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Movie at the Farm

Tues., Aug 29

At Bruentrup Farm

2170 County Road D

Movie: Moana 6:30 p.m.

Petting Zoo: 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.



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jump castle, and petting zoo. Enjoy a picnic on the beautiful grounds. Movie will be held in the barn rain or shine. Limited seating. Food and drink available for purchase.

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2040 Comprehensive Plan Process Taking Shape

City staff and residents have begun the process of shaping their vision of what Maplewood might look like in 2040. The Comprehensive Plan is a process that articulates the City's long-term vision in terms of policies and strategies. The process touches on nearly everything the City does: land use, transportation, natural resources management, housing, managing historical spaces, and economic development.

"We refer to it as a road map," Economic Development Coordinator Michael Martin said. "It helps us consider where we want to be twenty years into the future."

By state law, comprehensive plans must be updated every 10 years and must also align with the Metropolitan Council's plans for highways, transit, airports, wastewater services, parks, and open space. For the 2040 Comprehensive Plan, the City of Maplewood is required to finish its plan and then submit it to the Metropolitan Council for review, and approval for adoption, by the end of 2018.

"It's a very thorough process," Martin explained. "But it really does help us focus on where we're at, and where we need to be. Ultimately, comprehensive plans are very good for cities."

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Maplewood Names New Director of Public Safety

The City of Maplewood is excited to announce that Scott Nadeau has been appointed as its next Director of Public Safety. Nadeau will replace Paul Schnell, who retired in June. Nadeau is currently the chief of police for the City of Columbia Heights, Minn.

"It was a really tough decision," City Manager Melinda Coleman said. "Our three finalists were all excellent candidates, and each has a long and distinguished law enforcement career."

For his part, Nadeau is eager to begin work in Maplewood.

"Maplewood is an exceptional community that works hard to serve its citizens in a way that is progressive, a model of best practice, and is centered on citizen engagement," he said. "Just being a part of the hiring process I was impressed by the level of citizen involvement and how the city is so inclusive in decisions that affect the community."

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Police Advisory Commission Has Openings

Perhaps at no time in state history has the relationship between law enforcement and citizens been such a topic of discussion. With that in mind, the City of Maplewood has positioned itself to remain at the forefront of this vital conversation.

At its July 10 meeting, the Maplewood City Council appointed six residents to the newly formed Police Advisory Commission. The six appointees were all members of the temporary Use of Force Workgroup.

The Use of Force Workgroup was tasked with examining the Maplewood Police Department's policy on how it uses force and then making recommendations about potential policy changes. The group spent more than 550 hours wading through the Police Department's 400-page policy manual to look for ways the Police Department could adapt.

Ultimately, the group's dedication led to a document entitled, "Guidance to Our Police Officers" that is now the prologue to the Police Department's policy manual.

City Manager Melinda Coleman explained the desire to build a strong and permanent relationship between the Maplewood Police Department and residents began with recently retired Public Safety Director Paul Schnell.

"Paul led the way on this idea," she added. "But our City Council and staff quickly embraced the idea of citizen input

and I think that's allowed us to make tremendous progress over the past year."

After the Use of Force Workgroup completed its task, there was still a desire for a panel of residents to meet regularly with Police Department leadership. Thus, the Police Advisory Commission was formed.

"I think the Police Advisory Commission was born of a recognition that while we've done a lot of good work on this topic, we still have much to do," Coleman noted. "I also think there's a desire to have a long-term group that can be available to share ideas and information with our Police Department."

With six members already appointed, the Police Advisory Commission still needs three members. During Commission meetings, at least one Maplewood Police sergeant and two officers, will be on-hand to engage with the Commission. The group will meet a minimum of four times per year, though a full calendar of meetings has yet to be determined.

Commission members will review data and information provided by the Police Department in an effort to grow police-community relationships, strengthen trust and legitimacy, enhance understanding of modern policing, and to seek solutions to problems that might arise during data analysis.

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When 3M Moves to Maplewood

Maplewood Historical Society Debuts New Exhibit

On a warm and nearly perfect summer evening, when the Bruentrup Heritage Farm's natural beauty was on full display, the real star of the night was in the farm's barn basement.

On July 7, the Maplewood Historical Society officially opened *Magically Adhered*, its new exhibit focusing on the special relationship between the City of Maplewood and 3M. The exhibit takes a fascinating look into what happened when 3M moved its corporate headquarters and research facilities from St. Paul to the Maplewood area in the 1950's.

In fact, 3M might well be the reason Maplewood is the city it is today. After 3M left the City of St. Paul, leaders in that city began looking at ways to keep 3M on the tax rolls. They began floating the notion of annexing part of what was then New Canada Township. Residents of the township weren't keen on the idea, and voted on Feb. 26, 1957, to become the City of Maplewood.

"The exhibit has been four years in the making," Maplewood Historical Society Executive Director Nicole DeGuzman said. "It's taken a lot of hard work from a lot of different people."



From left to right: Maplewood Historical Society Executive Director Nicole DeGuzman, Maplewood Mayor Nora Slawik, Ramsey County Commissioner Victoria Reinhardt, and State Rep. Peter Fischer celebrate the debut of *Magically Adhered*.

ing so hard to preserve Maplewood's own unique history.

"3M is Maplewood's largest employer, with more than 10,000 employees coming onto its campus each weekday," she added. "From its earliest days, to the new \$150 million Carlton Science Center, the exhibit really brings our relationship to life."

Slawik said when she's at events with other elected officials, she need only mention 3M to give her colleagues a sense of where Maplewood is located.

During remarks shortly before the exhibit's ribbon cutting, Maplewood Mayor Nora Slawik noted that she, along with many other Maplewood residents, is grateful that the Historical Society is work-

ing so hard to preserve Maplewood's own unique history.

"I tell them that, 'I come from the city that has the company that makes that little thing called the Post-It

note. Maybe you have heard of 3M?'" she explained, adding that the city and 3M have a positive and mutually-beneficial relationship that's lasted decades.

"I encourage everyone in the community to come out and see this important exhibit," Slawik said.

Ramsey County Commissioner Victoria Reinhardt, who attended the event with her young granddaughter, explained that she'd recently had a conversation with her seven-year-old grandson in an effort to help him understand just how large 3M's impact really is.

"I told him, '3M is so big, and so important, that they're world-wide and he was amazed,'" she noted.

State Rep. Peter Fischer also praised the Maplewood Historical Society for its advocacy of local history.

"I think it's important to have a group that is preserving history," he added.

Exciting roster of events

In the coming weeks, the Maplewood Historical Society will host a number of events to further celebrate *Magically Adhered*.

There will be public open houses on Aug. 13 and 14 and Sept. 10 and 11 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

There will also be a number of guest speakers who will share insights into 3M's history and global importance:

- Life inside the 3M campus, July 25, at 6:30 p.m.
- 3M Visiting Wizard, children's science experiments, Aug. 13, at noon.
- History of 3M innovations, (date to be determined), at 6:30 p.m.
- Remarks from a Carlton Society recipient/innovative scientist, Sept. 12, at 6:30 p.m.

Each speaking event will be held at the Bruentrup Heritage Farm, 2170 East County Road D, in Maplewood. Visit www.maplewoodhistoricalsociety.org to find out more about *Magically Adhered* as well as other Historical Society events.



Magically Adhered shows how 3M has grown and changed through the years.

I See A City with a Bright Future

By: Marylee Abrams, Councilmember



I have an ideal picture of Maplewood in my mind and I use it to help guide my decisions as an elected City Council member.

I see our city as a welcoming suburb, where people and families want to live, work, and play. This picture provides solid guard rails for sound decision making. This ideal picture is not just about my own ideas for our

city; it includes thoughts and suggestions from neighbors, fellow citizens, and friends who call Maplewood home.

I test everything before a Council vote to see if it helps us reach that collective vision for our city. Here are some examples:

I see a city that offers a wide variety of housing options to promote diversity and ultimately, strength and community. During my time on the Council, we have added many new senior housing options, assisted living and memory care at Maple Hill Senior Living, market rate apartments at Conifer Ridge, and workforce housing at Frost English. Stay tuned for more senior housing and retail at Frost English.

I see a city that is open for business. I am looking forward to our Business and Retention report expected this fall. We have been actively meeting with a sampling of businesses in our city to see how we can partner with them to grow and offer more jobs and services. We have a business meeting at Maplewood Mall that meets regularly to listen and share with our businesses. Thriving businesses mean jobs and visitors to Maplewood.

I see a city that has parks and trails to meet many interests. We have added a fitness loop around the city campus and the Community Center, and are working on implementing our comprehensive park plan. Planning is going on for upgrading Wakefield Park to make it a signature park for everyone to enjoy. Fish Creek in south Maplewood was added as our newest park with a wonderful walking trail that just opened. Upgrades are being proposed for our Nature Center. We are fortunate to have so many parks and trails.

I see a city that prides itself in quality police and fire service. With the recent retirement of Director of Public Safety Paul Schnell, the city conducted a very robust search

for our next Director of Public Safety. Scott Nadeau was selected and I am certain he will do very well. We are very proud of the work our Use of Force Workgroup has done with our police department, and created a new Police Advisory Commission so we can have a permanent direct link between police and our citizens. We are actively planning for the future of our fire service and are using a national consultant group, Fitch & Associates, to help us plan using metrics to anticipate our fire and EMS needs for the future.

I see a city that is financially sustainable and makes sound financial decisions. Since my time on the Council we have adopted an asset management plan to better plan for our future building and equipment needs, and are reviewing and I expect will be adopting, a financial debt policy to further guide our decisions. When I joined the Council, I wanted to address what I saw as too much debt. I am pleased to say we are turning the ship and we are aggressively restructuring and paying down our debt. I will continue to ask, "Are we spending well?"

I see a city that plans for the future and recognizes the value of transportation and its contribution to the quality of life of our residents and businesses. Up to now, the east side has been forgotten when it comes to state and federal transportation funding. Maplewood will need to be better connected so we are not left behind when it comes to growth and redevelopment. The Council recently voted in favor of the preferred route for bus rapid transit. This was a tough decision for me as it affected the Vento Trail. We are not only asked to make decisions about today, but must actively anticipate the future needs of our city and citizens.

I have really enjoyed helping to expand our communication outreach to include a variety of mediums and means to engage with each other. A well connected city with transparent communications and opportunities to engage citizens, businesses, and visitors is part of my ideal picture of what our city can be. We are starting a new opportunity for you to share your ideas with the Mayor, Council, and staff. Stop by City Hall at 6:45 p.m., right before we start a Council meeting for an informal opportunity to share your ideas. We meet on the second and fourth Mondays of the month. I really want to hear your thoughts and ideas for our city.

July 4th: A Wonderful Day, and a Beautiful Night, in Maplewood

Thousands of Maplewood residents and visitors ventured to beautiful Hazelwood Park on Independence Day to enjoy great food, danceable music, and, to cap it all off, an absolutely outstanding fireworks show.

Oh, and let's not forget the line-up of huge inflatables that kept the young ones laughing and smiling for hours. And if the kids needed a break from the inflatables, Kid City and Z Puppets were there to entertain.

Food trucks and inflatables began at 4 p.m. and visitors could choose from Asian Invasion, Camila's Taqueria, I Heart Smoothies, Home Creamery, 9-2-5 Foods, Milk Mart Ice Cream, Crepe and Cake, Tot Boss, Papa John's, Lucky Brisket BBQ and KP Concessions. One of our event sponsors, Costumes Plus, was at the event selling light up toys and collectibles.

"Events like Light It Up Maplewood can really bring people together and create a sense of community," Maplewood Parks and Recreation Manager Audra Robbins noted. "It's great to see residents and visitors really enjoying the event and getting to know each other."

There were also a couple of other very special guests at this year's event. Princess Anna traveled all the way from Arendelle with her snowman friend Olaf. Both Anna and Olaf seemed to handle the summer heat without any major problems. Paw Patrol police dog Chase got the day off from his duties in Adventure Bay and decided to spend it in Maplewood.

Both Anna and Chase spent time chatting with the kids and posing for photos.

Throughout the night, popular regional band Good For Gary got people up and dancing with an eclectic mix of classic tunes and current chart toppers. How many bands can get toddlers, teens, and grandparents up and dancing at the same time? Good For Gary can.

"Planning for an event like this begins months in advance," Maplewood Recreation Supervisor Neil Breneman explained. "So to have it all come together, and to see people having a lot of fun, is really exciting."

Maplewood resident Matt Holkup has been to several Light It Up Maplewood events. What keeps him coming back? "It's a fun event," he said.

"I think the fireworks show is as good as any you'll find."



White Bear Lake residents Ron and Micki Lindeberg are also longtime fans of Maplewood's event.

"This has always just been the place to be," Ron said. "We look forward to it every year."

Micki adds she loves the people watching. "It's just a great place," she said. "It seems to be growing each year too, which is a good thing."

At 10 p.m. sharp, the fireworks began and the air was filled with the sounds of booms and blasts but also oohs and ahhs. Perhaps best of all were the countless "oh wows!" heard from children.

Economic Development Director DuWayne Konewko praised the Parks and Recreation team, other city staffers, and volunteers, who helped make the event happen.

"Audra and Neil, and really the entire team, did an outstanding job," Konewko said. "We also had Maplewood police, fire and EMS at the event to help keep everyone safe. Light It Up Maplewood happens through the hard work of dozens of people."

Mayor Nora Slawik spent several hours at the event talking to residents, staff, and volunteers.

"From the delicious food trucks and great music, all the way through the fireworks, it was a great night," she said. "We had an outstanding combination of staff, volunteers, and sponsors who came together and made Light It Up Maplewood really special. It was also wonderful to spend time chatting with our residents and hearing their feedback about how things are going in the City."



Thank you to the Dog House Bar & Grill and to the event sponsors: Bolton Menk, Children's Discovery, City & County Credit Union, Costumes Plus, Keller Golf Course, & Prairie Care.

Cont. from cover - 2040 Comprehensive Plan

The process first does a deep dive into the current comprehensive plan in an effort to get a sense of the elements most in need of updating. From there, numerous opportunities are provided to residents to review the plan and offer input. After the plan is fully updated, it goes to the Maplewood Planning Commission and the Maplewood City Council.

New tool

The 2040 Comprehensive Plan includes an easy to use interactive map that helps users identify the areas of the City they especially value and the areas they think need special attention. Users can also leave comments on everything from the parks system, to housing and public safety.

"I think this is a critical component of the entire planning process," Martin noted. "We want to hear from as many people as possible so we can really get a complete sense of what's working, what isn't working, and what needs to happen in the coming decades to keep Maplewood strong and vital."

To use the interactive map, visit www.maplewoodmn.gov/shapeyourcity and click on the map or click on the "Click to Help Shape Your City" link.

"To me, the citizen engagement component is crucial," Martin said. "The opinions and expectations of our residents plays a huge role in shaping the Comprehensive Plan."

What comes next?

The 2040 Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee is made up of the City Council, representatives from each of the City's boards and commissions, and community members representing residents, businesses, members of faith communities, and other government entities.

"The steering committee has already done outstanding work," Economic Development Director DuWayne Konewko noted. "I think it speaks well of Maplewood that we have so many people willing to share their time and talents."

The steering committee is scheduled to meet on Sept. 21, Nov. 30, of this year, and Feb. 22, 2018. Each meeting will run from 5-6:45 p.m. at Fire Station No. 2, 1955 Clarence St.

"The steering committee is made up of people who really care about Maplewood," Mayor Nora Slawik said. "I'm also pleased that there will be so many opportunities for residents to share their opinions and their hopes for our City's future."

Cont. from cover - New Director of Public Safety

The hiring process was robust, consisting of multiple phases in order for the City to thoroughly evaluate the profile and strengths of each candidate. The first two phases included a writing exercise, multiple panel interviews, and an executive leadership assessment. In phase two the candidates met for individual interviews with the Mayor and City Council and participated in a community meet and greet event with residents.

It was important for the City to include many stakeholders throughout the month long recruitment process, which included residents, Mayor and City Council, Department Heads, and members of the Maplewood Police Department. Members of the community participated in an interview panel during phase two. There were more than 40 residents in attendance at the public meet and greet held on June 13. Throughout the entire process, Nadeau was consistently ranked the highest in scoring. All three interview panels were in agreement that Nadeau was the right person for the job.

"Scott's experience as a chief in Columbia Heights has prepared him well for Maplewood," Coleman explained.

"He'll be able to continue the many advances that have happened recently in our department, but will also be able to bring his own energy and vision."

Nadeau has been Columbia Heights's chief since May of 2008. Prior to that, he worked in Brooklyn Center as a commander, sergeant, detective, and officer. His career in Brooklyn Center began in 1987.

"Many hours of hard work were put in by our staff and several Maplewood residents during the hiring process with the shared goal of finding the best person for the job," Coleman said. "With Scott's hiring, we have achieved that goal."

Nadeau is expected to begin his new position on Aug. 7.

"I look forward to helping lead its professional and dedicated public safety departments as we partner with our community and other stakeholders to ensure that we are a part of the great things happening in the city, and to ensure that Maplewood continues to be a safe, connected, and vibrant place to live, work, learn, and enjoy," Nadeau added.

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Other commission openings

The Environmental & Natural Resources Commission currently has an open seat that the City is eager to fill. This Commission plays a vital role in establishing the City's environmental policies, supporting the Maplewood Nature Center, advising the City Council and other City commissions, promoting the City's parks and trails, and more.

The Environmental & Natural Resources Commission meets the third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at Maplewood City Hall.

For local history buffs, the Heritage Preservation Committee currently has two openings. This group focuses on helping Maplewood protect its heritage through the preservation and protection of cultural, architectural, and archaeological resources.

The Heritage Preservation Committee meets at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month at Maplewood City Hall.

How do I apply?

To apply for one of the commissions, visit www.maplewoodmn.gov/1246/Boards-Commissions and follow the link to the application. Your application can be dropped off or mailed to Maplewood City Hall, 1830 County Road B E., or it can be emailed to lois.knutson@maplewoodmn.gov.

Interviews for new commissioners are scheduled for Monday, Aug. 28, during the City Council Workshop. If you wish to be considered and interviewed at that time, please submit your application by Friday, Aug. 18.

"Our city commissions are critically important to our work," Mayor Nora Slawik said. "Our City Council receives a tremendous amount of insight and information from all of our commissions. I would encourage any resident to consider serving on a commission because it really is a great way to get involved in the community."

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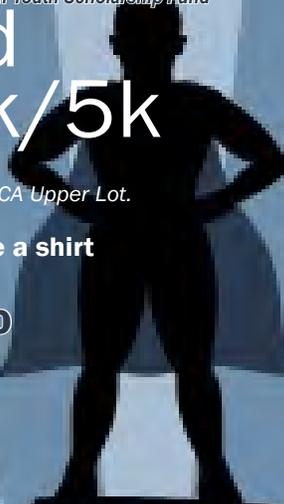
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Maplewood Fire, EMS, Offers Guidance to Homeowners



Throughout 2017, the Maplewood Fire and EMS departments have visited Maplewood homes for fire prevention inspections.

During the inspections, Fire and EMS personnel, walk through a home with the occupant looking for potential fire risks. The ultimate goal is to

prevent fires before they happen.

"We aren't there to look for violations, and we aren't there to fine people," Maplewood EMS Chief Michael Mondor said. "We're there simply to offer advice and to make people safer in their homes."

The fire prevention inspections are free and at the end

of the process, which typically takes about 15 minutes, residents are also given a free fire extinguisher to place above their stove.

Kitchen fires are the most common type of fire in the United States because it's a place where heat, electricity, water, and grease are all part of the equation. Grease fires are particularly common and are very dangerous.

To arrange for a fire prevention home visit, contact Ching Lo at ching.lo@maplewoodmn.gov or (651) 249-2801.

"The inspections we've done so far have gone very well," Mondor explained. "Spending time in the community, being of service to our residents, is something that's very important to us."

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