmembers Marylee Abrams (front, far left), and Kathy Juenemann (third from the left) join Aldi team members for the grand opening event.



Maplewood's Aldi store features the company's new open concept design.

## Cont. from cover - Paul Schnell Says Goodbye

During his Maplewood tenure, Schnell devised and championed numerous policies and projects, including a commitment to increased transparency through the department's participation in a Use of Force Workgroup, as well as placing key departmental metrics and the department's policy manual online. In terms of technology, Schnell heightened the department's use of social media platforms like Twitter and Next Door.

Schnell implemented a Fire-EMS workgroup to help prepare those departments for future growth and development.

Schnell also pushed his department, and the city as a whole, to be responsive to the broader community's needs. To that end, he enhanced the city's involvement in racial equity, worked closely with the Tubman Center on domestic violence prevention and support services, and played a vital role in the Ramsey County Joint Domestic Abuse Prosecution Enhancement Project.

Accordingly, Schnell will leave behind a department that has become known as a leading and progressive law enforcement agency.

"Paul has really done a lot in his four years in Maplewood," Coleman said. "I think it speaks well of Paul that many of the things he's done here will have a positive impact for many years."

For her part, the mayor said Schnell will be very difficult to replace.

"You're always of two minds on something like this," Slawik said. "I'm very sad to see Paul retire because he's done a great job for us, but I'm so proud of his work in Maplewood and am happy that he'll have new opportunities. I wish him well in retirement."

## 104<sup>th</sup> Annual Ramsey County Fair... A Long Standing Tradition! July 12-16, 2017



Every family has its own traditions. Traditions for celebrating the holidays, birthdays and special events. County fairs have been a long-standing

tradition in the community. Back in the day when towns were not very large, county fairs emerged. It was a time, after a long season of hard work, for the towns to gather and celebrate with their neighbors.

Over time county fairs have evolved with the changing times, adapting to the changing communities. The Ramsey County Fair, has had its changes, but also realizes the value of traditions and has striven to keep as many traditions as possible for families to pass along to future generations. While many County Fairs have had to start charging a fee for admission, Ramsey County remains one of the few FREE admission fairs, charging only a \$3.00 parking fee (if you should park in the lot). The Ramsey County Fair has also striven to keep affordable food vendors and amusement rides each year making it an affordable day for a family to come and celebrate with their neighbors.

There is something for everyone at the fair! Music, entertainment, food, rides, 4H displays, exhibits of food, art and crafts and back for 2017 the popular Mitchell Showboat Marionettes. You can be part of the Fair as well! Maybe you have a family recipe that you love to make, or a work of art, whether it's something you have sewn, quilted knitted, or painted. You never know, you just may win that prestigious County Fair Blue Ribbon! Do you have a special talent? Enter into the Amateur Talent contest, winners get to move onto the State Fair competition. Or maybe you would just enjoy sitting back and listening to some good music in the shade, with a lemonade in one hand and cotton candy in the other.



Kids - ever wanted to know what it's like to be a farmer? Check out the farmer for the day or check out the activities presented by the folks from Gibbs Farm Museum of Pioneer and Dakotah Life. Of course, you can't beat the fun at our carnival and midway!

For more information on events, contests or schedules visit the Ramsey County Fair website at [www.ramseycounty-fair.org](http://www.ramseycounty-fair.org) and we'll see you at the fair!

# No Hooves, Only Wheels, at this Rodeo



Fire Chief Steve Lukin, and his grandson Kayden, made sure the bike rodeo ran smoothly.

For most of the day on May, 16, conditions didn't look conducive for a successful bike rodeo. But just before 6 p.m. the rain stopped, the sun came out, and more than 130 eager young bicyclists headed to Fire Station 2 on Clarence Street for this year's bike rodeo.

"It was another great event," Fire Chief Steve Lukin said. "A lot of kids look forward to it and we do too."

The event is run by Maplewood's fire, EMS, and police departments along with Weaver Elementary School and Regions/Gillette Hospital. The event allows youngsters to bring their bikes in for a "tune up." While at the event, kids also got their helmets checked, zoomed through a bike safety practice course, took tours of the fire station, played in a fire truck, learned about fire safety and CPR, and enjoyed free hot dogs, chips, pop, and cookies.

Kids who didn't have helmets, or who didn't have a helmet that fit correctly, went home with a new one compliments

of the "Safe Kids Coalition Grant and Regions Hospital."

"It's a lot of fun for us to host the kids and their families," EMS Chief Mike Mondor said. "It helps us get to know the community we serve and that's something that's very important to us."

"It is great to partner with Weaver Elementary and Regions Hospital to proactively engage the community we serve."

"Not only is this event a lot of fun for us, as we get to host kids and their families. It feels great to know that everyone who attended the event leaves a little safer."



The bike rodeo ended with a Maplewood Police led cruise through the neighborhood.



Experts from Regions/Gillette Hospital helped kids properly fit their helmets.

## MAPLEWOOD WOW EVENTS ARE BACK!

The always popular WOW events return this summer on July 26, from 6-7:30 p.m. at Wakefield Park, 1590 Frost Ave.

This free family fun event includes touch-a-truck and free hot dogs, chips, and pop. Please consider bringing a non-perishable food item that will be donated to a local food shelf.

Touch-A-Truck will be canceled in the event of inclement weather.



## MOVIE AT THE FARM TUESDAY, JUNE 20

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At 6:30 p.m., visitors are invited to arrive and hike to the bluff top for the 7 p.m. ribbon cutting.

Enjoy a number of outdoor activities, including:

- Hike the trail through prairie and woodland
- Meet some of the partners that helped preserve and restore this special place
- Enjoy the scenic vistas
- Catch and release pollinators with Maplewood naturalists
- Enjoy a pollinator snack
- Take your picture with Ella the Bee
- Make a simple butterfly kite
- Win a prize doing the Habitat bingo

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